

Ramtracks

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From the Desk of the Principal

The mid-winter break is behind us now, and soon we will begin to look toward spring and all the activities and projects that come with the season. There have been so many things going on at Ralston. Here are a few of the highlights:

School Beautification:

Ralston school signs get a face lift! We are happy to report our newly refurbished Ralston sign at the south entrance of the school has been installed. Special thanks to our PTA and Student Government for funding the project to refurbish our old sign! We also want to thank Student Government for funding the repainting of our Ralston Ram wall.

Technology Update:

Ralston has gone wireless! Last week a new wireless system was installed throughout our campus, providing complete access for our teachers in all corners of our campus. This project has increased functionality in all classrooms for our teachers with new laptops and Smartboards. On Thursday, February 25th, seven more Smartboards were installed in the following teacher's classrooms: Mr. Rosas, 7th grade Social Studies; Ms. San Gabriel, Special Education; Ms. Welter, 6th and 7th grade Science; Mr. Grimm, SDC; Ms. Wald, Science; Ms. Lyn, Math; and Mr. Duncalf, Math. Thank you again for all of your financial support, helping us to provide our students with such outstanding technology.

Student Achievement:

On Saturday Feb. 20th, during our mid-winter break, our Math department sent students to participate in the Serra High School Math contest for Middle School students. The competitors were public and private schools from San Francisco down to Redwood City. We had three teams of three students representing Ralston. The team of **James Baskerville**, **Brandon Whiteley**, and **Sandip Srinivas** finished in first place out of 45 teams total. The competition also had an individual component and James Baskerville placed 1st in the Lighting Quick Logic category. One other team consisted of **Evan Smith**, **Pasha Minkovsky**, and **Shivam Desai**. A third Ralston team consisted of **Sai Srimat**, **Kento Murray**, and **Daniel Meier**. Also on Saturday Feb. 20th, Notre Dame of Belmont had a girls math contest. A number of our 6th grade students participated and **Elise Sandland** placed 3rd in the contest. Our students had a great time and certainly made us proud with their accomplishments. Congratulations to all! Big thanks to Math teacher Albert Duncalf for coordinating the contest logistics. Congratulations also to the winners of the PTA Reflections Art Program featured in this edition of Ramtracks.

Community Outreach:

Heavenly Hats – Ralston Middle School was recognized with a first place award for raising the most money in the state during our Heavenly Hats Day. Our school was presented with a trophy and a certificate which are now on display in our trophy case.

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Carlmont Registration Meeting**
Mar 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
- **PTA Meeting**
Mar 11th, 7:00 p.m.
- **PTA Reflections Art Exhibition**
Mar 18th, 6:00 p.m.
- **Electric Fusion Dance**
Mar 19th, 7:00 p.m.
- **Koffee with Kollmann**
Mar 25th, 8:30 a.m.
- **Carlmont Open House**
Mar 25th, 6:00 p.m.
- **Nomination deadline for PTA Honorary Service Awards**
Mar 29th

The popular fundraiser, in which students pay a dollar to wear their favorite hat for the day, pulled in over \$700 dollars this year. The money from the Heavenly Hats fundraiser provides hats for children nationwide who are fighting cancer.

Special Assembly:

On Thursday February 25th, we hosted a spectacular assembly for all 6th and 7th grade students to highlight student work this year. (Unfortunately, due to space limitations we could not include the 8th grade). Our District Superintendent, Dr. Emerita Orta- Camilleri, and our Assistant Superintendents, Ms. Nellie Hungerford and Ms. Penny Weaver joined us in sharing this wonderful school event. Ms. Webster's 6th grade band and orchestra classes performed while Ms. Paisley's students' artwork was featured on the screen for all to see. Ms. Sveda featured student poetry presented in a short film format to raise awareness about endangered species. Mr. Pomeroy and Mr. Means presented a collaborative *Beatles* animation montage played to the music and vocals of Ralston guitar and choir students. Mr. Saldivar presented our efforts this year with the *Every Penny Counts* drive. The assembly finished with a presentation from the AIDS Emergency Fund and Wells Fargo acknowledging our students support in the *Every Penny Counts* Drive. Wells Fargo presented a \$250 donation check to Ralston and presented The AIDS Emergency Fund with a check for \$5,000 to support our efforts. This year Ralston Middle School raised the most money of any Bay Area school!

Curriculum:

On February 23rd, Ralston Administration attended a Sequoia Union High School District elementary school articulation meeting regarding Eighth-Grade Registration and Student/Parent Orientation. Immediately following this meeting, there was a Mathematics and English articulation meeting attended by our staff where High School graduation requirements, 9th grade course offerings, and placement guidelines were reviewed. These meetings help to ensure a successful transition for our 8th graders as they promote to High School.

We are so proud of all the amazing achievements of our students. Thank you for sending us your remarkable children, and for your continued support of our school!

Sincerely,
Jennifer J. Kollmann
Principal

Ralston Middle School PTA

Reflection's Art Program 2009–2010

Theme: "Beauty is..."



Congratulations to our winners:

Middle School - MUSICAL

COMPOSITION Category:

- 2nd Place - Award of Merit for "Beauty is Forever Remembered" by **James George**, 7th grade

Middle School - PHOTOGRAPHY

Category:

- 3rd Place - Award of Recognition for "Mountains of China" by **Winson Luk**, 6th grade
- 4th Place - Honorable Mention for "Harmony People" by **Winson Luk**, 6th grade
- 4th Place - Honorable Mention for "Flowers" by **Dana Reynolds**, 6th Grade

Middle School - VISUAL ARTS Category:

- 4th Place - Honorable Mention for "Midnight Journey" by **Allison Page**, 6th grade

The above art and all other Reflections Art entries and winners will be on display at:

17th District PTA Reflections Art
Exhibition

Thursday, March 18, 6 to 8 pm
John Gill Elementary School
555 Avenue del Ora, Redwood City

Next year's theme is "Together We Can"

News from Student Government...

We are presently getting ready for our next school dance. The "**Electric Fusion Dance**" will be held on March 19th. The dance will not only be a fun night for students, but Student Government has decided to donate half of the proceeds to School-Force. Student Government students will also be collecting donations at the door. If you would like to help chaperone the dance, please contact Betsy Carter at flipshuman2@hotmail.com.

Pennies Do Count!

Ralston has been participating in the **Every Penny Counts Drive** for the last eleven years, raising a total of \$28,461.49. This year Ralston raised \$3,982.38 – more than any other school in the Bay Area! For our efforts the Belmont branch of Wells Fargo awarded our school with a check for \$250 which we will use to continue our hand hygiene program. Wells Fargo also awarded the AIDS Emergency Fund, the organization that receives all the donations, a check for \$5,000. All funds raised go to help those living with HIV/AIDS in the Bay Area.

Memo from the PTA President

It is amazing to me how quickly the school year is passing! Already it is March, and the planning is in full swing for the Multicultural Fair on April 17th and the 8th Grade Promotion events. Soon we will start planning for Spring Fling, and the next thing we know, the opening of the 2010-2011 school year will be around the corner!

We are working on our plans to fill PTA positions for next year in order to ensure a smooth transition. To that end, if anyone would like to be considered for a position on the PTA Board or as a chair of a PTA committee, please contact Swati Awsare, chair of the PTA nominating committee (swatiawsare@pol.net). Due to the pending budget cuts and the various funding of positions and programs that are at stake at Ralston, we are going to need to broaden our volunteer base for the School-Force education foundation. If you are interested in helping with that critical effort, please contact Janet Leist (theleists@mindspring.com). If you are trying to figure out the best way to become involved but feel overwhelmed or confused or uninformed, please feel free to contact me! The one thing that is clear to me is that if we all work together, it is amazing what progress can be made to benefit the Ralston community and our students!

On May 5th, we are planning to host an orientation for 5th grade parents after the Administration's parent orientation on April 21st. The goal is to provide incoming parents with an opportunity to get their questions answered by other parents who have recently experienced the transition to Ralston Middle School. If you would like to be part of a panel of parents speaking with this group, or if you have any ideas that would be helpful, please let me know.

A special thank you to Keiko Smith for all of her hard work and dedication with the PTA Council, Teachers Appreciation, Nominating Committee, and wherever else she is needed. We are so fortunate to have so many dedicated and talented parents at Ralston. Volunteering, in any way, can make a huge difference to the Ralston community. Thank you to all of you for what you do!

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11th, at 7:00pm in the Ralston Library. Principal Jennifer Kollmann will fill us in on what is happening at Ralston and in the district. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. I look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions.

Geri Crane
2009-10 PTA President
gericrane@yahoo.com.

PTA Honorary Service Awards Nomination Committee

The Ralston PTA is looking for interested volunteers (4 members) to serve on the Honorary Service Awards' nomination committee. These awards typically recognize teachers, school staff, and volunteers who have offered outstanding contributions to the Ralston Middle School and PTA programs for the current school year 2009-2010.

If you are interested in being part of this committee or want to learn more about what is involved in this role, please contact me at lesliemarks@comcast.net or 650-595-2436 by no later than Monday, March 15th.

Thank you,
Leslie Marks

ARTS and MUSIC

Ralston Music News

The Ralston music department will be taking 175 students and 25 chaperones to Disneyland from March 24th through 27th. Included will be the Advanced Orchestra, Honors Band, Symphonic Band and Advanced Chorus.

Each group will perform a concert in the park and participate in a recording studio session during which they will create an animation soundtrack.

Thanks go to Ralston's Music Boosters for helping to make this important event possible!



On March 8th, 114 sixth grade Ralston musicians and singers from the orchestra, band and chorus will visit Sandpiper, Central and Nesbit Elementary schools to showcase the music program and give the students an opportunity to experience some of their future elective choices.




Carlmont High School's Performing Arts Department presents:

Beauty and the Beast

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 4, 5 and 6 at 7:00pm
Sunday, March 7 at 2:00pm
Carlmont Performing Arts Center

Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$10 Senior, Student, Child
www.calmontperformingarts.com

17th District PTA Reflections Arts Exhibition



Reflections 2009-2010
"Beauty is..."

Thursday, March 18, 2010
6pm-8pm

John Gill Elementary
555 Avenue del Ora
Redwood City, CA 94061
(major cross-street Alameda De Las Pugas)

Save the Date

Visual Arts • Photography • Musical Composition • Literature • Dance Choreography • Film Production

THIS & THAT

Ralston Multicultural Fair

Saturday, April 17th, 1:00-4:00

Ralston Gym and Multi-Use Room



Make the World a Better Place

Sponsored by the Ralston Middle School PTA

Come learn more about different cultures around the world. Anyone interested in helping at this event or performing / demonstrating special multicultural talent, please contact Marjorie Krauss, mykrauss@yahoo.com.

Box Tops Earns \$156.00 for Ralston

Thank you and Keep Them Coming!

The March box tops submittal was for 1,560 box tops! This means the PTA will receive \$156.00. In a time of budget deficits, every little bit helps.

Please continue sending in your box tops to your child's homeroom. They can be found on many grocery items including Kleenex boxes!

Don't forget to ask your relatives, friends, and co-workers to save them too! Thank you for your continued support of the Ralston PTA!

For any questions, please contact the Ralston Box Tops Coordinator, Kristen Wright at Kristen.L.Wright@gmail.com



Attention Parents

There are only 200 yearbooks left for sale. The current price is \$41; this price will only last until April 30th. Yearbooks can be ordered online at www.jostensyearbooks.com or by picking up an order form outside the school office. Questions about yearbooks? Contact Mr. Saldivar at 637-4880, Ext. 1632, or csaldivar@brssd.org.

This year parents can create a 1/8 page ad acknowledging their child's accomplishments. Please contact Lana Chung at Lana.Chung@Jostens.com for more information. She will create your custom, full color ad for the low cost of \$25. Yearbook space is limited so **act soon to get your student recognition ad included in this year's yearbook.**

NAVIGATING MIDDLE SCHOOL ~ TIPS FOR PARENTS

If you think your child is being bullied at school and you've noticed a change in his or her behavior at home, find a quiet time to ease the question in to your conversation with them. Find out as much detail as possible from your child, in a non-threatening way.

Help your child to not be a target by:

1. Teaching them how to *not* react to the bully.
2. Role-play this situation so they can practice.
3. Giving them the confidence to contact a teacher or school administrator if the bullying continues.

RALSTON PTA HONORARY SERVICE AWARDS 2009-2010 NOMINATIONS

Each year the PTA recognizes and honors teachers, school staff, and volunteers for their countless hours, outstanding efforts, and priceless contributions to making Ralston a wonderful place to learn. While we know that many people, working together, make our school terrific, the nominating committee would like your help in selecting these very special recipients.

If you have any recommendations for this award, **please email your nomination and the reasons supporting your nomination by Monday, March 29th to lesliemarks@comcast.net.**

Honorary Service Award **Recipients for the 2008-09 school year** were:

Nina Rego	Richard Macadaeg
Paula Meier	Vandy Shrader
Myra Gruschka	Monica Reyes
Janet Leist	Julie Pang
Maria Soriano	Carmela Krantz
Fran Gonek	Peter Kimball
Melissa Durlofsky	Mary Natoli
Christine Choye	Peter Thielen
Shelly Muldoon	Andre Edwards
Kim Richardson	Lucila Alvarez
Cam Ministri	Agustin Gutierrez
Carolyn Thompson	

Thank you,

Leslie Marks

Honorary Service Award Committee Member

lesliemarks@comcast.net

LIBRARY NEWS

Adopt-a-Book Success

Thank you so much for donating to the Ralston book collection with *Adopt-a-Book* titles from our wish list. The titles you purchased for us this year are invaluable and we've seen a steady increase in our students' interest in our additional titles due to the influx of new selections. The books now reside in our fiction and non-fiction collections and we have stamped them with "Adopted by Family and Friends."

So far the library has received 63 books with a value of approximately \$560, as well as \$120 in checks for a total donation of \$680 for the first 30 days! **This is a wonderful start!**

The program will be ongoing for the rest of the school year, and our Student Government class is making posters advertising *Adopt-a-Book* to be placed in the hallways. We all take great pride in helping our library educate Ralston's students. **"When you educate the one, you educate the whole."**

We will publish the names of the people who donate to the library in this newsletter, on the Ralston Library website and on the Ralston Library walls under "Friends of the Library." **Join Us!**

Note: The store called *The Reading Bug* will deliver!

If you purchase a book for the library in person or even over the phone, they will deliver it to the school for free. *The Reading Bug* is at 785 Laurel Street in San Carlos; phone 591-0100. Every purchase earns our school credit towards more books!

More information is on the Ralston Library Website at <http://ralston.brssd.org/page110.html>.

Friends of the Library

Adams	Anonymous	Asrir	Blair-Castro
Gottesman	Graves	Hamme	Lay
Ma	Marks	Modesitt	Neustaedter Ridger
Schmitt	Sims	Tallent-Quelle	Tannous
Yue-Schoemehl	Zaino		

Library Wish List (excerpt)

The Adventures of Blue Avenger

- Norma Howe

Alabama Moon

- Watt, Key

Climbing the Stairs

- Venkatraman, Padma

Diary of a Wimpy Kid:

Dog Days

- Kinney, Jeff

Eyewitness: Africa

(Eyewitness Books)

- Ayo, Yvonne

Going Bovine

- Bray, Libba

Harriet Tubman

(Essential Lives)

- Cosson, M.J.

H.I.V.E.: The Higher

Institute of Villainous

Education

- Walden, Mark

Impossible

- Werlin, Nancy

Little Brother

- Doctorow, Cory

The Missing Girl

- Mazer, Norma Fox

New Moon

- Meyer, Stephanie

Palace of Mirrors

- Haddix, Margaret

Peeled

- Bauer, Joan

Royal Blood

- Schreiber, Ellen

Runaway Twin

- Kehret, Peg

Ten Things I Hate About Me

- Abdel-Fatt, Randa

EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION

Dear Ralston 8th Grade Parents,

This is an exciting and bittersweet year for our 8th graders. As they move on to High School, they will be saying goodbye to Ralston Middle School. **There are many activities planned for the last week of school to top off this memorable year** including a trip to Great America, Promotion Ceremony and an 8th Grade Promotion Dance.

Our PTA only partially funds these events so we need your help to cover the balance. We are asking for a donation of \$15-\$20 per family and gladly accept cash or checks (made out to Ralston PTA). All donations are tax deductible. There is an envelope in the Ralston Office for you to drop off cash or check donations, or you can mail it to:

Mindy Zanette
26 College View Way
Belmont, CA 94002

If you have questions, please contact her at: Mindy Zanette, zanettes@sbcglobal.net, (650) 595-1258.

We are also looking for food and drink donations for our 8th Grade Promotion Dance and fruit and water donations for the kids while they are rehearsing for the Promotion Ceremony; if you can help us with this, please contact:

- Promotion Dance Donations:
Jacquelin Jimenez,
jaquelinjimenes@sbcglobal.net, (650) 218-9361
- Promotion Rehearsal Donations:
Kim Beauchamp, kim@beauchampfamily.org,
(650) 596-9228.

In addition to donations, there will be a \$10 charge for 8th Grade Promotion Dance tickets to help defray event costs. Arrangements have been made with the administration to provide tickets in cases of financial hardship (please see Ms. Kollmann).

There are still volunteer positions available in planning and executing these events. If you are interested in helping, please contact us.

Thank you,

Deanna Bartee Melissa Fitzpatrick
deejoy@comcast.net mgfitzpatrick@sbcglobal.net
592-2292 637-0755

8th Grade Promotion Co-Chairs

Photos Needed!

The 8th Grade Promotion Committee is producing a slideshow for the graduating class of 2010. It will highlight the students and their Ralston experience! The slideshow will be shown at the 8th grade promotion dance on June 11th, 2010.

We need help with photos.

If you have taken photos of the graduating students between their 6th-8th grade years, we could use them!

Here's what we need:

1. Photos in **digital format (jpeg files)** on a CD only.
2. **Group pictures**, preferred.
3. Submit 5-10 photos that are **clear and in focus**.
4. Photos that highlight the students participating in activities, such as after school clubs, after school sports, spirit days, Multicultural Fair, Science Fair, classroom activities, field trips, etc.
5. Deadline: **FRIDAY, APRIL 30th, 2010**. CDs can be dropped off in the Ralston Office anytime during school hours.
6. **Please do NOT send photos via email.**

Your assistance with photos is greatly appreciated!
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Terri Murai at ryley8@gmail.com or (650) 637- 8551.



If you have questions about events for middle school families and students, please contact Paula Meier psmeier@pacbell.net

Visit Carlmont's website – get the facts about Carlmont High School!!
www.carlmont.seq.org

8th Grade Transition Team: 595-0210 ext. 8400

CALENDAR ALERT

Please plan your summer vacations so they will not conflict with these important events.

- **Wednesday, August 18, 8:53 a.m. is the first day of school for Carlmont Students**
- **Freshman Parent Information Night**
Tuesday, August 10,
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- **Early Bird Picture Day**
Wed., August 11,
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Student / Parent Mandatory Check-In Day**
Thursday, August 12,
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Freshman Orientation and Barbecue**
Tuesday, August 17,
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Registration for Carlmont

Carlmont's Guidance Department has prepared registration information for 8th graders who will be entering Carlmont in the fall. The information will be distributed to your students at the middle schools this month. Eighth grade students and their parents will be asked to complete a four-year plan which includes core and elective classes for freshman year. The Carlmont High School Guidance Department will present a **Registration Meeting for 8th Grade Parents in the Student Union, on Wednesday, March 3rd, beginning at 7:00 p.m.** This informational meeting will provide a review of registration materials for incoming 8th grade students, as well as an overview of college and graduation requirements. No RSVP is necessary. The Guidance Department counselors will visit the middle schools this month to assist with class selection for the 2010-2011 year.

Shadowing

Shadowing requests end on March 4th. We regret that after the program closes, we will not be able to accommodate shadows on campus.

Carlmont Open House, March 25

All interested parents and students are welcome to join us for Carlmont's "Open House" on Thursday, March 25th, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. This will be an excellent opportunity to visit freshman classes, and see student work and projects in various subject areas. We will also be offering tours of the campus that evening before Open House begins to interested prospective students and their families. Tours will start at 6:00 p.m., beginning at Carlmont's main gym. The last tour will leave at 6:30 p.m.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY NEEDED FOR ALL STUDENTS ENTERING SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT THIS FALL

PRIOR to admission into district schools, students must provide proof of address. The parents of all entering students (**including students currently at Ralston and those that have siblings already at Carlmont**) are required to provide documents to verify their address at the Sequoia Union High School District, at 480 James Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062. Post office boxes do not meet residency requirements. Only street addresses are accepted. Complete instructions and a list of required documents are available at:
<http://www.sequoiadistrict.org/20441082420334833/site/default.asp>.

Other News...

- Sports! Check the Athletic link on our website for upcoming game dates and times.
- Spring Musical – Disney's "Beauty & the Beast" March 4, 5, 6 at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee on March 7 at 2:00 p.m.
- Carlmont annual Dance Show – May 6, 7 & 8. More information to follow.
- Carlmont Spring Concerts – May 13 & 14. More information to follow.

All shows held in the new Carlmont Performing Arts Center.

- Watch future newsletters for more information about a "Get Acquainted with Carlmont" event for 6th and 7th grade parents on May 4th.



School-Force!

THE BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES
PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION

On the importance of supporting our school through School-Force ~ A letter to You from a Ralston Parent

Dear fellow parents with children at Ralston,

When letters from School-Force go out to all parents and ask for your help...they are actually talking to you. Yes, the person who took enough initiative to click on the message and started to read.

Do you have a child at Ralston who takes part in afterschool sports? In electives? Who needs the services of the school counselor? Who appreciates there being a dean available to mitigate problems that come up every day at school, so that real learning can take place in the classroom?

Have you written a check to the nonprofit education foundation, School-Force, to allow the district to continue providing these programs and services? If not...then who will? If everyone did just as you...or didn't do just as you didn't do...You know the answer.

Here is some help: The amount you give does not have to be enormous - not as much as the suggested donation (currently it is \$900). Even a small contribution helps, especially when you consider there are over 800 students at Ralston. Any amount helps.

Imagine you are a potential major donor who has just been approached by a parent representing School-Force who is asking for a donation of cash, equipment, or supplies to fund important programs at Ralston.

If I was that person, the first question I would ask is, "How many of your families have donated to your foundation to help you reach your goals?" And if the percentage was low, I might say, "I don't think your student's parents care enough, so why should I give my hard earned money to you?"

But what if 80 percent, or 90 percent, had given some money to the foundation, School-Force? Now I'd say, "Hey, this school is really trying. The parents care about their kids. I'm willing to help with a substantial donation."

I was surprised to learn that the actual percentage of Ralston parents who have donated to School-Force so far this school year is 23%. Are they foolish? Are they "rich?"

No, most, like me, are struggling a little or a lot, but they care about their child's education and are willing to back it up with a donation. How about you?

Dave Parrent
Ralston parent

<http://www.schoolforce.org/donate>

CAMPS & CARE



Ralston RAMS After School Program

Ralston After-Middle School (RAMS) is located on-site at Ralston Middle School. RAMS is a licensed after school care program # 41400842, geared for middle school youth. RAMS is open before and after-school and full day on selected days when school is closed. RAMS offers homework assistance, healthy snacks, sports, arts & crafts, computers, Friday night fieldtrips, community service opportunities, science and cooking projects, and more! We have an on-site Ropes Challenge Course and employ an art and PE specialist. Youth can enroll one to five days per week and fee subsidies are available for those who cannot afford the tuition.

For more information please go to our web site www.cascinc.org and choose the RAMS location or call 650-610-0715. RAMS is a fun, safe, program for middle school youth – come in and visit!

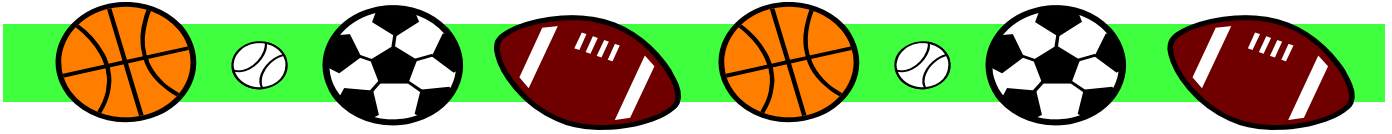
Compass Program Sequoia Union High School District

Sequoia Union High School District presents The Compass Program **for incoming 9th graders who tested Basic and below on the STAR test last year.**

This is a special one month opportunity from June 21st-July 22nd, M-F from 8:30-1:20pm, which will provide strong academic support in Reading, Writing and Math. Students will also receive intensive follow-up support throughout the regular academic year. In addition, students will receive 10 credits towards high school graduation with the completion of this summer program.

Applications can be acquired from Maia Kimple and are due June 1st. Please contact Maia at mkimple@brssd.org for more information.

M & M Youth Sports Presents
SPRING BREAK MULTI-SPORT CAMP
FOR K – 6TH GRADE



Are you looking for CHILD CARE and a really fun and exciting way to spend your Spring Break? Well look no further as your child will spend a day full of activity and learning. Each day the campers will be introduced to two different sports. All activities are designed to be age appropriate and are focused on building confidence and self-esteem. They will be working with a highly qualified Physical Educator as well as many fun and energetic camp counselors. (12 to 1 camper to counselor ratio).

Camp Directors: John Masters & Deborah Blackwell (Ralston Middle School PE teachers)

For Boys & Girls Grades K-6th

Monday-Friday March 29th-April 2nd (Spring Break)

RALSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL 8:30am- 3pm

Monday: Badminton & Hockey

Tuesday: Volleyball & Lacrosse

Wednesday: Basketball & Track and Field

Thursday: Flag Football & Softball

Friday: Field Games and Indoor Soccer

Cost: \$240 per child (sibling discount -\$20 per child)

Write check to: M&M Sports, Inc and mail to: John Masters, 276 Fir St., San Carlos, CA, 94070

Please provide a snack and lunch for your child. Campers will be treated to fresh Hawaiian Shaved Ice each day

For More Information Call: 650-670-6155

REGISTRATION FORM - Spring Break Multi-Sports Camp (Mar 29–Apr 2) *Complete the registration below and send to address above*

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____ E-mail address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Day phone _____

There are risks connected with my participation in the league and its related activities. I hereby absolve the City of Belmont, Belmont-Redwood Shores School District, John Masters, Deborah Blackwell from all Liability that may arise as the result of my participation in the above activities, and in the event that the above named participant is a minor, hereby give my permission for his/her participation as indicated and in so doing, absolve the City of Belmont, Belmont Redwood Shores School District, John Masters, and Deborah Blackwell from such liability. This release is intended to discharge in advance the City of Belmont, Belmont Redwood Shores School District, John Masters, and Deborah Blackwell from and against any and all in said activity, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the City of Belmont, Belmont Redwood Shores School District, John Masters, and Deborah Blackwell. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT, WAIVER, AND RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ABOVE AND MYSELF AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Sandwiches/ Bagels</i> Clubs: ▪ Homework	2 <i>Burger/Wrap/ /Salad/CA rolls</i> Clubs: ▪ Homework ▪ Animation I	3 Minimum Day Carlmont Registration Mtg. 7:00 pm, Student Union	4 <i>Burritos</i> Clubs: ▪ Homework ▪ Animation II	5 <i>Pizza</i> Clubs: ▪ Games	6
7	8 <i>Sandwiches/ Bagels</i> Clubs: ▪ Homework	9 <i>Burger/Wrap/ /Salad/CA rolls</i> Clubs: ▪ Homework ▪ Animation I	10 Minimum Day	11 <i>Tacos</i> Clubs: ▪ Homework ▪ Animation II PTA Meeting 7:00 pm, Library	12 <i>Pizza</i> Clubs: ▪ Games 2nd Trimester Ends After School Clubs End until April	13
14	15 <i>Sandwiches/ Bagels</i> Clubs: ▪ Homework	16 <i>Burger/Wrap/ /Salad/CA rolls</i> Clubs: ▪ Homework	17 Minimum Day	18 <i>Tacos</i> Clubs: ▪ Homework PTA Reflections Arts Exhibition John Gill Elem. 6 – 8 p.m.	19 <i>Pizza</i> Electric Fusion Dance 7 – 9 p.m.	20
21	22 <i>Sandwiches/ Bagels</i> Clubs: ▪ Homework	23 <i>Burger/Wrap/ /Salad/CA rolls</i> Clubs: ▪ Homework	24 Minimum Day Ramtracks deadline	25 <i>Tacos</i> Clubs: ▪ Homework Koffee with Kollmann 8:30 am, Library Carlmont Open House 6 – 9 p.m.	26 <i>Pizza</i>	27
28	29 <i>Sandwiches/ Bagels</i> Clubs: ▪ Homework Nomination deadline for PTA Honorary Service Awards	30 <i>Burger/Wrap/ /Salad/CA rolls</i> Clubs: ▪ Homework	31 Minimum Day			

- Sign up today to help with Ralston's Multicultural Fair on April 17th.
Contact mykrauss@yahoo.com to volunteer.
- See *Beauty and the Beast*, Carlmont's spring musical, shows March 4th – 7th
 - Plan Ahead! Check the calendar alerts on p. 9 to avoid conflicts in August for students entering Carlmont or Sequoia High School this fall.



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