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"Consistently Be the What You Want to See"

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A Note from Mrs. Deal, principal

The 2017-2018 school year is well underway! We survived our early start in August and have been working diligently to ensure the students and staff are ready and prepared for an exciting year of learning. We will continue to provide a quality education for all students in order to teach them the academic skills they need to be successful learners.

This August, our staff worked hard to prepare the school and classrooms for the new year. We enjoyed a wonderful turn out of families for our Open House in early August where we welcomed both our returning families and families new to RHB. Our Back to School BBQ and Parent Engagement Fair on August 25, 2017 was a huge hit and a fun and informative night was had by all. Our goal is to work with students and families in creating a strong academic community of learners.

RHB is designated as a Title 1 school for the second year. Title 1 funding is based upon the percentage of Free/Reduced Lunch students. This title has earned us \$45,325.00 which has been utilized to purchase half of a teacher salary, Study Island (online ELA and Math program for grades 3-5) and Aimsweb+ (online benchmark assessment system for grades 1-5). The Title 1 designation is a year to year designation so to ensure we receive these federal dollars again next year, please log onto www.applyforlunch.com and fill out the survey.

Our "Sight Word Soldiers" program is up and running thanks to our instructional coach who sought out volunteers, trained them and set up the rotating schedule and our parents who give of their time weekly

to come and assist students in mastering their sight words and sight word phrases to improve their reading ability. Family involvement in your children's education is critical. I encourage

and challenge all families to set aside a designated reading time this school year where children see the adults reading, children read to the adults and the adults read to the children.

The Parent-Teacher-Association (PTA) welcomes all families and is accepting individual and family memberships to support the students of RHB. Our Harvest Festival was held on Friday, October 20th and we had a wonderful turnout! Please watch the RHB PTA Facebook homepage for upcoming activities.

The entire Vegas valley was caught off guard on October 1, 2017. We have several families that were directly affected by the events of that evening; from concert attendees to first responders. Our Student Council made thank you cards for first responders and one of our teachers organized the staff purchase of "Vegas Strong" shirts with RHB's part of the proceeds going directly to the victim's fund.

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the 2017 - 2018 school year. Let's work together to make this year an outstanding year of success.

Mrs. Kori Deal, principal



What's Cool in School? Kindergarten

In Kindergarten, we have made new friends and learned school and classroom procedures. We continue to work on proper voice levels for the classroom, cafeteria and hallways. Kindergarten is busy learning letter names, letter sounds, sight words, and recognizing beginning and end sounds in words. We are also working on counting objects and recognizing numbers within 10. We have finished a unit on nursery rhymes and stories and we are currently studying the five senses. Kindergarten is so grateful to have dedicated Sight Word Soldier parents to help us become fluent with all of our sight words.

First Grade

First Grade has been working very hard! We started the year off learning all about eclipses and saw a real one with our special eclipse glasses! Next, we took on storms. We read about hurricanes, survival, and friendship, through the true story of the Two Bobbies. A field trip opportunity came our way, so we read P.D. Eastman's Go Dog, Go! and went to the Smith Center to see the musical.

There is a lot of action in first grade. In math, we are counting, decomposing numbers and writing our own stories about number bonds. Phonics, Accelerated Reader, and Sight Word Soldiers are on-going. In the midst of all this, Smoky Bear came and visited us and taught us about fire safety.

Thank you for sending your first grade kids to school prepared to learn.

Second Grade

Please continue to remind your child that rules and procedures are very important to keep our classrooms running effectively.

Our favorite part of the day is Daily 5. During this time we read with the teacher, practice reading to ourselves, build comprehension and fluency with read to someone, work on writing, build words at word work, and work on phonics and literacy using technology.

Last month, as you know, we reviewed the mechanics of writing during our Writing Boot Camp. We have also learned the elements of personal narratives. We are currently collecting facts to begin informational writing.

Place value will continue to be the focus of our math lessons. The students are also working on mastery of their addition facts with sums through 18.

As you know, our goal is to be on time and present each day. Holes in student learning come directly from missed instruction. In second grade alone, we have several daily tardies and absences. Please help us to make sure that your child is receiving every possible moment of instruction.

Third Grade

Third grade is off to a wonderful start! In math, we've been busy working with place value, rounding numbers, and now multiplication

and division. In regards to language arts, we have enjoyed reading the funny story How to Be Cool in Third Grade and completing activities relating to the unit. We encourage our students to read at home and use the practice opportunities provided by the Study Island and Frontrowed.com websites. Our third graders are especially excited about our field trip to the Shark Reef happening this month!

Fourth Grade

4th grade has had a very busy beginning of the year! The 7th Annual Living Museum will be held on October 26, 2017. Our students have been working hard to prepare for this event. Each 4th grade student has researched and prepared a final draft essay on a selected "Important Nevadan" and is preparing the monologue for the day of the museum. We are excited to see the 4th graders dressed and ready to "become" their Nevadan. Senator Bryan, our school's namesake, will be here as well as many parents and friends of the community.

In math, we have been working on addition and subtraction of big numbers as well as place value. We are all set to dive into multiplication in the near future.

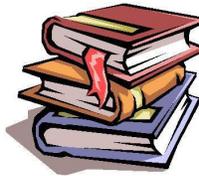
We are grateful for the 4th grade families and the support they give to our program.

Fifth Grade

It has been an incredible start to the new year. Even though our summer was cut by a couple of weeks, our students have responded with a tremendous vigor; jumping right in. Soon, our 5th graders will launch into STARBASE, a STEM-based, hands-on experience like they have never seen before. Be sure to ask your child about their experiences at Starbase.

Also, just around the corner, we will begin the "Villes" project. This journey will lead our students through a research-based project as they learn about the daily lives of early colonial living in America.

This adventure will be an on-going, several chapters, project that will last most of the school year. Do you have what it takes to become President? We'd like to thank you parents for supporting your students through their education.



Specialists



A note from Ms. Adams

We have been very busy in the Art room here at RHB!

5th and 4th graders have just completed their Garden CD project. Be on the lookout for their AMAZING CD's in our RHB Garden. Kinder through 3rd grade have been learning about Master Artists, Kandinsky and Klimt. They just finished up their Big Dots and Fall Trees. If you by chance go to the Summerlin Library please check out some of our wonderful Kindergarten-2nd grade artists work on display in the children's Library.



A note from Mr. Brewer

In 5th and 4th grade we have been reviewing the treble clef and getting proficient at playing the notes G, A, B, high C and high D on recorder. 5th grade has also been improvising on the barred instruments, learning how to perform a rondo and reading a three part rhythmic score. 4th grade has learned the families/instruments of the orchestra, learning "Home means Nevada" for their Living Museum, singing in a round and playing a chord bordun on the barred instruments. 3rd grade has just started learning the lines and spaces of the treble clef and how to identify them with different acronyms. 3rd grade has also been performing multiple part songs on the barred instruments, performing rounds with movement and learning about dotted rhythms. 2nd grade has been singing songs with hand signs and playing songs using "mi-so-la". 2nd grade has also been learning how to identify and perform multi-layered ostinatos (a pattern that repeats), singing two part harmony, performing rondo form through movement, identifying different dynamics and the difference between major and minor key. 1st grade has been learning how to identify dynamics through symbols and listening, playing multiple different unpitched percussive instruments, learning how to read quarter notes, eighth notes, and quarter rest, identifying major vs minor and identifying instruments just by listening and not seeing the instruments at all. Kindergarten has been learning how to keep a steady beat, clapping the rhythm of their first and last name, hearing major vs minor, playing the glockenspiel, learning the difference between singing, speaking in a whisper voice, and hearing the difference between high and low sounds.



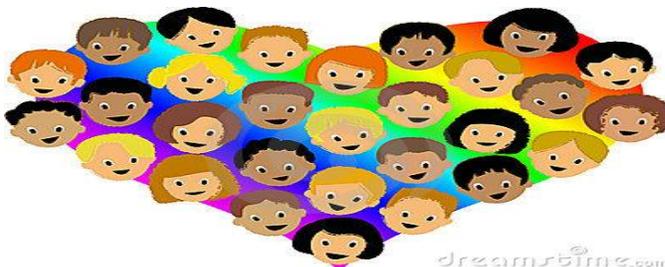
A note from Ms. White

We have been busy this fall in the library! Various grade levels have been learning about everything from parts of a book to databases to digital citizenship. Students have been working hard to choose books within their Accelerated Reader (AR) levels as they work toward their goals set by their teachers. Look for our first Scholastic Book Fair in October!



A note from Mrs. Dunn

One, Two, Three, I Love P.E.!! School is back in full swing and so is our Physical Education class. For the first few months, your students have learned various playground games, the different locomotor skills (jump, hop, gallop, skip, and slide), throwing/catching/rolling a ball, soccer skills, and performed their Fall One Mile Run. For safety and performance reasons, students should wear tennis shoes and socks during P.E. class. Sneakers must fit well and stay on the student during the activity as well. Shorts or tights under dresses are encouraged. If your child is ill or injured, please send a note with your child and his/her participation will be limited accordingly. CCSD requires a note from a doctor if a student is to be excused from participating for more than three days.



TEAL TIME

The mission of the school counseling program at RHB is to provide all students with access to a comprehensive, developmental counseling program, that advocates for and empowers all students as engaged, supported, and challenged learners, ensuring academic, career and personal/social success, while preparing students for college and career readiness.

I teach classroom lessons and work with students in a small group setting to help support their academic, career, and person/social growth. School counseling services are skill-based and do not address serious therapeutic issues with students or families. For those students who are in need of counseling outside of the school setting, I can help provide referral resources to parents/guardians. I am here to provide support for you, your students, and your teachers. If you need to contact me, Mrs. Teal, please call (702)799-1460 ext. 4301.

Students in grades K-5 learned the importance of what it means to be an "UPSTANDER" during their counseling lesson in the month of September. Ask your child if they remember how to "Stand UP" for a friend in need, and to name the adults at school they can ask for help when it is necessary.



A Note from Mr. Epstein

This has been a wonderful start to a new year in the GATE program. RHB uses the ALM model in which GATE services are delivered in the classroom rather than by pulling students out of their classes during the week. I work with all students and teachers in grades 2-5 to provide learning activities that give gifted learners a chance to have both choice and to be challenged. Differentiated classrooms provide opportunities for students to work collaboratively with peers who may sometimes be at a similar ability level, and at other times may share similar interests. Students have worked on a variety of different activities including learning new games such as Nim and Nym, developing zombie survival skills, improving writing fluency, creating personal crests, studying the Constitution and creating unique animal habitats. Many of the students are using a variety of G-Suite tools including Google Classroom as a way to organize, complete and share their work products.

Resource

National Association for the Gifted

www.NAGC.org

This is the national advocacy organization representing the needs of gifted learners. Their publication "Parenting for High Potential," is an excellent and accessible resource for members. In addition, NAGC provides an expansive website, annual conference and resources.



Student Council

RHB Student Council elections were held during the month of September. The following students were elected as Officers for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

- ❖ President ~ Carson Smith
- ❖ Vice President of Spirit ~ Maryn Belmont
- ❖ Vice President of Service ~ Emily LaScala
- ❖ Treasurer ~ Cruz Carranza
- ❖ Historian ~ Ben Legrand

Our StuCo Officers and Representatives have already organized several amazing activities. As a school community we collected and donated over \$700 toward Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. The money collected was donated directly to American Red Cross and an elementary school in Houston. We had a Think Pink spirit day, will be selling Boo Grams this month, we will be helping to make and sell items from our school's garden at the Harvest Festival, and our students will be making "Thank You" cards for the first responders in our Vegas community.

Please watch for information to come home about all of our StuCo events. Thank you for your support of Student Council! We are very proud of our student leaders!

~Mr. Epstein and Mrs. Teal (Student Council Advisors)

5 Be's to Be Your Best Bulldog

Be Kind

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be In Control

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