



Rim of the World Unified School District

Superintendent Newsletter

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Teaching It has been a joy this year to renew my passion for teaching. Having taught for 16 years at the elementary and college level, I sometimes miss the classroom experience. Thank you to Mrs. Leidner for allowing me the privilege of teaching a Monart lesson. My daughter began substitute teaching in Ohio this month so I prepared a backpack full of subbing supplies and gave her lots of classroom management tips. It is fun to hear about her experiences as she finds her knitch. If you have a special lesson you would like me to see, please feel free to invite me into your classroom.

Heart for ALL Highlights that demonstrate our theme for this year:

Rim of the World HS

RHS has accepted a 5th year senior who wants to graduate, so a teacher and a classified person are working together to help this student line up his classes so that he will graduate.

Charles Hoffman Elementary

The Special Day class has returned to CHE who has welcomed them with a Heart for All. Students are so happy with their new teacher, Marci Swedo and aide, Lucinda Kearney, that every student has had 100% attendance as of September 13!

Valley of Enchantment

The VOE teachers have teamed up with the VOE PTA and Crestline Ace Hardware to purchase supplies to begin the expansion of our Farm Garden near our chicken coop.

Lake Arrowhead Elementary

Thank you to our fabulous PTA and volunteers who helped repaint our main hallway with a beautiful greyscale mountain motif, and Cubbie Paw Prints throughout hallway floors. Additionally, PTA's school gift is window security cover displaying school colors and our mascot while limiting visibility into the main hall of school.

Child Nutritional Services (CNS)

Supervisor Jill D'Amato and staff served samples at Back to School Nights across the district to show parents just how great the food can be!

Special Education

We have completed our first snack and school supply drive of the year, 09/05/2019. Mountain Homeless Coalition and the Girl Scouts did an amazing job organizing and filling up boxes for each school site.

Mark Putnam Henck

On Friday, August 30, 2019 MPH and district staff facilitated PBIS expectations assemblies for all MPH students sharing our school's positive expectations. Students learned about Lion Loot and how to take part in sharing their Heart for All in our school to create a positive school culture.

Free Technology

Resource

Topic: Open Educational Resources

Website:
www.amazoninspire.com

Browse by topic and grade level for free teacher created materials and lessons. Content can be found by subject area or by standards.

Inspirational Advice from "Focus on the Good Stuff"

by Mike Robbins

Principles for Appreciation:

1. *Be Grateful*
2. *Choose Positive Thoughts and Feelings*
3. *Use Positive Words*
4. *Acknowledge Others*
5. *Appreciate Yourself*

Please feel free to email examples as they happen that demonstrate our theme: Heart for All! I will include them in future newsletters. Thank you. We also look for #RIMFAMILY video nominations every month, please see ABC team tab under Superintendent on the website.

SB419 by Todd Beal

Governor Newsom recently signed into law Senate Bill 419, which prohibits schools from suspending students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade who are disruptive or defiant. Currently, under California Education Code 48900 (k), students in fourth through twelfth grade may be suspended for disrupting school activities or willfully defied the authority of school personnel.

According to the author (Skinner), "Students in grades 4 through 12 may be suspended from school for minor misbehaviors, such as refusing to take off a hat, talking back, or falling asleep in class. These needless suspensions are referred to as willful defiance and often occur without consideration of the root of the students' actions."

Skinner further argues that "An overwhelming body of research confirms that suspending students at any age fails to improve student behavior and greatly increases the likelihood that the student will fail, be pushed out of school, and/or have contact with the juvenile justice system. SB 419 helps keep students in school, increases student success rates, and increase high school graduation rates."

Opponents of SB 419 point out that suspensions for defiance and disruptive behavior has significantly decreased, with suspensions for such acts declining approximately 82% since 2011-2012. In 2012, then Governor Brown, vetoed a similar bill by stating, "I cannot support limiting the authority of local school leaders, especially at a time when budget cuts have greatly increased class sizes and reduced the number of school personnel. It is important that teachers and school officials retain broad discretion to manage and set the tone in the classroom."

The new law becomes effective July 1, 2020.

Did you know.....

1. All schools sites have brochures highlighting the great uniqueness about each site.
2. A ROP student created the brand new district brochure.
3. Valley College is now offering classes at our HS and our teachers are teaching classes for them.
4. Spring semester sign-ups for Valley College will take place at our HS on November 16.
5. The Late Start Bill (SB 328) is on the governor's desk waiting to be signed and the definition for rural is still undetermined.
6. If students attend school for even 10 minutes of the day it is considered a full day of attendance.
7. That district administrators post 2 positive news articles every Friday and can be found on our website and social media accounts.
8. The Rim High School modernization is almost complete and funded mostly by money finally released to us from a 2012 state bond.
9. You can help Rim HS PTSA replace the murals by donating to their go-fund-me project.
10. The school board is in the process of moving from an at-large to district voting for board member seats per the California Voters Right Act.
11. You can support our athletes by adopting a team this year; please contact Ryan Reisbord for more information.
12. That MHS and RHS now have a great informational website for College and Career: <https://www.rimsd.k12.ca.us/domain/658>