



Rim of the World USD

Superintendent Newsletter

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Supplies

I would like to thank the business department, M & O and our site administrators for meeting me at LGE to gather supplies for classroom teachers. They spent several hours loading their own vehicles to bring needed items back to sites. We will repeat this process with the supplies at GVE as soon as we can gather items there in a central location. Thank you, Principals!

Together We Can Highlights that demonstrate our theme for this year:

Lake Arrowhead Elementary

We have one student who recently became displaced due to various circumstances. The LAE office reached out to a couple of community resources for this parent and her 2 children. The local church heard of this families' need and reached out to their members, who then reached out to other friends and family. LAE received an out pouring of donations--food, clothing, Christmas gifts, hygiene products. Because of the generous heart of our community, we were able to share these items with four different families in need.

Maintenance

The maintenance Department is moving forward with implementation of the SchoolDude work request system to facilitate and expedite repairs. We have simplified and streamlined the submission form and are able to respond more efficiently to requests scheduled through the system.

Charles Hoffman Elementary

The Running Springs Chamber of Commerce sponsors a Santa drawing contest with grade level prizes. Even though it is meant to be done at home, there are few who enter. CHE teachers take some class time to have the children participate. In return, families all come to the tree lighting ceremony where the winners are announced. Together- teachers, students, families, and community- We Can!

Mary Putnam Henck Intermediate

Together we can learn coding! Check out Dr. Kellogg's 6th grade class continue their development of coding skills at MPH.

Valley of Enchantment

VOE Students and Staff worked together to provide decorations for the Crestline/Lake Gregory Rotary Thanksgiving Dinner. Some students even went on Thanksgiving Day to help serve.

Laurie Fisher has done an amazing job of helping VOE distribute our Chromebooks to our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Because of her hard work, we are almost at a one-to-one ratio for technology in those grade levels. Thank you Laurie!

“Sometimes only a change of viewpoint is needed to convert a tiresome duty into an interesting opportunity.”

Alberta Flanders, Author

“Success doesn't come to you; you go to it.”

Marva Collins,



Career Day at Rim HS for Juniors and Seniors and MPH Week of Code

Please feel free to email examples as they happen this school year that demonstrate our theme: Together We Can! I will include them in future newsletters. Thank you.

Rim Spotlight

RIM Spotlight showcases opportunities and experiences provided to students in Rim of the World School District. With the guidance and passion of Stephanie Phillips and Jared Powell, high school students are creating videos that highlight positive things that are happening around our school district. The purpose is to experience ROWUSD schools through the eyes of our students. For the 2017 school year video topics include: AV-ID, Fire Science, and RHS Writing Lab. Students are learning behind the scene skills of video production as well as writing and reporting about these events. I appreciate the teachers and students who have been working on these videos and look forward to more in our future. Please use the link below to view the current videos.

<https://www.rimsd.k12.ca.us/domain/604>

Chronic Absenteeism Rate

The state of California has now added chronic absenteeism as a part of the dashboard, data reported. They define chronic absenteeism as students missing 18 or more school days (10%) in a school year. The total percentage for ROWUSD is 19.1% which is above the county and state averages. San Bernardino County is at 13.6% and the state is at 10.8%. Here is a chart that shows our data from 2016-2017, Mountain High data will be included next year.

School Site	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate	Loss of Revenue
Charles Hoffman Elem.	370	55	14.9%	\$44,550.
Lake Arrowhead Elem.	691	102	14.8%	\$82,620.
Mary P. Henck Inter.	833	156	18.7%	\$126,360.
Rim of the World HS	1,206	266	22.1%	\$213,460.
Valley of Enchantment Elem.	649	99	15.3%	\$80,190.

We wanted to highlight this data as we know that this year is already looking better for attendance. For the first 4 months of school, sites are meeting the district goal of 95%. Our budget assumptions are build upon this amount so a huge "Thank you" to all stakeholders for making this happen.

Holiday Story—A Box Full of Kisses (author unknown)

The story goes that some time ago, a man punished his 3-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy."

The man was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found out the box was empty. He yelled at her, stating, "Don't you know, when you give someone a present, there is supposed to be something inside? The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and cried, "Oh, Daddy, it's not empty at all. I blew kisses into the box. They're all for you, Daddy."

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged for her forgiveness.

Only a short time later, an accident took the life of the child. It is also told that her father kept that gold box by his bed for many years and, whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each one of us, as humans beings, have been given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses... from our children, family members, and friends. There is simply no other possession, anyone could hold, more precious than this.

Thank you to all employees for your commitment to our students. We wish you a wonderful winter break with family and friends.

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