



SCHOOL NEWS

RANCHO GABRIELA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Rattler Report

January Principal's Message

Dear Rattler Students and Families,

Happy New Year! Each new year brings a sense of optimism and hope that goals will be accomplished, great memories created, and engaging learning opportunities will be experienced. It is our commitment to families that Rancho Gabriela staff will do our part to make 2024 a fantastic year.

As we start the new semester, please remember that student attendance is vital to student success. Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up. When a student misses two days a month, they will miss 20 days a year and up to 30 hours of math and 60 hours of reading/writing instruction in a year. Please make sure you make every effort to have your child on time at school each day. Our attendance rate is currently at 93% for the year. We are close to our goal of 95%.

As a staff we are reviewing our progress towards our year long school goals. It is important that we continue to work together to ensure high levels of learning for our students. As a reminder our key goals are:

- 90 % of staff and parents will indicate they would recommend Rancho Gabriela to a parent looking for a school for their child as measured by district survey.
- By May of 2024, a minimum of 61% of students in grades 3-4 will achieve proficiency in Math as measured by AASA, increasing from 56%.
- By May of 2024, a minimum of 63% of students in grades 3-4 will achieve proficiency in ELA as measured by AASA, increasing from 58%.
- By May of 2023, the percentage of K-3 students at benchmark will increase by 10% in the following DIBELS grade level measures: Kinder: Reading Composite, 1st Grade: NWF, 2nd Grade: ORF Accuracy, 3rd Grade: ORF Accuracy
- RGES will decrease behavioral referrals by 10%.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Have a great January.

Mrs. Charleen Mattingly, Principal

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Save the Dates!

1/15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day- NO SCHOOL

1/18 - 3rd field trip to the Music Instrument Museum

1/22 - 1:45pm Early dismissal

1/23 - 100th Day of School! Wear 100 items on your shirt or dress like you're 100 years old

1/24 - 4-8pm Rattler Spirit Night at Peter Piper Pizza on 128th & Bell Road

1/25 - 6pm Governing Board Meeting at Dysart District Office

1/29 - 1:45pm Early dismissal & No Preschool classes today

1/30 - 8am Choir parent meeting in Room 305

1/30 - 1/31= 3rd and 4th Grade Benchmark testing

Rancho Gabriela is a collaborative community dedicated to high levels of learning for ALL students!

All means ALL!



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3rd-4th Grade Benchmark Testing Tips for Parents and Guardians

★ Before the test:

- Help your child prepare by connecting with your child's teacher. Review weekly eBlasts with your child and ask your child about school each day. Have your child read to you or read quietly and ask them to retell the story or text. 3rd Graders can access their ELA curriculum at home through ED, 4th Graders have access to IXL, an online ELA and Math practice site - have your child login and practice.
- Encourage your child to complete homework and seek help from your child's teacher if they are struggling with a concept.

★ On testing days:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.
- Encourage your child the morning of testing days. You might even leave an encouraging note in their backpack for them to find before they begin.
- Make sure your child is on time for school.
- Stay positive and encouraging.

★ After the test:

- Have your child share their experience with you & encourage them to continue trying their best in school.

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January

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8 | 9 Students return to school | 10 4:15pm PTSO meeting in the library | 11 | 12 |
| 15 Martin Luther King Day - No School | 16 | 17 | 18 3rd grade-Music Instrument Museum field trip | 19 |
| 22 Early Release 1:45pm | 23 100th Day of School- Wear 100 items on your shirt or dress like you're 100 years old | 24 Rattler Spirit Night at Peter Piper Pizza 128th & Bell Rd 4pm-8pm | 25 Governing Board Meeting - 6:00 pm District Office | 26 |
| 29 Early Release 1:45pm NO Preschool classes today | 30 Benchmark Testing 3rd and 4th Grade 8am Choir Parent meeting in room 305 | 31 Benchmark Testing 3rd and 4th Grade | | |