

# RANCHO PTA

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## Principal's Message

I want to thank ALL the families that have **chosen to donate and join Rancho PTA!** The **impact** you have on our programs is profound and you help us provide a **top-notch learning** environment for **your children!** It's because we have such a supportive community that **Rancho is such a great place to work and go to school.**

## How your donations make an impact?

### Physical Education (PE department) :

Rancho PTA has been instrumental in **helping us raise money** for new equipment in our cardio room and weight room. We have upgraded our **elliptical trainers and recumbent bikes** and their efforts to help us with our Jog-A-Thon have been so appreciated! We also use **PTA funds** to help us with new volleyball nets, basketballs, and **equipment** in PE.

### English Language Arts (ELA department) :

ELA has used PTA funds to **buy books, classroom novels,** online applications like **Padlet** and **BookCreator** to create engagement with technology within lessons and videos to support instruction! We were also able to add **rugs and comfortable seating** to create a couple of reading corners for silent reading in the center wing.

Many more impact stories will be featured in future newsletters..stay tuned!

## A note from Rancho PTA Communications

Welcome to the **1st edition of the 2019-2020 Rancho PTA newsletter!** In this edition you will find an update about our **annual membership** drive, **Rancho Counseling Corner, impact stories** from Rancho Staff as to how your support and donations make a difference in our students' education and many more! Also, do you have a story to share? New this year, we are **inviting Rancho PTA members to participate** and send a story or event pictures to be featured in upcoming newsletters. Please send your requests for review and consideration to **rancho.pta.webmaster@gmail.com** or **madhu\_kotha@hotmail.com**.

We look forward to hearing from you. Happy Reading!

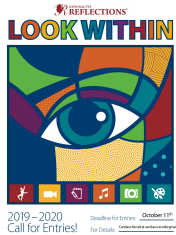
## Rancho PTA Annual Membership Drive Update!



**Thank you** to all the **Rancho Families** for your generous donations to Rancho PTA this year! Our annual membership drive is underway and is **in full swing!** We are **setting records** in funding and membership numbers. To date, we have received over **\$55,000 in donations** and welcomed over **400 members.** Let's keep the momentum and help reach our **100% participation** goal! Every membership grows our supportive Rancho community and **impacts** our students' experience. If you are not a PTA member yet, please join now at [ranchomspta.org](http://ranchomspta.org) and make a difference! We also encourage grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to **join our efforts (for only \$20)** at any time of the year. Another way to **give our mission a boost is to request corporate matching.** Many local employers are supportive of our schools and will **match** your generous **donations** upon request!

If any questions on our Annual Membership drive, **Corporate Matching** or how to become a part of Rancho PTA family, please reach out to any of **our executive board members** or **Cari Malek, VP Membership, Rancho PTA**

## Upcoming PTA Events



2019-2020  
**Reflections Arts Program** celebrating student creativity is now underway. All students attending

Rancho are invited to participate and submit original artwork in several categories. This year's theme is "Look Within". Awards are given at the local, regional, state and national level. Showcase your talents and submit your entries to the **Rancho Office by Oct 11th**. For Rancho entry forms please visit [www.ranchomspta.org/reflections.html](http://www.ranchomspta.org/reflections.html)

## Guest Speaker

### Juliet Murphy T.R.U.S.T

Come meet Juliet Murphy our Guest Speaker on **Oct 23rd 6pm @Rancho MPR**. She will talk about T.R.U.S.T, a communication blueprint during middle school, to ensure your child gets into the right college and graduate with the right job. You may read more about our speaker at [www.julietmurphy.com](http://www.julietmurphy.com)



## Show your support to Irvine schools!

Wear **Orange** on **Friday, October 18th** to show you value educational excellence in Irvine. Whether you are at **school, work, or out in the community, rock your ORANGE** to support our schools and join the countless parents who have generously donated to IPSF over the past 22 years with a gift to the Educational Excellence Fund on IPSF Giving Day!

## Rancho Counseling Corner!

The mission of the school counseling program of Rancho Middle School is to provide a comprehensive program that addresses the academic, career, and personal/social development of all students. We can't thank the community enough for the outpouring of support for Rancho and the counseling program. Through your generosity we are able to fund our "Be Nice to People" kindness campaign and

related events throughout the school year. Additionally, through the **support of the PTA** we are able to host monthly luncheons for our new students to help orient and welcome them in to our Rancho community.

### Rancho Career Talks

We are here to serve all students and look forward to providing many opportunities for students to learn and thrive. We are excited to launch our **Monthly "Rancho Career Talks this October"**. This series provides students the opportunity to learn about various career pathways. We need *your* help! If you or someone you know are interested in speaking to our students about your career, please contact **Arushi Goonewardene** [arushigoonewardene@iusd.org](mailto:arushigoonewardene@iusd.org) or **Sheray McKeown** [sheraymckeown@iusd.org](mailto:sheraymckeown@iusd.org).

### Wellness

We are also excited to offer a "Stress Busters" wellness tutorial on Tuesdays in room C6. Students will learn mindfulness strategies and different ways to cope with stress. Activities include mindful coloring, music, arts and crafts, puzzles and games.

### Important Dates:

- ✦ **Everyday**  
[Lunch Groups](#) – a wonderful way for your students to become involved and build connections
- ✦ **September**  
*Starting Sept. 30th* [Homework Help](#) – After school free peer tutoring available Monday-Thursday.
- ✦ **October**  
*October 10th and 11th* [Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences](#) – Focus of conferences will be to discuss progress and strategies to maximize success for struggling students.  
*Oct. 16th* [New student Lunch](#) – For new students to Rancho  
*Career Talk-* Blizzard Entertainment, date TBD
- Parent Resources**  
[Parenting Classes](#) – Positive Parenting Workshops for Children and Teens  
[Irvine family Resource Center](#) – The Irvine Family Resource Center is a collaborative program between Irvine Unified and several community agencies.

## Quick Reminders...

- ✦ **Oct 11th** - Reflection entries due @Rancho front office
- ✦ **Oct 14th** - No School
- ✦ **Oct 15th** - Rancho PTA Newsletter content submission due
- ✦ **Oct 23rd** - Rancho PTA general association meeting @MPR
- ✦ **Oct 25th** - Rancho Families who join PTA and donate by Oct 25th 2019 **deadline** will be recognized within **Rancho PTA directory!** Don't delay donate **NOW**