

Dear Rancho Families,

In four years we've gone from having no Chromebooks on campus to purchasing over 650 Chromebooks used across the campus. PTA has helped Rancho make great progress towards meeting our technology needs, and we are so incredibly grateful. While technology will continue to be a need for years to come, we are at a point where other areas of need have come into focus.

An analysis of our library collection reveals an average reading level of 5.8 – fifth grade, eighth month. Our average copyright age is 1997 – twenty years old! Many of the titles on our shelves are aged and in poor physical condition. It is our goal to add works of fiction that excite our students to read more recreationally, as well as add updated nonfiction to support the school curriculum. As such, I've asked PTA to begin supporting Mrs. Locklear's efforts in improving our library collection.

PTA responded immediately and generously budgeted \$12,000 to the library this year – an amazing jumpstart (about 20% of the anticipated total cost) to what will be a multiyear plan. We will spend the bulk of that money to improve our non-fiction collection immediately. We are extremely excited to breathe new life into our library and the resources it provides to our students. As they caught wind of the news, some parents were equally excited and wanted to do more... so...

**In response to several book donation offers by Rancho families, Mrs. Locklear has created a Wish List on Amazon. You can easily donate a book on behalf of your child/family by [clicking here](#) OR following the steps below:**

1. Go to "Find A List or Registry" (under Account & Lists).
2. Search "Rancho Middle" and choose a title.
3. Select "Rancho Middle Library" (prepopulated) for the shipping address.

All donated titles will have a bookplate showing the name of the family who donated the book. If you want the dedication to be specific, feel free to make a note in the gift message on Amazon. We will place protective book jackets on all purchases before adding them to our shelves. This effort is a great way to improve our popular fiction collection while leaving a legacy for future Rancho students.

We are truly lucky to work with this generous and supportive community. Feel free to contact us with any questions, and thank you for supporting Rancho!

Sincerely,

Mike Modeer (Principal) and Pam Locklear (Library Media Specialist)