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Welcome!

Dear Band Alumni, Family and Friends,

Hard to believe that Raymond Cree Junior High School opened its doors 50 years ago! Imagine the first day of school in 1967: the sense of excitement the students and faculty must have felt as they entered the brand new classrooms and set out to make this school their own.

The band room has not changed in size, but the four walls have certainly witnessed the Band Program's rich musical history. Students have come and gone, as have many instruments, though we are still using a few of the original instruments that Raymond Cree students played decades ago. Most importantly, there are the precious memories that have been created over these past 50 years: Picking an instrument for the first time. Making the first sound... or noise! Learning to read notes. The first performance! The tears of defeat and frustration. The tears of accomplishment! The after-school rehearsals. The friendships made! The life lessons. Practice cards!!! The after-marching-band-rehearsals dance parties! The trips and bus rides! The feeling of pride! The sense of family... these are just some of the things we experience being part of the RCMS Band!

We are excited to have you join us today celebrating our 10th Annual Tea Party Fundraiser "Ooh La La!" benefiting the Raymond Cree Middle School Instrumental and Flag Programs! It is incredible how many students have walked through the band room doors in the last 50 years – 5,000+ individual students – all of whom have played, and continue to play, a vital role in our program's rich tapestry of music-making.

We are delighted that continued school and community support has helped us make this music program special. Currently our award-winning program includes Wind Ensemble, Advanced Band, Beginning Band, PSUSD's only Middle School Marching Band, Flags, Chamber Music, Stage Band, and Beginning Honor Band.

Looking back at our past, we have had some amazing band directors, such as Mr. Gary Eakens, Mr. Donald Curtis and Mr. James Rush, who all set high academic and musical standards, and who in the early years also led other groups including Guitar and String Orchestra. They helped make this school and our program an important part of our community and valley.

Today, we hope that you learn something new about the history of our school and the seeds that have grown into our Band Program. As you join us in commemorating five decades of history here at Raymond Cree Middle School, what better way to celebrate than to hear performances by our amazing young musicians! They have worked hard and this February received a Superior Rating at the 11th Annual SCSBOA District Solo & Ensemble Festival.

Thank you for your continued support, and for helping to make this a program that teaches more than music. It also challenges students to reach for their goals, to learn dedication and to acquire skills that will help them make important contributions throughout their lives. It's a joy to perform together and revel in the magic of music.

Let's toast to another 50 years and to making this program brighter than ever – like the City of Lights!

Merci,

Eduardo Contreras Director of Bands | Since 2007 Through your support, the band program flourishes and provides experiences not offered in many other schools across our country.



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SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL TOP PERFORMERS UNANIMOUS SUPERIOR SOLO RATING

+*Kaelan James, 8th Grade – Clarinet Solo Mariel Del Rosario, 8th Grade – Mallet Solo Kiara Parks, 7th Grade – Flute Solo Yamilet Herrera, 7th Grade – Flute Solo Danitza Villagrana, 7th Grade – Alto Saxophone

SUPERIOR RATING

Katherine Soto, 8th Grade - Clarinet Solo Jose Alvarado, 8th Grade - Alto Saxophone Solo Alany Mendoza, 8th Grade - Trumpet Solo Giovanni Gonzalez, 8th Grade – Trombone Solo Amares Lucero, 8th Grade – Euphonium Solo Jose Toscano, 8th Grade - Euphonium Solo Angel Gonzalez, 8th Grade - Trombone Solo Ian Fanning, 8th Grade – Timpani Solo Angel Figueredo, 8th Grade - Mallet Solo Kylie Mendoza, 7th Grade - Clarinet Solo Jasimiel Monge, 7th Grade – Clarinet Solo Ronald Moreira, 7th Grade – Trumpet Solo Karen Melendres-Muñoz & Brianna Jones, 8th Grade - Flute Duet Roger Montealegre & Orlando Villagrana, 7th Grade - Clarinet Duet Mariel Del Rosario, Maximo Hernandez, Franco Calixto, 8th Grade - Mallet Trio Kaelan James, Daria Arriaga, Destiny Camua, Beckham Dao, Roger Montealegre, Orlando Villagrana - Clarinet Sextet

HONORABLE MENTION

Daria Arriaga, 8th Grade – Clarinet Solo Jhaidery Vallejo, Jhynelle Dulay, Jackelin Ramos – Flute Trio Jamsheed Nasr, Alexander Byers, Alberto Rodriguez, 7th Grade – Saxophone Trio

PIANO ACCOMPANIST Linny Smith

Please note performers not performing in order listed. *Southern California School Band & Orchestra 2018 Honor Band & Orchestra Member +California Band Directors Association 2018 All State Jr. High Honor Concert Band



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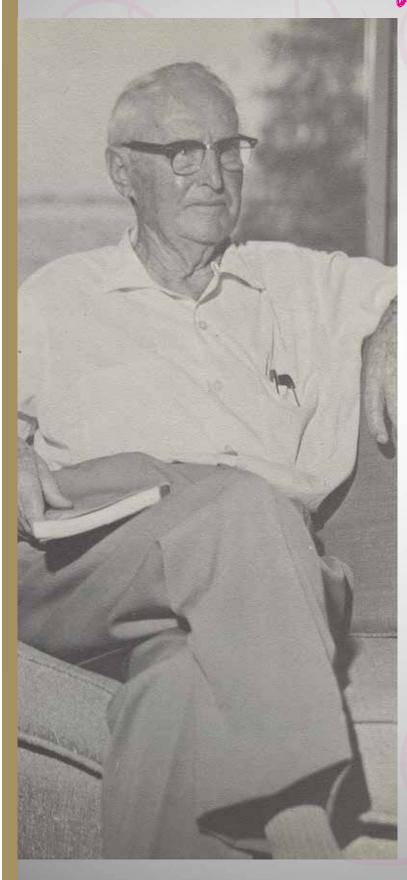
These included: Five Yamaha Timpani and Five Jupiter Sousaphones totaling \$40,000!

Our 50th Anniversary Golden Celebration will continue to the end of the year and we would love to have you join the list of supporters for any amount! You can visit our website to make your donation or Cash or Checks will be accepted at the door or anytime in the Band Room! Please make Checks payable to: RCMS Band.

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Who was Raymond Cree?



aymond Cree (August 19, 1875 – October 26, 1967) managed two successful careers in a lifetime of 92 years. He was a pioneer realtor in the Palm Springs area, and, for nineteen years, an educator.

Cree was born in Des Moines, Iowa, and moved to California as a boy in 1885. He attended Chaffey College, which was then affiliated with USC, where he twice broke the world record for the 50-yard dash, which was then 5 l/4 seconds.

Cree taught in public schools for seven years and was Superintendent of Schools for Riverside County for 12 years. Between those two positions, he took a two-year intermission to study public school administration at Stanford University from 1904 to 1906.

Cree was elected to four terms of four years each as superintendent. He completed three of these, the fourth term being interrupted by military service in France during World War I, where he served with General John J. Pershing's Army Educational Corps.

His career as a realtor began in 1915, when he bought sixty-five acres in the desert and began planting date palms and grapefruit. His earliest subdivision was the Vista Santa Rosa tract, a forerunner of many other Palm Springs area developments where he was either developer, owner, selling agent, or all three.

Still interested in education, Cree served for years as a member of both the elementary school board and the local high school board.

During his later years, Cree and his wife traveled in Europe and the Caribbean Islands. They spent summers in Santa Barbara and winters in Palm Springs.

 from the first Raymond Cree Middle School yearbook, "Amistad," in 1968.

THEN AND NOW!

Some facts about our school and musical history!

- Raymond Cree Jr. High (Grades 7-9) opened its doors on July 1, 1967 in honor of educator and realtor, Raymond Cree.
- Raymond Cree Jr. High transitioned to Raymond Cree Middle School (Grades 6-8) on July 1, 1980 when Desert Springs Middle School opened its doors.
- Mr. James Workman, First Principal
- Mr. Bernie Marez, Current Principal

BAND DIRECTORS:

- Mr. James Rush | 1967-1970
- Mr. Donald Curtis | 1970-1978
- Mr. Gary Eakens | 1978-2007
- Mr. Eduardo Contreras | 2007-Present



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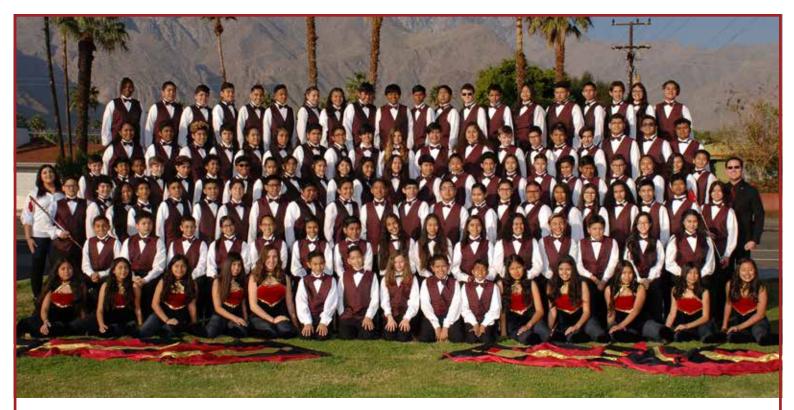
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Band Awards Concert Raymond Cree Middle School Gym – All Bands Thursday, March 17, 2018 at 7pm Premiering two new works by composer, Randall D. Standridge

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Wind Ensemble, Advanced Band & Flag Team

The 2017-2018 RCMS DESERT TREASURE INSTRUMENTAL & FLAG PROGRAM

The students of the RCMS Instrumental and Flag Program would like to thank the Band Boosters and Friends for their dedication in make this Tea Party "OOH LA LA" possible! We would also like to thank the community who supports us and music in our school. The biggest THANK YOU goes to our parents and guardians who encourage us to be the best we can be in all of our endeavors!

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Jonathan Rogel

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Wind Ensemble

FLUTES Yamilet Herrera*\$ Kiara Parks \$\$ Brianna Jones \$ Karen Melendres-Muñoz \$ Jhaidery Vallejo Blaze Hinojosa Maria Hernandez Jhynelle Dulay Jackelin Ramos

CLARINET Kaelan James*\$\$%# Daria Arriaga*\$ Orlando Villagrana \$ Roger Montealegre \$ Destiny Camua \$ Katherine Soto \$ Antonio Olivares Jasimiel Monge \$ Kylie Mendoza \$ Hanna Lopez

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