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Happy High Five Friday Ruskin Families,



It's a three day weekend! **This Monday we will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.** We will be back at school on Tuesday, May 28th. The days continue to fly by! We only have **9** days of school left!

The remaining days of school will be filled with a combination of academics and FUN!! We have grade level picnics, Field Days, assemblies, field trips and more. Kinder and Fifth grade promotions will happen on the last days of school. The promotion schedule is

as follows:

- Mrs. Coan's Kinder Promotion is **Wednesday, 6/5 at 9:30**
- Mr. Lee's Kinder Promotion is **Thursday, 6/6 at 9:00**
- 5th Grade Promotion is **Friday, 6/7 at 9:00**

This past Monday, we had our **last Flagpole Assembly**. Thank you to all the parents that were able to join us as we gave out our last Beeps for the year, recognized our amazing **PTA** staff, retirees and winners of the Spell A Thon got to silly string some of the staff. I will include some pictures below.

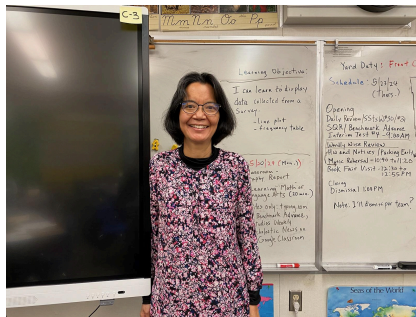
This is our **last official Weekly Memo**. Next week's will be short and sweet and may be more of a photo newsletter.

In today's memo we will be covering the following main topics:

- Flagpole and Volunteer Celebrations
- Asian American Pacific Islander Month
- Happy Birds Assembly
- TK/Kinder Field Trip
- Social Emotional Learning
- PTA Upcoming Events

Flagpole Assembly and Volunteer Recognition

We had so much fun at our last flagpole assembly! As mentioned, we recognized our last Beep winners who were caught being **Safe, Respectful or Responsible** at school. The winners of the Spell A Thon fundraiser were also recognized and were able to silly string Ms. Blackshire, Mrs. Ouyang, Ms. Wong, Mrs. Coan and the Ruskin Roadrunner. We also recognized our amazing **PTA** for all of the hard work that they do for all of our Ruskin students, staff and community. Lastly, we honored our staff members who are **retiring** this year: **5th grade teacher Ms. Wong (pictured below)** and **Paraeducator Mrs. Chan**. Thank you for all you have done for our students at Ruskin. We wish you all the best in your retirement!



Ruskin Staff and students thank our
volunteers! You make Ruskin GREAT!

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Jessica Thank You	Albert Thank You	Feng Thank You	Hui Wen Thank You
Giang Thank You	Kim Thank You	Jeannie Thank You	Susan Thank You
Carol Thank You	Shannon Thank You	Preettha Thank You	Shuting Thank You

Asian American Pacific Islander Month

As mentioned last week, May is Asian American Pacific Islander Month. This month, we recognize the awesome contributions of our Asian American Pacific Island community to our country. This week, we are featuring a cute [video](#) of a Filipino family making their favorite dessert, halo halo, with their Lola (Grandmother).

Happy Birds Assembly

Monday, our PTA sponsored a fun filled assembly called Happy Birds. We had different kinds of talented colorful parrots singing, riding bikes, skating, riding scooters, playing games and chatting. They even gave out kisses! The kids were so engaged and the handlers interacted well with the students. We would LOVE to have them come back again. Thanks so much PTA!!!







TK/ Kinder Field Trip to Happy Hollow

On Wednesday, the TK students and Kinder students went to Happy Hollow. They had a blast with the animals and all the fun rides. Here's some pictures of them as they left the school on their way to their adventure.



College Monday

Our last College Monday feature is the University of the Pacific, located in Stockton, CA. University of the Pacific is a private institution that was founded in 1851. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 3,294 (fall 2022), its setting is the city, and the campus size is 175 acres. It utilizes a semester-based academic calendar. University of the Pacific's ranking in the 2024 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, #142. Its tuition and fees are \$55,340. The University of the Pacific is a private university with a picturesque campus. Freshmen and sophomores must live on campus, unless they're commuting from a parent's home within 50 miles of school. Upperclassmen may live in residence halls, Greek houses or university apartments if they'd like, but they aren't required to. Greek life draws about 20 percent of the student body, and, in total, there are about 150 student organizations to consider joining. The Pacific Tigers sports teams compete in the NCAA Division 1 West Coast Conference. They do not have a football team. (pacific.edu)



Social Emotional Learning

Kinds Acts for Summer

As we near summer, it is important to continue to work on our socio- emotional health. One way to continue fostering this in children is to challenge them to do acts of kindness this summer. Here is a list of ideas to keep in mind:

- **Hold the door for someone.**
- **Make someone else's bed.**
- **Help make dinner.**
- **Donate clothes, toys, or books.**
- **Clean your room (without being asked).**
- **Paint a rock with a kind message.**
- **Fill neighborhood sidewalks with encouraging chalk messages.**
- **Return someone's cart at the store.**
- **Say thank you to someone that helps you.**
- **Call a relative you haven't spoken to lately.**
- **Introduce yourself to someone new.**
- **Clean up a mess that isn't yours.**
- **Send a video message to a friend.**
- **Give a compliment. - Smile!**

PTA & UPCOMING EVENTS

Hi Ruskin Community,

It's time for our Year End Event!!! Please see the flyers below for the details and we look forward to seeing you all there! Students will need a parent/adult/guardian present with them during the bike rodeo for liability reasons and please bring the students' **bike/scooter/roller blades** and helmet for the event. Click on this **Bike Rodeo** link for the [flyer](#) in multiple languages.

If you have been thinking of volunteering for a PTA event but haven't had the opportunity? Well, here is your LAST chance to do it! We need volunteers to help out with the following activities for the event:

- Event set up (tables and games)
- Hosting games
- Passing out goodies
- Clean up (tables and games)

Please sign up at the link below and find one of the PTA Board members to get instructions on the day of the events.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1r-WwFMwWkh-G98ceb2zzazn38939LxLaBfCDwgY_Rls/edit?usp=sharing

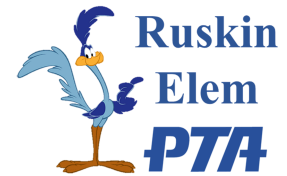
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Ruskin PTA



Come join us for our last PTA sponsored assembly this Tuesday. It is the **BMX Bike Assembly**. It will be held at **8:30 on the blacktop!**

Don't forget PTA has SWAG for sale!!! They're fire too! T- shirts are \$15 and sweatshirts are \$35. Contact the PTA at board@ruskinpta.org to order.



PTA Membership
(Totem Website \$10+\$1fee)



Reminders

Enrollment Portal is Open

Please note that the enrollment portal is open. This is only for **NEW students or students in TK or Kindergarten attending school for the first time**. You do not need to re-enroll your children currently attending one of our schools. Please see the [enrollment link](#) for more information on the enrollment process. Enrollment is available online. Please do not hesitate to contact the front office if you have any questions.



Last Chance to Collect Lost and Found Items



Our Lost and Found cart is overflowing! Our Leadership students have been fast at work collecting and organizing lost items. If you have lost a jacket, sweatshirt, hoodie, or other item of clothing, please come check the Lost and Found cart located in the courtyard in front of the office. **All clothing not claimed will be donated at the end of the year.**

Upcoming Calendar Events:

- BMX Assembly 5/28 8:30 on the blacktop
- Mrs. Coan's Kinder Promotion is **Wednesday, 6/5 at 9:30**
- Mr. Lee's Kinder Promotion is **Thursday, 6/6 at 9:00**
- 5th Grade Promotion is **Friday, 6/7 at 9:00**
- Ruskin's Got Talent Show: **Fri. 5/31**
- **Field Days:**
 - **Thurs. 5/30: Grades 2nd/3rd**
 - **Mon. 6/3: Grades 4-5**
 - **Tues. 6/4: Grades K/1**

Traffic Reminders



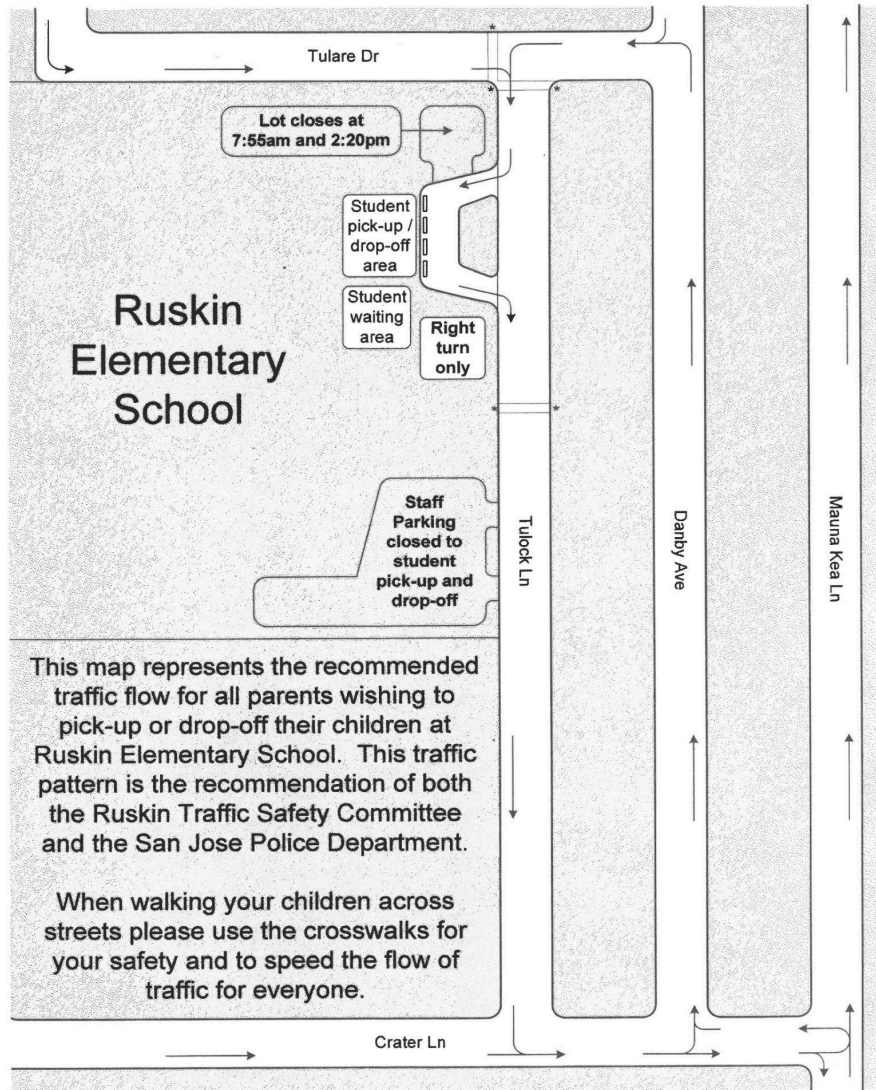
Parents, please remember, **NOT** to park in the horseshoe. It is made for cars to move in and out of quickly. As always, if you would like to volunteer to help out with traffic safety, please contact the front office at 408-923-1950 or email me at Lblackshire@busd.net.

For the ensured safety of everyone, please remember the following:

- Please do not park in the bus zone
- Please use the crosswalk near the staff parking lot
- Pull **ALL** the way forward in the horseshoe



- Please do not park in the STAFF parking lot
- Thank you for not parking in front of or in the neighbor's driveway
- Please do not double park OR park in the horseshoe
- Try to come early or walk or bike to school if possible
- Staff supervision of students begins at 7:50
- Please leave the premises once the bell rings so we may lock down the school
- Please do not let your children out in the middle of the street or the parking lot



Here are the links to report traffic violations around the school or request enhanced traffic safety around the school (parking enforcement, request crosswalk updates, etc).

- [Parking Compliance](#)
- [Traffic Enforcement Request:](#)





Attendance Matters

Please keep your child home if they are ill and communicate with the front office. We can be reached at 408-923-1950 or you can contact the School Clerk, Ms. Kimberly, at Kyee@busd.net. I will be addressing chronic absenteeism and truancy throughout this school year. Let's work together to ensure our students get the full benefit of attending school each day.

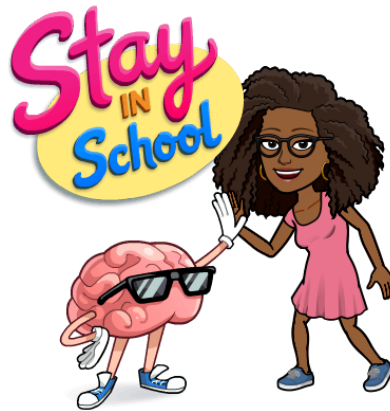


[Vietnamese Truancy Video](#)

[Espanol Truancy Video](#)

- Once you receive 3 unexcused absences or a combination of a “late” tardy (31 minutes or more late) and unexcused absences (3 total), you will receive a truancy notice.
- An additional truancy will require a meeting with the Principal, Social Worker
- Continued truancy may result in a meeting with the district attendance team

Here is a [link](#) with examples of excused vs unexcused absences [based on Ed Code EC Section 48260](#). We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Please be sure to call in your absences or email our attendance clerk, Ms. Kimberly Yee, at kyee@busd.net.



Independent Study Process

Do you need to take a few days off in the middle of the school year? Need to visit a sick family member or go on a family getaway? Did you know that if your child has overall good attendance, you may be eligible to take what’s called an Independent Study, which would excuse their absences for a 5-9 day period? It is an **official contract** between the Principal, Teacher, Parent and Student, stating that the parent is acting as the “teacher” for the duration of the contract and will ensure that all work is completed to get credit for the absences. To apply for an Independent Study, here are the steps:

- Apply in the office at least **two weeks in advance**
- The attendance clerk will check the form
- The Principal then approves or denies the request
- Once approved, the teacher then has 2 weeks to get all of the classwork together

- The work is due upon the end date of the contract (if work is not turned in that day, the contract is null and void and the absences will then be unexcused)
- Only ONE Independent Study contract is allowed per year
- Not allowed during standardized testing for grades 3-5
- Not allowed last 2 weeks of school

After School Care

Are you in need of after school care? We have two different child care organizations that service our students. They are Sunshine School and Right at School. They are individually owned and operated. Their information is below:

Sunshine School

www.mysunshineschool.com

408-839-8366

Right At School (Room E1)

www.Rightatschool.com 855-287-2466



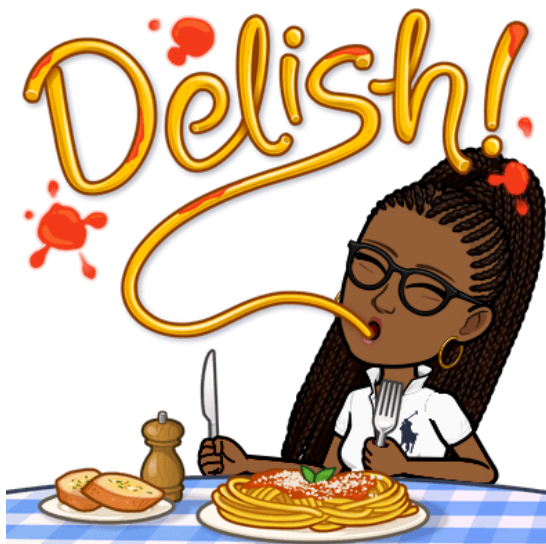
Student Nutrition Services

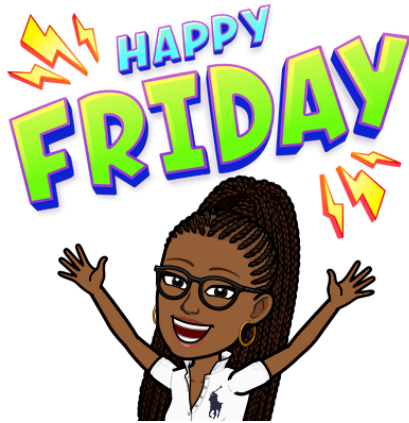
School Nutrition Services is hiring Food service substitutes to help out in the kitchen. If you are interested, please log onto edjoin.org and look under Berryessa Union School District. School meals will continue to be FREE for ALL students thanks to California's Universal Meals program. Each student may receive 1 free breakfast and 1 free lunch each school day. Meals include fruit, vegetables, and milk. Milk taken separately from a meal costs \$0.50 (covered by Universal Meals program if taken with a school meal).

  [Elementary Breakfast May 2024](#)

[Elementary Lunch Menu May 2024](#)

- Families are strongly encouraged to apply for Free and Reduced price meals in order to increase funding for school programs and possibly qualify for other food benefits and discounts, e.g., afterschool programs, utilities and internet.
 - Please submit your application ASAP in order for it to be counted toward school funding.
 - For more info and to access the Free and Reduced Lunch forms, access the [link](#)
 - The application may also be downloaded from the [SNS Meal Applications webpage](#) which also has the lunch menus





Have a phenomenal weekend!!

Sincerely,

LaKeisha Blackshire, Principal

Office Staff

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