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Happy High Five Friday Ruskin Families,



This is our last Weekly Memo for the year. We almost made it !! We only have **5** days of school left! **The last day of school is June 7th. It is a MINIMUM DAY- EARLY DISMISSAL.**

It has been an amazing school year with so many fun events, challenges, obstacles and successes. As I end my second year at Ruskin, what I love most about the Ruskin community is the feeling of family. When things are difficult, we come together to support one another. When things are going well, we come together to uplift one another and celebrate. This is evident in how you all show up to the many community events we hold at Ruskin from Literacy Night and STEM night to our Viva Escuela event and Book Fairs. Huge thanks to you all!

I hope you find the time to rest and relax as well as go on some exciting adventures this summer. Good luck to our graduating 5th graders. We will miss you next year while you make new friends and memories in middle school. Don't

forget about us. To all those students who are returning, we will see you back at Ruskin on **August 15th, the first day of school.**

PTA Family Event TONIGHT

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. FREE limited helmets will be available. Click on this **Bike Rodeo** link for the [flyer](#) in multiple languages.

- Your Ruskin PTA







The upcoming 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**

Social Emotional Resources for Parents Over the Summer from Care Solace

As the school year ends, we know summer can present unique challenges for students and their families. To support their mental well-being, we've created a Family Survival Kit for Summer, offering comprehensive tips and guidelines for a smooth transition out of school.

The Kit Includes

-  **Summer Vacation Intention Setting:** A guided activity for setting positive summer intentions, fostering purpose and joy.
-  **Tips for Parents Over the Summer:** Advice on balancing activities, screen time, and relaxation for a healthy summer environment.
-  **How to Find a Therapist Over the Summer:** Steps on how to notice the need for therapy, approach the topic, and connect with a mental health professional through Care Solace.
-  **Establishing a Routine:** Helpful ideas on how to set a routine over the summer that prioritizes family, fun, and responsibility.

There is extended support available for families during the summer transition. The Berryessa Union School District Care Match site is available 24/7/365 over the summer for parents and children to anonymously search and book appointments with mental health providers:

caresolace.com/berryessafamilies



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 on the last day of school.**



Photo Gallery

Music Concert 5/23/24



Spring Book Fair



BMX Assembly







**Field Day for Grades
2 and 3**

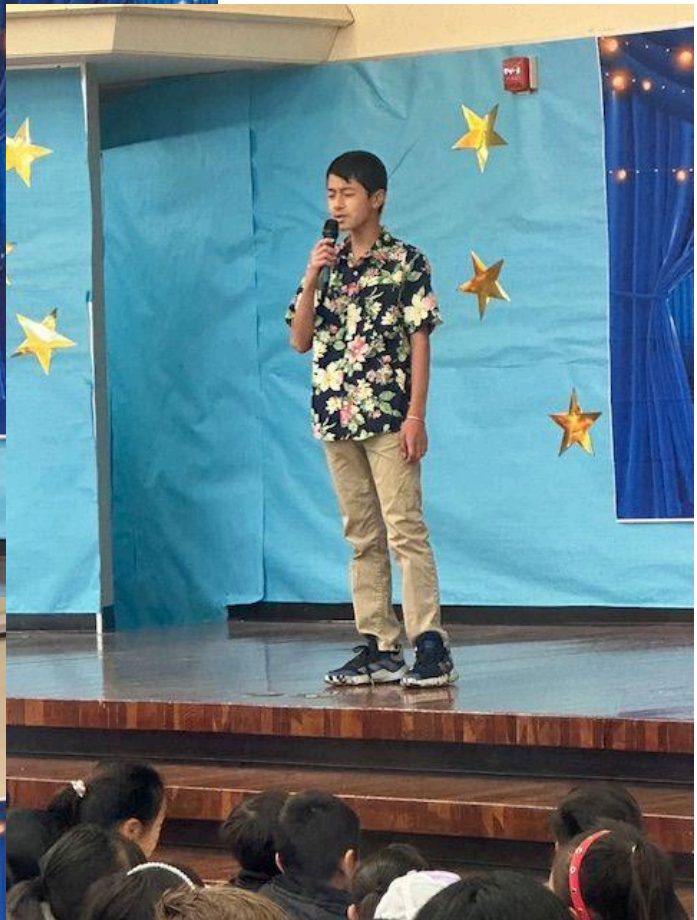








Ruskin's Got Talent Hosted by Logan C







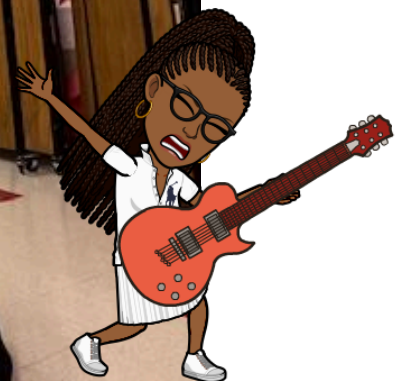








Special thanks to Mrs. Paddock and Mrs. Munoz for organizing this event.



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.



Upcoming Calendar Events:

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- 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



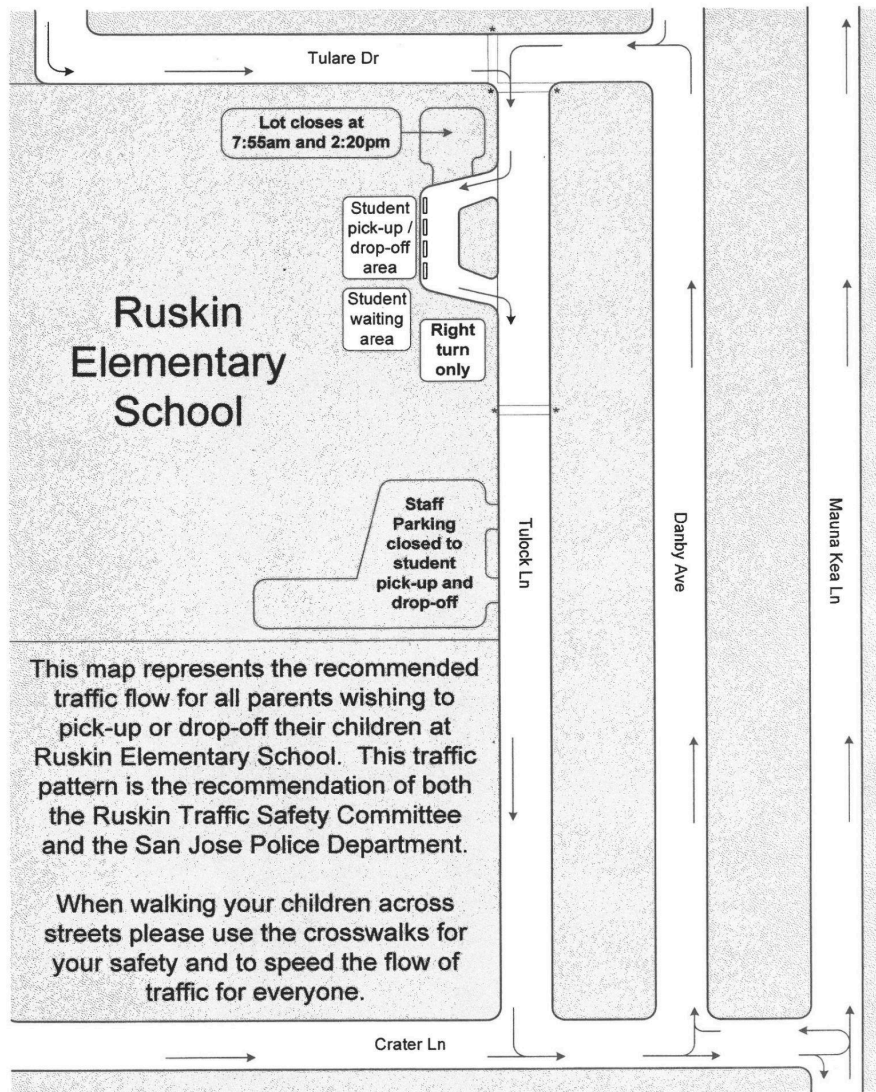
Parents, please remember, NOT to park in the horseshoe. It is made for cars to move in and out of quickly. As always, if you would like to volunteer to help out with traffic safety, please contact the front office at 408-923-1950 or email me at Lblackshire@busd.net.

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.

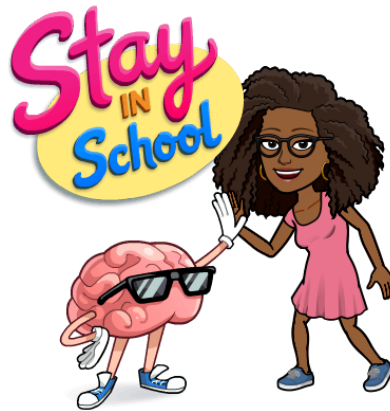


[Vietnamese Truancy Video](#)

[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



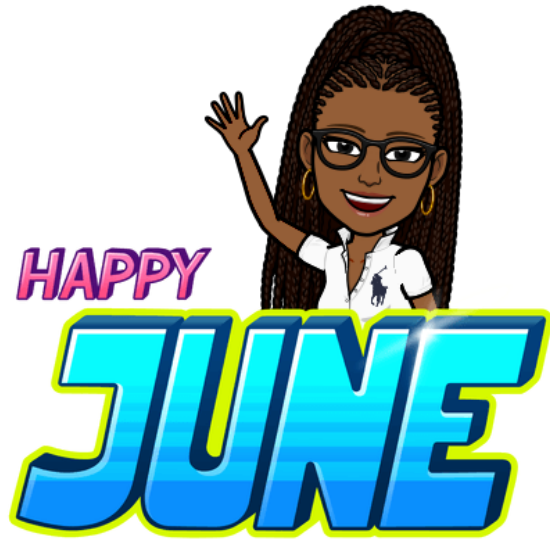
Student Nutrition Services

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 the most magical summer!!

Sincerely,

LaKeisha Blackshire, Principal

Office Staff

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