

Have You Herd?

A Newsletter for Rutledge Ranchers

June 2, 2017



Leadership Quote: *See the greatness in yourselves. Surround yourselves with the dreamers and the doers, the believers and the thinkers, but, most of all, surround yourselves with those who see greatness within you, even when you don't see it in yourselves.*



Mohler's Message:

Thank you, parents, for sharing your children with us for this amazing school year. They have brought us much joy and laughter and probably taught us as much as we taught them. We are enormously proud of all they have accomplished this year and are already looking forward to August.

We do have a few **fond farewells** to say to our staff.

Art - Mrs. Quinn will be leaving Rutledge. She helped open the school 12 years ago and is now going to go and open another art program. While we are truly happy for her, we will feel her loss deeply here. Thank you, Mrs. Quinn, for your years of dedication to Rutledge.

Kindergarten will have lots of changes. **Ms. Carriker** will be moving on to a new adventure. **Mrs. Smithson** will now be teaching art. **Mrs. Biedermann** is going to move up to third grade.

2nd Grade will also have some changes. **Mrs. Parsons** is going to take a step away from education and have a new adventure next year. **Mr. Brown** is moving up to teach fourth grade. **Mrs. McFadden** is also moving up. She will teach third grade.

3rd Grade will also have some new faces. **Mr. Lopresto** is going to return to teaching second grade after a few years in older grades. **Mrs. Runkel** is going to move up to fourth grade.

4th Grade will be saying a farewell to **Mrs. Selden**, who will be moving on to teach at Stiles, and to **Ms. Kasper**, who is moving to Houston.

5th Grade will be saying goodbye to **Mrs. Brown**. She has long dreamed of teaching art and has accepted an art position at Whitestone.

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Special Populations will be saying a farewell to **Ms. McNally** and to **Ms. Swanzy**. Ms. McNally will be moving over to Reagan, and Ms. Swanzy will also be shifting to another campus that is yet to be determined.

We have been working super hard to find stellar replacements for these amazing teachers. We are very close to having all of our positions filled. Here is what we know so far:

Kimberly Huddleston, currently teaching kindergarten at Knowles, and **Katlyn Van Matre**, currently teaching kindergarten in Pearland, will be joining our staff to replace Mrs. Smithson and Ms. Carriker. We have one spot still to complete the team.

Courtney Lambert, currently teaching third grade in Pflugerville, and **Devyn Stoll**, who relocated here mid-year after teaching second grade in New Jersey, will teach second grade.

Khione Stevenson will teach fifth grade. She is a recent graduate of Texas A&M where she student taught in fifth grade. We are also adding a sixth section of fifth grade, and we hope to have that spot filled next week.

Take some great time to **Sharpen the Saw** this summer. Our children are only young for a very short period in their lives. Enjoy every minute of it. We will happily see you back for Open House on August 24. We will be sending postcards to welcome you back during that week as well.



Scoop from the Office:

97% Attendance for the week of May 22-26th. We hope you have a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing you in the fall. School starts August 28, 2017.

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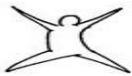


Save The Date:

August 17th 6:30pm is New Family Orientation

August 24th 10-11:30am Kinder Camp

August 24th 5:30-7pm Open House



Get Creative with Reflections Art Contest this Summer

Calling all budding artists, writers, song writers, dance choreographers, photographers and film producers! The National PTA Reflections art contest will be taking your submissions early next fall. The **2017-2018 theme is "Within Reach"**, and the summer is a wonderful time to explore what this theme means to you.

Students of all ages and abilities are encouraged to express themselves by reflecting on the theme and creating a work to share. We had so many great entries this past year, and we're excited to see what you do next! Submissions may be in the categories of dance choreography, literature, film production, photography, visual arts, and music composition. If you have any questions, please contact the PTA Reflections co-chairs, Anna Mullen (anna.c.mullen@gmail.com) and Allison Tipton (alli.tipton@yahoo.com).



Library Lowdown:

Thank you for an amazing year! Check out the information below for summer reading opportunities!!!!

Here is our district summer library information!

<https://www.smores.com/at55u-summer-library-in-leander-isd>

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One of the best ways to retain the learning achievements your Rancher has made over the school year is to continue reading over the summer and prevent the "summer slide". There are many summer reading programs available in our area. Check out this list from "Free Fun in Austin" for fun ways to motivate your child to keep reading!

<https://freefuninaustin.com/2017/05/2017-summer-reading-program-s-austin/>

***Note: we have already provided all of our students with a login to the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge.**

Don't forget to log your minutes for the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge! Logins were sent home by teachers either in Wednesday folders or report cards!

<http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2017/>

Once again, THANK YOU! Have a great summer!

Lindsey Hervey & Sandra Garcia

Calendar:

Please check the Rutledge website throughout the summer for important dates and information.

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Future Ranger Sportsmanship Award

Kayli Negrette - 4th

Nominated by Coach Garis, Mrs. Aramburu and Mrs. Eppinette



She is nominated for always being kind to others, in the classroom, at lunch, at specials and at recess. She always thinks win win and just being around her will brighten your day. There have been multiple times this year when she has put others first and shows great sportsmanship. The last time was at the track and field meet. Her friend fell and she stopped to help her, not worrying about the fact that she would come in last because she stopped. But as another student said, she came in first place in kindness.

Rancher Royalty Award

Mr. Sanders



He is proactive as he lends a helping hand in classrooms, at the crosswalk, in the cafeteria, the teacher workroom, especially the laminating machine. Anywhere he can make the day easier and happier for others, he chooses his own weather and spreads sunshine! We are grateful for his willingness to serve!

-Rutledge Faculty and Students