

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Madrone Community,

Building Character

It is important for the home and the school to work together in building strong character in our children. Clearly, when it comes to character building, the family is the key. There is simply no substitute for a mother and/ or a father who form a loving and supportive circle around the child. Parents who provide loving guidance and define ethical standard for their child, both by what they say and how they live, establish exemplary standards of good conduct.

Schools have a strong supportive role to play in character building as well. Schools must not only help children become literate and well informed, but they must also help them develop the capacity to be responsible and demonstrate good problem solving skills in situations of ethical conflict. Schools can reinforce the universal values we all cherish and which we hope our children will demonstrate when we are not around. When they are on their own, we hope they will demonstrate universal character traits in their daily lives, such as:

Responsibility Cooperation Friendship Caring Perseverance
Teamwork Kindness Courage Friendship

These character traits will enable them to have a successful life.

Every month at Madrone Elementary School we select an important attribute to recognize and reinforce in our students. For the month of November, RESPONSIBILITY was selected as the focus of character building. Every month the character trait of focus is displayed in our school office bulletin board. It would be appreciated if parents reminded their child or children of these important character traits each and every month.

Go Mustangs!

Mr. Molina

WINTER BREAK DAY CARE CAMP

RVUSD is pleased to announce the opening of registration for Winter Break Day Care. The program is designed for children in grades Kindergarten to 6th grade during the winter recess. Winter day care will be offered December 27, 28, 29, 30 & January 3, 4, 5 & 6th for a total of eight days. The intersession day care program includes: day care from 7AM until 6PM, sport and art activities along with an afternoon snack. The program fee is \$30 per day and is due at registration. This year's camp will be held at Madrone Elementary. Registration forms are available in the day care room or at the District Office. Remember to register early, as space is limited. For questions please call 542-7375 ext. 4134.



"Fall Into the PTA"

The PTA is holding a Fall Membership drive. Don't be left out! The classroom with the highest percentage of PTA membership will get a special surprise. Look for details in the Wednesday folders. Don't let your children down - join today! You don't need to attend regularly scheduled meetings but are ALWAYS welcome. Your annual dues (\$7 for an individual & \$14 for a family) fund fabulous programs for your kids: field trips, classroom supplies, assemblies, and much more. Join today - pick up a membership envelope at the Madrone school office. Thank you.



Madrone Players Present

Movie Night- "Cars 2" Dec. 2, 2011

Thank you to all the wonderful families that supported Dine and Donate and ate at Mary's Pizza on Nov. 8. Your support of this annual evening out will help bring our January production of "Willy Wonka" to life. Looking for a fun way to spend a Friday evening? Come bring the family and join us for our 4th annual Movie Night on Friday, Dec. 2 in the Madrone cafeteria. Doors will open at 5:30 and we will begin our show at 6:00 as we follow Lightning McQueen and Mater as they race around the world. All tickets for the event are \$5 and include popcorn and a drink. We encourage you to come in your comfortable jammies, bring your sleeping bags and pillows and kick back and enjoy another great installment from Disney/Pixar. This event always sells out! Don't be disappointed—order your tickets early. Information will be coming home with students right after Thanksgiving! Save the dates - January 26, 27 & 28 we will be taking you to the land of pure imagination as the Madrone Players bring to life the world of "Willy Wonka"!

Join us for the PTA Meeting November 17 at 7 pm and learn more about
"Managing Holiday Stress" from Tim Stein



