



News from The Ranch: September 2019

PRINCIPAL NOTE: HELLO BRONCO FAMILIES AND WELCOME TO FALL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE WITH OUR PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROCEDURES. YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SEE CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BEST PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR KIDS. AS FALL APPROACHES, PLEASE KNOW WE TRULY APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT THE STUDENTS OF ORCHARD RANCH. WE FEEL OR IS A SPECIAL PLACE AND ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THAT IS BECAUSE OF THE COMMUNITY. HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL MONTH AND THANK YOU FOR THE BIRTHDAY WISHES.



PICK UP/DROP

OFF/TRAFFIC: WITH 900 STUDENTS, THERE'S GOING TO BE TRAFFIC IN AND AROUND THE SCHOOL.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO:

- FOLLOW THE BASIC RULES OF THE ROAD.
- AVOID ROAD RAGE
- DON'T PARK IN DRIVEWAYS THAT AREN'T YOURS
- STAY OFF DEVICES IN THE PARKING LOT
- DON'T DOUBLE PARK
- EXPLORE ALL THE OPTIONS FOR PICKING UP AROUND

THE SCHOOL TO AVOID THE PARKING LOT

TRUNK OR TREAT: WE ARE IN NEED OF CANDY SUPPORTERS. PLEASE TURN IN ANY CANDY DONATION TO THE FRONT OFFICE TO HELP US ENSURE THAT TRUNK OR TREAT WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PLACE.

FUNDRAISING? WE ARE IN THE THICK OF OUR "PONY UP FUNDRAISER". WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT DURING THIS FUNDRAISER. MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS BRINGING MORE MACHINES FOR OUR WORK ROOM, PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATIONAL TRAINING FOR OUR TEACHERS



AND STAFF. IF EACH FAMILY RAISED \$100, WE WOULD HAVE RAISED OVER \$80, 000.

FOR GIRLS ON THE RUN: AT GIRLS ON

THE RUN WE INSPIRE GIRLS TO RECOGNIZE THEIR INNER STRENGTH AND CELEBRATE WHAT MAKES THEM ONE OF A KIND. OVER THE COURSE OF THE TEN-WEEK PROGRAM, GIRLS IN 3RD-5TH GRADE DEVELOP ESSENTIAL SKILLS TO HELP THEM NAVIGATE THEIR WORLDS AND ESTABLISH A LIFETIME APPRECIATION FOR HEALTH AND FITNESS.

THE PROGRAM CULMINATES WITH GIRLS

POSITIVELY IMPACTING THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH A SERVICE PROJECT AND BEING PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY PREPARED TO COMPLETE A CELEBRATORY 5K EVENT.

REGISTRATION OPENS UP JANUARY 20TH AND THE SEASON WILL BEGIN FEBRUARY 10TH.

PRACTICES WILL BE HELD AFTER SCHOOL ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAYS. OUR BIG 5K RACE WILL BE ON MAY 9TH!



YARD DUTIES ON PHONES: AT OR OUR WALKIE TALKIES PICK UP ON VARIOUS

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND SCHOOL WALKIE SIGNALS. WHILE WE STILL HAVE WALKIES, OUR STAFF USES OUR PHONES TO HELP COMMUNICATE AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS WHILE ON THE YARD. SO, YOU MAY SEE AN OCCASIONAL STAFF MEMBER ON THEIR PHONE WHILE ON DUTY. PLEASE KNOW IT'S HOW WE COMMUNICATE.



MEMO FROM MUSIC: CHOIR HAS

GOTTEN STARTED AND THE STUDENTS ARE ALREADY SINGING IN TWO PARTS! SO FAR THEIR FAVORITE SONG IS THE BREAKFAST ROUND. WE ARE WORKING ON POSTURE, TONE PRODUCTION, AND MUSICALITY IN OUR SINGING.

IN THE YOUNGER GRADES WE ARE LEARNING TO KEEP A STEADY BEAT, USE OUR SINGING VOICES, AND MOVE TO DIFFERENT KINDS OF

MUSIC. IN THE OLDER GRADES WE ARE WORKING ON READING RHYTHMS AND NOTES AND DECODING FAMILIAR SONGS.

IN ADDITION, I AM BRINGING A XYLOPHONE TO EACH CLASS SO THEY CAN SEE THE KIND OF INSTRUMENTS WE ARE RAISING MONEY FOR WITH PONY UP. THE XYLOPHONES HAVE A BEAUTIFUL SOUND AND CAN BE PLAYED BY THE SMALLEST KINDERGARTENER OR BE USED BY 5TH GRADERS IN VERY COMPLEX PIECES – AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN. IT WOULD BE SUCH A BLESSING TO HAVE ENOUGH FOR A WHOLE CLASS TO PLAY TOGETHER!

BE SURE TO ASK YOUR CHILD WHAT THEY DID IN MUSIC THIS WEEK... YOU MIGHT EVEN GET AN IMPROMPTU PERFORMANCE OUT OF IT.



LUNCH TIME: LUNCH IS ONE OF OUR BUSIEST TIMES. DEPENDING ON WHAT'S BEING SERVED, THE LENGTH OF THE LINE CHANGES. THERE ARE MANY REASONS SURROUNDING WHEN YOUR CHILD CAN GET THROUGH THE LINE. IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO FINISH, THEY CAN EAT OUR AT THE PICNIC TABLES, OR ON RAINY DAYS, BACK IN THEIR CLASSROOMS. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING AT WAYS TO STREAMLINE

OUR LUNCH PROCESS, BUT SOMETIMES IT JUST TAKES A LONG TIME. THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING. IF YOU'RE AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER, WE WILL GLADLY TAKE IT.

LIBRARY CORNER:

OUR FIRST FOLLETT BOOK FAIR OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, IS IN THE PLANNING STAGES! WE CAN'T WAIT TO BRING YOU ALL NEW AND EXCITING BOOKS FOR YOUR HOME LIBRARIES. ALSO, A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL BOOK SALES FROM THE FOLLETT BOOK FAIR GOES DIRECTLY INTO PURCHASING NEW BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY! THE BOOK FAIR WILL TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 21ST-25TH. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! PLEASE LOOK FOR UPCOMING UPDATES FROM OUR PTC!

WEATHER CHANGE: DURING INCLIMATE WEATHER, WE TRY TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS IN OUR CLASSROOMS OR OTHER BUILDINGS. WHEN WE GET BREAKS IN THE WEATHER, WE TRY TO LET THEM GET OUT SOME ENERGY OUTSIDE. PLEASE KNOW,



WE ARE CONSTANTLY WATCHING THE WEATHER WHILE KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE.

FACEBOOK & TWITTER: WE TRY TO SHARE A SNAPSHOT OF WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR FAMILIES ON SOCIAL MEDIA. IT'S OUR WAY TO BRING YOU INSIDE OUR CLASSROOMS AS YOU GO ABOUT THE MANY THINGS YOU DO IN A DAY. PLEASE FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK/TWITTER FOR UPDATES AND INFORMATION.

