



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2016

Upcoming Events:

September 28, 2016

Town Hall Meeting for
Community Members
Regarding LCFF and
LCAP

Lakeview Elementary
School, 3371 Brittany
Way, El Dorado Hills,
CA 95762

October 11, 2016

Regular Board Meeting
7:00 PM District Office

October 17, 2016

LCAP Parent Advisory
Committee Meeting
6:00 PM District Office

Dear Parents/Guardians of RUSD Students,

We thank you for entrusting your children's education to us and welcome you back for another great school year! Parent and community engagement is more important than ever and we are offering many opportunities to get involved! We need more participation on our Parent Advisory Committee and Parent Surveys. Help us understand your priorities. With your input we have reduced class sizes, improved our curriculum with such offerings as Project Lead the Way, AVID, and Foreign Language and made a huge infusion of technology. We have provided high quality training for our teachers and have been implementing state of the art instructional materials and technology. All of these efforts have contributed to making Rescue Union the highest performing school district of our size in the area.



David Swart

Thank you for your support!

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

Last spring, your students, like those across the state, participated in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress. Among these tests were the Smarter Balanced Assessment for students in grades 3-8 and the California Standards Test for Science in grades 5 and 8. While we understand that no single assessment can fully measure a student's academic ability or knowledge, we do want to recognize and celebrate the students who participated in these tests and the adults who instructed and supported them along the way. Our students' Smarter Balanced Assessment results are the highest in all of El Dorado County for elementary districts who tested 100 or more students and among the most impressive in the greater Sacramento region. We really have a lot to be proud of! To view the statewide results or the results for our district, your child's school, or any other schools in California, please visit: <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov/sb2016/Search>.

Sister School Visits Underway!

This week both Marina Village Middle School and Lake Forest Elementary School will be hosting students from China. About 58 students and 9 teachers will spend 3 days in our schools. For more information please contact the schools.

IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS TO KNOW

This year, our learning goal will be to assist parents in understanding the powerful impacts that a "Growth Mindset" can have on student learning outcomes. This well researched approach to teaching and learning is based on the work of Dr. Carol Dweck from Stanford University. The idea is based on conclusive brain plasticity research indicates that intelligence is not a *fixed attribute* but rather is extremely changeable for all learners, if we encourage strategies, effort, focus and persistence. This approach will change many interactions at home also if parents are aware of a few principles. The District will be providing training in differentiation in the classroom for teachers and in helping parents understand how to work with their students to enhance the growth mindset at home. Please look for more information and workshops on this topic to be presented by the District.

GROWTH MINDSET

