

Elliott Ranch Round Up

December 2019

Calendar

December

- 3 District Spelling Bee
- 4 PTO General meeting 6:00
- 7 Running for Rhett 5K 10:30
- 11 Band Concert 6:00-7:30
- 13 Friday Assembly
- 20 Breakfast w/Santa 7:15 am
- 20 Minimum Day
- 23 – Jan. 6 No school – Winter Break

January

- 7 School Resumes
- 8 PTO General Meeting 6:00

Thank you everyone who participated in our APEX Rocket Run. Our fabulous PTO earned more funds than ever to enhance our classroom technology...more than \$18,000! (Enough to make Ms. Van Housen ride a tricycle all day☺) More Rocket Run photos in the next few pages...



School Spelling Bee participants represented their classrooms with aplomb (counter-clockwise from front left): Nick DeGuzman, Jocelyn Deppner, Meliah MacHale, Caroline Feng, Braydon Sakai, Raeda Joseph, Audrey Magallanes, Zephyr Lladoc, Ethan Do, Matthew Kim, Jonathan Smith, Isabela Morales, Karl Muring, Harper Hessburg, Addison Liu, Alicia Feng with Ms. Van Housen. Karl Muring will represent Elliott Ranch tomorrow at the District Spelling Bee!

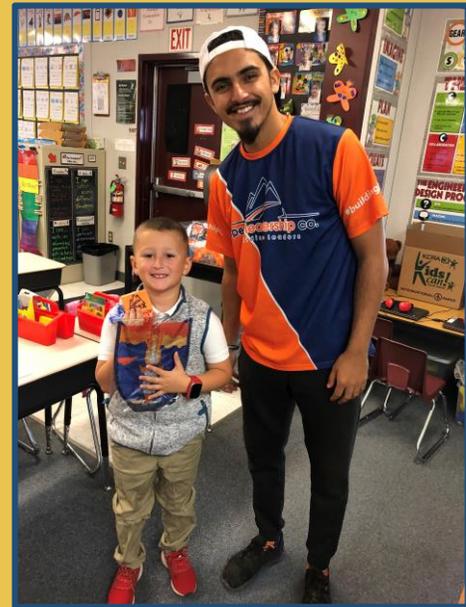
Principal's Message

Hello Everybody!

We have three weeks to keep our students focused on learning, even as we celebrate our sense of community during this special time of year. In Kindergarten, students continue to build their knowledge of letters and sounds, and have begun adding numbers! In 1st grade, students are describing animal traits in their opinion writing. In 2nd grade, students study animal habitats during Mystery Science. Third graders are reading *Snowflake Bentley* for a mentor text to study snowflakes and their symmetrical, hexagonal, crystalline shapes. Ancient Artifacts will be on-campus for 4th graders to pan for gold. Fifth graders are studying and writing about Jamestown, and 6th graders are developing their own Egyptian museums.

Shout Out to Mrs. Breton and her team that's *Runnin' for Rhett* this Saturday, doing a 5K Downtown. We are proud of you all! Special thanks also to our PTO parents who hosted Movie Days before the break. They did such a lovely job of choosing engaging movies and providing gourmet popcorn snacks. The kids had a great time! We are so fortunate to have such dedicated parents as team members in our learning community.

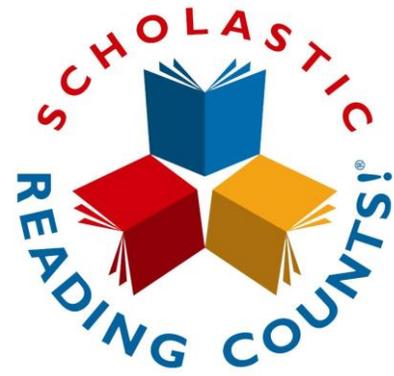
Your Principal, Ms. Van Housen





Reading Counts Top Ten lifetime points by December 2019!

- Abraham Chou (6) – 3836
- Ethan Agar (6) – 1842
- Matthew Kim (5) – 1678
- Emily Chen (6) – 1625
- Nicholas DeGuzman (6) – 1602
- Alicia Feng (5) – 1550
- Olivia Tong (5) – 1239
- Hannah Davidson (6) – 1177
- Daniel Jackson (6) – 1145
- Pailen Li (6) – 1134



Spotlight on Achievement

Scholastic READING COUNTS YEAR-END PRIZES

	<u>Diamond</u>	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Silver</u>	<u>Bronze</u>
1st	100 pts.	50 pts.	35 pts.	20 pts.
2nd	200 pts.	125 pts.	100 pts.	75 pts.
3rd	300 pts.	175 pts.	150 pts.	125 pts.
4th	400 pts.	225 pts.	200 pts.	175 pts.
5th	500 pts.	300 pts.	275 pts.	250 pts.
6th	600 pts.	400 pts.	350 pts.	300 pts.
PRIZES	Ice Cream Party! Free Book! B&N \$10 Gift Card Pizza Lunch with 3 Friends!!	Ice Cream Party! Free Book! B&N \$10 Gift Card	Ice Cream Party! Free Book!	Ice Cream Party!

Points refer to points earned for the 2019/2020 school year – NOT lifetime points!

We LOVE our new Librarian Mrs. Dugan!
Please contact her with questions about our
Reading Counts incentive program. tdugan@egusd.net



President's Message

December, 2019

Happy Holidays ER Families,

I hope that everyone had a great fall break and that our students, faculty, and parents were able to relax and recharge.

November was a busy month for the PTO, we started off with our APEX Fun Run. We had three energetic APEX role models on campus for two weeks! Our slogan this year was GAME-ON.

The students had lessons daily on:

G- Go-Getters
A- Appreciation
M-Moving Forward
E- Exploring
O-Others First
N-Now what do we do?

Apex Fun Run is a great event for us at Elliott Ranch. The students love the upbeat energy of our APEX team, they learn very important lessons, and the fun run is always an amazing time! Our school raised \$18,686.53, amazing work ER!!

Parent-Teacher Conference time can only mean one thing, and that is our PTO sponsored movie days. Movie Days kicked off during our early out week. Parents were able to send their students for a little bit of afternoon fun while they attended conferences. We had popcorn and some fun toppings and watched some great movies all week! A big *Thank You* to our movie day chairpersons and all of our volunteers! Also, thank you to Mrs. Wanous and her class for popping popcorn all week so we could have some great snacks!

The PTO has been pretty busy this fall and we have one more fun event left to go this calendar year. Breakfast with Santa is coming up on Friday, December 20th. The PTO is teaming up with EGPD to have a toy drive. Parents and students can bring an unwrapped toy and they can enjoy some donuts and juice from 7:15-8:00. A special visitor will also be present and students can take pictures and share their wish lists! We will also have a very special mailbox for the kids to write and mail their letters to Santa, in case they don't want to tell him personally!

The last thing I would like to bring up is our PTO Fundraisers. I know I have shared with you what the PTO does, and that we would not be as successful as we are without our parental involvement and our wonderful volunteers! That being said, we are in need of chairpersons for three of our events: The Harvest Festival, The Apex Fundraiser and The Early Out Movie Days.

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Upcoming Events

- **12/4 - PTO Meeting @ 6pm**
- **12/20 - Breakfast with Santa @ 7:15 - 7:45**
- **12/23 - 01/03/2020 Winter Break**

To volunteer at any PTO event email, pr@elliotttranchpto.com

Next PTO Meeting:

Wed., Dec. 4th,
@ 6 pm inside the library

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•Our *Harvest Festival* is held in October. It is a night where we can all come and enjoy ourselves with Trunk or Treating, Costume Contests, fun crafts, and our students can show off their costumes and have a great time with their friends. We also donate a huge amount of canned foods to our local food bank. The Harvest Festival has been run by three, amazing parent volunteers who have created a fantastic event year after year. These families are moving on to middle school next year and are ready to pass on the role of coordinator. Hopefully, we can find a few volunteers to lead the future Harvest Festival. It is a great family event and most importantly helps local food banks.

•The *APEX fundraiser* is very important for our PTO, it is one of our largest fundraisers and helps us make purchases for our students and our faculty. In the past, the PTO has purchased Chrome books, resurfaced the school track, paid for classroom banners in the MP Room, purchased overhead projectors, and helped fund 6th Grade Promotion to just name a few. We have been fortunate to have an amazing person run our APEX event, but will need a new Liaison next year. This year our school raised money that will be used for overhead mounted projectors.

•The *Early Out Movie Days* event is something that the PTO hosts to help parents who need to go to conferences and provides an afterschool event during early dismissal week in November. It is an opportunity for students to stay and watch a fun movie, eat popcorn and snacks, and hang out with their friends. Volunteers will spend two hours after school from 12:05 to 2:20 for one week during early outs.

Without volunteers, these events will no longer be held at Elliott Ranch Elementary. These events help build a feeling of community, give donations to local food banks, and help provide resources for our school, teachers and students alike.

If you are interested in helping with or learning more about any of these events, contact me at president@elliotttranchpto.com.

Thank you again for all that you do to make our PTO successful and I hope everyone has a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

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