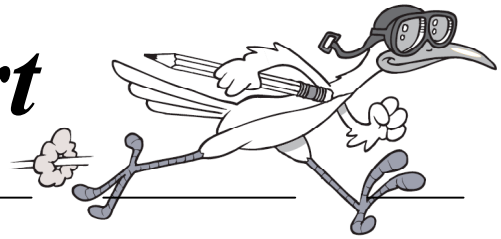


# Roadrunner Report

Rolling Hills Elementary School  
February 2009



Rolling Hills Elementary School - Fullerton School District  
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February is fabulous here at Rolling Hills!

Our students are engaging in a variety of exceptional learning activities, preparing for upcoming programs, participating in after school enrichment and intervention activities, and attending great field trips. We are really making the most of each and every day here at school.

The excellent teachers at Rolling Hills pride themselves on offering high quality classroom instruction and meeting the needs of all students. We are a collegial group and truly value the time we have to work together as a school team. Our Districtwide Staff Development Day on January 23rd provided us with an opportunity for articulation among grade levels and further professional development in the implementation of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning. Our kids are sure to reap the benefits of this great work.

There is much talk around town about our State Budget Crisis. Many parents are wondering about budget cuts for next year and what this might mean for us at Rolling Hills. Please consider attending one of the two informational meetings that I will be hosting this month. It is important that all of us understand the current situation and the District timeline for budget cuts. Please join me on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm or on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

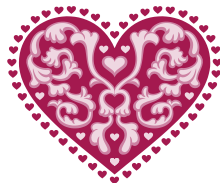
All Rolling Hills students will participate in District Assessments this month. These Benchmark Assessments are used to measure progress toward meeting established California State Standards for each grade level and are administered at each of our 20 schools here in Fullerton. Our District Assessments are designed to mirror our State testing instruments in content and format and are used along with classroom assessments, in-class assignments, teacher observation, and homework to provide a clear picture of student achievement. The tests are given in Writing, English Language Arts, and Mathematics. We hope you'll be sure to support your child in doing their best on these assessments and at school every day by making sure that they get plenty of sleep each night, eat a nutritious breakfast every morning, and arrive at school every day on time.

We have just passed the halfway point in our school year. They say that time flies when you're having fun, and that certainly has been true so far this year. I am proud of all of the great things that are happening at our school and invite you to be a part of it all. For more information on current involvement opportunities, please contact our office at 714 447-7795.

Happy February!

See you at school,

Randa Schmalfeld



**Every Wednesday is Spirit Day!  
Wear your Rolling Hills T-Shirt  
and/or our school colors of blue and white.**

## **Join Mrs. Schmalfeld for Afternoon Tea**

*Have a cup of tea before you pick your kids up*

*Who: Rolling Hills Parents*

*When: 2:00 to 2:30 pm on the third  
Thursday of each month*

*Where: In the Principal's Office*

*Why: Just for Fun! Join us on February 19th*



### Student Attendance Reminder

With the school year well underway we would like to remind students and parents that regular school attendance is important to the success of all of our students. Regular daily attendance and being at school on time ensures that your child will benefit from all classroom activities and academic lessons. School starts promptly at 8:00 am and students may be dropped off as early as 7:45 am – being at school a few minutes before the start of the school day gives children the opportunity to get to class without feeling rushed or the apprehension of being late – we ask your assistance in getting your child to school on time. We will hold a special Wheels and Games Day on March 6<sup>th</sup> for all students who have perfect attendance during the month of February as a special incentive for students. Watch for more information later this month.

### *Passive Fundraising: A Great Way to Help Rolling Hills!*

Here are some wonderful ways to support our school through passive fundraising:

- Join the **Live Search Club** and use the following site for internet searches, educational games and more. Every search earns \$\$ for our school!  
<http://club.live.com/>
- Use your **Target Card** and participate in the Take Charge of Education Program. Target donates 1% of your purchase to Rolling Hills! Hundreds of dollars are donated each year to Rolling Hills through this program. Our Target ID#: 31368
- Use your **Albertson's Community Card** or register online at [www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com). Our ID#: 49000108074
- Shop at **Office Depot** and use Our ID#: 70008303
- **Ralph's** - [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) - Click on the "Community Contribution" link. Our Ralph's NPO# is 83225
- **Investigate matching donations** from your employer. For example, Raytheon and SCE match your dollar contributions one to one!
- Cut out **BOX TOPS for Education**.
- Donate your used toner cartridges and old cell phones



### ***OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2009-2010 POSTPONED***



Normally the Open Enrollment period for Inter and Intra District transfer students begins in early February. However, due to pending budget decisions for the coming year, Open Enrollment for the 2009 – 2010 school year has been postponed. We expect that Open Enrollment will occur in mid to late March or April and will notify parents just as soon as we know more.

### School Site Council Opening:



We regretfully accepted the resignation of School Site Council President Mrs. Lorie Leocadio at our last meeting. Mrs. Leocadio is now teaching full time, a demanding and rewarding undertaking! We now have an opening for a parent or community member on School Site Council. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, please pick up a nomination form in the office. All nominations are due by February 20<sup>th</sup>. Elections will be held during the first week in March.

***Please check our Lost and Found! Items will be donated to charity on February 13th.***



## Calling All Students!

Do you enjoy drawing, coloring, or painting? If so, you may want to submit a piece of ROADRUNNER ARTWORK to be used in decorating our school. We are looking for colorful roadrunners created by students to hang in our nurse's area, media center/pit area, and in our display space in our multi-purpose room.

Roadrunners come in all shapes, colors, and sizes, so this is your chance to be creative and have fun making your own painting or drawing of our school mascot. If you would like some inspiration, stop by the office to see Mrs. Schmalfeld's Roadrunner Collection!

All artists will receive a gift certificate to Mimi's Cafe. Please include your first and last name, teacher's name, and room number written on the back of your artwork.

Parent volunteers are needed to help with displaying our student artwork. Please call our office if you'd like to support this schoolwide art show!

**Parent Walk-About Tours are held every Friday at 8:00 am. See our campus! See our classrooms! See you there!**



### A Word about Cell Phones:

More and more students are bringing cell phones to school. According to the state of California, students are allowed to have cell phones at school, however their use is prohibited during the school day. Students may use their cell phones before and after school and must follow the classroom rules for cell phone storage during the school day. If your child should need to call home during the school day they are welcome to use the office phone.



## “Parent’s Night Out”

Sponsored by your Rolling Hills PTA!

**Friday, February 20, 2009**

**6:00 to 9:00 pm**

**\$5.00 per student**

**(includes dinner, movie, and a craft!)**

Reservations required. Please contact our office for reservations.



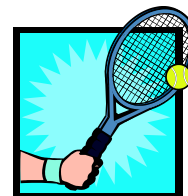
## TENNIS ANYONE ???



We have an exciting opportunity for the students of Rolling Hills to be involved in Tennis. Students from Troy High School's Tennis Team and Coaches Vic Braden and Donna Judd will be here to present an introduction to Tennis. Students will be involved in hands on instruction during a 4-week period. The program will be held after school from 2:45 to 3:30 on the black top area at Rolling Hills School. There is no charge for this program and it will be a wonderful opportunity to introduce students to tennis. Students may bring their tennis racquet if they have one – but it is not mandatory. Students should wear tennis shoes, comfortable clothing and bring their enthusiasm to learn a new sport !!

- Classes will be held on the following days: Thursday, February 19, Thursday, February 26, Thursday, March 5, and Thursday, March 12

If your child is interested in being a part of this exciting opportunity please fill out the enrollment forms available in the school office.





# Have you heard about the Bucket Book?

Ask your child about the book that our entire school is reading!

## Coming Events



- Feb 3 Second Grade Performance "The Patriot"
- Feb 4 Second Grade Performance "The Patriot" 6:30 pm  
Vision Screening Grades K, 3, 6  
FSD Spelling Bee
- Feb 6 Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb 9 Lincoln's Birthday – School Holiday
- Feb 10 "Indian Summer" Performance 9:00 am  
School Board Meeting
- Feb 12 Superintendent Dr. Mitch Hovey Visits
- Feb 13 Kindergarten Valentine Program
- Feb 16 President's Day – School Holiday
- Feb 17 Field Trip – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
School Board Meeting
- Feb 18 Rolling Hills Budget Meeting 6:30 pm
- Feb 20 Parents Night Out 6:00 – 9:00 pm
- Feb 24 Reflection Awards 7:15 – 8:00 am  
School Board Meeting (proposed budget cuts will be announced)
- Feb 25 Rolling Hills Budget Meeting 9:00 am  
Imagination Machine Assembly
- Feb 26 School Board Meeting (public input time regarding proposed budget cuts)
- Mar 3 STAR Writing Assessment – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Mar 5 Family Art Night (please note date change)  
Family Dinner to benefit All the Arts
- Mar 6 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip
- Mar 9 ABC Field Trip
- Mar 10 School Board Meeting (budget cuts announced)
- Mar 11 School Site Council Meeting
- Mar 12 Family Art Night 5:00 – 7:30 pm
- Mar 20 "Muffins with Mom" 7:00 – 8:00 am
- Mar 23 Parent Conference Week begins – early dismissal for all students 3/23 – 3/27
- Mar 24 School Board Meeting
- Mar 26 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip
- Mar 27 PTA Movie Night
- Apr 1 Late Release Day (students dismissed at 2:30)  
Rolling Hills Open House  
Family Dinner  
PTA Meeting and Honorary Service Awards
- Apr 2 Upper Grade Track Meet
- Apr 3 Upper Grade Track Meet  
Early Release Day (students dismissed at 12:35)
- Apr 6 Spring Break Week Begins – No School 4/6 – 4/10

## Rolling Hills Family Arts Night March 12, 2009

*(Please note our date change due to the District School Board Meeting for public input on proposed budget cuts)*

Join in the fun as we celebrate the arts at Rolling Hills! This great event features the same fantastic teachers that enchant our students in the classroom with lessons in Art, Music, Drama, and Dance. This is a night you won't want to miss, be sure to mark your calendars and have some creative family fun!

- Family Dinner to Benefit All the Arts for All the Kids at 5:00 pm
- Family Arts Activities begin at 6:00 pm and with two 40-minute sessions, ending at 7:30 pm.



### Microwave Alert!

**Please do not send any food in your child's lunch that needs to be heated. To ensure student safety our staff is not able to heat food your child has brought for lunch.**



### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Open House is April 1<sup>st</sup>  
No Fooling!