

PUMA TRACKS

PUMA ROCK ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021

STUDENT MASK REQUIREMENT EXTENDED THROUGH THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR



As a reminder, all students must wear a mask while on campus including while in classrooms and bathrooms. Masks may be removed during lunch and scheduled masks breaks only. If your child forgets their masks or loses it during the day, they may visit the health office for a replacement.

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2021-22 school year. If your family is new to our school, please call for a registration appointment, per our current COVID protocols. If your family is currently enrolled at our school and you need to add a new student, please contact the administrative office to request a registration packet and one will be sent home with your currently enrolled child.

Dear Puma Rock Families and Teachers,

As the end of the school year draws near, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and support during this past school year. While we were all disappointed by the delays in being able to fully return to in person learning, I have been really impressed by the resilience of our students, parents and teachers during this difficult time.

There were many difficulties to overcome this year and you all rose to the challenge with very few complaints. From navigating distance learning and independent study to adopting and adhering to our ever changing COVID restrictions, you all helped ensure the success of this school year and I thank you for that. I believe that in time, we will look back at this school year as one of our best.

Please continue to practice healthy habits and get vaccinated when you're eligible. We are looking forward to seeing your smiling faces on campus next year when we hope to be fully operational.

Best regards,
Jane Smith
Principal, Puma Rock Elementary School



TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Please join us in congratulating Monica Jones for being named one of San Diego County's teachers of the year! Ms. Jones has been teaching for 10 years and we're proud to say all of that time has been right here at Puma Rock Elementary. She currently teaches 4th graders but spent several years teaching 3rd graders in the past. Ms. Jones considers herself a lifelong learner and always challenges herself to learn new things and bring new methods into the classroom. These skills really helped her to shine during the pandemic. She was able to make social and emotional learning a priority while teaching remotely and was very effective at smoothly transitioning into our hybrid model when we partially reopened schools earlier this year. Mark Smith, the county superintendent expressed how much the pandemic weighed on the selection of this year's recipients. He said "the need for strong connections during learning was even more critical this year and the teachers we selected for this award rose to the challenge of providing strong educational opportunities for their students including academic, social, and emotional support." Congratulations Ms. Jones!

PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT PROJECT



Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to our playground refurbishment project. We have currently raised \$2200 of our \$3500 goal. If we are able to reach our goal by the end of May, work will begin the first week of summer break. To make a donation to our playground project visit pumarockelementary.edu/playground21. Please support this important project if you can. No donation is too small and we'd love to have the playground finished in time for the next school year.



ATTENTION 5TH GRADERS:

Middle School Band Auditions will be held on 5/18 & 5/19 immediately after school. Please bring your instrument and sheet music on the day you plan to audition. You may play any piece from the spring concert at your audition.



FINAL DINE OUT FUNDRAISER FOR 2021

Our last Dine Out of the school year is scheduled for Thursday, May 20th at Pizza Rev in Carmel Valley. Food will be available for take out or patio dining. Masks are required while inside the restaurant. 20% of all proceeds will be donated to the PRES PTSA. Take the night off from cooking and enjoy some great food while supporting our school!



PURCHASE SCHOOL BUS PASSES

Bus passes for the 2021-22 school year are now on sale. Visit pumarockelementary.edu/bus21 to reserve one today.

VOLUNTEER



Several PTSA board positions are open for next school year and we desperately need volunteers for these positions. Please visit pumarockelementary.edu/ptsa for more information.

SCHOOL GARDEN OPEN HOUSE & PLANT SALE

May 20th from 3pm - 5pm

Our students haven't been hard at work in the garden and we recently harvested some spinach and broccoli. We will soon be planting a tomato bed and some new crops of corn, beans and squash. Please stop by our open house after school on Thursday, May 20th to see our progress! We will have strawberry plants for sale for \$2 each as well as seed packets and garden rocks painted by our students.



Our school choir will perform at 4pm and some of our 5th graders will do a salad preparation demonstration at 4:30. All proceeds from this event will benefit our school garden and a collection will be taken for the San Diego food bank. All attendees are required to wear masks.

ART SHOW

This year's annual art show will once again be a virtual event. We will live stream the event on our YouTube Channel on Monday, June 7th at 7pm. A recording will be available on-line on June 8th. All students who want to participate in the art show should submit their artwork to their homeroom teacher via email no later than June 3rd. Artwork must be submitted as a pdf. Winners will be announced during the live show and certificates will be mailed to the winners by June 11th.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Registration for the summer reading program at the San Diego Public Library begins on June 1st. Students who complete a combination of 10 books, hours of reading or activities will be eligible for prizes. Students who successfully complete the program will be invited to a popsicle party at lunch during the first week of school.

Visit sandiego.gov/public-library/kidsand-teens/summerreading-to-sign-up.

