

**Canyon Rim  
PTA**



# Roadrunner Review

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## Canyon Rim Gears Up for Fall Festival & Silent Auction Friday, October 21st at 5-9 p.m.

**T**he Canyon Rim Fall Festival, a family fun night, will include popular carnival-style games, a Game Bus, fun booths such as crazy hair, face painting and more. New to this year's festival will be a pumpkin decorating contest: students are encouraged to bring a decorated pumpkin to school the day of the event, with awards being given out that evening at the Festival. Carl's Jr. and Pepz Pizza will also be on hand to serve food, plus Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory will be at the Festival to sell yummy treats.

ments; Razors, Skateboards; tickets to entertainment venues (television shows, Disneyland, etc.), and more.

We've already secured some donated items that you may want to consider bidding on, including: a FireStation Ridealong, signed baseball memorabilia (Bobby Abrue signed bat, Kendrys Morales signed ball, Torii Hunter signed

ball, Howard Kendrick signed ball), a Water-view Suite on Lake Havasu, Ducks tickets, La Quinta 2

**Our Canyon Rim Fall Festival is rapidly drawing near, We'll have a Game Bus, Crazy Hair, and Cake Walk So give a big cheer!**

**Stop by our Silent Auction and bid on some great trips, You'll want to check out each item and sign the bid slips.**

**The Fall Festival is October 21st from five to nine, Come have fun, eat food, and have a great time!**

Night Stay for 2 + Rounds of Golf for 2, guitar from Music Maker, a Lake Arrowhead Weekend retreat, and more.

One of the big events during the Fall Festival is the Silent Auction. We are asking for any additional donations for the Silent Auction, including: sporting event tickets; signed sports memorabilia; any sport-related activities such as rounds of golf; Sunday brunch or chef for a day; vacation weekends (homes, timeshare, etc.); musical instru-

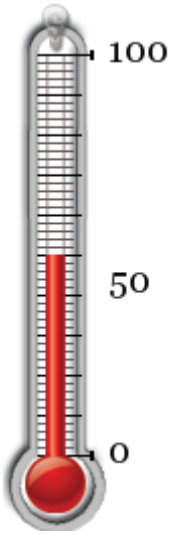
Please be on the look-out in your children's folders for food and game ticket pre-sale information. If you are interested in donating items or volunteering for the Fall Festival, please contact the Fall Festival Committee Chair Deanna Drum at [deedrum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deedrum@sbcglobal.net) or 714-350-0015.

**Canyon Rim Families Turned Out for Concert in the Canyon**



**Check out what the Kindergarten classes are up to on Page 2**





# Thank you for Stepping up to the Plate for Education!

*Celebrate Your Child's Birthday with a Banner!*

**We** would like to thank our Canyon Rim families for their generous contributions to our Direct Donation Campaign! 30% of our families (164 out

Masters, Academic Assemblies, Intervention Personnel, Computers & Technology, Library Books & Supplies, Classroom Supplies, Accelerated Reader (AR) Enterprise, Music Education, Student Store and Emergency Preparedness. Although our membership drive is over, we will continue to welcome your tax-deductible Direct Donations and Birthday Book Club memberships throughout the school year until we meet our goal, even if you can contribute on a monthly basis! Thank you again to the families who made donations! We appreciate it!

of 541) contributed to this campaign. Including Direct Donations and Birthday Book Club, we raised \$22,911, or 53% of our annual fundraising goal. This money helps fund the following programs for your child: Art

Canyon Rim PTA is excited to announce the all new Canyon Rim Birthday Banner. This is a fun way to celebrate your child's birthday month at school. For just \$25, your child's name will appear on the Birthday Banner hanging in front of the school. Imagine how excited they will be to arrive at school each day to find their name displayed on the banner for everyone to see! Orders are due by the 20th of the month prior to your child's birthday month. Download a flyer from CanyonRimPTA.com or pick one up from the office.



## Spotlight on: Kindergarten

looked at a lot of ideas to keep the concept of getting both kids and many parents all working together for one day of social studies activities. We decided on an Apple Country Fair and it is scheduled for September 30. We are so excited and also a little nervous since it's our first time organizing this event. We will have apple relay races, apple pie and different colored apples taste testing, and apple art crafts. The kids are also making homemade

This day should be a lot of fun for



everyone involved.

**T**he 90 kindergartners are all off to a great beginning. Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Ricupito are working hard to get the students comfortable with their new environments and are carefully observing to ensure all the students are making new friends.

We are so excited to be adding a new opening activity this year. We are saying goodbye to our annual Summer Splash day that we have had in place for more than 10 years. It functioned well when we started school in July, but now that we start later it presented some seasonal weather problems. The teachers have



applesauce and we are trying to get a few square dance people in to help the kids learn how to square dance with a partner.

The kindergartners are also very fortunate to have an organized PE lesson each Tuesday for the entire year. Westen McCarthy, a student in Mrs. Ricupito's class, has graciously donated his parents each week to guide all the kinders in an hour of varied large muscle skills such as hula hooping, ball bouncing, catching and dribbling, relay races, and many more fun and beneficial exercise activities. Many, many thanks to Alice and Orlando.

# Roadrunner Rant

Hello Parents!

We have our first six weeks of school under our belts! So, now that everyone is back into their routines, let's get down to things that will make our lives easier! Did anyone say "parking cluster?" or, we mean, ahhh, rather, "We seem to have some parking lot issues at pick-up and drop-off at our school?" So, here goes:

**Is it okay to pull up to the curb, stop wherever I want, throw it into park and then leave my car, blocking the rest of the cars at the school?** Yes, if you donate \$10,000 to the school. Just kidding. Be courteous and stay in your car. Pull all the way forward. Yes, this means past the front office if you are at the beginning of the line. Tell your children to wait by the front office; don't worry, they'll find you!

**Why is the parking lot so crowded?** We have 707 students at our school, 541 families, all trying to drop off at the same time and pickup within several minutes of each other. One way to eliminate congestion is to..... drum roll please....pull all the way forward (do you see a theme here?!). Here's another no-brainer: carpool! Fewer

cars = less congestion.

**Why isn't there a crossing guard at our school?** The City of Anaheim has done traffic studies over the past couple of years and has determined that it is not necessary. What??? Can we do anything about it? If we can ascertain when the next study is, our vote is that we all walk to school and show the city the sheer number of pedestrians, thus we would get a crossing guard. Stay tuned for the date!

Two other big questions from our parents:

**Why are the classes so large?** Class sizes have increased due to state budget cuts and the deletion of class-size reduction funds (20:1). Current class size maximums are: K - 33; grades 1-3 - 35, and grades 4-6 (no maximum).

Combination classes become necessary when the ratio of students to teachers in a particular grade level do not match the formula for funding of teachers by the state.

**My child is in a combo class. Is it a good or bad thing?** It is a great thing! In order for students to be

placed in a combo class, they must meet the following criteria:

- \* Last year and current year teacher recommendations
- \* Average to above average in academic areas
- \* Excellent behavior
- \* Independent worker

It is truly an honor to be selected for a combination class. Students are carefully selected because of their positive work habits, ability to quickly respond to instruction and directions, and homogeneous ability groupings. Disruptive behavior patterns are eliminated, allowing teachers the optimum amount of time to devote to classroom instruction.

Have a question or concern? Need to vent about something at our school? Just leave us a note (anonymous is fine) in the PTA mailbox in the office or email [PTACanyonRim@gmail.com](mailto:PTACanyonRim@gmail.com).

Warmly,  
Lisa Casciaro and Tracy Fleck  
PTA Co-Presidents

## Roadrunner Store Slated for Thursday, November 10th

### PTA Welcomes Parent Volunteers

**C**anyon Rim's Roadrunner Student Store, a toy store set up in the Multi Purpose Room for our students, is open once each quarter during lunchtime for students to spend the trading cards they have earned. This quarter the store will be open on **Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**.

The students use trading cards as their means of monetary exchange. These are given to students in grades 1-6 who meet the following criteria:

1. Work must be outstanding in comparison to other students'

2. Work must be neat and legible with the proper heading.
3. Work must be accurate.
4. In academic areas, students must demonstrate "A" work.
5. In the area of good sportsmanship, students must demonstrate sportsmanship beyond the norm of the rest of the class through his/her words or actions.

For the store to be successful we require a team of 12 adult volunteers to act as "cashiers" for our young "customers". This is a great opportunity to see your child interacting with their friends during their lunch hour. If you are interested in help-

ing in our store on **Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**, from 11:30am-1:10pm or would like further information, please call (714) 464-2084 or email [Heather.hughey@hotmail.com](mailto:Heather.hughey@hotmail.com) or our Volunteer Coordinator, Renae Bradley [renae\\_bradley@yahoo.com](mailto:renae_bradley@yahoo.com).

This is a PTA funded program, however donations of new toys are always appreciated.

We look forward to an exciting and rewarding "shopping experience" for your student throughout this 2011-12 school year.

# 2011-2012 PTA Reflections Program: "Diversity Means..."

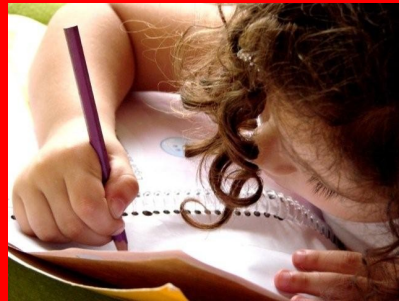
## Entries Due October 18th

**P**TA encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual arts Reflections Program. This contest is an opportunity for students to create works of art for fun and recognition. Using their artistic vision to portray the theme "Diversity Means..." students can create and submit works of art in one or more of the six areas:

- **visual arts** (which includes art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage)
- **photography**
- **literature**
- **musical composition**
- **dance choreography**
- **film production**

The grade divisions for entries are Primary: kindergarten-grade 2, Intermedi-

ate: grades 3-5, and Middle/Junior: grades 6-8. Each entry is the original work of one student without help from an adult. All entries will be displayed, and winners and participants will be recognized at an awards reception. First



place entries in each division from Canyon Rim will move on to the next level of judging. Entry

forms are available online at: [http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/student\\_entry\\_form](http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/student_entry_form)

Under "Student Entry Form" click on "English (Fillable PDF)". It will not save

the data, but it can be filled out and printed.

Rules are available online at: [http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/rules\\_and\\_documents](http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/rules_and_documents)

Under "Reflections Rules" click on the general participation rules & also the rules for the specific area(s) your child is entering.

Get started on your creations...**entries are due on Tuesday, October 18.**

Contact Janet Brown at [crreflections@att.net](mailto:crreflections@att.net) or 714-283-4384 for more information or to obtain a hard copy of the entry form.

## How Much do You Understand Bullying? Bullying 411...

### True or false?

1. Sensitivity training for the bully to build empathy will change bullying behavior.
2. Schools with lower levels of bullying report higher scores on standardized tests.
3. Asking the target to ignore bullying will solve the problem.
4. Youth who bully often need to learn to trust others and delay gratification.
5. The bystander can help target by telling adults.
6. Teachers from high suspension schools reported they bullied more students and had experienced more bullying when they were students.
7. Peer mediation that aims at working things out between the bully and the target will make things better.
8. One obstacle to making schools safer places for all is the code of silence.
9. The classroom is one of the safest places from bullying.
10. Bullies have low self-esteem.

Answers:

1.F, 2.T, 3.F, 4.T, 5.T, 6.T, 7.F, 8.T, 9.F, 10.F

## Find a Penny, Pick it Up... Pennies for Prevention Slated for October 24th—28th



Remember to start saving your pennies for Pennies for Prevention during Red Ribbon Week, which is October 24-28. The class with the most pennies will win a prize! Stay on the look-out for more details...

### Remember...

Please remember to start collecting Box Tops. It's an easy way to raise money for our school! Details on collection dates will be released soon...



## OUSD Legislative Coalition (LegCo) Update

### What is LegCo?

LegCo is a coalition of representatives of all the schools in the area that meet to discuss pending or proposed legislation/issues that may be pertinent to the schools. It is also a forum to discuss and propose new laws or platforms/concerns that the schools want to bring to the legislative representatives. LegCo also has a yearly trip to Sacramento where the LegCo members bring the school district's concerns directly to representatives in Sacramento.

### September 14, 2011 Meeting Notes

The school district is currently training principals at Elementary and Secondary schools on a new Anti-Bullying Initiative.

- The most common location kids report they have been bullied is the playground; the second is the classroom.

- One of the main components of the training is to empower the bystander to stand up for the person being bullied.

- Informational Website  
[www.stopbullyingnow.com](http://www.stopbullyingnow.com)

- The District is also working to develop a Discipline Matrix consistent for all schools.

Knoll Canyon Elementary is a pilot campus for a new program called, "Caring School Communities," which teaches kids to respect one another and helps them learn to solve their own issues.

Senator Huff's office is having a, "There ought to be a law..." contest where anyone can send their proposal for a law to his office and he may choose it to create an actual bill based on the idea. Might be a fun project for civics class. More info to follow!!

We are forming a committee to discuss and create Platforms (i.e., Lessen the Teacher/Student ratio) that are important to our schools. If anyone has any ideas please contact

Shelley Villanueva at  
[mashel612@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mashel612@sbcglobal.net) and she will make sure your concerns are heard.



## The Race to Ralphs Results are In! It's Not Too Late to Join!

Thanks to everyone who joined our inaugural *Race to Ralphs!* We had 40% of our Canyon Rim families link their Ralphs Rewards cards to Canyon Rim, which will earn free money for our school every time they shop.



Congratulations to our winner, Mrs. Mar's classroom with 67% participation. Even though the contest is over, you can still register online at [Ralphs.com](http://Ralphs.com) (sign in to your account and click on "Community Rewards", or go to [CanyonRimPTA.com](http://CanyonRimPTA.com) for more details) and start earning free money for Canyon Rim. Please note, your Ralphs Rewards and Ralphs Points are not impacted by linking to the school. Last year we received over \$6,000 from Ralphs, with fewer than 1/3 of our families participating. In fact, during the summer -- between June 1 and August 31, 2011 -- Canyon Rim earned \$1,321. Imagine what we could provide for our students if everyone joined!

## A Very Big Thank You to...

PTA would like to extend a very big thank you to everyone who helped Angela Scottini with membership. Angela, our PTA membership chair, would like to give special thanks to those that faithfully helped her the last two years. We know it's a big time commitment during that week and she appreciated the help and fun that each of you had every day!



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# Save the Date!!!

## October 2011

**10/3-10/7**

Art Master's Classes

**10/6**

PTA Meeting

8:15 a.m. in the MPR



**10/10-10/14**

6th Grade Outdoor Ed

**10/17-10/28**

Principal's Fundraiser

**10/21**

**Canyon Rim Fall Festival &  
Silent Auction**

5:00-9:00 p.m.

**10/24**

Fall Pictures Make-Up

**10/24-10/28**

Red Ribbon Week & Pennies for Prevention

**10/28**

Minimum Day

**10/31**

Fall Class Parties and Costume Parade... stay tuned for details

Minimum Day — Parent Conferences Begin

## November 2011

11/1-11/4: Minimum Day / Parent Conferences

11/3: PTA Meeting at 8:15 a.m. in the MPR

11/9-11/10: Force & Motion Assemblies

11/10: Roadrunner Store

11/11: No School for Veteran's Day

11/14: Hearing & Vision Screening

11/18: Family Fun Night Bingo

11/21-11/25: No School for Thanksgiving Holiday