

# RSA News!

November 17 - December 5, 2008

RSA's website: <http://www.rsarts.com>

December's calendar has been posted on the RSA website! Check it out!!

## General News

- ❖ **TBC Annual Talent Showcase:** Thank you to all performers, teachers, volunteers, bakers, and patrons that were at the Talent Showcase this year. Because of you we had a fun and successful show. See you next year!
- ❖ **Colonial Theme Day - Friday, November 21st:** Please note that this is a minimum day; ALL students (RSA and RSA II) will be dismissed at 12:45. All volunteers should check in at the RSA office at 7:30 a.m. The Colonial Theme Day Committee has been hard-at-work and has so many wonderful activities planned for this special day! Kettle corn will also be available to purchase for \$3 a bag; 20% of the proceeds will go to RSA.
- ❖ **Colonial Theme Day Costumes:** All students and volunteers are encouraged to dress in colonial style clothing for this year's theme day. Are you still searching for a costume for this wonderful event? If so, you have the opportunity to purchase one and support Redding School of the Arts at the same time! Amazon.com has a wide selection of costumes and accessories and your purchase will benefit the school. Visit the Amazon store at <http://astore.amazon.com/redschofhear-20/>. Colonial Theme Day has its own section. Any purchase **through this link** will result in a percentage going to the school. You can also access Amazon from the bottom of RSA's home page ([www.rsarts.com](http://www.rsarts.com)) and access Amazon's entire store. *As long as you go through one of these links, we will earn credit.* RSA Parent Teacher Club thanks you for your support!
- ❖ **Elective Fees:** Please make sure your elective fees have been paid for the first trimester elective classes. Students who have not paid their elective fees will not be permitted to enroll in future elective classes with fees until all outstanding balances have been paid.
- ❖ **"Chinese Traditional Virtues" Poster Now on Sale:** We are proud to announce that the "Chinese Traditional Virtues" poster is available for purchase at both RSA offices. The original piece sold for \$1000 at this year's PTC Fall Dinner Auction. This poster is a great holiday gift for friends and family. A sample of the poster is available at the RSA main campus during the week of November 17th. All proceeds will go to RSA's Mandarin Immersion Program!
- ❖ **In-Stock Scrip For Sale:** We still have frequently used scrip currently for sale in the main office. Merchants include Applebee's, Barnes & Noble, Starbucks, Outback, Red Robin, Chipotle, Safeway, Food Maxx, Holiday Market, Jamba Juice, Payless Shoe Source, Bath & Body Works, Gap/Old Navy, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, Logan's, Baskin Robbins and Claire's. Based on survey feedback, we plan to stock Kohl's, Burrito Bandito, Cinemark and Michael's! Don't forget to stop by the office before you go to any of these retailers!
- ❖ **Holiday Gift Card Sale:** FOUR festive events have been planned to sell IN-STOCK holiday gift cards in order to provide every family an opportunity to pick up in-stock gift cards for their shopping or gift giving. Sales events are tentatively planned for the first week of December at RSA II, RSA Main Campus upper and lower lots, and one day for parents with students in after-school care. Please watch for upcoming details on times, locations and specific card availability (based on our survey feedback). We appreciate your support of RSA while doing your holiday shopping!
- ❖ **PTC Scrip/Gift Card Fundraising for December:** For those of you who are interested in purchasing Scrip/Gift Cards for merchants not carried "in-stock," a pre-order form will be going home to all students the first week of December. Choose from hundreds of local and regional retailers and online merchants. You may order scrip/gift cards to use like cash for your holiday shopping or to give as gifts. Start thinking about what you may need and how easy it is to help your student's classroom! You can see the complete list of cards available by going to [www.glscrip.com/retailerlist](http://www.glscrip.com/retailerlist).
- ❖ **Volunteer Hours:** Remember to record your volunteer hours! Families with less than 20 hours by December 30<sup>th</sup> will be placed on probation and will be required to submit a plan for fulfilling the required hours by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
- ❖ **Boxtops-4-Education:** Please continue to submit your Boxtops to your child's homeroom teacher. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10¢ for RSA! RSA also earns bonus Boxtops (more \$\$\$) for every family that registers online at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)!
- ❖ **Lost and Found:** Along with the cooler weather we have many misplaced sweaters and jackets finding their way into the Lost and Found. Please label your child's items, especially outerwear, so we can easily return them to your child. Labels should be placed on the inside of their clothing or backpacks. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity organization at winter break.

## RSA II General News

- ❖ **November/December All School Assembly Dates:** Mark your calendars, RSA II parents! Students will be attending the All School Assembly at the RSA main campus on November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Please drop your child off with their homeroom teacher no later than 8:00 a.m. in the quad area at the RSA main site. Early drop-off is available at 7:40 a.m. in Room 134 (the portable building in the quad.)
- ❖ **Colonial Theme Day:** Colonial Theme Day will be held at the RSA main campus this Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. RSA II students will spend the entire day at the main campus. Please drop your child off with their homeroom teacher by 8:00 a.m. **Please Note: Pick up will be at the RSA main campus at 12:45.** Please look for more information on the drop-off/pick-up procedures to come home with your child on Monday. RSA II students will also need to bring a sack lunch. If you pre-ordered a school lunch for your child for this day, a credit will be applied to your account.
- ❖ **School Lunch Pre-Orders for December:** The online ordering system is currently accepting pre-orders for December. Parents can visit the HELP website at [www.helpshasta.com](http://www.helpshasta.com) and click on the Menu & Online Ordering page to submit their order. If you do not have online access, menus are available in the RSA II school office. The deadline for all December orders is Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that if your family qualifies for free or reduced lunches, an order form must still be turned in for your child indicating their daily choices.
- ❖ **Elective Fees Due:** Elective fees for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade RSA II students are due Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see the notice that went home with your child for more information.
- ❖ **RSA II Office to Carry In-stock Scrip:** Beginning December 1st, the RSA II campus office will have available a limited supply of scrip they will carry in-stock for purchase. Based on survey feedback, merchants will include Starbucks, Safeway, Jamba Juice and Payless Shoe Source. If you have any special requests, please feel free to email [lori.cahill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lori.cahill@sbcglobal.net) and we will consider additional retailers to stock at RSA II in the coming months. All money raised benefits our students' classrooms!

## Committee Meetings

- ❖ **\*Date Change\* Parent Teacher Club (PTC) Meeting:** The November PTC meeting has been rescheduled and will now be meeting Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the library at the RSA II campus, 3500 Tamarack Drive. PTC will be announcing the results of the Teacher's Wish List. They will also have a few events they will be announcing for December. Please join the PTC and share your wonderful ideas!
- ❖ **\*Location Change\* Colonial Theme Day Planning Meeting:** The Colonial Theme Day Planning Committee will not be meeting at the RSA II campus this Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> as originally scheduled; they will instead be meeting at the RSA main campus to begin setting up for the following day. If you are available and would like to help out, please join them at 3:15 at the RSA main campus. For more information, please contact [sfernandez@gwusd.org](mailto:sfernandez@gwusd.org).
- ❖ **Theatre Booster Club (TBC) Meeting:** The next meeting for TBC will be held on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the RSA main campus. Don't forget, you get volunteer hours by attending all committee meetings!

## Volunteer Opportunities

- ❖ **Snack Cart Volunteer Needed:** RSA is in need of a volunteer to sell snacks to the students at elective recess on Thursdays. Volunteers will earn approximately one hour of volunteer time each week. Please contact Jeanie Carlon at 242-1262 if you are interested.
- ❖ **Snack Cart Donations:** Snack Cart is looking for healthy snacks such as popcorn, granola bars, fruits, and veggies. Earn volunteer hours while supplying snacks; homemade treats for 30 earns 1 hour of volunteer time, store bought treats for 30 earns you 1/2 hour, with a limit of 10 hours per school year. Please list ingredients for all homemade items in order to alert those with food allergies.

## Outside Interest Opportunities

*Numerous opportunities are posted on the RSA/PTC bulletin board. RSA makes no recommendation for any particular instructor or program.*

- ❖ **Children's Ballroom Dance:** Nina Flanagan is offering ballroom dance lessons to students, ages 9 - adult. Nina has been teaching children's ballroom dance for twenty-five years. Educated at the Kieve Institute in Russia from the time she was a child, her classes offer a variety of styles from the Cha-Cha to Russian Folk Dance, Character dance, Waltz, and Tango. Class enrollment is ongoing and partners are not needed to learn the specific footwork. Fee is \$80 for an 8-week session or a drop-in rate of \$12, which will credit towards registration. For more information, please contact Redding Ballet Academie at 1726 Market Street or call 241-6649 or 524-1251.

## Community Events

- ❖ **Redding City Ballet's Nutcracker:** Tickets are now on sale for this year's production of The Nutcracker by Redding City Ballet Company. Performances will be held December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., with a Children's Matinee and Sugar Plum Reception December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Cascade Theatre Box Office, 243-8877.
- ❖ **Community Art Classes:** Sign up now for classes at Blooming Talent! Parent & Me Mosaics and Craft Hour are just a couple of the classes they are offering. Classes range from 2 to 18 years old! Call 245-0554 for more information.