

Rising Stars perform in Talent Show Feb. 10

Come see our school's "Rising Stars" at the annual Talent Show on Friday, February 10 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

The show, sponsored by the PTA, will be presented in two school assemblies during the day on February 10. Performers in kindergarten-grade 3 will perform for K-3 classes at 8:15 a.m. and those in grades 4 and 5 will perform for 4-5 classes at 9:40 a.m.

The evening version of the show begins with the K-3 performers at 5:30 p.m. Following a 15-minute intermission, students in grades 4 and 5 will go on stage at about 7 p.m.

For more information or if you would like to help out, please contact PTA Talent Show Chairperson Barbara Hamilton at 672-5671.

Learn about college readiness from PUSD superintendent

It's not too early to start thinking about college. Poway Unified School District Superintendent Don Phillips will discuss how to prepare students for education beyond high school during his visit to Rolling Hills on Thursday, February 16.

Dr. Phillips's talk will take place at approximately 7 p.m., immediately following the Rolling Hills PTA Association meeting, which will begin at 6:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

How can parents begin to plan ahead and provide support for the future of their students? Come hear Dr. Phillips and learn about:

- *The importance of starting NOW, in elementary school.*
- *The place of effort and motivation in post-secondary education.*
- *How habits of the mind are created at the elementary school level.*
- *The intrinsic value of learning.*
- *How raising one's aspirations and motivation can achieve success.*

Take advantage of this opportunity to hear Dr. Phillips and ask him questions. Superintendent of PUSD since September 2001, he has 24 years of experience in education administration. His commitment to continuous learning is reflected in his numerous contributions to publications and workshops at the state and national levels.

You're invited! PTA meeting Feb. 16

Everyone in the Rolling Hills Elementary community is invited to participate in the next Rolling Hills PTA Association meeting, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, in the Multi-Purpose Room. Dues-paying PTA members are eligible to vote at the meeting. During the meeting, PTA members will be asked to elect the Nominations Committee for the 2006-07 PTA Board, approve revisions to the Standing Rules recommended by the PTA Executive Board and adopt the final 2004-05 audit.

Election of the Nominations Committee will begin the process of assembling the PTA Board for the next school year. More information about this process and how you can get involved with the PTA will be available in upcoming newsletters. In addition, PTA Treasurer A-Quan DeShano will give a report on PTA finances since the last Association meeting in September.

For more information, please contact PTA President Mark Stadler at rhptaprez@earthlink.net or 672-1481.

Celebrate school counselors in February

The American School Counselor Association is celebrating National School Counselors Week February 6-10 to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counselors Week highlights the tremendous impact that counselors have in helping students achieve school success now and in the future.

According to the Elementary Counseling section of the PUSD website — <http://www.powayusd.com/admin/wellness/counselors/> — the grant funding that has made counselors possible on the elementary school level **expires at the end of the current school year**. Watch for information that will be sent home with students prior to February 6 about activities and fund-raising efforts to keep counseling at the elementary school level in the Poway Unified School District.

Puma Tracks goes bi-weekly

Puma Tracks, the Rolling Hills newsletter published by the PTA, will go on an every-other-week publishing schedule beginning this month. This means you should look for the next issue on February 16 or 17, depending on when your child's teacher sends it home.

The monthly school calendar, which has been published as part of *Puma Tracks*, will now be printed on a separate sheet of paper that will be distributed in the last information packet of each month. So the March calendar will go home with other school information near the end of February.

If you have an item for the March calendar, please send it to rhptaprez@earthlink.net by February 17. We also are always looking for people who would like to write articles for *Puma Tracks*. Please contact the same email address if you have interested in helping out with an occasional article.

Puma Valedictorians step forward

The Eaton and Rzonca families have taken big steps toward helping our school raise enough money to restore physical education, music and art curriculum to Rolling Hills. The Rolling Hills Foundation volunteers thank each of these families for donating \$100 toward that goal. By doing so, they have become our first ***Puma Valedictorians!***

Their level of generosity entitles each family to decorate a tile that we will post on the school wall to both commemorate their children's time here and beautify our school for decades to come. Their tax-deductible donation to the Rolling Hills Foundation kicks off the newest fund-raising program for the year

Stay tuned to hear about more opportunities to buy and decorate a tile for the Puma Wall. Donations help us pay for music and art teachers and an award-winning PE curriculum developed by San Diego State University. For more information about the Foundation, visit its website at <http://www.powayusd.com/pusdrhes/parentsplace/found.htm>. Business supporters can also participate at the \$500 level.

Box tops equal new books for LRC

The latest *Box Tops for Education* competition is on! Clip your box tops and return them to school by Feb. 27. So far, we have raised \$539 — more than halfway to our goal of \$1,000 to purchase new books for the Learning Resource Center. Thanks to everyone who has participated so far! The three classes that bring in the most box tops get their choice of a Popsicle or ice cream sandwich party.

Another way to help Rolling Hills reach and even surpass this goal is to join the *Box Tops for Education Booster Club* at boxtops4education.com. Signing up takes only a few minutes and offers many rewards. You will be eligible to see our school's box top earnings, get chances to win "Bonus BT" for Rolling Hills, print coupons, and more.

For more information, please contact Virginia Gaters at 672-5628.

Cookie dough sale a success for Rolling Hills

The PTA thanks to all the students who participated in its annual Cookie Dough Sale fundraiser, which ended January 20. Students sold more than 500 tubs and pre-portioned packages of cookie dough, with chocolate chunk cookies being the runaway favorite. Our top sellers this year were Lindsey P. (room 11/Gray) and Breanna B. (room 20/Wusthoff). Congratulations also go out to the students from Mrs. McNaul's class, who sold the most items overall.

The products will be delivered in early February. We will keep you posted regarding the exact date and arrangements for pickup as soon as possible.

Forty percent of the money paid to purchase cookie dough will be returned to the PTA, which will invest the proceeds in programs and services such as school assemblies, student awards, transportation for field trips, classroom supplies, the Learning Resource Center, Community Liaison position, family programs and the student chorus. For information or to help with delivery of the products, please contact Carmelle Remillard, the PTA Cookie Dough Chairperson, at 603-3665.

Top runners for December recognized

Following is a list of the top Run Club runners in each grade for the December:

Kindergarten: Kyle S., room 8/Tebbetts; *First:* Christine Y., room 5/Cupples; *Second:* Audrey B., room 23/Golden; *Third:* Sydney B., room 23/Coate; *Fourth,* Kaitlyn C., room 23/Sturhann; *Fifth:* Martin D., room 23/Wusthoff.

Congratulations, runners!

Provide items to support festival

The PTA is collecting two items for the school's Multicultural Festival, which will take place in March. We need clean, empty yogurt containers and canceled stamps from foreign countries. If you have any to contribute, please drop them off at the office. Thank you!

Buy a ball, support P.E. at Rolling Hills



You can buy a new football or basketball from the Rolling Hills Foundation in February and support the school's physical education program.

The Foundation, the non-profit organization that provides P.E., art and music instruction to all Rolling Hills students, will sell Sportime Max footballs and basketballs after school on February 10 and 17 by the flagpole. The balls cost \$11 each, of which \$4 will be returned to the Foundation to help fund the school P.E. program.

For information, contact Lorena Welch of the Foundation at 672-1893.

Thanks to Katrina book drive supporters

The Harrison County School District in Gulfport, Mississippi, has sent its thanks to everyone who participated in the recent Hurricane Katrina Book Drive. Members of the Rolling Hills community were among the people from the Poway Unified School District who contributed 60,000 books to the drive. "Your donation was quite welcomed by our school district, because many of our schools lost valuable library and classroom books during the storm," wrote Henry Arledge, the district's superintendent. "Thank you for thinking of us. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will not be forgotten."

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