

PUMA TRACKS

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Dear Parents and Friends of Rolling Hills,

As we come to the end of the school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank each member of our learning community for your innumerable contributions of time, energy, and support of our staff and students both in and out of the classroom. We have

accomplished a lot this year as a school community. Our patience and flexibility has paid off as we now get to enjoy our PTA sponsored Literacy Garden. In addition we recently learned that Rolling Hills has earned the distinction of achieving a 10/10 state and similar school's ranking. This is a distinction that our school has earned for four of the last five years. It is an indicator of sustaining student achievement levels over time and the high degree of dedication to educating our children that the staff and parent community is committed to maintaining. The art of educating children truly requires all of us working together in order to achieve the best result. Rolling Hills is strong in this arena because collectively we recognize and esteem education as

the path to college readiness and a future of promise for our children.

Please know that the staff and I extend our heartfelt thanks to you for a splendid year of helping us to continue building a learning community that is solid and strong. I'd like to acknowledge the PTA Board and members and the Rolling Hills Foundation for the incredible programs, family activities, and fundraising they have sponsored for the school this year. We could not accomplish all that we do without this level of support and commitment to making things happen for our kids.

I hope you and your loved ones have a safe, fun-filled, exciting summer. Parents, please encourage your children to read, write, and practice math facts throughout the summer in order to maintain fluency and skills learned this year.

With best wishes,

Kathleen Marshack
Principal



**DON'T FORGET ABOUT
SURPRISING YOUR
LOVED
ONES WITH
OPERATION PUMA!
PLEASE SEE
ORDER FORM ON
PAGE 3.**

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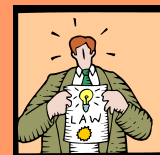
Congratulations to the Rolling Hills Classified Employee of the Year Elisabeth Leatherberry, ELL Instructional Assistant. Elisabeth organizes our English Language

Learner program for EL students. She also provides additional instructional support to students who are learning the English language.

Congratulations to the Rolling Hills Volunteer of the Year Dianne Buss. For the past year Dianne has been the Puma Tracks publisher and Yearbook Chair as well as Talent Show Chair for the past two years. Thank you, Dianne for your outstanding support of our school community.

HELP WANTED:

Come join our dynamic Rolling Hills PTA as the Legislation Chair. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. Help advocate for our children and our schools by staying current on education policy issues and by supporting state, county and local PTA advocacy efforts. The position can include writing newsletter articles and giving presentations to the PTA board and membership. For more information please contact Melissa Thurber at MThurberPTA@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events

June 3rd	"K" Performance Parents Only 9:00
June 3rd	Last Day of Music
June 3rd	Jamba Juice
June 6th	Beach Day Lunch
June 7th	5th Grade Promotion 1:15 – 2:15
June 8th	5th Grade Picnic/Softball 11:00-2:00
June 9th	Last Day of School 12:50 Dismissal



Invent Now proudly presents the wonder and excitement of the **Camp Invention** program. Led by local educators, this engaging program immerses children in grades one through six in hands-on, inquiry based activities disguised as fun!
Discounts are available — register today!

Rolling Hills Elementary in San Diego
on June 13 - 17, 2011

Register with a friend and both receive \$25 off
Limited partial scholarships available.

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Thank you to all who supported RHES and the PTA this year. Due to your support the PTA was able to donate the following to RHES:

- AED difibulator
- Over \$3,000 of books for the library
- Bulbs for projectors
- Two sets of Vocabulary Books, which supports two grade levels
- Approx 100 AR Tests
- Wipes, pencils and kleenex for classrooms
- Around \$2,000 for the school to use for printing and supplies

We appreciate all that you do and the support you provide! Have a wonderful summer!!

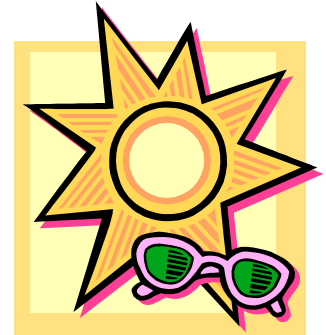


Spirit Wear Still Available!

If you would still like to purchase a kid's RHE t-shirt please email Anne McKeirnan at anne.mckeirnan@gmail.com. We have extras for sale at \$10 each. No hoodies or adult shirts are available at this time. Contact Anne directly to purchase a kid's shirt before school starts next year!

THE LEARNING DOESN'T END DURING SUMMER AND POWAY UNIFIED CAN HELP!

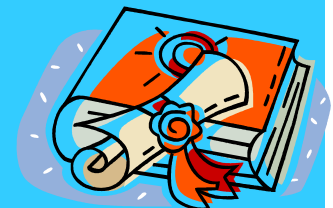
**Poway Adult School (for Kids!)
summer camps will take place June
13th through July 8th. Register now,
while there are still openings! Go
on the Poway Adult School website at:
www.powayadulthood.com Questions? Please phone
(858) 668-4024.**



MISS OUT ON ORDERING A YEARBOOK? DON'T DESPAIR!

Yearbooks will be sold right before school ends on Monday June 6th- Wednesday June 8th or until we sell out. Cost is \$20. Don't miss out on the first RHES yearbook in **COLOR!** But they are going fast!

If you can't make it after school please contact Dianne Buss at dbussofmv@sbcglobal.net to arrange to pay for and pick up your yearbook.





OPERATION PAWED

a wonderful way to recognize . . .



a birthday . . .



achievement . . .



special occasion . . .

We are proud to announce
“OPERATION PAWED”

A fundraising program new to RHES!!!

THE MISSION: A secret team of PUMA’s will arrive at your ‘mission address’ under the guise of darkness on a night requested by you and set up “You’ve Been PAWED” signs in the front yard for everyone to see the next day! The signs will remain in the yard for approximately 24 hours (9pm to 9pm).

THE COST: A minimum donation of **only \$25** for 24 hours. Date cannot be confirmed until payment is received. *(Checks payable to RHES PTA)*
limited to PQ and Carmel Mountain addresses only

QUESTIONS: Please contact Steffanie Rios at stefanie_rios@rocketmail.com occasions



Return form to PAWED BOX in the School Office

YOUR Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Name of Person to be PAWED: _____

Requested Date: _____ Occasion: _____

Address of Mission: _____

A confirmation email will be sent to you once your requested date can be verified.

Keep Collecting Over the Summer!





Announcing California's 1st Summer Engineering Experience for Kids (SEEK) Camp!



June 20th - July 8th
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

2011 SEEK
Summer Day
Camp



San Diego Gas & Electric, San Diego State University, NRG Energy, and the San Diego Urban League in partnership with the National Society for Black Engineers (NSBE) are pleased to offer a **FREE** Summer Engineering Experience for Kids (SEEK) camp this summer.

SEEK is a **FREE**, three-week camp for 3rd - 5th grade students. Its mission is to increase students' aptitude in math and science as well as their interest in pursuing science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) career fields, by having them engage in interactive, team-based engineering projects.



Located at
San Diego State
University



*Space is limited to
the first 150
students, so visit
www.nsbe.org
today to register to
guarantee a spot.*

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