



# the Mustang News

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## Important Dates

Dec. 19th –30th **Winter Break**

Jan. 2nd **Staff Development day, No School**

## Lap-A-Thon Winners!

We just wanted to take a moment to congratulate the winners of this years 2011 Lap-A-Thon. You all did an outstanding job and here are the top class winners. Each winner received the backpack, the wallet and a giftcard to Swirl!

### Kindergarten

Mrs. Cavanna- Alley Greenwald  
Mrs. Klimas- Olivia Casellini  
Mrs. Pelissetti- Lochlan McLean  
Mrs. Winter- Satya Whitby

### 1st:

Mrs. Ott/Gallardo—Tucker Ritti  
Mrs. Smith—Beckett Mansbridge  
Mrs. Stieg—Colin Johnston

### 2nd:

Mrs. Cellers—Cameron Afrookteh  
Mrs. Ford—Ellie Casey  
Mrs. Holko—Toby Lamorte  
Mrs. Olenberger—Elly Boen

### 3rd:

Mrs. Armanini—Westley Kokolios  
Mr. Engle—Adam Rohosy  
Mrs. McKenna—Kirsten Ehrke

### 4th:

Mr. Garry—Jaden Krietzman  
Mrs. Hess—Sam Pinto  
Mr. Yeakle—Devin Brown

### 5th:

Mrs. Gallagher—Kylie Smith  
Mr. Gasparini—Nicco Popili

### Overall winner:

Nicco Pompili (Gasparini)

### Runner up:

Perri Russel (Gasparini)

### Classes:

1st—Mr Gasparini  
2nd—Mrs. Gallagher  
3rd—Mrs. Pelissetti



Finally, we truly wanted to send a big, heartfelt thank you to our proud sponsor, Swirl. You are our favorite yogurt shop in all of San Anselmo! Thank you for your willingness to sponsor our great cause—Wade Thomas school. The gift cards that you gave each of our class winners will be savored for a long, long time.

## music auditions!

### Attention Young Musicians:

the Richard Judd (K-5) and Nancy Scott (6-8) Music Scholarship Auditions will return this spring.

Watch this newsletter in January for more information regarding requirements, applications and audition dates. You may also contact **Nancy Scott** at [scotts281@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scotts281@sbcglobal.net).

## Emergency Hotline (415) 721-4751

The Mustang News is published weekly on Fridays. Please submit newsletter articles by Wednesday (two days prior), 3pm to [marlana@rossvalleyschools.org](mailto:marlana@rossvalleyschools.org). All submissions will be approved by the Ross Valley School District office prior to inclusion.

## New Child Passenger Law

**In case you haven't already heard, this is to let you know that a new child passenger law goes in to effect beginning January 1, 2012.**

This new law, signed by Governor Brown on October 4, 2011, amended Vehicle Code sections 27360 and 27363 and revises the age and height requirements for children to be secured in a rear seat in an appropriate child passenger restraint system. The new child passenger restraint system law requires the following:

*A child who is under age 8 years shall be properly secured in a rear seat in an appropriate child passenger restraint system meeting federal safety standards, except under any of the following circumstances:*

- 1. The child is four feet nine inches or taller, in which case a safety belt may be used.*
- 2. Use of a child passenger restraint system would be impractical by reason of physical unfitness, medical condition, or size and an appropriate special needs child passenger restraint system is not available.*

- 3. There is no rear seat, the rear seats are side-facing jump seats or rear-facing seats, the child passenger restraint system cannot be installed properly in the rear seat, all rear seats are already occupied by children under age 8 years, or medical reasons necessitate that the child not ride in the rear seat.*
- 4. The child is otherwise exempted by law.*

For our upcoming field trips in the new year, we will need to abide by this new law, so please plan accordingly for upcoming field trips as students who are not properly secured in accordance with this new law will not be able to attend the field trip. Thank you very much for your cooperation. As with the previous requirement, if your child requires a car safety seat, you will need to bring one to school on the day of the field trip.

For more information, check out the California Highway Patrol website at <http://www.chp.ca.gov/community/safeseat.html>

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## School Lunch Program News!

**Tell us what you think!** Please participate in our lunch survey over the holidays to help us improve the lunch program to meet your needs. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RVSDlunch2011>. It will just take a minute!

Give the gift of healthy food and order January lunches for your students as a stocking stuffer—a gift you both can enjoy! **All new accounts set up by December 16th receive \$5.00 off their first order!**



All meals are ordered online at <http://www.choicelunch.com/> or on your iPhone app using registration code **Ross**. Meals can be ordered the day before and cancelled the day of for credit (great on sick days!). Feel free to order as many or as few meals as you'd like—it's a treat for everyone to get a hot lunch at the end of a long week!

**Questions?** Contact Susan Reed at 451-4074 or via email: [food@rossvalleyschools.org](mailto:food@rossvalleyschools.org).



# Holiday Sharing Program

**Marin Child Care Council is collecting donations of toys and gifts for the 250+ families in need through their Holiday Sharing Program.**

**Donors are welcome to contribute any of the following items:**

- **New and unwrapped toys, games, books or clothing for children of all ages (infant- teen).**

→ # of children 0-3 = 101

→ # of children 4-5 = 96

→ # of children 6-10 = 185

→ # of children 11-12 = 51

→ # of older teen siblings = 61

- **Gift cards to stores such as Kohl's, Target, Safeway (or *any* store in the mall for the teens)**

**The donation drop-off is located on the table in the hallway outside of Mary Jane Burke's office located at the**

**Marin County Office of Education  
1111 Las Gallinas Ave., San Rafael, CA, 94903  
P.O. BOX 4925, San Rafael, CA 94913**

We would greatly appreciate receipt of donations by 5:00pm on December 14th.

**Thank you for your generosity to the children and families in Marin through the Holiday Sharing Program.**

Marin Child Care Council is a Not for Profit 501(c)3 organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

Any questions, please contact Mary Jane Burke by phone at 415 499 5801 or by email at [mjburke@marin.k12.ca.us](mailto:mjburke@marin.k12.ca.us)



**“COMMUNITY INFORMATION”  
DECEMBER 2011 – UPDATED 12.14.11**

(RVSD happenings, various community programs, services and other opportunities)

**WINTER BREAK**

All district sites including the District Office will be closed from  
Monday, December 19, 2011 through Monday, January 2, 2012  
Offices re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2012

**DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Thursday  
Open: 8 am to 12 noon / Open: 2 pm to 4 pm  
Closed Friday

**RVSD BOARD MEETINGS**

(All meetings are held at the District Office (DO), 110 Shaw Drive, San Anselmo, CA, Board Conference Room / Check website for updates)

• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 1/10/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u>	Tues., 1/24/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Special Board Policy Mtg.</u>	Mon., 1/30/12	4-6 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Special Board Policy Mtg.</u>	Tues., 2/7/12	4-6 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 2/14/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u>	Tues., 2/28/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Special Board Policy Mtg.</u>	Mon., 3/5/12	4-6 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 3/13/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u>	Tues., 3/27/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 4/3/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Special Board Policy Mtg.</u>	Tues., 4/17/12	4-6 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u>	Tues., 4/24/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 5/8/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u>	Tues., 5/22/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 6/12/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u>	Tues., 6/26/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room

NOTE: Meeting locations sometimes change at the last minute for a variety of reasons; but most often to accommodate anticipated overflow public attendance. **Please check Agenda Online for the meeting location.** If you have any questions, contact the Superintendent's Office at 415.451.4060.

For a board agenda and all supporting documents please visit <http://rvsd.csbaagendaonline.net> or pick-up a copy at the District Office. (Note: Agenda and board packet information are available 72 hours prior to each meeting.) Questions: Call 415.454.2162 or e-mail [superintendent@rossvalleyschools.org](mailto:superintendent@rossvalleyschools.org).

**OTHER RVSD MEETINGS / EVENTS**

Visit the link - <http://www.rossvalleyschools.org/calendar>

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## ATTACHMENTS

- None

## COMMUNITY LINKS

- **San Anselmo Recreation Department /Stay N' Play After School Enrichment Programs**, Questions: Contact the San Anselmo Recreation Dept., 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo at Tel. 415.258.4640/Fax. 415.455.8229 or online at [www.townofsananselmo.org/](http://www.townofsananselmo.org/). *Note: Fees involved.*
- **Town of San Anselmo News**: For information on the happenings in the Town of San Anselmo log-on to [www.townofsananselmo.org](http://www.townofsananselmo.org).
- **PATCH**: For local news - <http://sananselmofairfax.patch.com>
- **Safe Routes to School**: For information: <http://www.saferoutestoschools.org/>
- **School/Pool/Marin**: Carpool, walk, bike or bus together. [www.School/Pool/Marin.org](http://www.School/Pool/Marin.org)!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sing with the Marin Girls Chorus - Registration for grades K-8**: Classes begin January 16 – Early bird discount through January 1. For more information visit the website at [www.marinchorus.org](http://www.marinchorus.org) or call 415.827.7335.
- **Family Service Agency of Marin**: Family Service Agency of Marin is again offering *Parenting Apart: Education and Support for Co-Parenting After Separation or Divorce*, a series of six meetings for parents who are separated or divorced. In the class, parents will learn skills that promote the healthy development of their children and help manage conflict with the other parent. The class focuses on positive actions parents can take for the benefit of the children. Only one parent from a couple attends the series at a time; participation by the other parent at a later series is *not necessary*, though we encourage it. An in-person interview is required before admission to the class; interviews are scheduled no later than one week before the class begins. Our next Parenting Apart series will begin Wednesday, January 11, 2012. We offer both evening (6PM – 7:30PM) and daytime classes (11AM – 12:30PM); free childcare is offered during the evening slot. Fees are on a sliding scale based on family income; rates vary from \$15 to \$40 per meeting. For more information or to schedule an interview, call 415/491-5723. FSA of Marin is located in Terra Linda, across the street from Northgate Mall at 555 Northgate Drive.