



9.2.22



Happy Friday Ruskin Families,

Hello. What a great week! It is also a three day weekend. Yay!!! The students and staff have worked hard so they truly deserve this break, as do you!! We had so many amazing experiences this week. I can't wait to share with you.

Please remind your child to cover their mouth when they are coughing or sneezing. Better yet, please keep them home if they are ill. COVID is still alive and well. We have had several COVID cases this week and last week. For the most current procedures regarding reporting a positive case, please see the COVID section of the newsletter. It is imperative that you re-register your child this current school year using the testing link below and upload the results. We want to be as safe as possible.

Parents please remember, for student safety, it is against district policy to record or photograph students while on campus, without parent consent. While we cannot be

there to monitor these actions, we are counting on you to abide by them. Thank you for your cooperation.

On Monday, September 5th, parents will receive an email from the district assessment coordinator regarding the CAASP (or SBAC) results from last year. This is for students who were in 3rd-5th grade last year. The email will give you information on how to go to the Portal to view the scores. If you have never picked up a parent portal key from the office, you may do so during the following hours **starting Tuesday 9/6:**

- 11:30-1:30
- 2:30-3:30

You will need your driver's license to pick up this information. **If you do not wish to receive your parent portal info, the office can print out the assessment results for you. Pick up would be during the same hours listed above.** Thanks!

# Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15-October 15



September 15-October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage month. This month is set aside to recognize and honor achievements and contributions of amazing Hispanic Americans who have inspired others to achieve success. During this month we will be spotlighting different

American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Also, Mexico and Chile celebrate their Independence Days on September 16th. Here is a kid friendly video that talks about [Why we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month](#).



## Monday Morning Flagpole

Thank you to all of you who were able to join us for our Monday morning flag pole. It was great to see so many parents join us. We introduced our new TK Teacher Ms. Athwal and her Instructional Associate Ms. Aggarwal. We also recognized some pretty amazing kids who earned the first **Beeps** of the school year by being caught doing something good. Nice job!



## COLLEGE THURSDAYS

Hey.... I love to see the College Thursday support!!! It makes me smile! This is so great for our kids to see the representation of different colleges. I really love seeing the parents in their gear dropping off their kids. That is awesome! Today's featured college is California State University Long Beach (CSULB). Located in sunny Long Beach California, it is the second largest CSU school. It was established in 1949. It is known for its art school and film program. As a matter of fact, one of its most notable graduates is Academy Award-winning film director Steven Spielberg. Another notable graduate (at least to me) is my daughter, Amari, who earned a degree in cinema in 2021. Nicknamed "The Beach", CSULB strives for diversity and is recognized for being a Hispanic-serving institution, which means at least 25% of its undergraduate student population is Hispanic or Latino. Impressive!



One of our Ruskin parents in her college gear. Mrs. Choi and her daughter representing UC Berkeley.



## Music Classes Started at Ruskin

Music classes started this week for our 4th and 5th graders. Our two new music teachers, Ms. Phoebe Lin and Mr. Joey Medeiros are working with the students in either wind and band instruments. This is an elective class for students. The classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Soon our halls will be filled with the sounds of beautiful music!



## **Coffee with the Principal**

Thank you to all of you that were able to log onto our very first virtual Coffee with the Principal this past Tuesday. We had about 40 participants logged on. It was nice to chat and interact with you all. I look forward to seeing even more of our Ruskin families at our next meeting on September 20th at 4 PM. Come log on and please don't forget to mute yourselves. The link will be sent out a week before the meeting. Here are a list of the upcoming dates through December:

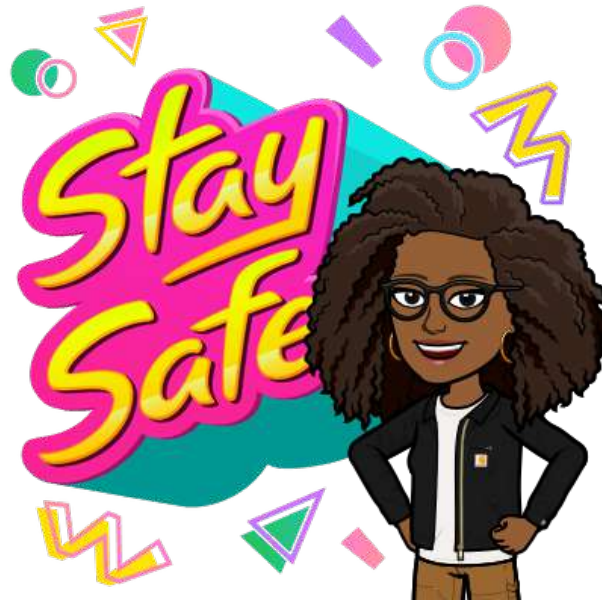
**September 20**  
**October 18**  
**November 29**  
**December 20**

## **Vaccine Clinic**





Next Saturday, September 10th, the district will be putting on a Vaccination clinic at Morrill Middle School from 10-2. The following vaccines will be given: COVID 19 (ages 3+), Flu, TDAP, Shingles, Pneumonia and Rapid Antigen Test Kits. Registration is required. Use the QR code in the flyer to register.





**SAFEWAY**  Pathway to the Future

# VACCINATION CLINIC\* COVID-19 (ages 3+)



**Flu**  
**TDAP**   
**Shingles**  
**Pneumonia**  
**Rapid Antigen Test Kits**

Registration required.  
Insurance is optional.

\*COVID-19 vaccination is free and other vaccinations offered may have a cost and/or not covered by insurance. Safeway can take check or credit card.



**Saturday, September 10**

**Morrill Middle School**

1970 Morrill Ave., 95132

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

## Traffic Safety

We appreciate everyone's efforts in keeping students, staff and parents safe during traffic times. Here are some reminders. The newest reminders are highlighted in yellow:

- Please **NO left turns** out of the horseshoe. There is a posted sign.
- Please do not leave your cars unattended in the horseshoe
- Please do not park in the bus zone in front of the school
- Please stop at **ALL** four corners of the crosswalk when you see the crossing guard holding the stop sign up



- Please have your child ready to hop out to minimize the wait time
- Please do not cut off other cars to pull in and drop your child off
- Please do not double park and let your students out in the middle of the parking lot
- Please be courteous and do not park in or block neighbor's driveways
- Come early, park on the Tulare side and walk in
- Walk your child to school, if possible (it is good quality time )

One again, we appreciate your assistance in helping us to keep our students, staff and school community safe. **If you would like to volunteer to help with traffic, please contact the office at (408) 923-1950.**



## REMINDERS:

### Updated Volunteer Forms

If you are interested in volunteering on campus, on field trips, with traffic or in any capacity, please make sure to fill out an **updated** district volunteer form. They are listed here, in the school office or district office [volunteer form 10 A](#) [volunteer form 10 B](#) [volunteer 10 C FAQ](#). Please keep in mind that you need to be fully vaccinated, have a current TB test and pass the criminal background conducted by the district in order to directly work with students. We welcome all interested volunteers!!!



### Back to School Night Reminder

Please remember that Back to School night will be on Thursday, September 8th. It will be **in person**. The times will be split between upper and lower grades. The schedule will be as follows:

- Upper Grades 5:00-5:45
- Lower Grades 6:00-6:45

Hope to see you there!





## COVID UPDATE

Starting this school year, at this time, the district will no longer be offering the weekly surveillance on site COVID testing. If your child has symptoms, we will be sending them home with a district provided home test kit. A negative test result must be uploaded into the system. **All District issued COVID-19 home tests results must be reported to Primary Health. You must re-register EVERY school year.** Please register at: [https://my.primary.health//busd\\_2022](https://my.primary.health//busd_2022) Then bookmark/use this link to upload all home test result(s) at [https://my.primary.health/appointment\\_recoveries](https://my.primary.health/appointment_recoveries) Masks are not required but strongly recommended.



For convenience, school breakfast and lunch menus may be downloaded from the [SNS Menu webpage](#). You can also sign up to receive them automatically by email by clicking [here](#) or on this image:

Going Green!  
**Menus**



Click to sign up to have your menu emailed automatically

\* menus are subject to change, depending on product availability

- Please email [sns@busd.net](mailto:sns@busd.net) or call 408-923-1875 or 408-923-1879 if you have any questions.

3 DAY WEEKEND



● It's been a great week! Have a fun, safe and productive three day weekend!!

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Sincerely,  
LaKeisha Blackshire, Principal

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