

CRPUSD News

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Our very own Jessica Holman, teacher from Rancho Cotate High School, has been named 1 of 5 finalists (out of 100+ entries) for the NBC Bay Area 2022 All-Star Teacher Award. This award recognizes middle and high school teachers in Northern and Central California for their dedication to their students in school and in the community. Jessica teaches Student Government and CTE classes. Her dedication has led her students in serving their community and has given them the ability to learn valuable leadership skills. This year alone, Jessica's ASB students have been in charge of raising 10,000 pounds of food to our local food pantry NOAH, raised \$2,500.00 for local breast cancer patients, providing 65 presentations for Unity Week, and continued being the leading blood donor high school spanning from Sonoma to Mendocino Counties. The winning teacher will receive \$20,000 for their school! Yes! This means that if Jessica wins, Rancho Cotate High will receive \$20,000.

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

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This is where YOU come in. Voting for your favorite finalist can be done [online](#) April 11 to June 6.

Congratulations Jessica! We appreciate your dedication to your students and to your community.

Committees

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC)

The Citizens Bond Oversight Committee is a group of dedicated volunteers who actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayer money for school construction. Last week we met with this committee and welcomed our two new members, Shannon Spina and Nichole Niklewicz. Paul Pham from Chavan & Associates, LLP attended the meeting virtually and presented the audit report and committee members had the opportunity to ask questions. Shari Lorenz, CBOC chair and Debbie LeBoy, CBOC clerk, were elected by committee members. John Bartolome (CBO) provided a brief overview of the current projects. Shari Lorenz will present to the Board of Education at the April 19th board meeting.

Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)

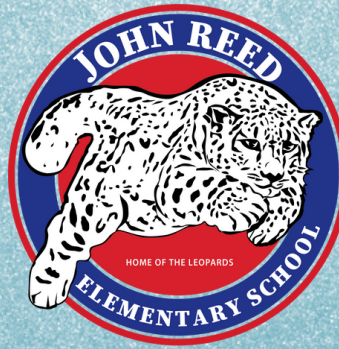
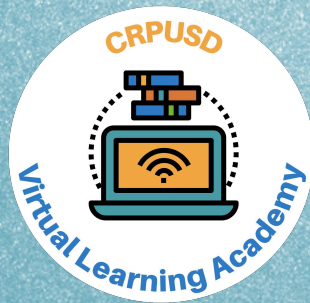
We had an in-person Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) last week to discuss our current budget status. We introduced meeting norms, discussed the purpose of the committee, and reviewed the second interim. John Bartolome (CBO) also shared the Summary 2nd Interim Multi-Year Projection (MYP) which included increased compensation for all three labor partners and management/confidential/non-represented. The BAC will be reviewing the budget carefully and recommending possible cuts. Unfortunately, we did not have all representatives present at the meeting. We value all stakeholders' input and are working on identifying representatives to serve on this important committee.



CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS JOHN REED AND UELF

Congratulations to John Reed and UELF. Both schools have experienced a dramatic decrease in their chronic absenteeism rates. John Reed absenteeism in 2019-2020 was 9.8% and decreased to 3.2% in 2021-2022. UELF went from 7.9% in 2019-2020 to 2.5% in 2021-2022. We are so proud of this impressive work from both our students and staff! Both schools will receive an award at our upcoming board meeting on April 19th. Way to go Snow Leopards and Sea Wolves!



VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY

THE CRPUSD VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR HONORABLE MENTION FOR THE 35TH ANNUAL AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION FROM SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY. CONGRATULATIONS TO MACY JUHOLA, LORI KRIST AND THE ENTIRE STAFF AT THE VLA.

10,000 Degrees

10,000 Degrees, a local non-profit, has an interest in partnering with CRPUSD and working with our RCHS Students. They are focused on serving low-income and underrepresented students in achieving their higher education goals. 10,000 Degrees offers mentoring, workshops, support with the college application process and ongoing support throughout their educational journey. This non-profit has received an anonymous donation which will provide a mentor fellow to work with RCHS students. For more info: click [HERE](#)

School Calendars

The school calendars for 2022-2023 were approved by the Board at the February 15th Board Meeting. Please click [HERE](#) to view.



Volunteers

We are excited to welcome back our volunteers. Below is a link to sign up.

[English Link](#)

[Spanish Link](#)

COVID and Mask Reminders

MASKS ARE CURRENTLY NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL, BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO DEVELOP SYMPTOMS FOR COVID-19 ARE STILL REQUIRED TO TEST NEGATIVE PRIOR TO RETURNING TO SCHOOL.

YOU ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO REPORT SYMPTOMS IN CRISISGO. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL SITE SHOULD YOUR STUDENT TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19.

OUR ON-SITE AND DRIVE-THRU TESTING PARTNER IS CURRENTLY NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE TESTING TO ANYONE WHO IS UNINSURED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TESTED AND HAVE INSURANCE, PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION IN THIS [LINK](#); YOU WILL THEN BE ABLE TO TEST.

THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF PARENTS ABOUT THEIR DECISION ON WHETHER TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN VACCINATED. I HOPE YOU WILL COMPLETE THE SURVEY TO SHARE YOUR INPUT WITH THE COUNTY. PLEASE [SCAN THE QR CODE](#) AND TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL IT OUT.

