

ROA Director Update
Friday, February 12th, 2016

Hello lovely ROA families,

We are back in full swing. It's wonderful to see all the happy faces on our campus. Our "Pizza & Prep Raffle Extravaganza" has started again this week. We will continue next week on Thursday, February 18th with our 6th-8th grade students from 10:00-12:30 (see more info below). We look forward to another exciting event. Please note that today and Monday are school Holidays. The office and school will be closed on both days. Enjoy the long weekend.

The Opera Lab is coming to ROA

The Opera Lab is an innovative highly interactive program designed to teach your students the A-B-and high Cs of opera! Guided by four professional singers specially trained in improvisation, your students will learn the building blocks of this fascinating art form and use them to construct their very own opera, performed for them on the spot.

With its music, theatrics, spectacle and humor, opera has everything people love. That is why year after year, community members and educators who experience Opera Santa Barbara's programs beg for more. Opera Santa Barbara's program, **The Opera Lab** brings an interactive build-an-opera adventure to your students – at no charge to your school!

Our educational outreach programs are made possible due to the generous support of corporate and individual donations.

They will be at ROA on **Wednesday, March 9 at 1:00**. Please sign-up on SignUpGenius.

From our PAC for our Parents:

Attention Parents, this is just for you. While your children are off having fun in our very own ROA Prep & Pizza Raffle Extravaganza, YOU are invited to join other ROA community members for TEA and TREATS. Last month was a delight and we are hoping that this month even more of you join us- this is a great opportunity to meet other parents, discuss topics of interest, or simply to take a few minutes out of your busy day to relax with a cup of tea and a bit of company. Hope to see you there! PAC

More Prep & Pizza Raffle Extravaganza coming in February

The first month of the **Prep & Pizza Raffle Extravaganza** was amazing. We would also like to extend a thank you to our PAC, who made sure that our parents were well taken care of with delicious finger foods, coffee and tea and more. Everybody had a great time, students and parents alike.

We will continue with another round starting on February 11th for our 3rd-5th grade students; February 18th with our 6th-8th grade students and February 19th with our high school students. We look forward to more great things to happen then.

Our "**Prep & Pizza Raffle Extravaganza**" for our students from grade 3-11th, where we help our students become more confident and create a better understanding and awareness of the structure of the state mandated measurements this spring. We are going to have a lot of fun, pizza for lunch and raffle prizes for our students. Many prizes have been donated by our vendors and include:

- Robot Inventor's Workshop Kits (Robotics)
- Tickets to teen shows at the L.A. Connection (Dallas James)
- Superhero drawing of your choice (Michael Voogd)
- Stormy Tales books (Alejandra)
- Drop-in class at Esther's Clay Studio (Esther)
- One 9 week session of Mad Science

- 1 hour photo session or a family portrait (Lee)
- Keychain or Name Tag (3D) (Sandbox)
- Free art lesson (Aaron)
- ½ hour of a guitar lesson at Ken's studio (Ken)
- In N Out and Jamba Juice gift certificates and more.....

Tutoring:

We are happy to let you know that we now also have math support available on campus with our talented new math tutor, Phuong. Here is her short bio for your information:

Phuong Hong graduated from UCLA with a BS in Applied Mathematics and a Masters in Math Education. Since 1997, she taught math at the middle and high school level in public, charter, independent and at private schools. She loves working with students one on one and has tutored privately for over 20 years. In her free time, she enjoys watching her children's sport activities, exercising, being creative and baking.

After the initial assessment of the group, Phuong will adjust the workshop depending on students' needs and strength. She will group students, if necessary, so they benefit the most from this workshop and make sure their needs are addressed.

Here is the info on the workshops/classes:

Thursday, 11-12 Workshop

Grades 5-8

This workshop will be broken into stations for the first 30 minutes and the last 30 minutes will be open to one on one tutoring. The stations will focus on games/activities that cover Number Sense and Algebraic Skills. Students should bring the math materials that they are working on at home and be ready to ask for help.

Thursday, 1-2 Workshop

High School students

This workshop will spend first 15 minutes on study skills/review of math skills and the rest of the time will be open to one on one tutoring. Students will learn how to make different study aides to help them learn the math concepts. Students should bring the math materials that they are working on at home and be ready to ask for help.

We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for your student to get more math support. Please don't hesitate to let us know, if you have any questions.

We are also working on getting another tutor for the younger students (Grades 1-5) set up. We hope to have that in place shortly.

Spring 2016 Workshops and Classes:

Workshops are in full swing. There has been a lot of buzz going on and it seems that everybody likes the choices and our new vendors.

If you are enrolled in Dr. Steve's biology or chemistry class, please remember that you must come to class prepared, so that Dr. Steve can spend time on doing the labs. The class outlines for the two courses are on our website. Please let your teacher know, if you have any questions.

INFORMATION FROM YOUR COUNSELOR:

PSAT 10

Thursday, February 25 at 9am
River Oaks Academy

Registration Open Now!
See Tezo

Now is the time for college bound sophomores and juniors to register for this valuable pre-college activity. The PSAT gets you ready for the new SAT, which is changing this spring. Because this is a practice test, your results will be used by you and your parents to learn more about the new SAT, and to gain valuable test-prep skills. You will also receive free online preparation from Kahn Academy, as well as valuable college and scholarship search assistance.

There is no charge for the PSAT 10! Registration is open now. See Tezo to register; for more information, contact Richard Intlekofer, Counselor, at (richard.intlekofer@roavc.com).

ATTENTION, SENIORS AND PARENTS!

THE FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID), THE FORM USED BY MOST COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AID, NEEDS TO BE FILED BY MARCH 2, 2016. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THE FAFSA, CONTACT RICHARD INTLEKOFER, COUNSELOR, AT [rintlekofer@roavc.com](mailto:rintelekofer@roavc.com). IN ADDITION, MOORPARK COLLEGE WILL BE OFFERING A FREE FAFSA WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, AT 10 AM ON THE MOORPARK CAMPUS. INFORMATION ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY CAN BE FOUND HERE:<http://www.moorparkcollege.edu/departments/student-services/financial-aid>

Problem of the Month:

Attention ROA students!

Given that workshops started at the end of the month, we have decided to extend the problem of the month deadline to February 29th. Have some fun: take the challenge :)

We hope to engage students at all levels of math, to solve the problem of the month. Put your solutions in the mailbox by Tezo's desk and at the end of the month we'll post the winners!

Together, let's grow in our understanding of the value of problem solving. Let's develop and strengthen our ability to find patterns, solve problems in a variety of ways, and persevere through challenging, engaging tasks. Remember that mistakes are valuable, questions are important, math is about creativity and making sense, connecting and communicating, going deeper, not faster!

Check out the beautifully designed and hand made "Problem of the Month" board outside of Claudia's office.

Important Dates:

School Holidays	February 12 th and 15 th (Lincoln's and Washington's Day)
PSAT	Office closed February 25 at ROA
Board meeting @ 6:00 (open to public)	March 3, 2016
Spring Break	March 25 th -April 1 st
Memorial Day	May 30 th
Last day of school	June 9 th

Have a wonderful weekend☺

Your River Oaks homeschool team,
Leslie, Nick, Maria, Michal, Kathy, Amylynn, Leina, Teri, Sherri, Nadia, Marni, Kristen,
Tezo, Beverly, Gina
And
Claudia.