

ROA Director Update
Friday, March 11th, 2016

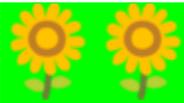
Hello lovely ROA families,



It's that time of the semester again, where we ask that you take our **survey** to evaluate the workshops and classes we offered this spring 2016 semester. As always, we value your input and ask that you take the 10 minutes to answer this survey, as it helps us plan for the fall semester. We hope you will give us input as to new vendors and workshops as well. Remember: These workshops and classes are for your students, so it is really important that we hear what your students would like us to offer, so we can meet as many needs as possible.

The survey will be open from today through Friday, March 18th (2 weeks).

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Spring2016workshops>



5-Week Intersession for Workshops/Classes: Please note that we are working on finalizing a short, 5-week intersession starting the week of May 2nd and going through June 3rd. We should have the vendors lined up and hopefully have everything in place before spring break. We will keep you posted. Classes will be in the afternoon only (12:45-1:45 and 2:00-3:00) due to testing in the am. There will be a few classes each day. Stay tuned!!



Important Reminders:

Administration of Medication: Please know that ROA's school policy **does not** allow for self-administration of any medication on our resource campus, with the exception of auto-injectable epinephrine or inhaled asthma medication. However, before ROA allows a student to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine, or inhaled asthma medication, ROA needs to have a written statement by the student's authorized health care provider. Please see Beverly for information, if you have any questions.

If your student needs any other medication (and that includes Tylenol, Motrin or other over the counter medications), there are forms that need to be filled out and procedures that need to be followed. Please make sure to see Beverly to get the form and more information, if you have questions. Your student is not allowed to carry any of these medications in his/her backpack or otherwise without following the required procedures.

We appreciate your understanding and support with this.



More Prep & Pizza Raffle Extravaganza coming in March

We will continue with another round continuing on **March 17th** (10:30-12:30) for our 6th-8th grade students; **18th** (11:30-12:30) 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.....



New CEC Workshop (high school students only): Captivating Speakers

Captivating Speakers

March 18th - May 6th (8 weeks)

10:15 am - 11:15 am

Calling all high-school students (12 students max)!!! We're happy to bring Chanti Nevin and her talented team from Captivating Speakers to River Oaks Academy. This exciting workshop challenges you to become a more effective communicator. Lessons are innovative and enjoyable with a focus on FUN!

This is a pilot class this semester only. If it is successful (which we are pretty certain it will be), we will bring Chanti back in the fall. So, if you are not able to get in, don't despair. **Also, please note that we will give preference to our seniors, since this is their one and only chance to take this worthwhile and super exciting course.**

Here is the link to the signup:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094eacad29a4fe3-captivating>



Attention High-School Students!!

The Career Education Center (CEC) is about to release their new course catalog for 2016-2017. There are some exciting changes, including even more career pathway courses for you to explore. The CEC is also transitioning to a new registration method, so please note that we will keep you updated as we learn more. As soon as the course catalog is available, we will let you know.



More Math Tutoring:

There will be an **Elementary Math LAB workshop** available on **Tuesdays from 12:45-1:45** in Room 2 starting on March 1st. Alia Sparling will run it and she will be able to work with children grades one through six to help them gain confidence and understanding in Mathematics. Here is a short bio for Alia:

Hello, my name is Alia Sparling and I am a new mathematics tutor for River Oaks Academy. I will be working with elementary school students from grades one through six. I am in my second year of study pursuing an Interdisciplinary Education Studies Major with a Spanish Minor at California Lutheran University. I have been working with children in various different academic, and nonacademic, settings for years. I have done things such as mentored, tutored at the elementary school, and taught at the Pre-School level. As for my math experience, I have done well in courses up through calculus and have taken a course focused on teaching math to elementary school students through my university. Teaching and helping children to gain confidence and understanding, about both the subjects in front of them and themselves, is my passion and I look forward to passing those things on to your children.

More Math Tutoring Available:

Please take advantage of the additional math support we are offering on campus with our 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:

STUDY HALL WITH PHUON ON WEDNESDAY, 11:30-12:30 FOR ALL GRADES

Thursday, 11-12 MATH LAB 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.

Friday, 11:30-12:30 MATH LAB Workshop ---NEW DAY AND TIME

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.



Please note the following Workshop/Class Cancellations:

Due to staff attending the California Charter School Association Conference, the following classes will be cancelled:

1. Maria's Applied Algebra class on Wednesday, March 16 @ 11:30
2. Parent Bootcamp on Wednesday, March 16 @ 10:15

Thank you for your understanding.



The Opera Lab came to ROA

The Opera Lab –what a fun way to introduce children to opera. We learned words, like aria and duet and recitative and even created our own opera: “*It Takes the cake*”. A big thank you to Cynthia Barbedette for getting this fun event organized and for the Opera Lab Troupe who came and visited with us. Hopefully, this will inspire all of you to attend some local operas.



Board Openings:

We are looking for 2 new board members to start serving this fall 2016. We need two parent board members. Our board meets every 1st Thursday of the month. If you are interested and would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact Claudia (claudia.weintraub@roavc.com) or our Board vice-chair, Denise Filz (dfilz@sbcglobal.net) or our Board chair, Kay DeGennaro (kay.degennaro@aol.com). You can find the application on our website (<http://www.roavc.com/governance/about-the-board/>). We are collecting applications through the month of March. We look forward to hearing from you.



Problem of the Month:

Attention ROA students!

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:

Spring Break

Board Meeting
(spring break)

Class Cancellations

March
16 (Wednesday) one day only: Maria's Applied Algebra and Parent Boot Camp are cancelled due to staff attending a conference

Pizza and Prep

Thursday, March
17th, 10:30-12:30, 6th-8th grade students

Friday, March

18th, 11:30-12:30; high school students

March 25th-April 1st

April 14th; 6:00 pm (2nd Thursday this month only due to

Memorial Day

May 30th

Graduation and Year-End Party

June 8th; 11:30 am-

2:30 pm (**make sure to note the earlier time**)

Last day of school

June 9th



Have a wonderful weekend

Your River Oaks homeschool team,

Leslie, Nick, Maria, Michal, Kathy, Amylynn, Leina, Teri, Sherri, Nadia, Marni

Tezo, Beverly, Gina, Richard

and

Claudia