

**ROA Director Update  
Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Hello lovely ROA families,



So many things are happening at ROA. See below for details.



**Upcoming Board openings—Parents please take a moment to cast your votes—read below**

We have three amazing and talented parents interested in our two upcoming board openings. The openings are for outgoing board members, Theresa and Michelle. These are positions 2 and 4 as per our Addendum B, dated September 3, 2015. They are parent nominated positions.

All 3 applicants' short bios and pictures are listed below and you will also get a yahoo group email with the info. We are asking that **parents send in their nominations for 2 of the 3** applicants to Benny (please email Benny at: [Benmartinez@vcoe.org](mailto:Benmartinez@vcoe.org)).

Parents will have **one vote per student enrolled** at the time of the vote. We will open the nomination window starting today, Friday April 15 through Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Benny with the Business Services Authority (our Chief Business Official) will tally the votes and then let us know at the next board meeting what the outcome of the nomination is. As per the Bylaws, the **board will then make the final appointment** for the two positions that will open up in August.



**Please join us for a “Meet the Candidates” breakfast on Friday, April 22 from 8:30-9:30 am to talk with and meet the board candidates.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either Kay DeGennaro ([kay.degennaro@aol.com](mailto:kay.degennaro@aol.com)), Board Chair; Denise Filz ([dfilz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dfilz@sbcglobal.net)), Board Vice Chair and/or Claudia ([claudia.weintraub@roavc.com](mailto:claudia.weintraub@roavc.com)).

**Bio for board position applicants:**

**David Hunt**

My name is David Hunt, and I am just about to complete our first year (6th grade) as a River Oaks Academy family. I have been with the Los Angeles Police Department nearly 25 years

and I have been a Sergeant of police for nearly half of that time. I am currently an assistant scoutmaster with my son's Boy Scout troop in Simi Valley. Prior to this, I was an active member of the United States Air Force during Desert Storm with two tours of combat duty. My interest in becoming a board member is to help inspire and coordinate with others to better our children in a positive and goal-enriching environment.

### **Anna Steele**

I believe that I would make a great addition to the Board at River Oaks Academy for a variety of reasons. To start, I have been homeschooling for 7 years and I continue to have a great passion for it. I believe that my passion can be contagious when connecting with others; helping them to find a new curriculum, a fun new way to approach what has been a challenging area, or just confessing that I face or have faced the same or similar challenge(s). I am motivated to help find the right solution to educate a student based on his or her individual needs and interests. I believe it's also important to provide engaging opportunities to develop areas that are challenging to a student. I also believe it's important to embrace technology and it's many uses in education, as it plays an imperative roll in today's world.

With my previous work history, managing small offices, I tend to be an organized person. The many skills I have acquired over the years have taught me to be a big picture, forward thinker. When a challenge arises I work to find various creative solutions and evaluate those solutions for what works best to achieve the goals at hand. As a home schooling mom today, I enjoy the opportunity to always be learning new skills alongside my son.

A few fun things I've done in the past 8 years; helped with school functions and fundraisers, created a school directory, and coordinated and prepared meals for 120+ women for a Women's Retreat.

### **Jennifer Berryhill**

My name is Jennifer Berryhill and I am seeking a position on the River Oaks Academy School Board. Our family has always been passionate about education, so 14 years ago, we began homeschooling our oldest son, Andrew. When our daughter, Sophia, began Kindergarten, we decided to continue with her as well after discovering the benefits and joys of tailoring a curriculum to our own children's needs. The journey has been challenging and immensely rewarding.

Almost three years ago, my husband and I decided to move our family from Texas to California and discovered River Oaks Academy Charter School. Having previously taught our children as independent homeschoolers, we found the benefits to be incredibly enriching for our daughter. Our youngest son, Charlie, has been a student this year and I can honestly say that it has made a life-altering positive impact in terms of social growth and having such a lovely school to call his own.

My goal in seeking the position on the school board is to give back to the school in ways that help support its mission statement and to share my skills for organization, listening, and practicality. Having been dedicated to providing our children with the best education that suits their particular learning styles and respects them as individuals, I feel that ROA is a place that shares those goals and gives us so much more in terms of social interaction, access to workshops, counseling services and record keeping, and also a community of like-minded people. I would like to help ensure that the school continues to thrive and grow.

I have a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Houston ('94) with a minor in Psychology.

It would be an honor to serve on the board, and I would be diligent and careful to fulfill my responsibilities. I think of myself as someone who is a logical thinker, has a calm disposition, and who cares deeply about the issues that ROA faces in its future. I am a quick learner and I would work hard to learn the processes and procedures that the job requires. Thanks so much for your consideration.

## **News From Your Counselor**

- 1. National College Fair Coming Soon!** Mark your calendars for the evening of **April 25, 2016, from 5:30 until 8:30 pm**, for the National College Fair at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. This outstanding event offers you a chance to meet with representatives from more than 150 colleges and universities from all over the country, as well as to attend workshops on college related topics. You may register now at [www.gotomyncf.com](http://www.gotomyncf.com). Once you have done so, just print your barcode and bring it with you to the Fair. The college reps will scan your barcode and send you information, leaving more time for one-on-one conversations throughout the evening (not to mention a lighter load to carry around!).
- 2. PSAT 10 Results Coming Soon!** If you took the PSAT 10 here at River Oaks on February 25, you may view your results online by April 22. You should have received an email a while ago with instructions as to how to set up your account at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Once you have done so, you will be able to access your scores as soon as they are available. We will conduct test interpretation sessions in May. Mr. Intlekofer will be sending out information regarding these sessions. If you have any questions, email Mr. I. at [richard.intlekofer@roavc.com](mailto:richard.intlekofer@roavc.com).
- 3. ROA High School Info Session!** 8<sup>th</sup> grade students (and anybody else who would like to attend) mark your calendar for May 25 @6:00 for our High School Info Session. Hear from our teachers and our counselor about high school, a-g courses, jr. college courses, career pathways, and much, much more and have all your burning high school questions answered. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## **5-Week Intersession for Workshops/Classes:**

If you have not signed up yet, please do. We have some great classes and workshops for you. The workshop list is on our website, if you can't locate it

### **Sign-ups opened on Wednesday, April 13 @ 8:00 am.** **Sign up Genius Steps to Sign-up:**

#### **Step 1:**

Please log-in to:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/>

(You will need to create an account to see a list of all the workshops).

#### **Step 2:**

At the top of the page you will find a link to "**Find A Sign Up**"

On the right of that page under "**Search by the Sign Up Creator's Email**" enter:

claudia.weintraub@roavc.com

(there will be a captcha code that you will need to enter)

**Step 3:**

You will be taken to a page with the list of all workshops. The workshops are listed alphabetically. You can change the view between "Icon View" and "List View" if you'd like.

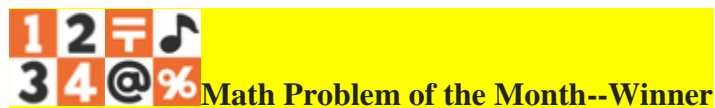
**Click on the title of the workshop** for which you want to sign-up, which will take you to the sign up sheet (this will open a new tab in your browser.)

At the top of that page will be the workshop description and the dates that the workshop will be running.

Scroll down to the first available slot & click "Sign Up." You will then have to click "Submit & Sign Up" at the bottom of the page.

(Please note that the Student Grade Level is a required field.)

On the same page where you are entering the grade level, there is a toggle to display an alternate name for signing up. Please change this to the name of your student that will be attending this workshop.

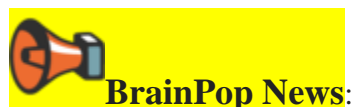


We would like to congratulate all the students who took our Third Problem of the Month challenge for March.

We are proud to announce our winner:

**Congratulations Ryan Prem!**

You may pick up your prize with Tezo.



We are happy to report that we found a solution with BrainPop and are now up and running again. Please let us know, if you have any questions.



It's that time of the year. As you know, having your students participate in our testing is a matter of our charter staying open and our school being funded. Our charter is dependent on our test results, and our authorizer, the County Board of Education, will review not only the results, but will hold our school accountable to make sure that our students make academic progress. We hope that these assessments show a true reflection of our students' efforts and abilities.

Testing days are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each testing week. We are starting at 9:00 and are asking that you be there at least 15 minutes early. We will have snacks for your student. Please know that these tests are not timed (other than the ACT Aspire), and we very

much encourage your student to work at his/her own pace and let us know when he/she wants to take a break and/or finish for the day.

We will have make-up days available for your student, if he/she needs extra time.

**Please talk to your teacher about the details, any questions you might have and/or accommodation requests, during your next week turn in meetings.**

**The following is a list of tests and grade levels:**

3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students: Smarter Balanced (computer online CAASPP test) administered at ROA

3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students: i-Ready (taken at home)

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students: ACT Aspire

5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> grade students: CST Science (paper and pencil)

5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> grade students PE test

**Testing Schedule**

**Smarter Balanced (CAASPP), ACT Aspire and CST Science**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>What Tests</b>
April 25	Grades 3,4	CAASPP/Smarter Balanced (online)
April 25	5, 8, 10	CST Science (paper and pencil)
May 2	5, 8 10	CST Science (paper and pencil)
May 2 and 3 (only)	9, 10	ACT Aspire
May 9	5, 6	CAASPP/Smarter Balanced (online)
May 16	7, 11	CAASPP/Smarter Balanced (online)
May, 23	8, 11	CAASPP/Smarter Balanced (online)

**PE Test Info** (Grades 5,7,9)

Monday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	10 or 11 am
Monday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	10 or 11 am
Monday, May 23	10 or 11 am

**Nick** will administer the PE test again this year. Please make sure to note the new location below. Testing will be at **Oakbrook Park**. The park is located at 2787 Erbes Road (at Pederson) in Thousand Oaks. Please make sure that your student wears comfortable clothing and shoes.

**Please let your teacher know, which day you will be attending, so we can have a roster ready.**



**More Prep & Pizza Raffle Extravaganza coming in March**

We will continue with another round of Prep & Pizza on **April 19th** for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students; on **April 21<sup>st</sup>** for our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (10:30-12:30) and on **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** for our 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> (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 3-11<sup>th</sup>, 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.....



**Important Dates:**

Meet the Board Candidates	April 20, 9:00-10:00 breakfast
Pizza & Prep	April 19 (3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> ; 10:00-12:30) April 21 (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> ; 10:00-12:30) April 22 (9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> ; 11:30-12:30)
State mandated Testing	Starting the week of April 25 <sup>th</sup> -the week of May 23 (see details above)
Board Meeting	May 5; 6:00 pm

High School Info Session                      May 25 @ 6:00 (8<sup>th</sup> grade students and anybody who wants  
to attend and learn about ROA's high school)  
Memorial Day                                      May 30<sup>th</sup> School Holiday/no school/office closed  
**Graduation and Year-End Party**           June 8<sup>th</sup>; 11:30 am-2:30 pm (**make sure to note the  
earlier time**)  
Last day of school                                June 9<sup>th</sup>

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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