



## **ROA Director Update**

November 3, 2017

### **General Information**

#### **Please note:**

Please note that we will have class picture make-up day in WL on November 8 (Wednesday) from 10:30-11:15 am.

#### **We have a couple of winners for the October Math Problem of the Month:**

Jaiden Monroe  
Julia Pereira

#### **Parent Bootcamp:**

## LEGO CHEMISTRY

Join ROA parent, *Kim*, as she shares the incredible learning opportunities available when Legos pair up with chemistry.

Truly, a super engaging combination you won't want to miss!

*Parent Boot Camp – Tuesday, November 7  
@ 10:00 in Room 5*

## **HOW TO AVOID PLAGIARISM**

In order to help our students learn to identify valid sources when performing research, and avoid plagiarism issues when writing essays or research reports, Leanne will be teaching interested students how to create in-text and bibliographic citations. These lessons will occur on the first Monday of each month.

**Subsequent Citation Lesson dates are as follows:**

**Monday, 11/6/17 from 11:00 - 11:25am.**

**Monday, 12/4/17 from 11:00 - 11:25.**

**I highly recommend this for all middle and high school students who will be writing papers this school year.**



## **Pac Info**

Hello ROA Parents!

We are inviting you to share your ideas!

Even if you only have a moment to say hello, please come by to visit us! We usually have some tasty treats to enjoy too. PAC will be at ROA Westlake on Tuesdays in Room 5 at 11:00am following Parent Boot Camp. This is an opportunity to connect with other parents to share thoughts, ask questions, and encourage one another. Our focus will be on creating a supportive homeschool community that serves our families. We would love to hear from you!


More information about PAC and Parent Boot Camp is available via the ROA App, see the "PAC (Chill)" tab. You can check out Family Events we're planning, plus learn about who we are and also how to contact us. We appreciate any suggestions you have, and if you are interested in getting involved with PAC we'd love to have you join us! For Parent Boot Camp topics refer to the "PAC Meetings" tab. No sign ups are necessary for Parent Boot Camp, just come by ROA Westlake on Tuesday in Room 5 at 10:00am for inspiring discussions geared towards homeschooling.

We look forward to great conversations and creating a positive supportive homeschool experience that promotes community spirit!

Thank you from PAC "Chill"

Pamela, Chandra, Candice & Sara

P.S. Are you receiving the River Oaks Academy Yahoo Group announcements? Stay connected and updated with the ROA community! The ROA Yahoo Group is an online, member-based community for ROA parents to receive (and send) messages about events/news related to ROA. Become a member of the ROA Yahoo Group by contacting your teacher for help. Alternatively, you can contact PAC parent, Candice at: [tallentcandice@yahoo.com](mailto:tallentcandice@yahoo.com) for help in joining.



# Art in the Park {Fall Theme}

**Berniece Bennett Park**  
**31800 Village Center Road**  
**Westlake Village**

**Thursday November 16th, 11a-1:00p**

Bring your lunch & join us anytime, you don't have to arrive at 11a. You should allow time for your Art project to dry and bring a cardboard box to transport it home. See you at the tables near the playground!

All ROA Families Invited (Oxnard & Westlake)  
Bring some Pinecones & Collected Leaves  
(not necessary, but nice addition if you find some)

PAC will bring Art Supplies  
Paper, Glue, Glitter, Paint & Brushes

Dress appropriately  
...Don't wear your Good Clothes

Parent Organized /NON ROA Sponsored  
Contact PAC via the ROA App, PAC (Chill) Tab



## **Career Pathway Updates**

We are offering the following pathway courses in the Fall (full semester courses):

### **College and Career Seminar**

#### **Computer Networking**

*IT Fundamentals (a-g)*

*A+ Certification (a-g)*

#### **Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation**

*Introduction to Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation (a-g)*

*Hospitality Entrepreneurship with a focus on Business & Finance (a-g)*

#### **Legal Practices**

*Introduction to Law (a-g)*

*Criminal Justice (a-g)*

Career Education Center (CEC) - check out the numerous course offering [www.vcoe.org/cec](http://www.vcoe.org/cec)



## **OXNARD Resource Center**

### **Take our Survey Now—we would love to get your input**

Hello lovely Oxnard families. We thank those of you who took the time to give us some feedback for our survey. We really value what you have to say and it helps us shape our program for the future. We are working hard to meet your needs and are doing our best to incorporate as much as we can from the survey.

**The survey is now closed.**

### **A couple of things that we would like to address at this time:**

- Please know that we cannot and do not hire parents or relatives of our students as vendors. It has been unfortunately bad practice before, and we stopped that practice a several years ago. We are happy though, if a relative wants to donate his/her time to support our students with a talent he/she has, we would gladly have him/her as volunteer (background check and fingerprinting is always required).
- What we proposed would offer a separate 2<sup>nd</sup> day for the younger grades (K-5; suggested right now is Tuesday) and for the upper grades (6-12; suggested right now is Wednesday).
- We appreciate you suggesting other vendors for the Oxnard resource center and we will follow up on that. Please keep those suggestions coming.
- We will offer Glass Blowing in Oxnard (it's always about getting the vendor to agree to travel) and we have an amazing Creative Writing class with Jon scheduled ([www.creativecoursesforkids.com](http://www.creativecoursesforkids.com)) that we are sure your students will love. We are also looking at bringing back Robotics with Robotics and Things, which has been rather popular.
- We are looking at providing a lunch break that is greater than the 10 minute passing time. However, if we will do that, and to keep classes on the same schedule, it would be incorporating a study hall time.
- Last but not least, while we appreciate that you love our workshops and classes, please do remember that attending 2-3 full days of workshops and classes means that you need to catch up during the remaining 3 days each week with your work at home to make sure that you are staying on track.

We also offer a short session of CPR (2 hours) training at the Oxnard facility. This meets the new 9<sup>th</sup> grade Health class requirement. However, we are opening the class to a couple more students (8-12<sup>th</sup> grade), if they would like to get some CPR training. The course is free of charge. The class will be held on **November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Oxnard facility**. Please RSVP to your teacher. There are only 2 spots left.

Please remember to tell us, if you have any thoughts, comments or suggestions on how we can serve you better.

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## Counselor's Corner

We will be offering a variety of counseling services for our high school students again this year, including academic counseling, college planning and application assistance, financial aid and scholarship information, work experience guidance, community service opportunities, career planning, and more!

Watch this space weekly for coming events and valuable information for all high school students and parents.

### Here are a few upcoming events of interest:

#### Other Items of Interest:

- **Attention, Employed Students!** All Work Permits must be renewed at the beginning of each school year, even if you have one that was recently approved. See Beverly in the office, or contact Richard Intlekofer, Counselor, for more information.
- **Career Education Center:** (Classes May Still be Open!) The Ventura County Career Education Center offers a wide variety of courses for high school students. While many of the CEC courses are yearlong, there are a few that are offered on a semester basis. Check the catalog at the Ventura County Career Education Center website, or in paper form in the River Oaks front office. If your student is interested in a CEC course, you may register online at [www.vcoe.org/cec](http://www.vcoe.org/cec), or by contacting Richard Intlekofer at ROA.
- **SAT Test Center:** River Oaks Academy has been approved as an SAT test center! We will be offering the SAT, SAT with Essay, and the Subject Tests here at ROA in on **Saturday, November 4, 2017**, and again on June 2, 2018. If your student is planning to take the SAT this year (typically 12th graders in the fall, and 11th graders in the spring, visit the College Board website at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). We do not register students for the SAT, and we cannot save seats for our students. We only have 40 spaces available, so register soon! This is a terrific testing environment, so take advantage! Again, contact Richard at [richard.intlekofer@roavc.com](mailto:richard.intlekofer@roavc.com) for further information!

High school families may make appointments with Richard Intlekofer, River Oaks Counselor, by contacting him at [richard.intlekofer@roavc.com](mailto:richard.intlekofer@roavc.com).

Here's to a successful school year!

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## Important Dates

November 10	School Holiday—Veteran's Day—no school/office closed
November 20-24 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Holiday—no school/office closed all week
December 4	Last week of Fall 2017 workshops (except pathway workshops and science labs)
December 14	11:00-1:00 Holiday Potluck and Art Showcase (WL)
December 21	Last week of pathway workshops and science labs
December 22-29 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Break
January 1-5, 2018	Winter Break
January 8, 2018	First day back after Winter Break
January 22	First day of Spring 2018 workshops (workshops will go through the week of March 19)
January 22	First day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester

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Warmly,  
Your River Oaks homeschool team,  
Leslie, Nick, Maria, Michal, Kathy, Amylynn, Leina, Teri, Sherri, Marni, Jennifer,  
Cheri, Leanne  
Tezo, Monica, Beverly, Richard  
and Claudia