



## **ROA Director Update**

**September 28, 2018**

### **General Information**

☐ We are administering the **PSAT and the SAT** at the Westlake campus on **October 10<sup>th</sup>** (Wednesday). Due to that, we are **cancelling ALL workshops** and classes that day at the Westlake campus only (Oxnard will have workshops and classes as normal). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

☐ Please bring **your brightest smiles this week for picture days**. WL: M/T/F 10-12:00 and OXN: Wednesday 10-2:00 pm. Sign-up sheets are out for you to sign up for a time slot.

☐ **Reserve the date: October 11: 5-7:00 pm** Family Math Festival at ROA WL

#### **Important Reminders:**

- ✓ Please remember that if your student is **not feeling well**, coughing, sneezing or otherwise showing symptoms of illness, please keep him/her home so others won't catch the "bug".
- ✓ Please be on time for your classes. It is very difficult for our instructors to
- ✓ Please be patient. While we do our best to make things run as smoothly as possible, there are always some hiccups during the first week.
- ✓ **Please remember that we are in an office building with other businesses around us. Therefore, please do NOT congregate outside; please supervise your student/s at all times (inside the resource center and outside) and please make sure that we keep voices at an inside level to allow other businesses as well as our staff to continue to do their jobs (we are always happy to point you towards local parks, if you would like to take siblings to an area where they can run and get their energy out...just ask our staff☺).**
- ✓ If you have any concerns about workshops or questions, please let us know. We will do our best to address those asap. But, please know that this week will be quite busy, and there may be a bit of a delay.
- ✓ Your student must be signed up via i-Class for the workshops.

- ✓ We ask that **parents** do not use cell phones while sitting in workshops, and please be respectful to the teachers. We know you want to catch up with your fellow parents, but please have the conversation in the lounge.
- ✓ **Students are asked not to take out their cell phones during class times.** We will ask them to either leave the phones in the backpacks or put them in a specially designed rack during class time.
- ✓ **If your high school student does not have an open campus policy signed, he/she cannot sign him/herself in and out and may NOT leave the campus.**
- ✓ If your student has to take any **medication**, and you are not staying on campus, we need to get the proper paperwork for your student to do so. Please see Beverly if that is the case.
- ✓ We will require our dress code to be adhered to. If the attire is disrupting instruction (short shorts, short skirts, midriff showing, sunglasses, wearing hats/hoodies, etc.), we will ask the student to change or modify the attire.
- ✓ Please remember to **sign-in and out**. It is imperative for us to know who is on campus at all times, in case of an emergency.
- ✓ If you see a new face on campus, please make them feel welcome, introduce yourself and offer assistance, if they need any.
- ✓ Please send us any suggestions for new workshops/changes/modifications, so we can incorporate those as we work to set up the spring schedule.
- ✓ As always, if you have any questions, please let us know.

We are excited to let you know that we will be offering ROA's first annual "**Wellness Expo for Healthy Lifelong Learning**" on November 7 here at ROA. Mark your calendars. More info coming soon. We are going to have a variety of speakers, including our own board member, Dr. Horton, who will talk about the "Wisdom" project; a PhD from UCLA who will be addressing struggles with mood difficulties and stress; our own teacher, Leina, who will talk about Non Violent Communication; a Mindfulness presentation; sound healing and yoga introduction; a variety of booths, including one about nutrition, meditation, organic gardening, yoga, acupuncture, chiropractor, and more. More information will be forthcoming.

This year, we posted **the start dates** of our workshops, tutoring, WEE (Work Experience), etc. on our website.

Our **school calendar** is also posted on our website for your convenience. Please make sure to refer to it for school holidays, breaks, etc.

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**An Award-Winning Author Is Coming to Your School!!!! Award-winning children's book author Kentrell Martin will be visiting your child(s) school on October 15, 2018 @ 2:00.**

He is the author of Shelly Goes to the Zoo (picture book), Shelly's Outdoor Adventure (Picture book), Kasey's First Day of Basketball Practice (Chapter book), and upcoming book Shelly Goes to the Zoo. Each of these titles incorporates American Sign Language (ASL) while telling a fun-filled story.

During his educational and interactive presentation, he will read one of his books and teach the students 10-20 signs in American Sign Language. Towards the end of the visit, he will also stick around to autograph copies of the books for your child(ren).

Mr. Martin will also have other items available for sale, including:

- Shelly's Adventures Posters
- Shelly's Adventures Books (Both Hardcover & Softcover)
- Shelly's Adventures DVD's
- Shelly's Adventures glow in the dark wristbands
- All of his books Shelly's Adventures will also be offering students a chance to sign up for the Shelly's Adventures Academy which is a fun-filled educational resource portal for students, parents, & educators.

For ONLY \$4.99 a month students will have access to:

- Lifetime access to all of Shelly's Adventures current and future books
- Unlimited access to ASL videos
- Unlimited access to Shelly's Adventures coloring books
- Activity printables • Storytime and Q&A with author Kentrell Martin once a month
- 15% off the Shelly's Adventures store and much more!!
- Videos, printables, coloring pages will be added monthly.

If you would like to purchase any items for your child(ren) during Mr. Martin's visit, please bring the order form with payment at that time.

If you would like to pay via credit card please submit payment online at [paypal.me/shellysadventures](https://paypal.me/shellysadventures).

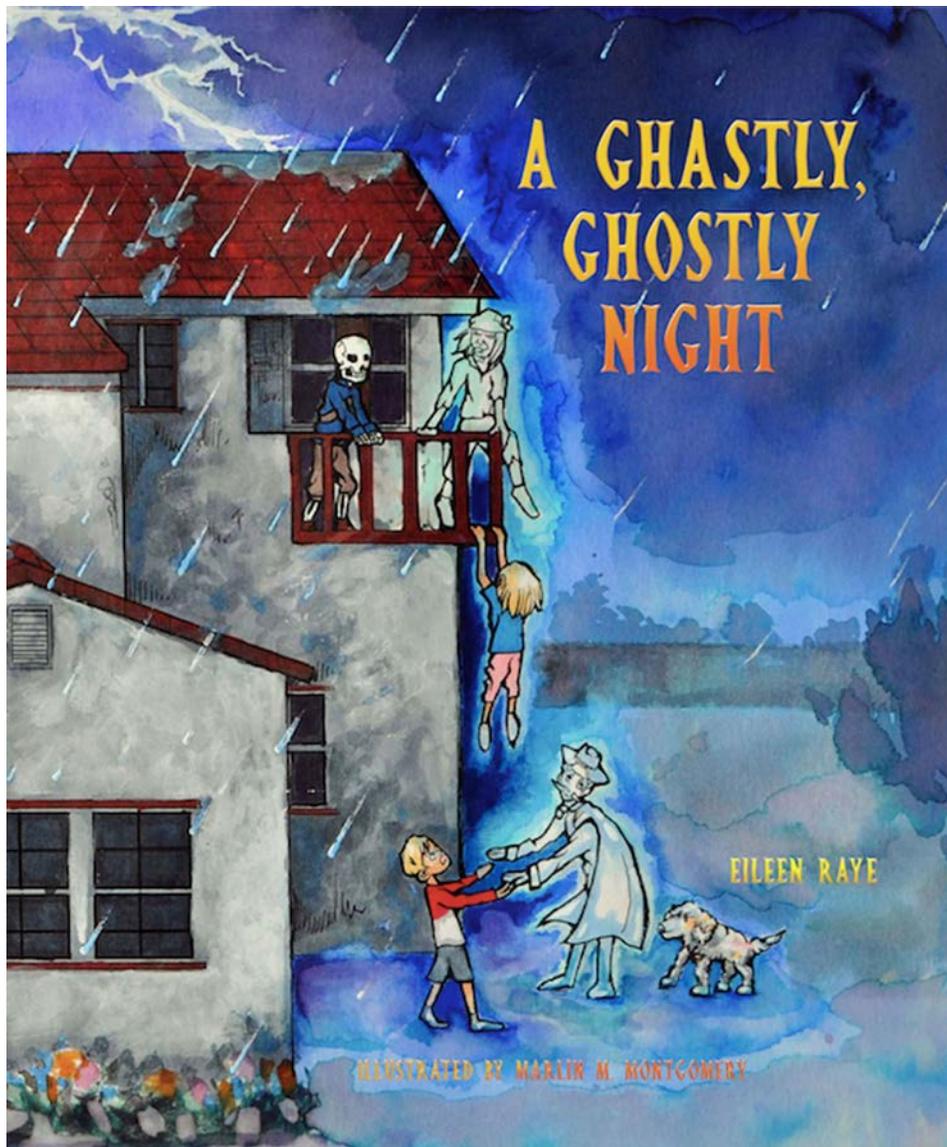
In the comment enter the student's name, teacher, school, and item(s) letter.  
To enroll in the Academy visit [www.shellysadventuresacademy.com](http://www.shellysadventuresacademy.com) and click  
on enroll.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**We are proud to introduce you to the illustrations (and publication) of this book. The book was illustrated by one of our own students. You can find the book on Amazon.**

*A Ghastly, Ghostly Night* is a story written by local author, Eileen Raye, and illustrated by our student, Marlin Montgomery. Knowing Marlin's talent for illustrations, based on a project we worked on last year, I connected Marlin and the author over the summer to work on this project together. The end result is an engaging and exciting story about two children left home alone on a stormy night, while their parents go to a school meeting. Chaos ensues when visitors from the past appear on their doorstep, but the brave children manage to get the situation under control before their parents return. The illustrations are colorful, delightful, and keep the heart-pounding pace of the story at it's most thrilling!

Here is the back cover text: "Evan and Avery are home alone while a thunder and lightning storm rages outside in the darkness. Yet, all was about to change when they open the door to a ghostly stranger, who brings a supernatural adventure. Riley, the family labradoodle, thinks it's all a fun game in the rain."





## Pac Info

### *Hello from PAC...*

Parent Boot Camp is starting Tuesday, September 25th at 10:00am in Room 4 at Westlake site. Just come on into Room 4 at 10:00am, no need to sign up. Whether you've been homeschooling for years or you've just started, everyone is welcome! Weekly topics are posted on the ROA App under PAC Chill and also in the Parent Lounge. PAC Time immediately following at 11:00.

Advice, expertise, knowledge, inspiration, support or learn something new. You've got this! Be Amazing... or just roll out of bed & come join us while you wake up with some good coffee! We also have a variety of tea bags & a Keurig machine for hot water in the Parent Lounge.

Warm Regards, Pamela

Much Appreciation from PAC Chill

Contact PAC via the ROA Website: <http://www.riveroakscharter.com/meet-the-pac/>

p.s. Did you join the ROA Yahoo Group yet? If you did not receive an invitation or are having issues joining, please email me. I will do whatever I can to help you join!

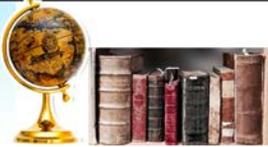
The River Oaks Academy Yahoo Group is an online community serving to keep parents informed about school events and happenings. This is a closed group to send & receive messages about news related to ROA. It's a great way to stay connected and updated with the ROA community! Ask your Teacher to join or email Pamela at [LaDolceVita@roadrunner.com](mailto:LaDolceVita@roadrunner.com) to receive an invitation. "Invited users need to accept the invitation, sign-in with their Yahoo ID to become members."

**Parent Boot Camp**  
*{Tuesdays at 10:00am}*  
**ROA Westlake Room 4**

**Parent Boot Camp & PAC Time**  
Scheduled when workshops are in session  
Refer to the ROA App:PAC Chill for weekly topics  
*Schedule is also posted in the Parent Lounge (Westlake)*

☕ Just come on into Room 4  
at 10:00am...  
You do NOT need to sign up.

☕ Join us for Coffee & Conversation  
Meet with PAC immediately following





## Career Pathway Updates

### Welcome back!

We have a full lineup of wonderful **Career Pathways** to choose from this year! Each Pathway has highly qualified, enthusiastic teachers, and exciting class offerings.

**College & Career Seminar**, the Pathway foundation course and an ROA graduation requirement for all high school students, kicks off your journey to *all* Pathway programs. This course provides a great introduction to the Pathway courses; an opportunity to learn more about individual, personal strengths; and, how those could connect to a career. This course is **articulated** with Moorpark College, so students may apply for 3 college credits upon the successful completion of all requirements.

**Hospitality, Tourism and Management** will be offered again this year with students learning about all aspect of this field. Among other events, our students will help to plan and execute our graduation ceremony in May. A second course in this pathway is our **IBEF** course, (see below).

Our **Legal Pathway** offers two courses for those interested in exploring a career in the legal field: **Introduction to Law**, and **Introduction to Criminal Justice**. Each course is a full year. **Criminal Justice** has been **articulated** with Moorpark College, so students are able to apply for 3 college credits upon successful completion of all requirements.

Our Networking Pathway has added a course called **IT Essentials**. This course has been **articulated** with Moorpark College, as well. Students may apply for college credit upon the successful completion of all requirements for this course.

Additionally, **IT Fundamentals** and **(IBEF) Integrated Business, Entrepreneurship and Finance** give interested students a well-rounded education in the IT/networking field.

Students may also take **IBEF** for an excellent **consumer math** course.



## **OXNARD Resource Center**

Dear Oxnard Families,

We are looking forward to smooth sailing with our first week of workshops! To help smooth the



waters, please read how you can assist.

- Be mindful: We're in a business center, students are to remain inside our premises.
- High school students must have a signed **Open Campus Policy** form in order to sign themselves in and out of school, AND leave the premises.
- The classes will begin promptly at the hour. Please be respectful of the teacher.
- Martial Arts: bring socks to the class.



**Picture day** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, 10-2pm.



Make sure to come prepared with your study materials to the focus room.

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### **Important Dates:**

September 24      Workshops start

October 3          10-2 Picture Day—come with a big smile



## Counselor's Corner

**PLEASE VISIT: <http://www.riveroakscharter.com/high-school/>**

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## Important Dates

September 24	First day of Fall 2018 workshops
October 4	Board meeting @ 6:30—open to the public
October 10	PSAT & SAT at WL—all workshops cancelled at the WL campus ONLY
October 15	Author visit @ 2:00
October 21	Rotary Fair—come visit ROA's booth (9-3 pm)
November 3	SAT administration at ROA—talk to Mr. Richard
November 7	<b>Wellness Fair at ROA</b>
November 12	Veteran's Day
November 19-23	Thanksgiving Holiday week (no school/no workshops)
December 7	Last day of Fall 2018 workshops
December 13	Holiday Party & Art Showcase (5-7pm)

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