

# Home of the Coyotes!

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## RVES Mission & Vision

*We are a community of leaders, where students, staff and parents work to inspire a high level of academic and personal achievement. We provide a diverse, structured, safe and nurturing environment where all students will succeed. We empower each student to discover and maximize their leadership potential and pave their own path to success. We are dedicated to empowering all students and staff to be leaders today and tomorrow.*

## Dare to Dream

The first month of the school year is completed. Our students have completed their District Pre-Assessment in Reading, Math, Writing and Science and our teachers are now using that data to identify needs of specific children and to design lessons that will help everyone achieve. At Rainbow Valley we focus on a growth mindset—we want to know where the children are so we can help them to grow. We are working on making their dreams come true.

Enrollment at Rainbow Valley continues to grow and we want to thank all of our families for choosing to share their children with us. We focus on the whole child—leadership, character and academics. We want to welcome Mr. Chris Trejo back to the Coyote Den. Last year, Mr. Trejo did a long-term guest teaching position in our 5th and 6th grade. The Governing Board approved another teacher for our junior high and Mr. Trejo has joined the 7th and 8th grade team as a math teacher. With the addition of this teacher to the team we were able to reduce the size of our 8th grade sections. We are also in the process of interviewing for additional support

staff for our kindergarten in order to assist those teachers in providing a positive learning environment. We will continue to monitor our enrollment closely to ensure your children are receiving the best educational experience possible.

An important part of that educational experience is our intervention time. Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:45 to 9:20 AM all students across the campus are given an opportunity to receive assistance with skills they are struggling with or to receive more in depth instruction and practice with the skills they have mastered. It is critical that children are on time for school so that they do not miss this important intervention opportunity.

September brings cooler weather and Parent Teacher Conferences. Rainbow Valley is a Leadership Academy and one of our core values is Student Led Conferences. The children play an important role in sharing with you what they have been learning, the goals they have set for the year and the progress they are making toward those goals. Also during conferences we will be

asking all of our parents to complete a short survey. We ask that you please plan an additional 15 minutes before or after your conference to complete the survey. Your feedback is very important to us

We also want to encourage our parents to become involved—this is your school. You can be an active member of our PTO, attend Site Council and LESD Governing Board meetings, and you can volunteer on campus. We are specifically looking for volunteers who are willing to be in the computer lab with a teacher to help children log on and learn how to use the computers. We also would love additional eyes during lunch recess either on the playground or in the cafeteria. Volunteers must be fingerprinted and cleared by the district office. This extra step is to ensure the safety of all of our students. For information about volunteering please contact the school office or attend the next PTO meeting.

Thank you for choosing Rainbow Valley Elementary. Together we are Coyote Strong!


*Dr. Terri Matteson*



**RVES CORE VALUES**

**Seven Habits of a happy child!**


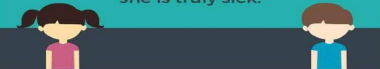


- Habit 1—Be Proactive
  - Habit 2—Begin with the end in mind
  - Habit 3—Put first things first
  - Habit 4—Think Win! Win!
  - Habit 5—Seek first to understand, then to be understood
  - Habit 6—Synergize
  - Habit 7—Sharpen the Saw
- All discipline at RVES begins with a conversation about the seven habits.  
*You are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequence of your choice.*



### Why School Attendance Matters

Too many absences — excused or unexcused — can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. Missing just 18 days during the school year — about 2 days a month — can be enough to put a student at risk.

**Regular attendance = Success in School**

<p><b>Kindergarten - 5th Grade</b></p> <p>Even in kindergarten, missing too much school can cause students to fall behind.</p> <p>Students who miss a lot of school or often arrive late, can have trouble learning to read.</p> 	>>>	<p><b>What you can do to help</b></p> <p>Set a regular bed time and morning routine.</p> <p>If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers or school counselors for advice.</p> <p>Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick.</p> 
<p><b>6th Grade - 12th Grade</b></p> <p>Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.</p> <p>By 9th grade, regular attendance is a good predictor of high school graduation.</p> <p>Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child be successful and keep a job.</p> 	>>>	<p><b>What you can do to help</b></p> <p>Talk about the importance of going to school and make it a priority.</p> <p>Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors.</p> <p>Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.</p> 

For more information and resources visit: <http://bit.ly/ShowUpToSchool>



**If you can dream it, then you can do it!**  
Walt Disney

**Grand-Friends Day Celebration**

Grandparents day is Sunday, September 10th and to celebrate all of our grand-parents who contribute so much to the children of our community we invite you to join your grand-child for breakfast on Tuesday, September 12th from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM in our Cafeteria. Adult breakfast is \$5 and children are \$3. Family photos can also be purchased-5x7 for \$5 or a 4x6 for \$4. The breakfast is sponsored by the sixth grade class to fund their Desert Survival Trip. We hope you will join us.

**Calendar of Events**



- 9/4 **Labor Day**—No School
- 9/11 Site Council Meeting
- 9/12 Grand-Friends Breakfast
- 9/12 PTO Meeting
- 9/18-22 PTO Book Fair
- 9/20-21 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 9/22 Early Release
- 9/25 All Day In-service—No Students
- 9/29 Leadership Assembly
- 10/9-13 **FALL BREAK**—No School

- 10/17 PTO Meeting
- 10/24 Coffee with the Principal
- 10/27 Leadership Assembly
- 10/31 Story Book Character Day
- 10/31 PTO Trunk or Treat
- 11/9 America's White Table Assembly
- 11/13 Site Council Meeting
- 11/14 PTO Meeting
- 11/16 School-wide

- Thanksgiving Feast
- 11/22-24 **Thanksgiving Break**—No School
- 11/30 Leadership Assembly
- 12/11-15 PTO Holiday Shop
- 12/15 Santa's Workshop
- 12/23-1/7/18 **WINTER BREAK**—No School