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RBGUSD ROUND-UP

Message from the Superintendent

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family enjoyed a restful and joyful winter break. It is hard to believe half our year is complete!

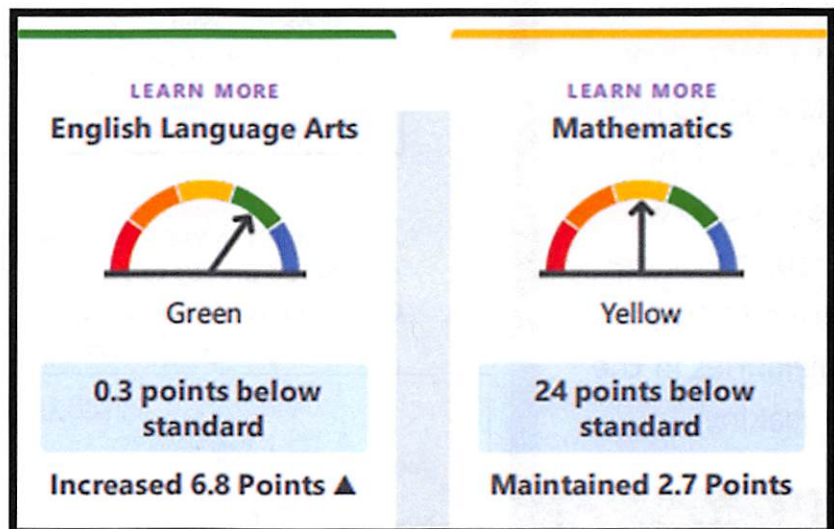
District Snapshot

ENROLLMENT	
RBE	563
RBG	496

ENGLISH LEARNERS		
RBE	44	7.72%
RBG	47	9.48%

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH		
RBE	287	48.15%
RBG	272	49.01%

The California School Dashboard is an online tool that shows how local educational agencies and schools are performing on the state and local indicators included in California's school accountability system. Our district continues to improve upon academic achievement and met all criteria for 2019 accountability. Visit <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/> for detailed reports and additional Dashboard information.



Cuteness Corner!



During December, Ms. Allen's & Mrs. Jones' students enjoyed a visit from Santa while enjoying cookie decorating & winter wonderland activities. RBE memories in the making!

Continuous Improvement Process (CIP) & Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Our goal has been to prioritize a few initiatives in order to dedicate our time and resources with a laser like focus. We have worked to align our CIP plan & LCAP so they work together to support the academic vision for students. Using data driven decision making, we will continue to strengthen the systems and structures to meet the academic needs of ALL students. Some examples of our efforts are shown below:



PRACTICES + ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT RBGUSD ACADEMIC FOCUS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Language Arts block at RBG Advanced mathematics track at RBG Universal Access time Kinder-5th Grade Sports GPA/behavior requirements enforced Perfect attendance criteria Honor Roll and Principal List GPA raised to reflect expectations throughout county Universal assessment in ELA & math Kinder-8th Grade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uninterrupted class time (pull out programs/phone calls to classroom) Higher level electives (i.e. Mock Trial and existing PLTW courses) Focused staff professional development on 12:30 in-service days Consistent practices implemented during early out Wednesdays teacher collaboration Emphasis on academic importance communication From weekly to quarterly "fun days" |
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Please mark your calendar for our Parent CIP/LCAP Input Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @ 2:30 & 3:30 PM in the RBG Cafeteria as well as at 6:00 PM in the RBG Library. We truly value your perspective as a partner in educating our students!

CIP Team Members

Mrs. Elcano	Ms. Slater	Mrs. Tate	Mrs. Holliday	Mrs. Jackson
Mrs. Cauzza	Mrs. Porter	Mrs. Pierucci	Mrs. Stanley	Mrs. Bussman
	Mr. Arriola	Mrs. Hyatt	Mrs. Hedge	



Kindergarten
Registration Begins
Thursday, April 16th!
12:30 – 7:00 PM @ RBE

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We are pleased to share upgrades around the district to improve safety for all! The Griffith Company graciously gave back to the RBGUSD community by donating a project to improve parking and traffic issues. Through Griffith Company for Community (GC4C), all labor and materials were provided at no cost to the District! The new parking area and drive-through creates safer alternatives for our families during our busiest times of the day. Thank you to Walter Weishaar for facilitating this project and advocating for us all! We will be hosting a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, January 28th at 9:30 AM, please come out and join us! Finishing touches are underway. Information on the proper use of the area is coming soon!

Another exciting safety improvement will be to our phone system. The new system will allow for all schools and the District office to communicate instantly in the case of an emergency. In addition, each office will have additional phone lines to assist in communication with the community.

Lastly, we have a new gate designated for daycare pickup! In the past, a gate to the RBE campus was left open to allow access for families picking up students from daycare. In order to secure our campus and ensure visitors are accounted for, daycare families will gain access through a wireless intercom and camera system. Staff will "buzz" guardians in for pick up!

Technology

This year we faced a challenge with about 650 units of our chromebook fleet hitting their Google expiration date. This date is typically at the 5-year mark after the unit was manufactured. On this date, Google prevents the device from receiving software upgrades in order to ensure that reliable modern hardware is in the hands of students. Google had a bug in their "final" update for this particular model and it caused a lot of intermittent connection issues with the chromebooks. Fortunately, one of our neighboring districts was able to help! The Panama-Buena Vista Union School District was able to donate 800 lightly used chromebooks. This generous donation not only solved the immediate problems with chromebook connectivity, but also extends the allotted time for our "refresh policy" to take

Community Love!

Who has the BEST community support in Kern County? WE DO! To say "thank you" is not enough. From our enthusiastic PTC to our dedicated Education Foundation, we have the luckiest students and staff around. The time, resources, and love you pour into RBGUSD is noticed, appreciated, and valued.

From field trips to classroom materials, our community support is the steam in our engine. YOU are an integral contributor to the awesomeness of this one-of-a-kind school district!

Kindness

is just
Love
with its
work boots
on.



effect. Our refresh policy, moving forward, is to replace 1/5 of our chromebooks every year. Once fully implemented, 5-year old chromebooks will be replaced before they hit their Google Expiration date and this type of situation will be avoided. Thank you to PBVUSD for your generosity and to our Director of Technology, Vincent Arriola for facilitating this donation and being a tremendous asset to the Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District!

School News!

RBE

We are pleased and fortunate to have Mrs. Stanley continue her leadership as the new Principal of RBE! Mrs. Stanley has over 19 years of experience in multiple grade levels and administrative roles. Mrs. Stanley's expertise is in the areas of academic interventions and reading foundations. She is looking forward to continuing the academic focus for students as well as supporting the rich traditions that make RBE such a special place!

RBG

All sixth through eighth grade students have begun their new electives for the second semester. Our eighth graders are starting drama and we are looking forward to the finished production in May. We added Cultural Exploration and Journalism to our elective choices for the second semester. Cultural Exploration is being taught by Mrs. Wiens. In that elective students will be researching a country and planning an exploration to their choice location. Topics that will be covered are: currency, food, traditions, famous places, and much more. Journalism is being taught by Mrs. Tate and the students will be reporting on different activities around school. She is planning to have students use multiple forms of communication, such as digital video, Google documents and good old fashioned paper and pencil to present the information!

Jennifer Hedge



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