

HOME & SCHOOL

Ranch View Elementary School

Dear Parents:

Can you believe it's time to get ready for the 2020-2021 school year? On behalf of Ranch View's Home and School Association (RVHS), we would like to welcome you to what promises to be a wonderful, although very different, year for you and for your child! Our home and school association is made up of every Ranch View parent – including **you!**

Over the years, RVHS has proven to be a great team of parent volunteers who works closely with faculty, staff, and students to create a learning environment that positively supports each child. At RVHS, our mission is to:

- **Facilitate School-to-Home Communication** – Tools such as weekly Talk203, the Ranch View Round Up, H&S Happenings, the school newsletter (*the Ranch View Review*), the online Directory of Ranch View families (available by early October), and Home and School meetings are all available to help keep you informed and connected. Our H&S meetings are held monthly in order to keep everyone up to date.
- **Coordinate Volunteers** – In a normal school year, parent volunteers are needed just about every day at Ranch View. We are very fortunate to have an active volunteer base, and we are always interested in seeing new faces. Volunteering at your child's school can be such a rewarding experience for both of you. We have nearly 30 committees which offer participation ranging from one-time assignments to weekly commitments. You can choose your level of involvement! Look for more detailed information on our committees as part of the Parent Volunteer Letter included in this packet. We'd love to see you at "The Ranch!"
- **Financially Support Curriculum-Based and Student-Centered Projects and Activities** - Our fundraising efforts allow us to fund field trips, sponsor assemblies, purchase birthday books, and host events such as the Ice Cream Social, Saddlefest, Field Day, and School Performances throughout the year. Many of these events would not take place without both the volunteers and the funds provided by you through Home & School! Any funds remaining after the approximately \$30,000 spent on these types of activities are donated to the school for capital projects. The additional monies raised over the past few school years have been used to create a beautiful butterfly garden addition to our Outdoor Classroom and support Maker Space/Lego Wall activities in our recently renovated Learning Commons.

As we know, District 203 has an outstanding reputation, and we are lucky to have our students educated in this district. More specifically, though, we should feel fortunate to be part of the Ranch View community, which really feels more like a family. Please consider supporting Home & School and getting involved where you are able. We look forward to a great 2020-2021 school year!

Sincerely,

Robin Antognoli and Chrissi Ryba
Home & School Co-Presidents