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To: Rancho Santa Fe Residents

As your fellow citizens and elected board members, we feel you would be interested in knowing of the manner in which your support of this community's school and your investment in our young people and our country's future is being put to work.

First, we would share with you just a few of the achievements of our students, both in their regular academic program and as they enter into competition in various fields of endeavor:

1. In writing competition among San Dieguito area schools, Ranch students took all three places in each level of competition for which they were eligible (elementary and junior high).
2. In mathematics, our Middle School team placed second in the San Diego City and County Mathematics Field Day.
3. 16 of 41 student science fair projects were deemed worthy of competing at the Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Science Fair. Seven of these projects were award winners in that competition.
4. Two of our 4th-grade students have had their original stories and poems selected for publication in a county magazine; and yet another's poem appeared in a national publication.
5. The art work of seven of our students has been selected for display at the La Jolla Museum of Art and the County Department of Education.
6. Our junior high speakers won 3 of 6 places (1 first, 2 seconds) in the San Dieguito area high school and junior high oratorical competition.
7. During the past three years, you have had 3 State winners and 2 Western Regional winners in D.A.R. essay competition.
8. Our 7th and 8th grade boys' soccer team completed a perfect season in San Dieguito area competition, scoring 82 goals to their opponents' 2.
9. 9 local students from grades 3 - 8 qualified for the San Diego City and County track finals, and 8 of 9 were medal winners at that level. Six of these students advanced to the Southern California championships and in the girls' finals (last week) won eight medals, including one "first" place.

Our students, whose morning hours are dedicated totally to the "essential-skills" program--or basic education as you and I remember it--have also utilized skills acquired by:

1. Publishing newspapers.
2. Compiling books of original compositions and poems.
3. Studying the free enterprise system, working with local businessmen in doing so.

4. Conducting special penmanship contests.
5. Holding Middle School public speaking competition.
6. Presenting a musical (involving more than 70 students) of excellent quality to the community.
7. Participating in school cleanliness and beautification projects on an ongoing basis.
8. Earning money to buy furniture for the library listening center.
9. Winning prizes in foreign language (Spanish) competition, with local students entering high school classes with advanced standing.

The above reflect only some of the results of your support of the school, and of staff and parent and community organizations' interest and effort.

Among factors which make such results possible are:

1. First priority is given always to students' acquisition of, and progress in, development of the essential skills of learning, communication and computation.
2. Designation of the morning hours as 'prime time' for the essential academic program. This was the result of staff, parent and community interest in (and concern about) what was, for us, relatively poor test scores a few years ago.
3. Maintenance of cooperative and supportive relations among board, staff, parents and community so that discord and disharmony are not debilitating factors of district operations.
4. Thorough review of the district's testing program with the assistance of one of our parents who is Director of Evaluation Services for San Diego City Unified School District.

In a related activity, there is a required weekly testing program of all youngsters, grades 3 - 8, in the fields of math facts and computation and spelling.

5. A weekly writing requirement for each of our students in grades 2 - 8, with each youngster then having his work reviewed and evaluated by a teacher or qualified parent--and discussed with him.

Beneficial working relationships with our community neighbors include:

1. The Library Guild, with its outstanding children's library and ongoing program of weekly activities for our students.
2. The Fire Department, which provides instruction in safety and first aid and "exercises the school" in various safety drills.
3. The Garden Club, which continues to offer special learning opportunities, monthly films, equipment and support to the school--and where we will hold our graduation this year.
4. The Irrigation District whose staff members on their own time have assisted local students and staff with school projects.
5. The Rancho Santa Fe Association with which we share services and facilities.
6. The Ranch Rotary Club which provides judges, trophies and medals for special speech and writing competition as well as for the science fair where Rotarians serve as consultants and judges.

And again the Rotary Club which has provided for the school a running track, the large flagpole, exercise equipment, gymnastic facilities, graduation and community service awards, and guest speakers for study of the free enterprise system and various vocations.

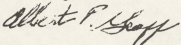
7. The D.A.R. for its ongoing encouragement of patriotic programs and recognition of our outstanding school citizens.
8. RSF Youth, which properly receives special recognition for its work which has resulted in a gymnasium and expanded recreational programs for our community and its citizens.
9. PTO -- The Parent-Teacher Organization stands out, of course, for the ongoing assistance provided so many of our programs and students. From the aspect of motivation, including provision of prominent guest speakers, to serving as arrangers and guides for special field trips and class activities, the PTO is always there when needed. And did you know that our volunteer-participant program includes more than forty parents who work at the school on a regular basis?

Like many of you, we are concerned when we read that many freshman entering our finest universities have difficulty in communicating in their own language. We want you to know that our staff, parents and students are working to insure that this will not be so with students educated in your local school. We want you to know, too, that there has been established a very supportive working relationship with Torrey Pines High School, and that through joint meetings of our administration, board, staff and parents, we are able to "follow" our youngsters' progress and to more closely articulate our educational programs.

As board members we are grateful for the opportunity you have given us to serve. We are grateful, also, for your generous support of, and interest in, our young people. We believe that the time to prepare for the future is now and that preparation is proceeding in a proper and efficient manner.

We thank you.

Cordially,



Albert P. Graff, President
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COMMUNITY PATRIOTIC PROGRAM

9:30 a.m. - Friday, May 28, 1976

Village Green in front of The Inn

The students, staff and Governing Board of the Rancho Santa Fe School, in celebrating our Bicentennial, invite you to a school and community patriotic program featuring our 7th and 8th grade classes.

This thirty-minute program is the next in a series of monthly programs presented by each of our classes at the school each year. The presentation will include musical numbers, speakers and a narrator to chronical a message designed to portray the spirit of our nation during the course of its development.

We are grateful for this land in which we live, for the opportunities presented in it, for our youngsters' enthusiastic support of programs such as this, and ask that you join us and them on this occasion.

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