



August 27, 2026

A NOTE FROM MRS. BURMEISTER

Rumsey Station Families,

What an exciting third week it has been at Rumsey Station! Our Engineers are continuing to grow in confidence, strengthen friendships, and settle into the routines that make our school days run smoothly. It has been wonderful to see students becoming more comfortable, taking ownership of their learning, and discovering their unique strengths throughout our building.

As we move further into the school year, our classrooms are really beginning to come alive with learning. Students are building new skills, asking thoughtful questions, working together, and discovering that learning can be both challenging and fun. These everyday moments are what make being an Engineer so special!

Thank you to our families for continuing to partner with us. Your support at home, encouragement, and communication make such a difference as we work together to help every child feel successful. We know that strong relationships between school and home create the foundation for students to thrive.

Please also take a moment to review the specific information in this week's newsletter about the safety drills that took place on Wednesday. These drills are an important part of helping our students and staff know how to respond during different emergency situations. We appreciate your support as we continue to practice, prepare, and prioritize the safety of everyone in our Rumsey Station community.

Thank you for being such an important part of the Rumsey Station family. We are off to a fantastic start, and I can't wait to see all that our Engineers accomplish as we continue this journey together!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Burmeister

Engineer of the Week

ENGINEER OF THE WEEK MS. VANCE



THIS WEEK, WE ARE EXCITED TO CELEBRATE ELLA VANCE, OUR WONDERFUL SECOND GRADE TEACHER, AS OUR STAFF ENGINEER OF THE WEEK!

ELLA BRINGS SO MUCH WARMTH, ENERGY, AND INTENTIONALITY TO HER CLASSROOM EACH DAY. SHE CREATES A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT WHERE STUDENTS FEEL SAFE, SUPPORTED, AND EXCITED TO LEARN. HER ABILITY TO BUILD GENUINE RELATIONSHIPS WITH STUDENTS WHILE HOLDING HIGH EXPECTATIONS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF WHAT MAKES HER CLASSROOM SPECIAL.

ELLA CONSISTENTLY LOOKS FOR WAYS TO MAKE LEARNING MEANINGFUL AND ENGAGING FOR HER STUDENTS. SHE MEETS STUDENTS WHERE THEY ARE, CELEBRATES THEIR GROWTH, AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO KEEP TRYING EVEN WHEN SOMETHING FEELS CHALLENGING. HER PATIENCE, POSITIVITY, AND GENUINE CARE FOR KIDS ARE EVIDENT IN THE WAY SHE TEACHES AND INTERACTS WITH STUDENTS AND COLLEAGUES.

ELLA, THANK YOU FOR THE HEART YOU BRING TO RUMSEY STATION AND FOR THE MANY WAYS YOU HELP OUR SECOND GRADERS GROW ACADEMICALLY, SOCIALLY, AND AS CONFIDENT YOUNG ENGINEERS. WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU ON OUR TEAM!

CONGRATULATIONS, ELLA! WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU! ❤️



Safety Drills

This week, we conducted our scheduled safety drills, giving students and staff the opportunity to practice an evacuation drill, lockdown drill, and shelter drill. At Rumsey Station, we are committed to keeping our students and staff safe through preparation, practice, and clear expectations. These drills are an important part of that ongoing effort. Attached, you will find the emergency protocols we follow at Rumsey Station. These protocols are posted in every classroom and reviewed with students regularly so that everyone is

familiar and confident with what to do in the event of an emergency. We appreciate your partnership and support as we work together to create a safe and secure learning environment for all of our Engineers.

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

OCCUPANTS

Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced
Do business as usual

STAFF

Close and lock door
Account for occupants and staff
Do business as usual



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

OCCUPANTS

Return inside
Do business as usual

STAFF

Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Account for occupants and staff
Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

OCCUPANTS

Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door
Prepare to evade or defend

STAFF

Lock interior doors
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Do not open the door
Maintain silence
Account for occupants and staff
Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

OCCUPANTS

Evacuate to specified location
Bring your phone
Instructions may be provided about retaining or leaving belongings

STAFF

Lead evacuation to specified location
Account for occupants and staff
Notify if missing, extra or injured people



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

OCCUPANTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard

Tornado Evacuate to shelter area
Hazmat Seal the room
Earthquake Drop, cover and hold
Tsunami Get to high ground

Safety Strategy

STAFF

Lead safety strategy
Account for occupants and staff
Notify if missing, extra or injured people

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Choir Club is Back!

Do you love to sing? 🎵🎶 **Choir Club** kicks off on **Tuesday, September 1st** and is open to all **4th-6th graders!**

If you'd like to join, please click the link below to let Mrs. Lundmark know you're interested 🎵

🎵Come be a part of something special — we can't wait to make music together! ❤️

[Click HERE to sign up for Choir Club](#)

Dates to Remember

August 27 3:15-4 PBIS Troupe

September 1 3:15-4 Choir Club

September 2 3:15-4 ASL Club

September 3 3:15-4 Art Club

September 7 No School - Labor Day

September 8 No School - Staff Development

September 9 3:15-4 Garden Club

September 10 3:15-4 ASL Club

Community Closet Event

FREE CLOTHING

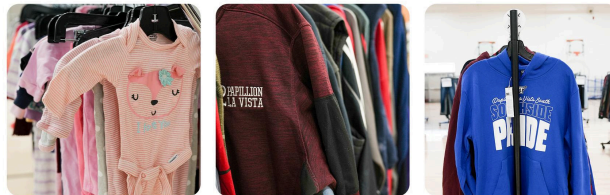
FOR ALL PLCS FAMILIES



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH | 10AM-12PM

LA VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL
7900 EDGEWOOD BLVD, LA VISTA

Our Community Closet provides free clothing and essential personal care items to all PLCS families who need them. All District families are welcome.



Visit plcschools.org/closet for more info

Uniting to Support the Needs of Our Community



Adding Money to Lunch Account

Money can be added to your student's lunch account using Linq Connect. However, if you would like to pay using a cash or check (made out to Rumsey Station) that is fine too. The cost of a school lunch for the 2026-27 school year is \$2.55.

[Click HERE to access Linq Connect](#)

August Lunch Menu

[Click Here for the August Lunch Menu!](#)

Important Schedule Information

Lunch Times

Kindergarten: 11:15-11:40

2nd Grade: 11:25-11:50

1st Grade: 11:30-11:55

4th Grade: 11:45-12:10

3rd Grade: 11:50-12:15

5th Grade: 11:55-12:20

6th Grade: 12:05-12:30

PTO NEWS

September



Happy fall

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			Workroom Wednesday		Popcorn Friday!	
6	LABOR DAY!	NO SCHOOL	8	10	11	12
			Workroom Wednesday			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	CNO - Runza		Workroom Wednesday			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Workroom Wednesday		FUN RUN!	
27	28	29	30			
			Workroom Wednesday			

EVENTS:

Sept 4: Popcorn Friday 8am - 10am

Sept 7-8: No School for Labor Day

Sept 15: CNO Runza 5-8pm

Sept 25: Choose Your Own Adventure Fun Run and Obstacle Course

NOTES:

Our annual fundraiser is happening now!

Donations support campus improvements, field trips, clubs, events, and student and staff support! We couldn't do this without YOU!



Choose Your Own Adventure Annual FUNdraiser - August 24th - September 25th



Scan the QR Code to register and get started.

For our Fun Run - Choose Your Own Adventure! This year, we're using an awesome [web based fundraising system](#) that makes it much easier for you to request pledges from your family and friends, and for them to make secure credit card donations online. It's fun, it's easy, and people who use it typically raise twice as much as those who don't!

Remember, our Fun Run - Choose Your Own Adventure! is September 25, so please register now to help our school raise as much as we can for facility improvement projects including new sports equipment and outdoor sensory play projects. We are also raising money for all the events we host for Rumsey Station throughout the year..

Using your computer's browser:

Go to <http://rumsey.pledgestar.com/>

Click "Not Registered For This Year's Event"

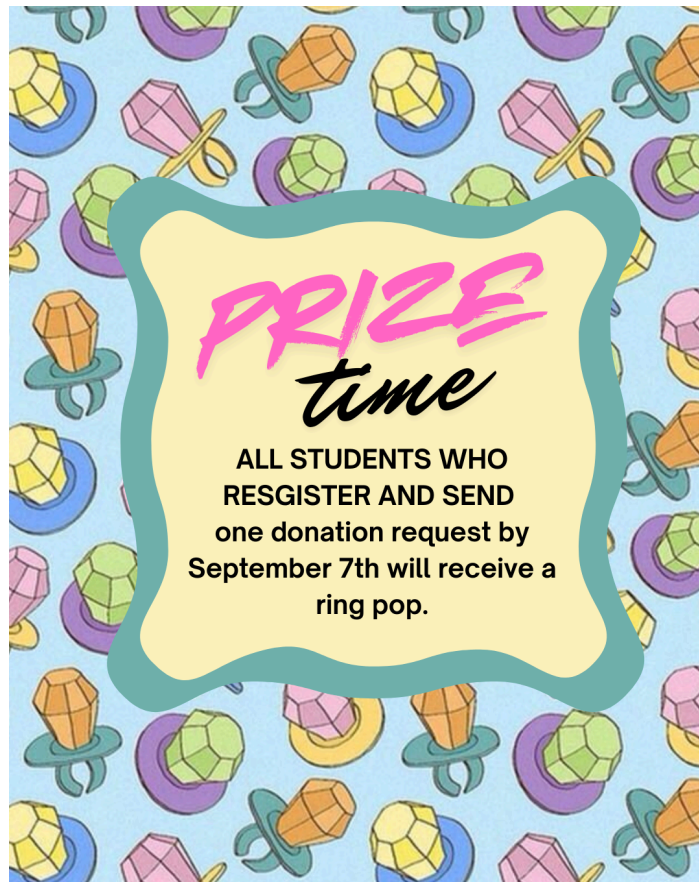
Enter your name and email address, then click "Submit"

Follow the instructions on-screen to register Fun Runner(s) and add family and friends

When you finish, the system emails pledge requests to your family and friends, and allows them to make secure credit card donations online. You get notified each time a pledge is made, and you can track your pledge progress online.

Call 1-888-598-7510 if you need help.

*All students who REGISTER AND SEND one donation request by September 7th will receive a ring pop *



Volunteer Opportunities!

Are you ready to get involved? Join us at [Working Wednesdays](#), [Popcorn Fridays](#), as a member on the [Yearbook Committee](#), or email us at RumseyStationPTO@plcschools.org to find out more.

Joining the PTO and the Student Directory

As part of your PTO membership, you get access to a school directory. This is a great way to connect with families in the school especially for birthday parties, picnics, play dates, etc. If you would NOT like to have your family's contact information included in the directory (address, phone number), please call Melissa at 402-898-0475 by Aug. 28th. If we do not hear from you, we will assume your information can be published. Membership is a \$10 donation that goes back to students and staff and you can join [HERE](#).

Volunteer Appreciation Program

Thanks to a generous donation from a Rumsey Station Family, our PTO is able to celebrate our volunteers with a chance to win FREE AIRLINE TICKETS. Please review the rules below to see how you can qualify.

Rules & Details

How to Earn Chances:

- Be a paid Rumsey Station PTO member
- Participate in three (3) volunteer events to get one chance to win
- Maximum of three (3) chances to win per PTO member
- We would love to see you at as many events as you can attend!

Qualifying Events:

- Any PTO event with a Signup Genius link (Working Wednesday, Popcorn Friday, classroom parties, Fun Run, etc.)
- Must sign up, show up, and volunteer - please sign every time you volunteer
- Attend at least one general PTO meeting

Eligibility:

- Southwest employees and PTO board members are ineligible
- Tickets cannot be sold or auctioned off - this is a violation of Southwest's policy

Ticket Details:

- A winner will be selected before school releases for winter break
- A total of two tickets will be awarded
- Tickets are earned through volunteer hours from a PTO board member - more volunteer hours = more tickets

Each Ticket Includes:

- Round trip to any domestic city (Lower 48, Alaska, Hawaii, or Puerto Rico)
- Valid for travel February 1, 2027 to January 31, 2028
- Two (2) free checked bags
- Basic fare (winner can upgrade for a fee)



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Rumsey Station



RUNZA®

RUNZA Fundraiser Night

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

5-8pm

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 from 5-8pm, the Papillion Runza® Restaurant located at 202 North Washington will donate 10% of sales to Rumsey Station.

5th & 6th Grade Library Information



PAPILLION LA VISTA
COMMUNITYSCHOOLS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we embark on another incredible school year in PLCS, we are eager to connect with each of you regarding the Young Adult sections for ages 11-13 available in our elementary libraries. Our goal is to foster lifelong learners, critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, and responsible users of information resources. To accommodate our older students, specifically 5th & 6th grade students, PLCS elementary libraries have the Young Adult section of the library which is dedicated to books that relate to this age/grade of students. Below you will find some key information related to this section of our school libraries.

The transition from childhood to adolescence is a pivotal time, marked by changes with students as they mature. YA literature serves as a bridge between children's books and the more nuanced themes of adolescence. These stories delve into topics such as friendship, family dynamics, and personal growth, resonating with the experiences of 5th-6th grade readers.

How does the District determine selection of books for Young Adult?:

Elementary librarians add to and weed their collections of books in each library, including those in the YA section. Books that are Young Adult have gone through a systematic process outlined in District procedures. Staff who review these books prioritize factors such as age-appropriateness, educational value, diversity, and literary quality to offer a diverse range of titles that reflect our students' experiences and support District educational goals.

What are the parameters of YA book checkout?:

- The YA section is exclusively available to 5th and 6th grade students and any parent/guardian may opt their student out of this section of the library. The recommended age for the YA section is ages 11-13.
- We encourage you to discuss your expectations regarding YA checkout with your child and monitor their reading selections through the Papillion-La Vista Public Schools app.

In PLCS, we want parents/guardians to have the information they need to make informed decisions for their student(s). This communication aims to provide you with background specifically related to the YA section of our libraries. Thank you for your partnership in shaping the best path forward for your student.

Sincerely,

PLCS Curriculum Department

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITYSCHOOLS

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Kindergarten - 3rd Grade Library Information

[Click Here!](#)

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