

# Rossier Park Elementary/Middle School Newsletter

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## Message From the Principle



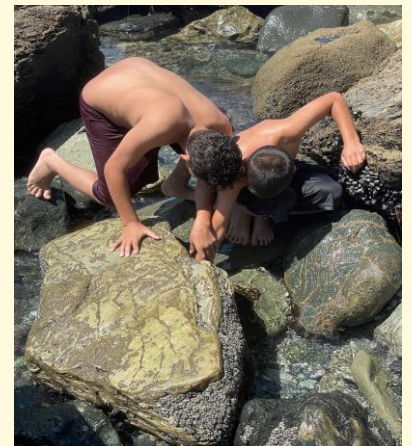
*It has been a joy to watch the students during our Extended Summer Year. Our campus traveled around the world this summer, which each classroom highlighting a particular county to learn and celebrate. We have experienced Mexico, Japan, Palestine, Italy, and Ireland. The students have cooked, eaten, crafted artwork, and learned about their specific county. The school has never tasted or smelled so good! In addition to the creative curriculum, the students have been going to the beach for Level Day. I had the wonderful opportunity to experience Beach Day last week, and again, I was overwhelmed by the smiles and playful behaviors. It has been rejuvenating to see our 48 students and 30 staff enjoying what the season has to offer. As we look forward to RSY beginning in just a few weeks, I am excited about our potential growth in our Functional room for grades K-3, catching up on staff trainings, and beginning RSY strong!*

*Alicia Fernandez, Program Director*

### **TEACHER TAKES – Room 8**

In Room 8 we have traveled to beautiful Ireland. We have been taking virtual tours of the Castles of Ireland, the sea life, and the wonderful birds that call Ireland home. We cooked some of the different foods from Ireland. Some of the favorites have been: Irish Soda Bread, Boxty (Potato Pancakes), Irish Stew, and Irish Meat Pies. We have taken field trips to the Tide Pools at Dana Point where the students had a great time looking for the sea urchins and crabs that live in the tide pools. We may have some future Oceanographers in the making. One of our other field trips was to the Richard Nixon Presidential Library. Students and staff had a wonderful time touring the home that President Nixon was born in, as well as, seeing what his Oval Office looked like while he was in office, walking through Marine One that carried President and First Lady Nixon back to California upon leaving the White House in 1974 for the last time. Students along with staff had their pictures taken behind a copy of the Resolute Desk. I think we may have at least one Presidential hopeful. We have already started talking about ideas for field trips for RSY. I see the Dana Point Tide Pools on that list and more cooking from different cultures that we will be learning about throughout the school year. It has been a great ESY and I'm looking forward to RSY.

Janet Checco, Special Education Teacher



## Therapist Corner

SMILE  
BE KIND  
AVIOD NEGATIVITY

## Highlights

*Be the type of person you want to meet*

- *Bullying can happen in many ways. It can include teasing, being hurtful to someone, ignoring them or hurting them. It can also happen anytime-in person, online, on the phone, in class, on the bus, in your neighborhood or even in your home*

## What We Will Talk About

- ✚ Definition of Bullying!
- ✚ The Different Types of Bullying!
- ✚ Being a Bystander!
- ✚ Coping with Bullies!

**Number of Group Sessions in Unit:** 4 + An  
Optional Follow Up Session

**Session & Materials:** (Note: *Handout and Student Activity Pages are included with each session*).

## Stop bullying Community Resources

**Prevention:** Learn how to identify bullying and stand up to it

**stopbullying.gov** [https://www.  
stopbullying.gov/resources/external](https://www.stopbullying.gov/resources/external)

Thank You!

## Small Group Counseling Description

Schools play a vital role in decreasing the occurrence of bullying among children. Victims of bullying behavior need guidance in developing the skills and strategies needed to effectively respond to bullying. Through small group work, the school therapist can help students develop the knowledge, attitude, and skills that will enable them to deal more effectively with bullying. psychoeducational group model, Solving Problems Together (SPT), which not only engages students in the discovery of knowledge and skills needed to deal effectively with bullying, but also demonstrates techniques for solving predicaments in the future.

Resources: For Parents and Guardians

[FBI Safe Online Surfing Internet Challenge](#)

FBI-SOS is a free, fun, and informative program that promotes cyber citizenship by educating students in third to eight grades on essentials of online security.

[Protecting Kids Online](#)

Resources to help adults talk to kids about making safe and responsible decisions.

[How to Talk to Your Kids About Mental Health](#)

You want the best for your children or other dependents. You may be concerned or have questions about certain behaviors they exhibit and how to ensure they get help.

## C&I Corner

It has been amazing to see the growth of our students over Summer School both physically and academically. The students have really enjoyed learning all about the different countries their classroom picked. The students have learned about different cultures, languages, food and economy and it has been a joy to see the smiles on their faces when they talk about what they have learned. I am excited to see what they come with next as we close out our ESY. During ESY we were able to open up a sensory room as well as an incentive room to motivate our students to think positively and make the right choices. As we prepare for the 2022-2023 school year, I am eager to see the students work towards their goals and have a successful year.

Scott Heap – Curriculum & Instruction Specialist