

A NOTE FROM THE RANCH.....



From the desk of Mr. Ridge, Principal

August, 2011

Howdy Wranglers,

Welcome to a new and exciting year on the Ranch! On behalf of the school staff, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all Lang Ranch families, returning and new. This year will be the 14th opening to a new school year here at Lang and the first year without Mr. Baker as principal. No doubt, he will be missed. Mr. Baker served 13 years on the Ranch and led the school to a proud place of distinction. His vision and commitment to an educational program at Lang that educates the whole child is unsurpassed. I pledge to continue in his footsteps to deliver excellence to the Lang Community. Fortunately, I will have much help. I am quickly learning that the teachers, staff, students and families here are unsurpassed themselves. I am awestruck by the truly exceptional focus of the community upon excellence. Lang Ranch is an exemplary school via the collective effort of school and community.

On a personal note, I wish to thank the community for such a warm welcome on May 19 at Open House. I was impressed not only with the quality of work on display that night as with the gracious welcome. I was truly touched by the number of Ranchers extending a hand to me during my first visit. I was also struck by the steadfast concentration of the school community on putting kids first. I left the school that evening with a clear understanding of how the collaborative efforts of Lang families and the school have produced such phenomenal student success. I also left that evening with a feeling of excitement to be joining the school community. Since then, I have carried that excitement over the summer, as my family and I have relocated to the Conejo Valley area. We have received the warmest of welcomes in our new home too, and we feel so fortunate to find ourselves in such a caring community. We feel at home already. Thank you again for the warm welcome.

This year promises to bring lots of joy and excitement as we move through our theme of "Reading Road Trip". We will be traveling a road of familiarity together this year in many circumstances as we proudly continue the fine customs, traditions and celebrations that make Lang Ranch such an outstanding school. We will also encounter a few new twists and turns as the school works to provide the highest level educational program that will prepare our children for the 21st century. With this thought of new and exciting adventures, I invite you to join me for something "new," a Principal's Coffee meeting on Friday, September 2, at 9 AM. This meeting will be an informal meeting in which we can talk and get to know one another. Coffee and juice will be provided courtesy of Lang PTA. I look forward to this chance to get to know some of you. I will continue to hold a Principal's Coffee meeting on the first Friday of every month. Join me when you can!

I am looking forward to a great year at Lang. During my first year, I will be busy learning names and faces, as well as becoming fully immersed in all the myriad of activities and events at the Ranch. I do hope to see you soon as we work together in support of our children. Come on down!

Happy Trails,

Chris Ridge

Chris Ridge, Principal

LANG RANCH ELEMENTARY

2011-2012



Theme for 2011-2012:

Reading Road Trip

Many families are just returning from summer vacations and road trips. I have wonderful memories of childhood road trips, and I am sure you do too.

Reading and Literature can be just as exciting and profound in its ability to "take us to other places". So, this year, we embark on the adventure of being immersed in reading as it takes us on the magical adventures of the mind.

At Lang, we are all readers, and we are all authors. As we learn to engage in the Magic (connecting to last year's theme) of reading, we also learn to connect to the magic of creating places and spaces with our writing. Authors engage in the art of creating magical places in our mind.

Let us begin this year by "packing our bags" to head out onto the road of adventure to reading and writing at the Ranch!

-Mr. Ridge

** I would like to thank Lauren Sue for her contribution in creating the graphic image for this year's theme.*

NEWS AND EVENTS

- ★ Welcome to New Students - I want to take a brief moment to extend a special welcome to the students and families joining us for the first time. I am certain that you will find your experience at Lang meeting all your expectations and more. We are very excited to start the year off by letting you know how much we value parents as part of the Lang Ranch team experience. We count on all of our parents to take a very active role in their child's education in every way they can. We know that every family structure is different, and we will give a large menu on how you can fit your child's school experience into your busy schedules. For those new students and families, I invite you to join me for an orientation and tour on Monday, August 22 at 3:30 PM in the school cafeteria. I do hope that all new families can join me, as I have important information to share with you that will make your start at the Ranch a smooth transition. Please join me.
- ★ Kindergarten and First Grade Orientation - I am also inviting parents of both kindergarten and first grade students to attend special orientation sessions on Monday, August 22. The kindergarten orientation will be at 6 PM. The kindergarten meetings will take place in the classroom. This is the time where families can take pictures and work through any issues of separation the parent or child may be having. This special time will make it much easier for the first day of school where families are not allowed into the classroom for the first few days. This is a very special bonding time for students with their peers and their new teachers. Working through any issues before the first official day of school makes every moment of the big day exciting and fun for everyone. This philosophy also pertains to the families of first graders. The first grade orientation will be at 7 PM on August 22 in the cafeteria. The orientation will help every family know about changes for them and for their children in moving into first grade. First grade is a bigger jump into the academic world than kindergarten was. This night will be a great opportunity for any general questions you may have to be answered.
- ★ Kindergarten Play Day - Families of kindergarten students are invited to join other kindergarten families for the Kindergarten Play Day at Lang Park on August 20 from 10 to 12. The play day will be a great chance not only for children to meet some new faces, but for the adults to come together too. Families joining the Lang community for the first time will have the chance to come together for the first time and to meet some more neighbors. It promises to be a nice way to kick off the year for our kindergartners.
- ★ Class List Posting and Welcome Back - By Tuesday, August 23, we will all be so excited about the year getting started that everyone will bring with them big smiles and an eagerness to get started. With all of this Wrangler spirit being felt so strongly, your PTA has organized the evening to focus on all that is just about ready to unfold for each of our special Wranglers. At 4:00 p.m. on August 23, class lists will be posted by the lunch table side of the school on the windows of rooms 30, 32, 34 and 36. They will be posted on the cafeteria side of the school, because PTA is hosting a welcome Shave It dessert from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. The student store will be open with all kinds of items including spirit wear and book jackets. We are also strongly encouraging anyone who buys lunch to pay Bernadette del Cid, our new cafeteria manager, during this event. It will save everyone incredible amounts of time to set up your lunch account a day ahead of the first day of school. So come and celebrate your child's classroom placement with the rest of the school.
- ★ First Day of School - On the first day of school, Wednesday, August 24, PTA will be hosting a coffee in the cafeteria after the bell rings at 8:25 a.m. This will be a great time for many of you to connect with our neighbors and learn more about the school and catch-up on everyone's summer. With about 700

students and 31 teachers, it is important that we keep working at staying connected to our neighbors, PTA, School Site Council, and school administration. Talking, sharing, offering constructive ideas all help make a highly effective school.

★ Calendar – Please check our school calendar via our website through the year to learn about important school events. Although we do utilize paper notices, we do so sparingly in an effort to save resources. So, our calendar will always be posted on our school website and updated throughout the year.

★ Word of the Week – “Respect” – The Ranch uses a character education program with students that focuses on an important new word each week. We begin with “Respect” for the week of August 29 – September 2. Please take a moment to reinforce these key concepts with your child(ren):

- RESPECT is treating someone the way you want to be treated.
- RESPECT is showing consideration for others.
- RESPECT is being polite to both adults and children.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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School Hours:

- 8:25 – 1:30 Extended day kindergarten and kindergartners in a combination kindergarten/first grade classroom
- 8:25 - 2:35 Grades 1-5 and 1st graders in a kindergarten/first grade combination

Campus supervision will be supplied for grades 1-5 starting at 7:55.

Instruction begins promptly at 8:25, and every minute of class time at Lang is valuable. Late arrivals to school not only disrupt your child’s learning but also the morning routine of the class. It is important that all students arrive at school with sufficient time to be in the classroom at 8:25. A warning bell rings at 8:22 to direct students to line up and enter the classroom. Please support the school in ensuring that your child(ren) arrive at school on time. Setting good habits of attendance and punctuality will build foundational skills for the future. Any student arriving at school after 8:25 a.m. must come into the front office and receive a tardy slip. Excused tardies are limited to illness or documented doctor visits. Any student receiving more than six unexcused tardies or absences will be referred to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB).



****The safety of your child is our number one priority, and we trust that these few safety rules will be followed without exception. Please treat every situation as if it was specifically written about YOUR child.****



Students Arrival at School/School Safety:

We are requesting that no child be on school grounds prior to 7:55 a.m. This is an important safety issue because there is *no campus supervision* before that time. All students that arrive before 7:55 will be required to wait in the front office. Because the campus supervisors are all outside, there is no supervision in the inside halls. We have found it very important that students not enter the building until the bell rings at 8:25 a.m. This being true, it is important to be dropped off on the Sandhurst and Knightsbridge sides of the school. Kindergarten, first, second, and half of third grade will find the Sandhurst side of the school the easiest to drop off at. Half of third grade and all of fourth and fifth will definitely find the Knightsbridge side of the school the most convenient. We realize that cutting through the building for many seems attractive, but the building is not supervised thus making it unsafe. The Sandhurst parents and students must walk around the building to reach the odd numbered classrooms from 5-19.



The Knightsbridge side of the school allows parking all the way down to Parkview. This is a very safe location for drop-off and pick-up because no student will have to cross a street or a driveway entrance. The office greatly encourages the use of the school side of Knightsbridge for pick-up and drop-off. Knightsbridge is a guaranteed instant pick-up and drop-off location. The front of the school is not designed

for student drop off or pick up at the beginning and end of the school day. The front parking lot is for adult business and no students should be dropped off or picked up at that location before or after school.

Safety is our number one concern! If you enter the Sandhurst parking lot and are dropping off a child, you will find yourself in a yellow curb zone. This means an adult must remain in the car at all times with the engine running. If a parent parks his/her car in the yellow zone, it stops traffic for all those lined up behind. Several of last year's parents found themselves facing a \$40.00 fine for leaving their car in the yellow zone. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE follow the yellow curb rule. If you do not follow the rules, the entire system falls apart and tempers fly. If you drop off on the Knightsbridge side of the school, be very careful of the very few bikers we have that exit from there. The parent behind the wheel of a 3000-5000 pound vehicle has a huge responsibility and would never be able to forgive him or herself if any student were hurt. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY. Allow plenty of time to pick up your child. Pick-up and drop-off is not a time to rush. (Refer to the map on the last page of this notice.) The law mandates that you not use a cell phone while driving. Any distraction from your driving could disable you from making a quick decision and saving a child's life. For anyone concerned about pick-up or drop-off, please come between 7:55 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. – there is never a line and no one has to wait on either side of the school!



Campus Security - The Ranch is a secured location. This means that from 8:25 a.m. until the end of the school day, no one is allowed onto the campus unless they come through the front office. It is important to sign in and put on a badge. This is done for two reasons: 1) the office wants to know at all times who is on the campus and 2) We love to say "Howdy!"



Beginning of Year Paperwork – On the first day of school, we will be sending home an assortment of forms and papers that will need your attention. Doing so will help us to best serve your family.



Attendance and Absence Reporting:

For your convenience and the safety of your children, Lang Ranch will be using an Attendance Hot Line. Please call the school voice mail system 241-4417 (press #1) before 9:00 a.m. if your child is going to be absent or tardy. The health clerk monitors attendance very closely, as do the teachers, to make sure every child who leaves home arrives at school safely. We wish to thank you for following this procedure very carefully, because it saves the office many hours of work and places your child's safety first.

Health Office:



Our health clerk, Sherry Flavin, is at school all day long. We also have the services of a nurse one day every other week, and she is on call. No students may keep any medication with him/her at school. If your child needs any medication administered during school hours, we must receive a signed doctor's note indicating the dosage and how long the medication should be administered or the doctor can fill out the district medication form. We also need you to fill out the district medication form. These forms are available from the Health Office for your use. Just have the doctor send the form to the school fax number at 805-241-4617 with the directions for administering the medication on his/her letterhead. This policy

is also in force for any over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, cough drops or cough syrup. The easiest way to have an over-the-counter medication administered is for the parent to come to the school and administer the medication. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sherry Flavin at (241-4417).



Student Lunch - The Board of Education has approved a \$0.25 increase for lunch at the elementary and secondary grade levels. This would bring the price schedule for lunch to \$3.50 at the Elementary level and \$4.50 at the Secondary levels. Breakfast will still be the same at \$2.00 for Elementary and \$2.50 for Middle and High Schools. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joe Cook, Child Nutrition at 497-9511 ext. 256. By the end of August, the Child Nutrition division of the District will have new menus posted for the beginning of school. To get a copy of the monthly calendar simply go to the district web site, which can be easily accessed at www.conejo.k12.ca.us. Child Nutrition accepts credit/debit card payments for the lunch program through ezschoolpay which is located on the district website listed above. If you choose to pay for lunches at the cafeteria, your child needs to purchase a lunch or buy a new set of lunches as soon as he/she gets to school. When students go to lunch, they will be required to remain in their seats for a minimum of fifteen minutes to eat lunch. When their area is totally cleaned up, they will be dismissed to have safe and monitored fun on the playground. Any parent of a student with allergies to specific foods needs to notify the health office, front office, and the cafeteria manager, Ms. Del Cid. Those students with severe allergies can be seated at a posted food “allergy sensitive table.”



School Communications:

For any school to be effective there must be an active communication system in place. On a regular basis you will be receiving the following:

- ♣ Monday Newsletter – it is very important that parents always read this document! You can always find all the newsletters on our website: <http://www.langranchelementary.com>
 - The special First Day of School newsletter will be sent home as a paper copy to all families on August 24. This issue of the school newsletter will be the only paper copy that families receive. All of the following weekly newsletters will be available electronically.
 - The next two issues, September 6 and September 12, will be available only on our website.
 - All of the following issues will be emailed home to families and will be available on the school website beginning September 19.
- ♣ Regularly scheduled teacher communication – Most teachers send home a weekly or biweekly letter.
- ♣ Three report cards with one mandated progress report and the possibility of two more – when needed.
- ♣ E-Mail and voice mail - All teachers have an e-mail address and a voice mailbox (See staff list above.) Families are encouraged to use these forms of communication to provide information or ask questions. Lang Ranch teachers work extremely hard to make each minute in the classroom a valuable learning experience. *So, I ask that you do not call the classroom or approach your child's teacher during instructional time.* Please know that I have directed teachers to refer any parent who interrupts instructional time to my office. You should also know that I do so because I am supporting your child from intrusion upon learning time by another parent who is not respecting this request. (On a related note, forgotten items need to be dropped off in the office for delivery to the classroom or cafeteria.) This avoids interruption to classroom instructional time. Do not walk directly to the classroom with forgotten items.



- ✦ If you are at school on Fridays, you can watch KLRN (K Lang Ranch Network) and find out all the “fun stuff” going on around the school according to the students’ very own television station.
- ✦ During the week of October 10-14, formal conferences will be set for all parents of students in grades K-5 (minimum day schedule). Teachers and parents learn a lot about the children at this conference, but it is important for parents to remember that they can have a conference whenever they feel it is necessary. We encourage you to keep your teacher informed about any of your child’s life that will help us to do a better job. Please don’t put off the handwritten note, e-mail, note in the assignment notebook, voice mail, or simply stopping by after school if you have something you feel is important for us to know. We try to be proactive, and we hope you will too.



Reading Counts/Library - For some first graders and all second through fifth grade classrooms, Reading Counts! is a computerized reading program focusing on comprehension. This computerized incentive reading program will be done somewhat differently at each grade level and each teacher will be helping to set goals for each student. There are many ways parents can support this program. Key to the program is a lot of reading time at home. Read, Read, Read is the solution to becoming a good reader for most children. We have about 16,000 books in our library, with nearly all of them part of the Reading Counts! program. The Library is having its first book fair September 16-27. One hundred percent of the profits go directly to the Library. At the book fair, Mrs. Meade, the librarian, has asked the teachers to make a “wish list” of new books they would like to have for your children in their classrooms. This is a great time to support your teacher and get appropriate books directly into your child’s hands on a daily basis in their classroom.



everychild.one voice.® School Site Council/PTA:

Both of these groups offer you the opportunity, as a Lang Ranch parent, to get involved with all aspects of your child’s educational experience. School Site Council (SSC) is made up of six elected parents and six selected staff members. Both groups work in harmony to help supply a curriculum program that meets all state and local requirements and at the same time meet the unique needs of the Lang Ranch community. The Ranch receives several budgets and one of the most important is reviewed on a regular basis by SSC. During the review process, the SSC recommends the best ways to spend the money so that the money and curriculum needs are in alignment. When a need is determined, money can then be allocated to make sure that any need receives proper funding to support the necessary improvements. SSC meets nine to ten times each year. Anyone is welcome to attend a SSC meeting. The date of the meetings will always be posted in the weekly office newsletter.

School Site Council Voting Members 2011-2012

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TBD	Teacher					

The letters “PTA” are very familiar but many people don’t know that it stands for Parent Teacher Association. We are very fortunate to have such a caring and active PTA that is always listening to parents and trying to supply the students and teachers whatever is needed. There is definitely strength in numbers, and all parents are encouraged to participate in any way they can. You will be hearing from PTA a lot this year with the many wonderful programs they already have planned for parents and students. I want to thank the PTA in advance for their service to the kids and community at the Ranch. We simply could not do it without you!

LANG RANCH PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2011 - 2012

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PTA FACILITATED POSITIONS*

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*These are not PTA Committee Chairs. We as a PTA help Lang Ranch Elementary fill these much needed positions.
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Student Store:

Wow! We have the most awesome student store. Mrs. Christina Hamor, student council volunteer mom, has created a fun experience for those who work the store or for those going to it on Fridays. The student store will be selling spirit wear the night before school opens. If you want it, they have it. So stop by the store and get some of that Lang Ranch Pride.

General Mills - Box Tops for Education

Please continue to save up your Box Tops and your neighbors' Box Tops this year! We will be collecting them in the classroom. The money generated by the box tops goes directly back to the classroom (with generous help from PTA for counting and processing them). So, don't throw away any Box Tops!

Office Depot/Lang Ranch Elementary Partnership:

Office Depot's "5% Back to Schools" program has been expanded. The program is now in effect all year. Lang Ranch earns credits for free supplies. Simply say you want Lang Ranch Elementary credited with any purchase you make.

Field Trips:

Each classroom has approximately four field trips each year. Much effort goes into the arrangement and funding of the field trips. Due to the time sensitivity of the trips, refunds are not provided.

Student Dress:

I have included the Dress Code from our School Handbook here to remind families about the necessity to come to school "dressed for success". The following list details

1. Hats can be worn to school (Not in class).
2. Baggy pants are not allowed. The definition of "baggy pants":
 - ✓ They should remain on without a belt.
 - ✓ The crotch should not be below the knees.
 - ✓ The pant leg should not be dragging on the ground.
 - ✓ The students' underwear should NOT be showing.
3. Boys and girls should not wear earrings that are looped or are long enough to be pulled. Having an earring pulled accidentally from an ear is a very unpleasant experience.
4. NO make-up is allowed.
5. Shoes should be safe for sports activities. Open-toed sandals and shoes without secure heels are inviting trouble and should not be worn at school at any time.
6. Girls should not wear any top that allows undergarments to show or have an exposed midriff.
7. Any inappropriate expressions, logos, or pictures should not be worn to school. Examples of this would be a shirt with name or logo for alcohol, a picture of a person with inappropriate attire, or known gang related terms.



Speaking as a principal and parent, one of the joys of a K-5 school is seeing young children being allowed to remain young children and not being pushed into adulthood too early. The dress code listed above allows our 4-

11 year olds to not feel the need to become a teenager because of peer pressure. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. You can never go wrong when you wear a school spirit shirt!

One Last Word from Mr. Ridge

I am very fortunate to be able to speak for such a creative, gifted and talented staff. We are all excited about the 2011-2012 school year and all of the exciting educational opportunities that will be offered to your children. Students, parents and teachers were able to have fun last year, be part of a wonderful visual and performing arts program, and at the same time have high test scores. It is our goal to provide a balanced program, and we rely on our parents to help guide us through your elementary journey.

