



# AUSTIN CREEK BULLETIN



Michael Kellison, Principal

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Dear Austin Creek Families,

As the holiday season approaches, I am overwhelmed with the generosity of the Austin Creek community. We have successfully captured the spirit of giving at Austin Creek, and we helped our community by gathering food, donating books, and supplying toys to children in need. This has been wonderful to observe, and I thank you for your contributions.

I would like to extend my appreciation to Denise Alvear for her commitment to helping our morning traffic flow issues in front of the school. Denise has done a wonderful job of keeping things moving in the morning during drop off. As a reminder, the driveway in front of the school is for drop off only before school and pick up only after school. Cars are not to be left parked or unattended. If you need to exit your car, you should find a parking space and walk in. Thank you for helping to keep things moving at these peak times of day.

When we return from Winter Break, students in third through sixth grade will have the opportunity to participate in the Rincon Valley USD Academic Scavenger Hunt. The Academic Scavenger Hunt is designed to allow teams of students from each of the school sites to compete against one another by researching and investigating a series of questions. If you are interested in having your child participate, please let their teacher know. Each team needs a parent coach to help guide them through this process. Last year, Austin Creek won the school participation award by having the greatest percentage of students participate in the event. Let's see if we can hold onto the trophy for a second year. Listed below are the key dates.

***Dates:***

***Teams formed at the school sites: Now through Jan 27***

***Parent Q&A (optional): Thursday, January 12, District Office 4:00 -4:30***

***Parent Research Workshop (optional): Wed., January 25, RV Branch Library 6:30 - 7:00***

***3rd Grade Hunt: January 27-29***

***4-6th grade Hunt: February 3-5***

Attached to the newsletter is information about the Rincon Valley Charter School. RVCS is the charter middle school that is housed on the Sequoia campus. RVCS is a great option for families who are looking for a smaller middle school for their child. I encourage you to check it out and schedule a visit.

Included in this week's newsletter is information about an upcoming event being sponsored by the Rincon Valley Education Foundation (RVEF). RVEF provides funds to all schools in the district so that we can operate our own science labs. We appreciate the support of the foundation and hope that you can participate to help support science education in our schools.

**Sat. Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM: Join RVEF for a night with the Harlem Globetrotters** at the Oracle Arena in Oakland featuring the *Rincon Valley Union School District Chorus singing the Star Spangled Banner, how fun is that?!?* Tickets are on sale now for \$24.50, the order form is available in the office which includes a spot to buy raffle tickets which will give the ticket holder a chance of being on the bench courtside for pre-game warm ups or in the high-five tunnel at half-time. *Deadline for purchasing tickets using the flyer and being eligible for prizes is Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**Amazon Shoppers** – please start at the [rvef.org](http://rvef.org) website and click on the Amazon button. RVEF gets a certain percentage of all purchases when shoppers enter the Amazon site this way.

Yours truly,

Michael Kellison  
Go Hawks!

*Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>  
No School*



Winter Break  
Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
through  
Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>