

# The Hanna Ranch Cougar

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## Promoting how we learn, not just what we learn!

Recently, there has been a great deal of research that shows reading can help students process information and foster creativity more than any other rote subject. In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, students who read on a daily basis for one month, become as proficient as a student who just read in class for the entire year! We have begun a literacy campaign here at the school promoting reading in and out of the classroom. The students who read on a consistent basis will be recognized for their effort during special assemblies and morning shout-outs. Please make sure that your child is reading what they like or interests them. We know that all of our students work on reading fluency and comprehension on a daily basis, and it is critical that reading continues at home as well. **READING TEACHES!**

## Do you know who your child is chatting with on the internet?

You may be surprised by how many misleading chat rooms and unsafe applications are available to our kids. Therefore we are hosting an Internet Safety Night on March 20, 2018, in the Hercules Middle School multi-purpose room from 6:30-7:30. Laurie Roberts from the Tech Department will give the presentation. Laurie has been working in our district for several years and is considered an expert in the field of digital citizenship.

### Upcoming Events In March:

- 3/15: SSC 3:30 in the library
- 3/16 Physical Fitness window closes
- Please read ½ hour with your children each night.

## Breakfast is Served!

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,  
From now until the end of the year, Hanna Ranch will be providing breakfast to our students and families. If your child receives free or reduced lunch, then they will receive free or reduced breakfast as well.

If other students would like to eat breakfast, it is \$1.50 per student and \$2.50 per adult.

Hanna Ranch Elementary School is dedicated to the nutritional well-being of all our students. Good health is very important for a well-balanced state of mind. That being said, please remember that Hanna Ranch is a Nutritious School of California, which means that we are always watching out for the five 'C's': Coke, candy, cookies, chips, and cake. As a school policy, Coca-Cola and Pepsi, etc. are not permitted at the school. Please make sure that our children have healthy snacks to feed their brains and bodies. Candy is limited to one piece a day, cookies are limited to two a day, and chips should be in single serving size packets only. Although cakes and cupcakes are allowed for birthday parties, we prefer healthier snacks for the kids and thank parents for celebrating these events with

## **AAA Safety Patrol!**

Hanna Ranch and AAA have teamed up to increase safety in the parking lot! Several 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have been trained in the AAA consigners assistance protocol to help children reach the sidewalk safely. When cars pull up to drop off students, the AAA safety patrol will be there to meet and greet our younger classmates and escort them from the car to the sidewalk. Please be mindful of them. They are really good at what they do! Do not park and leave your car unattended. It interferes with the program.

**Safety is First at Hanna Ranch!**