

Dear Ram families,

I want to thank those of you who attended our School Safety Forum. It was an important conversation and we appreciate your candid feedback. I encourage those of you who did not attend the PUSD Community Forum to watch it online. Here's the [link](#). It's pretty lengthy, so if you're looking for an easy-to-read summary, this [article](#) contains a good overview of the meeting and what was discussed. Rest assured, student safety remains a priority, and this includes following traffic laws around our school. Please be sure to obey all traffic signs and signals near and around the school. There has been an increase in the number of people running the red lights and nearly hitting students in the crosswalk. Please, be patient and careful. We do not want anyone getting hurt.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade campers, please be at school by 8:30am tomorrow. There will be a drive-thru luggage drop off area in the St. Gabriel's Church parking lot beginning at 7:00am. Parents, please drop off your student's bedroll and suitcase and then exit the parking lot. **Make sure all luggage is marked with your student's last name and first initial.** Students should report as usual to their RAM teacher for attendance and final instructions.

Pennies for Patients starts tomorrow and will run until Thursday, March 29th. The money raised will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is working towards finding a cure for blood cancers. Students can bring coins, paper money, and checks made out to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society into their RAM class. You can also donate online at <http://www.studentseries.org/donate>. Type in your student's RAM teacher's name to give credit to that RAM class. The class raising the most money per student will win an Olive Garden pasta party. Our school goal is \$7,000 and if we reach it, Ms. Keller will dye her hair. Good luck collecting coins!

Poway High School Family Night is this Tuesday at 5pm and our 8<sup>th</sup> grade photo will take place on Thursday in the quad during 1<sup>st</sup> RAM weather permitting. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will return from camp Friday morning and should be picked up at noon. Also on Friday, our SWITCH program meets during RAM in the MPR.

Finally, the Espola Road Safety Improvement Project kicks off tomorrow. Crews will begin mobilizing equipment and doing construction staking, which is a site layout survey to interpret construction plans and mark locations. Traffic control will go into effect later in the month. Here is a link to an informational video: <https://ca-poway.civicplus.com/CivicMedia?VID=16>.

That's it for now. I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow and remember, it's a 3/5/1 day.

Sincerely,

Dr. Burke