

Dear Ram families:

Thank you for attending Back to School Night. It was a pleasure to see parents and teachers partner to support our students. Students, if you're still looking for a place to get connected, please stop by the club fair this Thursday during both lunches. Thursday is also picture make-up day. Pictures will be taken in the MPR during RAM or PE.

This Friday, WEB will be hosting the 2nd Annual Welcome Back to School Carnival for 6th graders. This event takes place from 3:30 to 5:00 in the Quad. [Click here](#) for the permission slip required to buy a ticket for \$5. Ticket sales are going on now through Wednesday at lunch. All 6th graders are invited!

Students, the student store will be open on Wednesdays during both lunches. Stop by to buy spirit wear, ear buds, school supplies, and so much more!

Parents, if you haven't already done so, I encourage you to follow us on Twitter @TwinPeaksRams. At the request of our School Site Council, this is our attempt to be more deliberate about sharing the Ram student experience with our families. If joining Twitter intimidates you, I challenge you to take a risk – I did and I am really enjoying it. Another focused effort to communicate with our school community is our weekly newsletter produced by ASB. It is loaded with information about school events and activities. Here is the link: <https://www.smores.com/69yad>. This week's issue includes information about our sister school, V.W. Miller Intermediate School in Pasadena, Texas. This school, serving children just like ours, was devastated by Hurricane Harvey. Many of their families are now homeless and there is no news on when school will reopen. We are encouraging our students to "live beyond themselves" and support their friends in need. Please read the newsletter to learn more about our plans.

I will close with a reminder that this week we will be having the first of three back to back minimum days to support teacher collaboration. On Tuesday and Wednesday, students will be dismissed at 12:40. Tierra Bonita dismisses at 12:25 on Tuesday, so traffic may be a bit congested. Please help us to be good neighbors by not parking in their lot. I understand early release days are an inconvenience for some of our families, but this investment of time enables us to better support and educate our students. This week we will be working with a consultant to develop the structures and processes to ensure our Thursday morning professional learning time has maximum impact on student learning.

That's it for now. I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow and remember, it's a 6/2/4 day.

Sincerely,

Dr. Burke