

Dear Ram families,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Spring Break! I'll begin with several congratulatory announcements. Seventh-grader Bethany Watson and our very own science teacher, Mrs. Fisher, have been selected to attend a week-long Space Camp this summer in Huntsville, Alabama. Many students recently participated in the 55th annual Miss Poway Scholarship Pageant. Eighth-grader, Amelia Townshend, won the title of Miss Junior Teen 1st Princess and Jenna Oppel won the title of Miss Junior Teen 2nd Princess. Congratulations also go out to Chelsea Vizcara and Karina Kukosayan for being selected to participate in Tech Trek this summer where they'll learn more about coding, DNA, and maybe even rocket building. There is clearly much to celebrate at Twin Peaks; we have many wonderful students who continue to excel and impress us each and every day!

As part of our school and district goal to prepare students for college and career readiness, 7th and 8th graders will participate in the ACT Prep exam this week. The exam, which assesses English Language Arts and Mathematics skills, will be administered in Social Studies classes. This is a great opportunity to expose students to the college prep tests they will take in high school.

This year's final What I Wish My Parents Knew forum takes place this Tuesday at Del Norte High School at 6:30pm. Register online at whatiwishmyparentsknew.com. I also want to remind those of you who pick your students up at St. Gabriel's after school that the church continues to report vandalism and unsafe behavior by students. Please remind your children to be respectful so we don't risk losing this privilege.

I will close with a message from the Twin Peaks Foundation...Want more Chromebooks? Well then it's time for students to open their real books for the Read-a-thon! Our largest fundraiser is poised for kickoff this week and we need your help. This year we are expanding our efforts and are offering outstanding awards for our top donors and readers! Grand prizes include a Nintendo Switch, a GoPro camera, virtual reality goggles, theme park tickets and much, much more! So please get ready to register, donate, and look to your kids for more information as the event rolls out.

If you own a business and are interested in donating either a tax deductible prize or money to our cause – your company's name and prize will be posted on the student cafeteria "Prize Wall" for the month, added to our Read-a-Thon website, and included in direct emails for all TPMS parents to see and appreciate. Proceeds go towards purchasing more technology and Chromebook carts for our school. Please contact jmcaulay@yahoo.com for more information on how you can help our kids!

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Burke