

Hi Ram Families,

After a week of minimum days for conferences, we are looking forward to settling back into our normal routine. We have two major events this week. The Fall Choir Concert takes place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday at Poway Center for Performing Arts. The Color Battle for our school-wide fundraiser takes place on Friday during both Rams. We appreciate all the donations received thus far. Please keep them coming. Speaking of donations, I am happy to report that our school community collected nearly \$1,250 in gift cards that will be sent off to the families of V.W. Miller Intermediate School in Texas to assist them in their Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts.

Here's a message from SOLE Effects...we're coming back to Twin Peaks with a new adventure-themed "SWITCH Expedition" for our 7th/8th grade students! SOLE's mission is to grow strong leaders through influential role models. SWITCH is a highly impactful leadership program guided by college leaders, trained by experts to equip 7th-9th grade students with tools to deal with these 21st century stresses brought on by issues such as social media drama, peer pressure, and toxic friendships. The Expedition's Destination this year is "Purpose, Grit, Gratitude, Friends, and Fun". Research shows that academics are positively impacted as students build confidence and stronger relationships.

SWITCH will take place during RAM in the MPR for eight Fridays in March & April. 115 students have already signed up, so there are ONLY for 85 more spots available. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate more than 200 students. Check out the video about the program and register students online here: <http://soleeffects.com/tpmsspring2018> or print out a form through the TPMS website: <http://tpms.powayusd.com/General-Information/Programs--Clubs/SWITCH/index.html>

After a one week delay, SDG&E has informed us that the Twin Peaks sidewalk will be closed beginning Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. They expect the closure to last 1 - 2 weeks. Please encourage your child to safely cross at the corner and walk on the north sidewalk.

I will close with an invite to a relevant and engaging parent workshop. "Power Struggles over Screens? Win with Active Parenting of Teens" will help you gain an inside look at how teen brains work, how to increase respect & responsibility, and how to provide consequences that work! Follow this link for more information: <http://tpms.powayusd.com/documents/Active%20Parenting%20of%20Teens.pdf>

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Burke