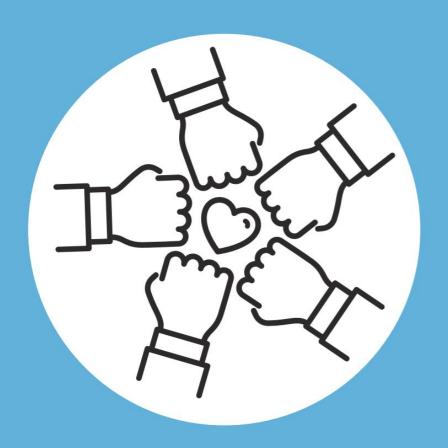
# Rockdale VAPA Magnet 2025-2026 Welcome Orientation

# WELCOME!

# PTA



## Rockdale VAPA Magnet PTA:

## Parents Making A Difference

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#### Rockdale VAPA PTA

## What is the PTA?

#### **PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit association. It is a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education.



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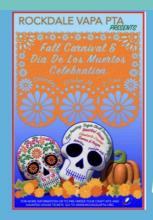
## What the PTA does













#### **Our PTA Creates Connection**





#### It's READcycle Time!

Students exchange your gently loved book(s) and SWAP out with another an the

Dan't have a book, no problem. See a book you want to read, go ahead and take it!









TO SCHOOL DAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024

Walk to raise awareness of the the safety needs of our school community as well as the benefits of active trips to school

Parents and guardians, join us in the MPR from 8-8:30 for coffee & a discussion about safe routes to school



## Our PTA Amplifies your voice

#### make good trouble

ROCKDALE PTA INVITES YOU TO OUR ANTIRACISM AND DEL CONVERSATION Thursday, November 4 e 6pm
Register in advance for this meeting: https://bit.ly/5oSL2Xz

We'll be discussing the film Sankofa (Netflix) and developing our mission and plans for the future! Check out and contribute your DEI readings on our blog! rocketsreadtogether.tumblr.com







#### **GRoW @ The Wallis**



## **Our PTA Supports Your Children**







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# How you can make a difference at Rockdale

#### **JOIN THE PTA**

For just \$11 a year, your membership makes a powerful statement about your commitment to children's education.

#### **DONATE MONEY**

Consider what you spent on childcare over the course of last year and consider directing a fraction of that to your child's education at Rockdale.

#### SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

- Come to our first PTA Meeting of the year: Wed, Aug 20 @6pm in the MPR
- Get approved as a on-campus volunteer by LAUSD

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# Thank You For Attention

PTA MTG WED AUG 20 6PM MPR

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# OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY'S ORIENTATION

- PTA
- Our Mission
- Communication
- Safety
- Volunteers
- Schedules
- Social Emotional Learning
- Rock 'N The Three Rs
- Instructional Materials & Technology
- Cell Phone, Toys, Birthdays & Food
- After-School Care
- Homework
- Rockdale Calendar
- Your Questions



At Rockdale we create through Collaboration, Rigor, Empathy, Arts, Talents and Engagement, nurturing and empowering the whole child and preparing them to thrive as global citizens in the 21st century.

## **Educating the Whole Child**

**Academics** 

**Visual Arts: All Students** 

**Theatre Arts: All Students** 

LA Opera: 4th Grade

Dance: UTK, 1, 2, 3, 5

**Garden School Foundation** 

**Social Emotional Learning Strategies** 

**Physical Education** 

Connections to the Real World: Assemblies & Field Trips

Family Events & Workshops

**Family Volunteerism** 

# Social Emotional Learning & Support

- Bi-monthly Character Trait Focus
- Daily Check-Ins
- Regular Social Emotional Lessons
- Second-Step Curriculum
- Community Building Circles
- Weekly Wellness Themes
- Comfort Corners in Classrooms and Office
- PSW-2 days a week
- Psych-3 days a week



## **Communication is Key**

ClassDojo, Email, Phone Blasts, Schoology, Parent Portal, Flyers (Backpack Wednesdays), Instagram, Rockdale Website, Communication Folders

# SAFETY

## We Are One

Safety, Dignity, and Well-Being of every student and family.

In times of uncertainty – especially during periods of heightened immigration enforcement activity – it is more important than ever that families have accurate information, clear guidance, and the support they need to feel safe and prepared.



#### **FAMILY PREPAREDNESS CARE PACKAGE**

YOUR GUIDE TO FAMILY PREPAREDNESS

MAKEA CHILDCARE PLAN

#### INFORM YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL & PROGRAMS ABOUT CHILDCARE PLAN



 Update emergency contacts



· Share copies of medical information



· Ensure your child has a passport

#### **DESIGNATE A TRUSTED ADULT**



Temporary or Permanent Guardianship



State-specific form

(ex. Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit in California)



Verbal Agreement

#### IMMIGRATION **OPTIONS**



**KNOW YOUR** RIGHTS



#### UNDERSTAND WHO CAN GIVE IMMIGRATION ADVICE & REPRESENT YOU



 Licensed Attorneys Beware of fraudulent "notarios." Check lawver's license at www.calbar.ca.gov

 DOJ Accredited Representatives

Visit ilrc.me/findhelp or scan QR code above

#### WHAT TO EXPECT FROM A LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE





· Signing contracts





#### IF ICE IS AT THE DOOR

o DO NOT open the door Unless ICE has a judge-signed warrant with your correct address and name on it



o DO NOT answer questions or share personal information

- o DO NOT sign anything
- · Memorize important contacts You have the right to make phone calls
- Use a Know Your Rights Red Card Visit ilrc.org/red-cards or scan QR code

o Remain Calm

Find someone in ICE custody at locator.ice.gov/odls

above to print red cards

## https://www.lausd.org/weareone

## **Emergency Preparedness**

- Safety drills occur monthly.
- We ask each student to bring in a comfort kit to have in the classroom (in case of an emergency)

#### **IN A 2 Gallon Ziploc Bag:**

- 1 small hand towel
- A few moist towelettes
- Two to Four 4-8 ounce cans of juice or bottles of water
- A Few Band-Aids
- 4 small packs of commercially vacuum packed/preserved snacks (shelf life of 1 year)...maybe a granola bar (NO NUTS PLEASE), tuna, cheese & crackers,
- 1 plastic trash bag (30 gallon size) to be used as makeshift rain poncho
- 1 pocket-size tissue pack
- 2-3 small photographs of family "happy memories" and a brief note
- Optional items: writing pad, pencil, box of crayons, chapstick, glow stick, small flashlight, a small stuffed animal(pack batteries separately)

## **Drills to Begin the School Year**

- August 15: Fire Drill (Monthly)
- August 19: Drop, Cover & Hold Drill (Monthly)
- August 26: Lockdown Drill (1 time per semester)

## VISITORS TO CAMPUS

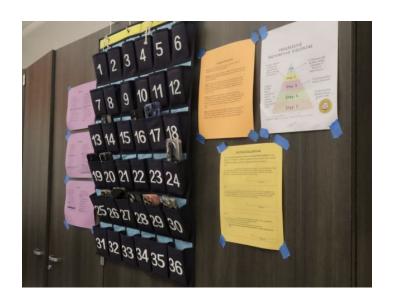
- Upon entering campus, all visitors shall sign-in in the Main Office.
- Complete a visitor's permit and obtain the principal/designee approval.
- If observing a particular activity, please schedule time for visitation.
- Before leaving campus, return the visitor's permit to the designated location and sign out before leaving the campus.
- For classroom visitations:
  - Enter and leave the classroom as quietly as possible.
  - Do not converse with the students, teacher(s), and/or instructional assistants during the visitation.
  - o Do not interfere with any school activity during the visitation.

## For your child's comfort:

- Please send your child with a water bottle.
- Mark all items with your child's name.
- UTK & Kinders--PLEASE SEND AN EXTRA CHANGE OF CLOTHING IN YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK
- Students should wear closed toe/closed heel shoes.
- No uniforms. Please have children wear clothing that they are able to run and jump in easily.
- Crocs are not suitable for students playing basketball, speedball, kickball and other games that require running.
- FUN Fridays are school spirit days, and students are encouraged to wear their Rocket Gear.

### **CELLPHONES**

Cell Phones (any device that can connect to Internet or that has texting capability) must be turned off and checked in with the teacher daily.



### Rock'n The Three Rs

#### **EVERYONE IS EXPECTED TO BE:**

# RESPECTFUL RESPONSIBLE & REFLECTIVE



## VOLUNTEERING



If you want to volunteer in any capacity with students, you MUST complete the volunteer process annually.

### **VOLUNTEERING**

At Los Angeles Unified we believe in the power of community engagement and volunteerism. Learn more about the School Volunteer Program by reading the newest version of the Guide to Volunteering which is available to download at https://www.lausd.org/volunteer

New volunteers: Please gather your TB clearance (screening, test/doctor note) to be ready for submission to your school. This will accelerate the review process. Visit https://achieve.lausd.net/volunteer for more information.

#### STEPS TO BECOMING A VOLUNTEER

#### STEP 1

Complete the online volunteer application. Submit to the school:

- Printed copy of your application with signature
- TB Clearance
- Signed Volunteer Commitment Form

#### STEP 2

School will verify Safety & Health Clearances:

- TB Clearance (valid for four years)
- Megan's Law Clearance
- Fingerprint Clearance (if applicable)
- Principal's approval

# DATES FOR UPCOMING VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS:

September 4, 2025 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM

#### STEP 3

Attend a Virtual Orientation (about 30 minutes in duration)

The Office of Parent and Community Services will send the school and the volunteer a letter with a temporary badge. The school will receive a physical badge through school mail. The badge must remain at the school during the school year and is not transferable.

# Schedules

## **Daily Drop Off**

- 1. Playground opens at 7:30 AM.
- 2. Breakfast is FREE for ALL and service begins at 7:45 AM.

  Please bring your child by 7:45 if you would like them to have breakfast.
- 3. Classes begin promptly at 8:00 AM.
- 4. No parking is available in front of the school.
- 5. For everyone's safety, please do not double park. Park, and walk your child to the Yosemite Gate.
- 6. Please abide by traffic/pedestrian rules.
- 7. No u-turns in front of the school
- 8. **Suggestion:** Traffic gets heavy...leave a little early and drop your child off before 8:00 AM.

## **Dismissal**

- Dismissal is at 2:30 pm on Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays.
- 2. Dismissal is at 1:30 pm EVERY Tuesday.
- 3. Three dismissal gates:
  - a. Students in 3-6-Exit from the Main Yosemite Gate
  - b. Students in 1-2 Exit through the back of the MPR
  - c. Students in UTK-K-Exit through kinder yard.
  - d. Coaches will meet students enrolled in YS/YDP.
  - e. Supper is served in Lunch Pavilion for students enrolled in program.
- 4. No double-parking in front of the school
- 5. Please make sure that your child is aware of any changes in your pick-up plans.

## **Daily Schedule**

8:00 School Day Begins

9:45-10:05 First Recess (Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3)

**10:05-10:25** Second Recess (UTK, Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6)

**11:45-12:30** Lunch & Mid Day Recess

• Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd eat from 11:45-12:05

• UTK, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades eat from 12:10-12:30

1:30 Early Dismissal (every Tuesday)

**2:30** Dismissal (M, W, Th, F)

## Minimum Day Schedule

**8:00** School Day Begins

9:30-9:45 First Recess (UTK, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3)

9:45-10:00 Second Recess (Kindergarten, Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6)

11:30-12:10 Lunch & Mid Day Recess Break

- Students in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd: 11:30-12:00
- Student in UTK, 4th, 5th, and 6th: 11:40-12:10

**12:58** Dismissal

Minimum Days for 2025-2026 School Year: November 10, 12, 13, 14 March 9, 11, 12, 13, May 8 & June 10

## **Breakfast & Lunch**

- Breakfast is from 7:45-8:10
- Breakfast and Lunch are FREE.
- If your child brings their lunch from home, please choose healthy items.
   We recommend that students do not bring nuts, as there are some students who have nut allergies.
- We encourage students not to share.
- Send your child with a water bottle, with their name on it (We have a water bottle filling station.)
- We cannot take drop-offs of lunches from any delivery vendors, and only in rare cases when your child might forget their lunch.
- Cafeteria-to-Compost program.
- "Don't yuck my yum."
- We are "respectful" by cleaning up after ourselves, and helping to keep our cafeteria clean. We are ALL part of the solution.

#### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Beyond the Bell After-School coaches will be reaching out to confirm registration beginning
Tuesday, August 12

## TOYS, BIRTHDAYS & FOOD

- Students should leave ALL toys, games, trading cards and stuffed animals at home.
- We do not have individual celebrations for student's birthdays. Teachers will share their classroom practices around acknowledging birthdays.
- We encourage you to send your child with healthy snacks. We ask that you choose snacks without nuts, as some students have allergies to nuts.
- Food sharing is discouraged.
- No gum/sodas.

## Google Applications & Parent Consent (NEW)

- Students will not have access to <u>all applications in the Google Workspace for Education.</u>
   Google applications such as YouTube and others until the parent or guardian has signed the consent form.
- Parents/Guardians must sign "Google Parental Consent Form" which can be accessed via the LAUSD Parent Portal, and is further outlined in the "Google Workspace for Education Notice to Parents and Guardian.
- Core Services and Additional Services: Students will continue to have access to Google's
  Core Services such as Google Drive, Gmail, Docs, Slides, and other core apps. By signing the
  consent form, students may have access to Google's "Additional Services" such as Applied
  Digital Skills, Colab, Google Arts and Culture, Google Bookmarks, Google Books, Google Maps,
  Google My Maps, Google News, Google Photos, Google Translate, YouTube, and Google Earth.
- **Data Collection and Use:** Google collects information based on the use of these services, and is not used for targeted advertising for K-12 students.
- Consent Requirement: In order for students to access these digital instructional tools, the school needs to obtain parent consent.

## **Technology & Instructional Materials**

 Students will need their fully-charged technology (iPad or Chromebooks) each day. If your child takes their technology home, please make sure it comes back daily, fully-charged.

#### • Digital Programs Used:

- iReady (Diagnostic and Individualized learning plans)
- ST Math
- Schoology
- o Google docs, slides, classroom
- Skies
- Textbooks: Please take care of all school property. Damaged or lost technology or textbooks, are the responsibility of families for replacement.

## IMPORTANT Calendar Reminders



#### **AUGUST: MARK YOUR CALENDAR**





