



Upcoming	
Mar 3	Lunch on the Lawn
Mar 3	Student of the Month
Mar 7	PTA Board Meeting (6:30)
Mar 10	Final day of collection for Community Service Project
Mar 17	Deadline to turn in Honorary Service Award Nominations
Mar 23	Science Fair
Mar 31	PTA General Meeting/ Family Movie Night: <i>Moana</i>
Mar 31	Final Day to turn in California Reads Reading Logs
April 6	APEX Fun Run

Dunlap PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6:30 PM, Friday, March 31
Dunlap Multi-Use Room

Just prior to the Family Movie Night

Looking for a PTA form?
Not sure of the date of an activity?
Need a Box Tops collection sheet?

You can find it on the Dunlap PTA website:
<http://dunlappta.weebly.com/>

Lunch on the Lawn Friday, March 3

Ralph Dunlap parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. — you are invited to come to school and eat lunch with your student(s) on March 3rd.

The lunch schedules are as follows:

Grades 1 & 2:	11:30 - 12:15
Grades K & 3:	11:55 - 12:40
Grade 4:	12:00 - 12:40
Grades 5 & 6:	12:30 - 1:10

Bring a blanket/chairs and a picnic lunch and create some special memories by sharing this special lunchtime with your student(s).

Papa John's will be selling cheese and pepperoni whole pizzas (\$10) and single slices (\$2) along with soft drinks and water. **Coffee a la Carte** will have its full hot menu available. Dunlap will receive a portion of all sales made from both vendors during this event. We will also have Dunlap Spirit Wear t-shirts for sale along with stuffed Dolphins.

Please check in first and pick up your visitor sticker at the front of the school.

SPORTS SCIENCE SYNERGY

RALPH DUNLAP SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

Thursday, March 23, 2017
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Multi-Use Room
& Kindergarten Classroom(s)

Ralph Dunlap PTA's School Spirit Fridays

Wear your Dolphin shirt or blue and white **every Friday** & show your school pride.

Science Fair Participants:

Please fill out and submit an "Intent to Participate" form by **Friday, March 3**.

This form is the last page of the Science Fair Information Packet and is also available for download/printing [here](#) and on the PTA Website.

PTA Community Service Project

Dunlap's PTA Community Service Project is honored to support the Howe family from Joe Nightingale School, whose mother was recently in a fatal car accident on February 6th. There have been many generous efforts to reach out and care for the families impacted by this great loss.

Dunlap is thankful to be joining Joe Nightingale in gathering monetary donations that will help the Howe family during this very difficult time. There are collection containers in every classroom and the office for students to deposit their contributions through Friday, March 10th.

Thank you in advance for your compassion, kindness, and generosity toward these girls who are a part of our Orcutt family community! If you have any questions, please feel free to [contact PTA President, Veronica Leach](mailto:contact.PTA.President.Veronica.Leach).

Honorary Service Award Call for Nominations

Each year Ralph Dunlap PTA recognizes outstanding service of volunteers that have had a positive impact on the students at Ralph Dunlap Elementary. The Honorary Service Award Committee recognizes that we could never possibly know all the good that has been done at our school. For this reason, we ask for your help in identifying Dunlap's unsung heroes.

Nominations are now open for individuals or businesses that have made better the educational lives of Dunlap students. If you know one, please submit the name of that person or business, why you feel they should receive an Honorary Service Award, along with your name and contact number in case we need additional information.

Nominations will only be accepted in writing and are due by Friday, March 17th. Nominations can be given to our school office staff or emailed to [Claudia Fuson, Honorary Service Award Committee Chair](mailto:Claudia.Fuson.HonoraryServiceAwardCommitteeChair@claudiafuson@hotmail.com), at claudiafuson@hotmail.com (Please put "PTA HSA" on the envelope/subject line.)

[CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE](#)

FIND YOUR NICHE IN THE PTA

Do you like planning activities or events? Are you interested in becoming more involved in the behind the scenes workings of the PTA?

Ralph Dunlap's PTA will have several open board positions and committee chair positions for the upcoming 2017-18 school year!

Open Board Positions

- President
- Treasurer
- Auditor

Open Committee Chair Positions

- Fall Festival
- Science Fair
- Health & Safety
- Hospitality
- Open Art Studio
- Sixth Grade Celebration
- Honorary Service
- Dolphin Pod/PTA Website Manager

Additionally there are open positions to co-chair

- Book Fair
- Jog-a-thon
- Membership Rep
- Merchant Rebates
- Silent Auction

Our PTA has one CURRENT (2016-17) open position that we are hoping to fill:

- Sponsorships and Prizes

The Nominating Committee will be working to fill open positions during the next few months. If you are interested in a position or if you would like more information, please contact PTA President Veronica Leach, 805-451-1948 or crzytlk6@msn.com

2016-2017 Reflections Update

Below are the Ralph Dunlap students who advanced (Award of Excellence) from SMV Council PTA to the Santa Barbara County - 15th District PTA.

Congratulations to:

- Film: Jake Mandu (Intermediate)
- Literature: Natas Coats (Middle), Chloe Ottiz (Primary)
- Music: Ella Rae Cope (Intermediate)
- Photography: Natas Coats (Middle), Eryka Gudmunds (Intermediate), Stefanio Mendez (Intermediate), Damian Green (Primary)
- Visual Art: Justin Guiltinan (Middle), Eryka Gudmunds (Intermediate), Teya Nataskin (Intermediate), Lucas Nataskin (Primary)
- Dance: Eryka Gudmunds (Intermediate)

The following Dunlap students have also advanced (Awards of Excellence) for the Santa Barbara County 15th District PTA to the State for further judging. Congratulations on another round of success and excellence in the arts!

- Eryka Gudmunds (3rd grade - Visual Arts)
- Lucas Nataskin (2nd grade - Visual Arts)

In total, Santa Maria Valley – Council PTA had 55 entries. 33 entries were advanced to the Santa Barbara County - 15th District PTA. 24 of the 33 moved on to CA State PTA of which **8 were from the Santa Maria Valley PTA!** Very Exciting!!!

Congratulations again!

Ralph Dunlap Family Movie Night March 31

Doors open at 6:30
movie starts at 7pm

PTA Sponsored event- All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Open Art Studio

Dunlap's Open Art Studio is open most Fridays during lunch recess in Room 23 for 1st-6th graders, 11:30 AM to 1:10 PM.

The purpose of the art studio is to give our kids the space and materials to explore and create if they choose to. Our kids create the art.

We are looking for a few more volunteers. VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NEED ART EXPERIENCE whatsoever! You do not have to participate in any art activities or teach art.

For more information, or questions, or to donate items, email Lisa Thornton mail4thorntons@yahoo.com. Thank you!

LAST CHANCE!! Get Your Pictures in the Yearbook!

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you have great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them.

Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have. Please remember to send in your photos from field trips, Lunch on the Lawn, class parties, Walk-Thru programs, etc.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 406433605
 - Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
 - Click "Save Details".

You can also submit from your smartphone! Download the new FREE Yearbook App! ReplayIt by Jostens and send your photo to the yearbook that way. You can snap a picture of your photo with your smartphone/tablet and send it on over. Please send any and all school related photos to the yearbook. Our password if needed on ReplayIt is Dolphins.

1. App Store=ReplayIt (Jostens)
2. Search for Ralph Dunlap Elementary
3. Password=dolphins
4. Create account and share your photos!

If you can't submit digitally, please contact JoAnne Davis (925-1456) as soon as possible.

Buy Your Yearbook

Yearbooks are on sale online now! Get yours today. 56 color pages of your students class, activities, and clubs. Don't miss out!

[Click here to order your yearbook!](#)

Parents,

If you are interested in volunteering in teaching or assisting **Arts Attacks lessons** please talk to your teacher(s) and let me know. We are always looking for new helpers. No art experience needed.

Lori Bormes
805-720-0923

California Reads... Keep on Reading!

Less than **1 MONTH** left to turn in your California Reads reading log sheets!

All reading log sheets must be turned in to your child's teacher **by Friday, March 31, 2017**. There is still time for your child to join in and earn prizes and reading toward their own "Gold Medal". This year's theme is "Rock n' Roll", and most prizes leading up to the gold medal are "Rock n' Roll" themed.

Students can pick up CA Reads log sheets from their teachers. The log sheets are also posted on the Dolphin Pod (under the "files" tab) for your convenience to print at home. **Lower grade (K-3rd) need to read (or be read to) at least 96 books and upper grade (4th-6th) need to read (or be read to) at least 2400 pages by March 31, 2017, to earn the Gold Medal and be invited to the PARENT INVITED gold medal award ceremony and Gold Medal Ice cream party.** All reading done between October 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017, counts..... so log your reading, turn it in for prizes, and earn the Gold Medal & Ice cream party! Please call or email with questions.

Happy reading! Danielle Rivera, CA Reads Coordinator
grdntools@yahoo.com or 805-478-2460

~ Save the Date ~

Ralph Dunlap PTA
SPRING AUCTION
on Friday, April 28th

We are looking for volunteers to help plan and put on this auction. If you are interested, please contact CiCi Syntaks at 805-588-6014

Science Fair Kick Off 2017

Thank you to the Cal Poly Physics Department, the Central Coast Science Project, and the Orcutt Academy High School Spartatroniks Robotics Team!

OBSERVATION

DISCOVER

MEASURE

With much appreciation from the Ralph Dunlap PTA:

- Thank you to those interested individuals who attended our recent "Coffee Talk" in January! We had a good turn out and are excited that new board members were added to our PTA as a result of that discussion time. Please look for information to come regarding the final "Coffee Talk" of this school year.

"The Dolphin Pod"

JOIN US ON **facebook**

We invite you to join the conversation on the "The Dolphin Pod" on Facebook. Click on the Facebook icon above to be taken to Dunlap's Facebook group.