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Ladera Elementary PTO Newsletter October 2009

## Learn About Response To Instruction in Language Arts

**Principal's Letter**  
By Ryan Bollenbach

### **Response To Instruction (RTI)**

Beginning the week of November 9, Ladera will officially be implementing a Response To Instruction (RTI) model during Language Arts. Throughout the first month of school our teachers have used multiple forms of assessment to give us a strong indication of our students' strengths and needs. Within each grade level students will be placed into one of three levels (intensive, benchmark or enrichment) based on need. Every student in first through fifth grades will go to their RTI class for 50 minutes per day, four days per week. Kindergarten students will go to their RTI class for 30 minutes per day, two days per week. During RTI time, students will be receiving intense instruction at their reading level.

### **Overview of RTI**

Response To Instruction is a process, not a program. RTI consists of three components - collaboration, scaffolding and ongoing assessment. These three components are incorporated throughout the school and within the grade levels.

### **Benefits of RTI**

- Teachers streamline their teaching by having a smaller range of developmental levels in their reading class.
- Collaboration makes it easier for teachers to ensure that standards are taught and mastered.
- Students formerly requiring special services are being served within the regular classroom.

### **Details of RTI**

- RTI is non-homework, non-graded time.
- Standardized tests are given in homeroom, differentiated assessments are given in RTI.
- Groups are flexible. Students can/will move between groups as

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#### Featured Article

**Don't Miss the Ladera Fall Harvest Family Night and PTO Fundraiser**

Assembly for October:  
[Achieve Science](#)  
Check it out on the web

necessary.

If you should have any questions regarding our Response To Instruction model, please do not hesitate to contact me.



## Fall Harvest Family Night and PTO Fundraiser

Join the fun at our 2nd Annual Children's Costume Party & Dance on Thursday, October 29th, 5pm to 9pm (at Ladera)

### Free Admission

Dinner available for purchase: \$5.00 (hot dogs, chips, soda) / \$8.00 (ribs, chips, soda)  
100% proceeds back to Ladera - provided by Farmer John®

Fun for Everyone!  
Holiday Boutique  
Cake Walk  
Bake-Off Contest  
Silent Auction  
Teacher Donations  
Video Game Truck

\*Costumes are not required. No knives, swords, or play guns allowed on school property.

Visit Ladera's 1st Holiday Boutique during the Fall Harvest Night  
Over 30 different booths!

Tell all your friends & neighbors about it, and get your holiday shopping done early this year.

A percentage of all Booth proceeds will be donated to Ladera PTO.

See more information on our [school website](#).

## Don't Miss It!

by clicking the picture.

Thank you all for continuing to bring in your Boxtops. So far this year, Ladera has collected \$300. Let's keep it going by snipping Boxtop logos from your household purchases and bringing in your Boxtops to support our school community.



### A Great Opportunity!

Fri 10/23 is Family Portrait Night. For \$30 the package includes the sitting fee and a FREE 10x13 portrait! Portraits will be taken in the multi-purpose room from 5-8pm. Register for your sitting time at [www.familyportraitfun.com](http://www.familyportraitfun.com). All families welcome! All proceeds to benefit the 5th grade Outdoor Ed trip in February.

# Library Corner Join The Birthday Book Club



The Ladera Birthday Book Club (BBC) was started the first year Ladera opened its doors in 2001. Since that time, Ladera families have donated nearly 1,000 new books to the library's collection. This is a large part of the total collection of more than 8,000 books.

We are so thankful to the families who have participated and invite every student to celebrate their birthday in the Ladera library. If your child wishes to participate in the BBC, he/she can simply bring in a new, hard bound, gift wrapped book to the library during their birthday month\*. Students can choose their new favorite book from the bookstore or get ideas from Mrs. Shaw's BBC wishlist (see the Ladera website library page). A letter will go home to your child during their birthday month reminding them of the opportunity to participate; the wishlist will be included at that time as well.

During your child's weekly class visit to the library, they (along with the librarian, Mrs. Shaw) can present the book to the library in front of their class. Mrs. Shaw will then take your child's photo to add to the Birthday Book Club window and add the book to the library's collection, marking it with a special spine label and donation book plate inside the front cover that includes the student's name, teacher and the year they donated the book. Students who participate in the Birthday Book Club will also receive recognition in the monthly Ladera Newsletter.

This is a great way to share the love of reading with the whole school!! Feel free to come in and see the great books we have received from our very generous Ladera families!

If you have any other questions about the Birthday Book Club, feel free to contact our Chairperson, Elizabeth Stevens [jk.stevens@cox.net](mailto:jk.stevens@cox.net). or stop by and see Mrs. Shaw or contact her via email ([gshaw@tustin.k12.ca.us](mailto:gshaw@tustin.k12.ca.us)).

We're looking forward to a great year in the Ladera library!! Thanks for your support.

\*All students may participate any time of year, so summer birthdays (and others who are unable to bring a book during their actual birthday month) are invited to bring their books anytime they wish. Since the library closes the last week in May for inventory, we request that all donations be made prior to mid-May. In particular, May and June birthdays should consider making donations in April and early May 2010.



## Ladera's Restaurant Nights

Join the Ladera School Family  
for our first Restaurant Night  
at BJ's Restaurant  
Tuesday November 17

Restaurant Nights are back and we've got lots of food and fun in store for all our Leopards. Last year's "Around the World" theme was well received so we've decided to continue along those lines this year. We'll try various cuisines and keep it fun.

When eating out conflicts with your schedule you can still participate, as most of the restaurants will honor take out and lunch orders. Just remember to bring the flyer from your child's Friday folder or print a copy from the Ladera website. Ladera Elementary School PTO will be credited a percentage of the sales generated from the flyers collected the day of our event. In addition to supporting your PTO, one lucky diner will win a gift certificate from the hosting restaurant just by filling out the bottom of the flyer and dropping it in Ladera's red box at the restaurant.

We're still lining up restaurants for this year's schedule, so if you own a restaurant or have an affiliation with one that you think would like to participate in this program, please contact Erin Mike ([ekatecat@aol.com](mailto:ekatecat@aol.com).)

We'll kick things off this year at BJ's Restaurant in Irvine. BJ's will donate 15% of our sales to Ladera's PTO. Mark your calendars for Tuesday November 17 and get ready to -

"Drop your cookbook, step away from the oven, and join us at our first Restaurant Night of the 2009/2010 school year!"

**Show your support for Ladera  
and come join the fun!**

## A Note from P.E.

By Maryann Liscio,  
Ladera's P.E. Teacher

### **P.E. is Back!**

Attention Ladera Parents:

I am so very happy to be back at Ladera and teaching physical education to all of your amazing scholars. I am there on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week.

When your child has P.E., he/she must have the proper shoes on for the activities. Rubber soled shoes only, please!

As most of you are aware the class sizes are larger this year and that also includes P.E. If you are able to assist in P.E. and give your time to your child's P.E. class, please contact his/her teacher or email me. We could really use the extra help out on the field. It is a fun way to interact with the kids and a low time commitment of a 1/2 hour per class.

Contact Maryann Liscio: [maryanneliscio@hotmail.com](mailto:maryanneliscio@hotmail.com)

I am excited about this year and truly enjoy being with all of your kiddos!



## Get Healthy! Have fun! Run, Run, Run!



Ladera Laps is stepping up the competition this year, so make sure your kids come out to run on Mondays and Fridays at lunch recess!

There will be a lot of prizes and incentives for those who participate in the running club.

- 1) Everyone who runs in the first two weeks will get a running club key chain.
- 2) Extra recess for every class who has 100% of their students run at least a 5K this year. (That is only 20 laps during the year)
- 3) A monthly raffle with cool prizes will take place for students who completed a running card that month.
- 4) An end of the year trophy will go to the 1st and 2nd place teachers who's classes ran the furthest during the year. (\*\*see divisions below)
- 5) Extra exciting P.E. game time for the classrooms who run the furthest during the year.
- 6) A special bonus end of the year gift for all students who run a 5k.
- 7) Sports Authority gift cards for the top boy and girl runners from each grade.

\*\*2 classroom winners will be chosen between the 1st and 2nd grade

classes who ran the most.

\*\*2 classroom winners will be chosen between the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes who ran the most.

Please e-mail [NjStep@gmail.com](mailto:NjStep@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Get Your New Ladera Spirit Wear!

### **LADERA SPIRIT WEAR ON SALE THROUGH MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH!**

Don't miss this one week only sale for all Ladera 2009-2010 Spirit Wear. This year's new design will be available in short and long sleeve T-shirts, sweatshirts and baseball hats. Please note that sample sizes are available in the front office. We highly recommend you do try them on before purchasing as we are unable to exchange items. Place your order just in time for Dino Dash where we will show our Ladera Leopard pride! Order forms were sent home on Monday and are also available in the front office. Contact Shannon Bowers (714) 573-7525 or Shannon Heaton [shanheaton@yahoo.com](mailto:shanheaton@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## 5th Grade Fundraising



Please help support 5th grade Outdoor education activities!

Sign up for **Family Portrait Night** :

\*a \$30 sitting fee

\*includes FREE 10x13 portrait!

\*Portraits will be taken in the Ladera multi on Friday, October 23rd 5-8pm.

\*Register for your sitting time at [www.familyportraitfun.com](http://www.familyportraitfun.com) All families welcome!

5th graders are selling **See's Candy** until November 6th! If you are interested in purchasing some treats for the holidays, please talk to a Ladera 5th grader for more information.

Both fundraising items will benefit the 5th grade Outdoor Ed trip in February!!

Please contact Lisa Schwartz (4th/5th grade Ladera Elementary Teacher) [www.msschwartz.com](http://www.msschwartz.com)

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