



Social Events

The Foundation brings students, parents, and faculty together on and off campus for social events to build friendships and strengthen our community.

August

Beach Day – The day before school started, friends and families reunited at Moonlight Beach for sun, sand, and snacks to kick off the school year.

Back to School Coffee – More than 50 new and returning parents were welcomed with coffee and pastries on the first day of school as they signed up for volunteer opportunities for the upcoming year.

September

Ice Cream Social – The Ice Cream Social brought nearly 330 students and their families from all campuses together on the Lower Campus to enjoy each other's company and Cali Cream ice cream. Parent volunteers served more than 400 scoops and toppings as a DJ played, people danced, and kids crafted. An additional 96 servings sweetened the day at the Middle School.

October

Pumpkin Patch and Treat Donation Bake Sale – More than 180 students and 40 siblings bounced and slid on inflatables, rode carnival rides, and feasted on donated baked goods at the Del Mar Pumpkin Patch Party. Dozens of parent volunteers contributed treats and staffed the bake sale.

Tropical Nights Gala – Our biggest social event and fundraiser of the year, the Gala was a tremendous success. More than 150 parents and faculty came together at the beautiful Joya Kitchen to support our Reading and Growing Together Initiative to fund classroom libraries and environmental projects on all campuses.

November

Family Night Out at Local Roots Boochyard – Friends and families gathered to click glasses, enjoy local cuisine, and play games at a fun night out.

December

Encinitas Holiday Parade - Parents and students lit up the night in our Classic Holiday Movie themed float as they marched down Coast Highway 101 in the Foundation's first-ever parade entry.

Winter Crafts - Imagination, inspiration, and innovation came together, transforming simple supplies into glittery reindeer and lovable snowmen. Students and parents enjoyed cookies and each other's company while getting into the holiday spirit.

February

Valentine's Crafts - Students and parents expressed their creativity and Valentine's Day spirit with a plethora of pom-poms, beads, and pipe-cleaners. Treats were served amid lots of love for our school community.



Faculty Support

The Foundation funds teachers' wish lists and provides supplementary classroom supplies, hosts appreciation events, and supports Morning Greeters with parent volunteers.

August

Morning in Paris - Breakfast pastries and coffee welcomed faculty for the new school year the Friday before school started. Packets of highlighters brightened their day when school opened.

September

Morning Greeters – We brought back the Morning Greeters program that had been restricted due to Covid, wherein parent volunteers open car doors and welcome students to school every morning at drop-off. Five days a week, rain or shine, we are there to facilitate a warm but efficient start to the day.

October

Vampire Donuts – Faculty on all campuses were treated to VG Donuts that had been transformed into vampires by our creative volunteers.

November

Chop Stop Lunch - The Foundation provided wraps accompanied by chips, drinks, and cookies donated by parent volunteers for faculty on all campuses during Professional Development Day.

Thanksgiving Pies – We gave faculty on all campuses a sweet send off for the Thanksgiving Break with pumpkin and apple pie.

December

Holiday Cookie Exchange - Rhoades parents showed their appreciation for our faculty on all campuses with homemade cookies and bakery boxes to safely transport the sweet treats home.

Faculty Holiday Party – With food, drinks, friends, and more than a little karaoke, Rhoades faculty celebrated the holidays in a joyful party that brought together teachers, staff, and their "plus ones." The Foundation was pleased to financially contribute to the merriment.

January

Rise & Shine, It's Coffee Time - The Foundation and parent volunteers became mobile baristas, going door to door on all campuses with Peet's coffee and tea, pastries, and morning cheer for our faculty. Teachers were given Amazon gift cards to kick off the new year with new supplies for their classrooms.

February

Hearts and Bagels - We spread the love with bagels and cream cheese and adorned the faculty lounges on all campuses with personalized Valentine's hearts from students.



Service Learning

The Foundation organizes grade-appropriate service learning projects to engage students in supporting our community and develop student leadership.

September

Coastal Clean-Up Day – We kicked off Service Learning with Beach Clean Up Day at Fletchers Cove. Close to 20 Rhoades volunteers collected 20 lbs. of trash plus bags of recycling.

November

Hygiene Kit Collection Drive – Rhoades families donated travel-sized personal care items for hygiene kits for homeless people in North County. Fourth graders championed the project with announcements at Daily Dialogue, campus posters encouraging donations, and made 150 kits from the donations. The need for hygiene items is overwhelming and the recipients were very grateful for our school's support.

December

Toys for Tots – 2022 was by far our most successful toy collection effort ever, with double the number of toys we have ever collected. Special thanks to fifth grade for championing the efforts on the Lower Campus and to student leaders at the Middle School. As a result of the combined efforts and generosity of all three campuses, we donated 308 toys to San Diego families.

January

Blanket Drive – Rhoades students and families showed their generosity and compassion by donating 200 new blankets to CRC Encinitas for homeless people in our community. This is another record-breaking service achievement for our school.

February

Kitchens for Good – Rhoades parents donated gently-used kitchen and dining items to Kitchens for Good, a non-profit that provides culinary training and apprenticeships in hospitality to people who face employment barriers.

Student Experience

The Foundation funds classroom enhancements and campus projects, organizes special events, and supports extra-curricular programs including athletics.

September

Pizza Friday – It's a beloved tradition. It's a weekly highlight for more than 220 students. And it's one of the Foundation's most important fundraisers. Each Friday, students are served Flippin' pizza, a drink, and a chocolate chip cookie by parent volunteers. Proceeds fund Foundation events and activities all year.

Room Parent Tea – Room parents are an integral part of students' experiences and the core of classroom celebrations, field trips, and special events. To foster community among room parents, align expectations and



responsibilities across the grades and classrooms, and enhance their partnership with the Foundation, we hosted nearly 30 room parents for tea and pastries.

Online Spiritwear Store - Showing school and team spirit became easier and cooler than ever for students and parents with the opening of the new online spiritwear store. A wide range of apparel featuring volleyball, basketball, cross-country, track, and the school logos is now available 24/7, year-round.

October

Diwali - Diwali is the Festival of Lights and Rhoades students and alumni lit up the Courtyard stage with magnificent dance moves, shimmering Indian attire, and an explanation of the festival at Daily Dialogue.

November

Veterans Day – We honored family members and friends who have served our country in a special ceremony at the Lower Campus, followed by coffee and pastries in the auditorium. Honorees were given custom-made commemorative coins to mark the occasion.

Book Fair – Book Fair returned to the Lower Campus Auditorium for an entire week of a book and gift shopping extravaganza and four days of special events. We hosted two mornings of Parents and Pastries in which parents stopped by for treats while shopping, a Special Pre-School Hour for our youngest students and their families, and Bring a Grown-Up Friend to Lunch in which 135 guests enjoyed a special Pizza Friday with their host-students.

December

Classroom Libraries – Students enjoyed the new books and reading areas funded from our generous parents at the Tropical Nights Gala.

New Uniforms - Rhoades' JV and Varsity Boys Basketball team debuted their new uniforms provided by the Foundation at the first game of the season.

February

Grade-Level Experiences – At the Tropical Nights Gala, the Foundation launched a new community building program wherein Rhoades Room Parents created a unique playdate for each grade. Third grade kicked off the grade-level experiences at Sky Zone, bringing students and parents of both classes together, strengthening friendships and building our community. All grades TK-5th will have their experience by the end of the school year.

Kindness Week – We encouraged kindness by decorating the Lower Campus and providing kindness cards for students to share when they saw an opportunity to be especially thoughtful of others.