



# Rollan Melton Elementary

## Principal's Note

Dear Rollan Melton Families,

I know we are all surprised how fast September has flown by! As I look outside, I see leaves falling and pumpkins on porches. The weather is changing, and it is hard to believe that we have been in school for almost 2 months. Time flies when you have this much fun!

We have certainly had a fantastic month here...it's been incredibly busy, but the progress the students have made in just a few short weeks has been astounding! By now, everyone is settling in well to their new classrooms, their new routines and getting down to the business of learning. This year has so much in store, our entire team is excited to witness their growth!

Now that October is approaching, we have noticed an (ever so slight) dip in our temperatures. Please remember that we try to get the student outside during recess all year round, and now is the time to bring sweaters or light jackets for recess time.

The first quarter ends on October 18th. It will be here faster than we know it. Knowing that we are a team, please contact your child's teacher regarding any questions or concerns.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns - please let me know. I am always here to help.

I am looking forward to a great October! Have a happy and safe fall break.

Highest Regards,

Mr. Batavia

"Serving 21st Century Learners Inclusively through an Equitable and Diverse Community"



Scholastic Book Fair in library Week of Oct. 21st

## October 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 Picture retake	2 Early Release @2:45	3	4	5	
6	7	← FALL BREAK →				11	12
13	14	15 Pajama Day & Cookie dough pick up	16 Early Release @2:45	17 Great NV Shakeout	18 End of 1st Qtr.	19	
20 1:20 Release	21	← Conference Week →				25 Nevada Day Off	26
27	28 Conf week cont. 1:20 Release	29	30 Report cards Early release	31 Nevada Day! Halloween Parade			

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Rollan Melton PFA Meeting Notes  
August 27, 2019, 5:32pm-6:39pm

1. Called to order by Janelle Stathes, PFA President at 5:32PM.
2. Introductions & Ice Breaker. Best knock, knock joke to break the ice and introductions.
3. Facebook Closed Group: Melton Moms (and Dads & Staff). If you are not a part of, please join.
4. Our contact information: Email meltonpfa@gmail.com; Jenelle Stathes: 775.527.3174
5. Approval of Minutes from 5/7/19 PFA meeting 1st by Stefanie Cantu, 2nd by Amanda Kloehn.
6. Review of Back to School Nights:
  - a. Pastries with the PFA: Well attended more than usual. Possibility of next year making it more of a party.
  - b. School Clean-up Event: 107 attended to clean up and we filled a 15-yard trailer. Thank you, Heather Nichols & Marie Altshuler for organizing.
  - c. Principal's Report by Mr. Batavia: It has been a smooth start. Kids have been prepared and ready. They did a kinder walk. 5th graders will do their walk at the end of the year, and McQueen High School seniors will do their walk at the end of the year. Single point entry going well. Cookie dough assembly went well. Last year, we raised 27k profit that paid for our PE teacher and helped support technology. 30-31k is in the principal budget, so anything additional is appreciated. We are able to do the ART program headed by Mandy Grotting. ART lessons have already started for some. 3rd and 4th grade is going to the ART museum tomorrow, which was taken care of and paid for. New art room in A1 is bigger, good technology and fully stocked all provided by PFA. Mr. Batavia asked that if anyone needs anything to please Email/call/come in make appointment. Feel free to get a hold of him so we can get issues, questions resolved as soon as possible. We don't want things to fester, but get taken care of.
7. Financial Update: Marie Altshuler, our treasurer is not in attendance so Jenelle went over the budget to explain what PFA members are looking at. The bottom is where money gets spent. It is color coded so you can see what supports/pays for what. For example, miscellaneous fundraisers cover community outreach, etc. Members will get an updated budget every meeting.
8. New Business - Membership Update: Our Goal is 150 memberships and Jeff will shave his legs. We are currently at 115. Mr. Batavia announced if we get 175 memberships, he will wax his legs vs. shave them.
9. Teacher Funding Requests: No current teacher funding requests.
10. School Events Binder: Jenelle Stathes made a binder for the Harvest Festival event with instructions/ideas on how to run the event. Janelle asks that whoever takes on an event, they please write up a brief description of anything about the event, what you purchased etc. This way the next chair has an idea of what they can do. If you do it right after the event it will be fresh in your mind.
11. 2019-2020 Upcoming Events and Chairpersons (including write-up)
  - a. Cookie Dough Fundraiser (Kick Off: Tuesday, August 27, 2019; Orders Due: Tuesday, September 10, 2019; Cookie Dough Delivery: Tuesday, October 15, 2019). Stefanie Cantu shared a NEW "no cookies just dough" option for if someone doesn't want to deal with orders and just wants to donate money. 27k was what was received last year, with a goal of 22k. We are keeping our goal of 22k, because it is what we need. This event pays for our PE teacher. Reminder Sept 10th is when you return envelopes with your orders. Stefanie needs volunteers for Friday, September 13th to count money and October 15th for delivery.
  - b. Harvest Festival (Thursday, October 24, 2019, 5:00pm-7:30pm) Committee: Stella Loseke, Tara Dieffenbach, Carla King, Colleen Woolley and Averi Benson: The Festival is to raise funds for supplies, computers, etc. Jobs have already been allocated. The committee asks that if anyone knows of anyone that can donate a bounce house, they would appreciate it. The Boys and Girls club only has one right now. Harvest festival committee knows that no family is ever turned away for not being able to pay.
  - c. Holiday Breakfast (Saturday, December 7, 2019, 9:00a-10:30a): This event is a canned food drive for Food Bank of Northern Nevada, with a newly added Toy drive for the Justin Hope foundation. Squeeze In has donated breakfast in years past, the choir sings, crafts are done. Erin Bozeat is taking care of the coffee for the event. Needs Chairperson . Spell, Rattle and Roll (Kick Off: Friday, February 7, 2020): Like a jog-a-thon for spelling. It is a month-long event of asking for donations. Needs Chairperson
  - e. Sock Hop Dance (Friday, March 13, 2020, 5:30p-7:00p): Tori Conrad and Jennifer Ross will chair this event. This event is a celebration of the Spell Rattle and Roll hard work.
  - f. Melton Mingle (April 25, 2020) Committee: Stella Loseke, Tara Dieffenbach,

- Carla King, Colleen Woolley, Averi Benson, Erin Bozeat: This event supports our arts around the school. It has been better every year. We made 16k last year. It is an adult-only event. No kinder graduation front row seats sold this year. We want to be here for our families that can and can't afford it.
- g. Movie Night: Exact Date TBD: Possibly May 2020: Needs Chair. You would secure a movie license, plan when it is and get concessions. Mr. Batavia asked if it is possible to do it before the holidays to be able to do 2 movie events. Some ideas for admission, canned food for a food drive, stuffed animal, socks/coats for a possible winter drive.
  - h. Melton Clean-Up - Heather Nichols & Marie Altshuler: Erin created an account for us with Points of Light to get Disneyland tickets. About 20 tickets should be donated for signing up and doing the project.
  - i. Monthly Teacher Appreciation - Needs Chair: Food is preferred by teachers. We do have PFA funds for it.
  - j. Teacher Appreciation Week - Doesn't need to be same chair as monthly or nationally teacher appreciation. Needs Chair
  - k. Box Tops - Vanessa Nelson & Lalita Cole: Flyers come home end of this week or next week. They will start collecting box tops next week. We can do online. You can download an app on your phone, scan receipt and it will upload automatically for our school to receive funds. Please look at expiration date; we can't use if expired. Contact Vanessa Nelson for questions.
  - l. Run for education - Money is used for our soccer team, transportation, PE or playground material, anything related to health and wellness. We can get up to 2K. Costs \$10.00 per kid. If you can't make it you can still pay. Email Lalita Cole for questions.
  - m. Scholarship - Mandy Grotting: Kids who went to Rollan Melton and are graduating from High School can apply. 5th graders with a committee decide who the scholarship goes to and whoever wins gets the scholarship at our talent show. We need more volunteers to sign up for committee. It takes 1 night to read all applications.
  - n. Art - Mandy Grotting: The ART committee is using female artists as well as male. It is going well.
  - o. Disneyland Tickets - Erin Bozeat
  - p. Ongoing Fundraiser Nights - Alyssa Peterson: Things like Chili's and Yogurt Beach. Possibly Clay Canvas this year.
  - q. Parent Outreach Facilitator - Parents that are new to Melton that want more information on what is going on in our school. Parents are super grateful for someone calling and asking how the school week went. Janelle needs help making phone calls and welcoming new parents to the school. Averi Benson, Amanda Kloehn, MacKenzie Winkelmaier and Lalita Cole agreed to help make calls.
    - a. MacKenzie Winkelmaier asked if for the Harvest Festival teachers could identify who needed free tickets and teachers can say, "look what you won" to the child in need. A parent or child would not be comfortable coming up saying, "I need a free entrance ticket." Closer to festival, can we send an email to staff saying be on lookout for anyone that needs free tickets? Mr. Batavia said it takes a village to raise kids so we need to take care of the village. We do have extra clothes, coats, etc., if a child is in need.
    - b. Tori Conrad asked about getting rid of old books. Talk to Mrs. Tidrick and teachers to have a donation table in the lounge. If the teacher wants them, they will take them.
    - c. Reminder to talk to our counselor if you know a family in need. It will be kept confidential.
    - d. Mrs. Dolan mentioned that if not for the PFA, teachers wouldn't have what they have. PFA members help teachers do their job. Because of PFA we have an ART program, kindergartners have new bikes and we have PE. Mrs. Dolan and staff thanks the PFA members for all they do. Thank you, parents, for your support and being involved.
      - a. 4 gift cards from Starbucks given out for raffle. Thank you for coming!
  12. PFA Closet: We have not been taking care of the closet and have had mice. It is clean now; we need to keep it that way. The way we keep our closet represents us as a PFA and we don't want the staff seeing our mess. If you don't know where something goes, ask. If something gets taken out of the shed, it goes back in the shed, not the PFA closet. No candy or food in PFA closet. Jenelle has plans to fully clean and organize the closet.
  13. Future PFA meeting dates and times: Tuesday, 11/5/19, 3:45pm; Tuesday, 2/4/20, 5:30pm; Tuesday, 5/5/20, 3:45pm
  14. 2018-2019 5 Star School Status & Melton's 2019-2020 Vision: Last school year and year before we ranked as a 5-star school. It takes parents and educators to make us a 5-star school. We are optimistic on another 5-star year. Melton's vision is that everything is equitable for all our parents. We want to make sure that no parent/child feels like they are being left behind. You don't have to give at every fundraiser! It is ok.
  15. Raffle & Closing
  16. Meeting Adjourned Erin Bozeat 1st, Amanda Kloehn 2nd at 6:39pm.



# Harvest Festival

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

5:00pm – 7:30pm

We hope you will join us for an evening filled with fun for the whole family! Melton loves any excuse to bring families and students together. This is an opportunity to play games, wear costumes /festive attire and eat yummy food. Here's the info you need ahead of time:

### Wristbands and Food Tickets

Wristbands will be sold for unlimited access to games and most activities during the event. Wristbands and food/drink tickets can be purchased the week of the Harvest Festival in the office (with cash/check) or at the event (cards and cash accepted at the door). We encourage you to buy your wristbands ahead of time so you're not stuck in line at the event. We want you to have more time to play!

Age 6 & older - \$15  
 Age 5 & under - \$7  
 Grown-ups - FREE!  
 Food/Drink Tickets -\$1

*Included with wristband:*  
 Carnival Games  
 Photo Booth  
 Bounce House  
 Face Painting  
 Cake Walk  
 Choir Performance  
 Game Prize Bag!

*Also Available for purchase:*  
 Pie Your Principal - Cream Mr. Batavia  
 Bake Sale - Snag your favorite treats  
 Book Fair in the Library

If you are interested in volunteering for this event please visit this link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4ca9af22a4fa7-harvest>



*Your Invited!*  
 Join us for our  
 next PFA meeting  
 on  
 November 5<sup>th</sup> @  
 3:45pm in the  
 Melton library!

# Cookie Dough Fundraiser was a success!

**Hip Hip Hooray!**

**We're rolling in the dough...Melton raised \$31,800!!**

Top selling class:	Mrs. Evans \$4,301.00
Top selling Participation	Mrs. Martin 90%
1st Top Seller overall:	Jayden in Ms. Zastawniak
2nd Top Seller overall:	Kimmy in Mrs. Moore
3rd Top Seller overall:	Kylie in Mrs. Henry/Mrs. Reed

**Join our PFA today!**

**Mr. Batavia will SHAVE HIS LEGS if we get 150 members signed up.**



**2019-2020 PFA Board Members**

President: Jenelle Stathes  
 1st Vice President: Erin Bozeat  
 2nd Vice President: Dena Baumgardner  
 Secretary: Stella Loseke  
 Treasurer: Marie Altshuler  
 Teachers: Mrs. Dolan, Cristy Stoll, Jenny Fallon, Lalita Cole

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**Tues., Oct. 15th!**

Cookie Dough  
PICK up  
(2:30-6:00 in MPR)  
and schoolwide  
**Pajama Day!**



This is Chief Jason Trevino from the Washoe County School District Police Department:

All of us at the Washoe County School District are concerned about student safety while walking to and from school and waiting for school buses.

So far this school year, we have experienced a number of traffic incidents that have left students injured. We are asking for drivers to be more attentive all around our community, and especially near schools where students are gathering. SLOW DOWN—especially when your visibility is compromised by weather and time of day.

Students, we remind you that it's imperative that you pay attention to your surroundings. Don't be distracted by looking at your phone or using ear-buds. It's important that you use crosswalks where possible, and always make eye contact with drivers of oncoming cars before you step into the street.

Don't walk, wait, or gather in the street.



Happy October wonderful Melton Families!

During the month of September, I was able to get into every class for 30 minutes of guidance lessons. It was so nice to finally get to know the students here at Melton! With October break and conference week making days short, I will get back into classrooms in November to build on the lessons I have already taught.

As I am getting to know the students, I am noticing that students may be having a hard time making friends or connecting with other kids. Friends are important when it comes to the social and emotional health of our students. For some children this comes naturally, and some this is a skill that needs some cultivating. Below are some tips to helping your child make friends without putting a lot of pressure on them.

- \* Talk about it or brainstorm a list of "friend qualities" with your child. Qualities like being friendly, being honest, laughing and having fun willingness to share, and being kind.
- \* Connecting Through Conversations. Since being able to share thoughts and ideas is so important to any friendship, you can help your child understand how to build and maintain a conversation. Remind kids to look for connections between what was just said and what they will say next.
- \* Organize Play Dates or Activities. If a child continues to struggle or feel less than confident in their friend-making skills, be proactive in organizing play dates for kids.
- \* Be realistic at the same time. Be sure to not have unrealistic expectations of your shy or socially reserved child. Be patient, teaching friendship skills isn't as easy as it may seem, and it may take some time for your child to master this skill.

More info can be found at: <http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/going-toschool/social/make-new-friends/>

As always do not hesitate to reach out if you have comments, questions, or concerns. I am here to help make your child's year the best yet!