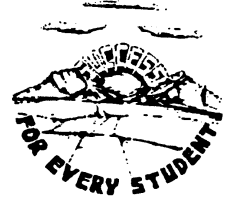




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Dear Parents/Guardians, Families, and Community Members:

The social and emotional learning of our students should be a collaboration with schools, families and communities. It is the hopes of this letter to provide you with additional information regarding our RISE Program.

What is RISE? RISE is a home-grown social and emotional program which started in the 2006-2007 school year. We decided that instead of a bullying prevention program, we focus on teaching students core values which will improve behavior, academics, and social learning.

Who is involved with RISE? Staff, students, and parents are all involved with RISE. We have monthly RISE meetings to discuss concerns.

What does RISE look like?

- RISE week: involving student assemblies, mindfulness, and staff/student lunch
- Our weekly RISE video clip and discussion and RISE awards
- Student-directed charitable efforts for childhood cancers, book drives, coat drives, food drives, and senior visits – any chance for students to give back to their community
- Peer Tutoring and Junior Leader programs
- Integration of RISE principles and service learning opportunities into core curriculum, such as English novels
- Our students demonstrating strong academic success including substantial involvement in honors and accelerated English, mathematics, and science programs
- RISE's successful reduction in number of bullying and disciplinary incidents

We are continuing to improve our program with the help and support of students, staff, families and community members. We have additional information regarding the program on Salk's RISE website.