



**February 2020**

**A Message from Pajaro Valley Unified School District Raising A Reader**

Raising A Reader empowers families with knowledge and resources. This literacy program helps families develop, practice, and maintain home literacy routines



Happy New Year! Enjoy reading books and supporting families to connect through beautiful books. PVUSD Raising A Reader is serving about 4,000 children throughout the county thanks to support from First 5 Santa Cruz and the administration from Pajaro Valley Unified School District.

Now is the time to:

## Keep up the Excitement!

- Keep rotating the bags each week. Families should be getting into the habit now.
- Continue to integrate RAR into your daily or weekly routine. Continue to include conversations about the books in the bag during class. For example, ask children about **their favorite books** and **who** reads to them.
- **Routinely read RAR books to the children** during class time or home visits.
- Continue literacy conversations with parents. Keep the awareness up with the parents by asking about their favorite books and sharing interactive early literacy tips such as at pick up times, parent meetings or workshops, parent conferences, newsletter or bulletin boards.

### Raising A Reader in Connection with Technology

**Footsteps 2 Brilliance/Paso a Paso can complement the RAR program. It is now being used by families at home and in PVUSD State Preschools.**

**Parent child engagement and interaction is the key to early brain development with this app and the RAR books.**

PVUSD students have read over **105 million words** since beginning with Footsteps to Brilliance!

The Annual Literacy Network will be an interactive workshop on technology tools and early literacy. See below:

**Save the Date**

**2020 Raising A Reader Literacy Network**

Theme: Technology and Literacy



**Where & When**

**PVUSD: 294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville**

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

**10:00 am -11:30 am**



## **Library Visit Procedures**

**Schedule the library visit 3 weeks ahead of time  
with the library**

### **Procedures for a RAR Library Visit:**

1. Call the local **library** 3 weeks before to schedule visit. For Watsonville and Freedom email Lilia at [lilia.placensia@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:lilia.placensia@cityofwatsonville.org).  
or call her at (831) 288-0899  
For all other locations in **Santa Cruz**, call **your local branch**.
2. Give library applications to parents and then collect them.
3. Talk to parents about the importance and the benefits of having a library card for their children.
4. Fill out a list of the children and their addresses on the **class roster**.
5. At least 2 weeks before the visit, bring the applications and class roster to the local library.
6. Come to the scheduled visit and library staff will read aloud to the children, give a tour and pass out the new library cards.
- 7. Bring the blue bags with you to the library unless you are in Watsonville.**
8. Post a reminder notice for parents about the library visit.

## Reading Tips to Share with Families



- \* Talk about a book after you have finished reading it with your child.
- \* Ask your child if the book reminds him of other books you've read together.
- \* Ask your child her opinion about the book. (What did she like and/or dislike about the book?)
- \* Having an extended conversation about books after reading helps children's comprehension and helps parents get to know their child better.