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RESPA CHRONICLE



Meet the Executive Board

CANDACE GROSSMAN

Candace “Candy” Grossman, a proud Redlands native and Redlands High School graduate, has built an incredible career with RUSD. She began as a campus monitor and now serves as the CNS Lead at Franklin, where her versatility shines—whether it’s clerical work, tech skills, or even driving a bus, Candy can do it all. Known for her humor, loyalty, and love of traveling and exploring, she especially enjoys learning about the country’s history and sharing those experiences with her family. Candy is not only a dedicated colleague but also a wonderful mom, friend, and part of a family deeply rooted in RUSD service.



What's New

FALL FESTIVALS & CARNIVALS

Our school sites are celebrating the season with Fall Festivals and Carnivals filled with games, activities, and plenty of fun for the whole family. These events are a wonderful way to support our schools, enjoy time together, and share the joy of community. Don't forget to snap and share your favorite photos! As we head into the fall season, we also remind everyone to dress warmly, have fun, and stay safe while celebrating.

Family Fun Joke:

What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter?

Pumpkin π ! 🍷🎃



Upcoming

- Site Rep Training: October 4
- E-Board Meeting: October 6
- Support Negotiations wear your RESPA shirt or blue: October 8
- Leadership Conference October 10-12
- New Hire Orientation October 21
- Site Rep Meeting: October 27





Site Blitz to Fall Union Reunion

Our Site Blitz kicked off on September 23 and wrapped up with a fantastic Fall Union Reunion that brought everyone together in the best way possible! The event was filled with games, food, and plenty of laughter as members had the chance to connect with both new and familiar co-workers.

We were honored to welcome a special guest, CTA President David Goldberg, who joined in the celebration and reminded us of the power of unity and support within our schools. Of course, no RESPA event would be complete without our very own Ollie the Orange, who brought an extra dose of fun and spirit to the day.

From start to finish, Site Blitz was a success—bringing us together, strengthening connections, and reminding us why we're stronger when we stand united.





Thank You for a Wonderful Fall Union Reunion!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who helped plan and make our Fall Union Reunion such a success! We deeply appreciate the time, effort, and creativity that went into bringing our members together for a day filled with fun, food, and connection.

Special thanks to our social committee Cheryl Perugini, Dana Brown, Jessica Grossman, Michael Craig, Jessica Pooley, Liz Huerta-Brewster, and Michelle Eyre for your dedication and teamwork. Your hard work made the event not only possible, but truly memorable. Because of your efforts, our members were able to enjoy games, laughter, and the chance to connect with both old and new friends. Thank you for helping us celebrate in such a meaningful way!

We are always looking for new and creative individual to help create fun events for all. If you are interested in help please reach out to Cheryl Perugini at paraprofessionaldirector@respaonline.org

• "Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable" - Unknown

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Hello RESPA Family!

We're excited to kick off this season with a fresh direction for our association. As we look toward the future, we're committed to offering more fun events, amplifying our advocacy efforts, and ensuring the safety and well-being of all our members. With bargaining on the horizon, we're gearing up to strengthen our collective voice. Plus, we're thrilled to introduce Ollie the Orange—our new mascot, who'll bring a spark of joy and unity to our community. Together, let's continue to create a strong, supportive, and vibrant environment for all our educational support professionals.

Stay tuned for more updates, events, and opportunities to get involved!