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News Release

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Rosemead School District Announces the Recognition to Savannah Elementary School Students and Staff by The Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. for its Achievements in *The Leader in Me*® Program through their Annual Holiday Party

Rosemead, California: The Panda Restaurant Group, parent company of Panda Express hosted its 9th annual holiday party for local elementary school students on Friday, December 16, 2016 in recognition of their accomplishments as a “Lighthouse School” in *The Leader in Me*® program.

This year, Panda has chosen to acknowledge Savannah Elementary School for achieving the “Lighthouse” status within *The Leader in Me*® program. “Lighthouse recognition comes because of the results a school is achieving and the impact it is having on staff, students, parents, and the greater community. We are very proud of our principal, students and staff at Savannah School,” said Superintendent Dr. Enomoto-Perez.



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All four of our elementary schools have now achieved National Lighthouse status thru the *Leader in Me*® program. Our schools are learning skills that will help them in college, the workforce and life. The Panda generosity supported by co-founders Andrew and Peggy Cherng support the belief that “giving back” makes this a wonderful and better place for all.



The celebration begins at 9:00 a.m. at The Panda Restaurant Group headquarters in Rosemead, California, where over 488 students were treated to a catered delicious Panda Express lunch, a carnival created by the Support Center associates and organized through Panda Cares program, special appearances by Santa & loved characters, along with a fun filled day.

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The Panda Restaurant Group is a business partner in the *Leader in Me*® program. The Panda Charitable Foundation which supports the health and educational needs of underserved children is of great assistance. *The Leader in Me*® program is a school program that integrates timeless leadership principles with practical character and life skills relevant to today’s challenges. By building self-confidence, interpersonal skills, elevating student achievement and reducing school-wide discipline problems, this program helps children become leaders in their field of interest.

Savannah's journey toward becoming a Lighthouse School has been a very authentic process of growing student leaders and realizing they are capable of much more than we ever expected. Achieving the Lighthouse status means so much to our students, staff, and parents, as well as community.

“Savannah School and the Rosemead School District appreciate all of the efforts of Panda Cares and Panda Restaurant Group associates, who organized this event,” said both Principal Mrs. Ruth Soto and Superintendent Dr. Amy Enomoto-Perez. They plan, staff and give prizes and gifts to our children. The giving and generosity of the associates is beyond compare.

The Rosemead School District Board and administration are proud to have Savannah students selected and honored during Panda’s annual holiday party. On behalf of Savannah Elementary School students and staff, the Rosemead School District thanks The Panda Restaurant Group for the honor.

About Rosemead School District

The Rosemead School District (RSD) was established in 1859 and is a Local Education Agency (LEA) led by Superintendent Dr. Amy Enomoto-Perez. The District’s education program includes students in preschool, transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1st through 8th. The Rosemead School District offers programs as follows and are not limited to: English Language Development (ELD); Instrumental Music program (4th-8th grades); Student in Need program; State Preschool; Transitional Kindergarten; Full Day Kindergarten; Before and Afterschool programs: K.S.A.R.T. (Kinder After School Recreational and Tutorial), A.S.A.R.T. (After School Recreational and Tutorial), A.S.E.S. (After School Education and Safety) program; Migrant Education Program; Gifted and Talented Program (GATE); Science Olympiad; Franklin Covey’s *Leader in Me*® Program and 7-Habits©; Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS); Migrant Education; and Special Education programs. For more information about the Rosemead School District, please visit www.rosemead.k12.ca.us.

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For more information about the programs, please contact the Educational Services Department at (626) 312-2900. Follow Superintendent Enomoto-Perez on Twitter @rosemeadsupt.

About The Panda Restaurant Group and Panda Charitable Foundation

Panda Express, America's favorite Chinese kitchen, is best known for its wide variety of original recipes including its Original Orange Chicken™, SweetFire Chicken Breast®, award-winning Honey Walnut Shrimp™ and Shanghai Angus Steak™. Founded in 1983 and now with more than 1,900 locations throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, Guatemala, Canada, Mexico, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Korea, and Japan. Panda Express is part of the family owned and operated by The Panda Restaurant Group, the world leader in Asian dining experiences that also includes Panda Inn and Hibachi-San. For more information, visit www.pandaexpress.com, or follow us on Facebook (@pandaexpress), Twitter (@pandaexpress) or Instagram (@officialpandaexpress).

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