Dear LRMS Families,

It is time to enroll in the All-Star Program for the 2016-2017 school year! Below, please find the Declaration of Candidacy. All new and returning students must please complete this form and turn it in this Friday, August 26th at 12:15 p.m. (We will be on a minimum day schedule on Friday due to Back-to-School Night.) Please keep in mind that there are likely to be roughly 500 students turning in paperwork. We keep the line moving, but it does take some time. Last year, everyone was in and out within an hour. Sixth grade Declarations will be processed in the multi-purpose room. Seventh and eighth grade Declarations will be processed in the library. This is a high-volume program; please read the information below carefully to help expedite the process for all. If you have any questions, try to check with a friend or neighbor before emailing Mrs. Ritner. 😊

Students earning the All-Star Presidential Award are required to demonstrate proof of citizenship or a visa demonstrating legal status. All students who submitted presidential applications last year received a GREEN Summer Log, indicating that they have already demonstrated citizenship. Students who have a green log do not need to demonstrate citizenship again. All other students who are striving for the Presidential Award need to demonstrate U.S. citizenship with a birth certificate, passport, etc. If a student is not a U.S. citizen but has a document indicating immigration status, he/she may still enroll. A copy or clear picture of document on a phone is acceptable. If you had a green log but misplaced it, please bring your proof of citizenship with you.

WHAT DO STUDENTS TURN IN ON FRIDAY?

☐ Declarations - Make sure these are complete and that both student and parent have signed.
☐ Summer Logs with signatures (if you earned summer hours toward your Presidential Award)
☐ Proof of U.S. Citizenship - If striving for Presidential Award. See paragraph above for details.
☐ “Receipts” - If you have any “receipts” for service, you may bring them for a stamp.
☐ Box Tops - If you have completed a page of Box Tops, you are welcome to bring them at this time.

Parent Information Meeting on Thursday, August 25th for families new to the All-Star Program in the Multi-Purpose Room at 5:30 p.m.

I look forward to another great year!
Mrs. Ritner
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY 2016-2017
Ladera Ranch Middle School All-Star Award

This Declaration is due to Mrs. Ritter on Friday, August 26th, at 12:15 p.m. in the MPR and is REQUIRED for ALL students, new and returning, who wish to participate in the 2016-2017 All-Star Program.

SIXTH GRADERS MAY CHOOSE BETWEEN THE 20-HOUR AWARD AND THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD.
CHECK THE BOX THAT CORRESPONDS WITH YOUR SERVICE GOAL:

☐ 20-Hour Award
This award offers a survey approach to service across six or more categories. There is a maximum of three hours for any action (i.e., a total of three hours of recycling for the year). Summer hours cannot be recorded for the 20-Hour Award.

☐ Presidential Award
The Presidential Award has three levels: bronze (60+ hours), silver (75+ hours), and gold (100+ hours). This award also requires students to serve across six categories, however, there is no cap on the number of hours per action (i.e., students could recycle every week for the duration of the program year). Students may count summer hours and must also earn 20+ hours during the school year. This award recognizes students who demonstrate an ongoing commitment and serve over time.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS MAY EARN THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

WHAT IS YOUR SERVICE GOAL?
☐ Bronze (60 Hours)  ☐ Silver (75 Hours)  ☐ Gold (100 Hours)

Please print your FIRST NAME as you wish it to appear on your award.

Please print your LAST NAME as you wish it to appear on your award.

DIRECTIONS: PLEASE CHECK THE BOXES TO INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND REVIEWED “ALL-STAR PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR 2016-2017.” I UNDERSTAND THAT TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ALL-STAR PROGRAM, I MUST:

☐ submit my Declaration of Candidacy after school on Friday, August 26th.
☐ maintain a 2.75 GPA or above for all three quarters of the award period.
☐ attend four mandatory quarterly meetings and get my Service Log stamped each time.
☐ not earn ANY “U”s in citizenship or more than two “N”s on quarterly Report Cards.
☐ not be absent more than seven days—excused or unexcused. (Independent Study Contracts do not excuse an absence)
☐ complete service in SIX categories over the course of the award period.
☐ submit completed Application with supporting documentation on Wednesday, March 29th.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature