



# BULLDOG NEWS

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## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back, Rio Del Oro families! The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time, and we can't wait to get started. This year, we'll continue our tradition of educational excellence by fostering an inclusive environment that encourages students to be curious, creative, resourceful, and inspiring. We're dedicated to helping our learners become positive contributors in their local, national, and global communities.

We're also thrilled to welcome eight new teachers and one counselor to our staff:

- **Faith Lopez** and **Hannah Arroyo** are teaching in our K - 1 ESN program.
- **Heather McCarthy** and **Amanda** are joining our Second-Grade team.
- **Zach Roberts** and **Maddie Meder** are joining our Third Grade team.
- **Ashley Martin** is joining our Fourth Grade team.
- **Anthony Lontayao** is joining our PE Department.
- **Vaness Ware** is our new school counselor.

We are so ready for a productive and positive year ahead! Your involvement is a huge part of your child's success, and we encourage all our families to join us at school events and activities whenever possible. Here's to a fantastic year filled with energy, excitement, and a commitment to excellence at Rio Del Oro!

*Mrs. Stephanie Dunlap, VP*

## FAMILY HANDBOOK

[This handbook is for your family to reference throughout the year.](#) It is designed as a resource regarding our school's procedures and policies. If you do not find the answer you seek, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the front office at (530)749-0690 ext. 1110.

## A FOCUS ON SUCCESS SKILLS

This year, we're dedicated to equipping our students with essential skills for success in all areas of life—at home, in school, and their extracurricular activities. Each month, we will introduce a new "success skill" and connect it to a key social and emotional learning (SEL) competency.

### August's Success Skill: "Be Safe, Respectful, and Responsible"

For August, our focus is on being **Safe, Respectful, and Responsible**. This skill ties directly into the SEL competency of **Responsible Decision-Making**, helping



students understand how their choices impact themselves and those around them. Students will learn school-wide procedures and expectations to ensure safety, treat one another with respect, and be responsible for their choices. To learn ways to teach children to make responsible decisions, scan the QR code or go to [bit.ly/443sJYP](http://bit.ly/443sJYP).

### **BULLDOG PRIDE**

Get your Rio Del Oro Spirit Wear today! Go to [www.riodelorospiritwear.com](http://www.riodelorospiritwear.com) to customize your bulldog wear for the year! Every Friday we encourage the Rio community to show their Bulldog Pride.

### **PTO**

We invite you to join us at our upcoming PTO meetings every 2nd Monday of the month where we will discuss important topics such as school events, fundraising efforts, and more. Your input and insights are invaluable in shaping the direction of our school and ensuring that we provide the best possible environment for our students to thrive. Please follow our Facebook page for updates! [facebook.com/RioDelOroPto](https://facebook.com/RioDelOroPto)

Upcoming meetings at 7pm in the Rio cafeteria:

September 14

October 5

November 9

December 14



### **BIRTHDAY WISHES - MARQUEE**

Looking for a way to wish your child(ren) a happy birthday? For only \$5, their name can be showcased on the Rio Del Oro marquee for a week! What a great way to wish them a Happy Birthday and show them how special they are! Simply complete [this online form](#) and send in your payment to the front office (cash or check). All forms need to be in and paid for by Friday morning for the student's name to be showcased the following week. If you have any questions, please call the front office.



### **ATTENDANCE**

Being at school is extremely important for your child. Not only do we miss your child when they are not here, but he/she miss out on the key learning that took place that day. We are looking to partner with you, our Rio families, to ensure that all students are present each day and ready to learn when the bell rings. Thank you for all your efforts in helping your child be a super H.E.R.O.



## DROP OFF AND PICK UP

The Yuba County Sheriff's Department and PLESD school officials work closely to plan for the safe arrival and departure of students at our campus. We are asking for your support and help in the safe loading and unloading of children at Rio Del Oro Elementary School.

1. Assist us in teaching your child to use the crosswalks when coming to school and leaving campus. Teach her/him to walk, not run, through the crosswalk.
2. Do not stop in the crosswalk to deliver or pick up your child. California State law prohibits stopping in a designated crosswalk; this constitutes a moving violation.
3. Do not leave your vehicle unattended in the drop-off/pick-up lane in front of the cafeteria, front office, and Kindergarten buildings. Parents must park in a designated parking space in the parking lot if they plan to leave their vehicle.
4. Cars in the drop-off/pick-up lane must pull forward as far as possible and may be asked to loop back around to allow other cars to leave.
5. Thank you in advance for showing **patience and courtesy** so that all our students are safe!



PLEASE ADVISE ANY DRIVER WHO MAY TRANSPORT YOUR CHILD TO OR FROM SCHOOL OF ALL DROP-OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURES LISTED ABOVE. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES ENSURING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS.

## LUNCH MENU

Head over to the Nutrition Services at [plusd.org](https://plusd.org) or click [here](#) for the lunch menu.



## CALENDAR

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| Aug. 12 | Back to School Meet & Greet 4 - 5pm                                      |
| Aug. 13 | First Day of School                                                      |
| Aug. 14 | <a href="#">Bulldog Spiritwear Day - 2026 - 2027 Spiritwear Calendar</a> |
| Aug. 17 | Early Release 1:30pm                                                     |
| Aug. 21 | <a href="#">Bulldog Spiritwear Day - 2026 - 2027 Spiritwear Calendar</a> |
| Aug. 24 | Early Release 1:30pm                                                     |
| Aug. 24 | PTO Meet & Greet at 7pm in the multipurpose room                         |
| Aug. 28 | <a href="#">Bulldog Spiritwear Day - 2026 - 2027 Spiritwear Calendar</a> |
| Aug. 31 | Early Release 1:30pm                                                     |