



BULLDOG NEWS

December 2025



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VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings families! Cold and wet mornings are here! Please make sure your child(ren) are dressed for the weather. We will do our best to remind students to pick up their jackets from the playground after each recess. If they don't come home with a jacket you sent them to school with, check the lost and found for their items. While giving to charity is always a great deed, we would prefer our students to be reunited with their belongings each day.

There are three weeks of school in December before we go out on Winter Break. If you plan to miss two or more days, please see Ms. Erica in the front office for an independent study application. We want to make sure that our students get credit for the work they complete when they are out!

Be sure to stay informed about upcoming events and activities in December by visiting our school [website](#) or following us on our [facebook page](#). This is going to be a great month. We are going to finish 2025 strong!

Mrs. Stephanie Dunlap, VP

SUCCESS SKILL - KINDNESS

December's success skill is kindness; the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

Questions for discussions at home:

1. What is kindness to you?
2. What ways do we show kindness at home?
3. What ways do you show kindness to your friend?



TOY DRIVE

Bring in a new, unwrapped toy for a girl or boy that can be handed out this Holiday Season. Students will get a small trinket for each toy that they bring in. Toys will be picked up on Monday, December 15th. Please help us spread some joy this time of year!

BULLDOG PRIDE

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

WINTER PERFORMANCES

Our Winter Performances will be held on 3 different nights. Some things to keep in mind:

- Doors will open 15 minutes before the performance start time.
- The auditorium will be emptied out and guests will be asked to leave the auditorium before the start of the 6:00 & 6:30 performances.

Tuesday, December 9:	K at 5:00pm	1st at 6:30pm
Tuesday, December 16:	2nd at 5:00pm	3rd at 6:00pm
Wednesday, December 17:	4th at 5:00pm	5th at 6:00pm

PTO CORNER

Winter Performance FRONT ROW SEAT Raffle Tickets are available for purchase at <http://frontrowseats.cheddarup.com> through Thursday, December 4th at 11:59pm. Tickets are \$1 each. Winners will be announced on December 5th.

At this time, we would like to encourage parents interested in joining the PTO Board to attend our upcoming meetings to learn more about what we do and how you can be involved. We are a dynamic and inclusive group that works tirelessly to enhance the educational experience for our students and create a strong partnership between parents, teachers, and the school. Our mission is to make our school the best it can be, and we need dedicated leaders like you to help us achieve this goal. All positions are open at the end of each school year.



Mark your calendar for our upcoming PTO meetings at 7pm in the Rio Del Oro Library:

December 8th
January 12th
February 9th

BIRTHDAY WISHES - MARQUEE

Would you like to wish your child a Happy Birthday in a special way? For just \$5, your child's name can be displayed on the Rio Del Oro marquee for an entire week! It's a wonderful way to celebrate their big day and make them feel extra special. To participate, simply complete [the online form](#) and submit your payment (cash or check) to the front office. Please note that all forms and payments must be received by Friday morning for your child's name to appear on the marquee the following week. If you have any questions, please contact the front office.



🎄 THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT: COZY + MEANINGFUL 🎄

Looking for a thoughtful holiday gift that gives back? Our **Spirit Blankets** are here, and they're the perfect way to stay warm and spread some holiday cheer! ☀️

❄️ **Size:** 60"x70"

🧸 **Material:** 100% Softest Plush Polyester

💰 **Price:** \$40 **\$20 SALE PRICE**

🎁 **Proceeds:** Help support our 5th graders' trip to Shady Creek!



These snug, beautiful blankets make an ideal Christmas gift for family, friends, or even as a cozy treat for yourself! Available for purchase at the front office—grab one while they last! Simply bring \$20 cash or a check made out to Rio Del Oro Elementary School.

Hurry, supplies are limited! Thank you for helping make this holiday season extra special for our future leaders. 🙏❤️

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is crucial for your child's success. When students are absent, they miss out on important learning experiences and classroom activities. If your child will be absent, please notify the front office by calling **(530) 749-0690, press 1 for attendance**, or by emailing **Ms. Tobie at tsmith@plUSD.org**. You may leave a message if calling outside office hours.

For October, our average daily attendance was 94.97%. Our goal is 97%.

Thank you for all your efforts in helping your child be a super H.E.R.O.

Here

Every day

Ready

On-time



INDEPENDENT STUDY

If your child will be absent from school for **1–10 consecutive days** due to unavoidable circumstances, they may be eligible for an **Independent Study**. Our [Independent Study Guidelines](#) provide all the information you need, including how to request this option for your child. After reviewing the guidelines, you can complete the [Request](#) and [Master Agreement](#) form and submit it to the front office. Please contact the office if you have any questions or need assistance.

SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

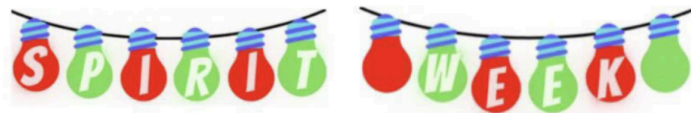
We have some fun [Spirit Wear Days](#) coming up. Don't miss out!

LUNCH MENU

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

CALENDAR

Dec. 1	Modified Monday - 1:30pm Dismissal
Dec. 5	Bulldog Friday Spiritwear Movie Night (1st - 5th Grade) 5pm - Tickets must be pre-purchased
Dec. 8	Modified Monday - 1:30pm Dismissal PTO Meeting 7 - 8pm
Dec. 9	K Winter Performance 5pm 1st Grade Winter Performance 6:30pm
Dec. 15	Holiday Cheer - Spiritwear Modified Monday - 1:30pm Dismissal
Dec. 16	80s Day for 80th Day of School - Spiritwear 2nd Grade Winter Performance 5pm 3rd Grade Winter Performance 6pm
Dec. 17	Ugly Sweater Day - Spiritwear 4th Grade Winter Performance 5pm 5th Grade Winter Performance 6pm
Dec. 18	Flannel Day - Spiritwear
Dec. 19	Pajama Day - Spiritwear
Dec. 22 - Jan. 2	Minimum Day - 12pm Noon Dismissal Winter Break - No School



Winter Program Performances Tuesday, Dec 9th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K Performance @ 5:00 • 1st Grade Performance @ 6:30 Tuesday, Dec 16th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Grade Performance @ 5:00 • 3rd Grade Performance @ 6:00 Wednesday, Dec 17th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Grade Performance @ 5:00 • 5th Grade Performance @ 6:00 		 <p>WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL!</p> <p>No School: December 22nd- Jan 2nd</p>		
Monday Dec 15th	Tuesday Dec 16th	Wednesday Dec 17th	Thursday Dec 18th	Friday Dec 19th
Holiday Cheer	80s Day for the 80th Day	Ugly Sweater Day	Flannel Day	Pajama Day
				 MINIMUM DAY Pick up at noon.