



BULLDOG NEWS

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VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The 2026–2027 school year is off to a strong start! During these first few weeks, our teachers, staff, and students have focused on building meaningful relationships, establishing positive classroom cultures, and becoming comfortable with new routines. Across our campus, we have also emphasized what it means to be safe, respectful, and responsible in all settings—including the cafeteria, library, classrooms, hallways, and restrooms. We are confident this will be an exceptional year at Rio, and we are grateful to partner with you in supporting our students' growth and success.

Mrs. Stephanie Dunlap, VP

SUCCESS SKILL – ATTENTIVE LISTENING

The September success skill is attentive listening. Listening is a fundamental skill for learning and helps children focus and pay attention.

Questions for discussions at home:

1. How were you an attentive listener at school today?
2. What does your body look like when you are an attentive listener?
3. Why is being an attentive listener important?

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.



BULLDOG PRIDE

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

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Students in grades 4 & 5 who are interested in running for student leadership have an interest meeting on Wed. September 2nd in room 27. Student leadership campaigning will be held September 8th - 11th. Those students approved to campaign will adorn the cafeteria walls with 2 posters each. On Friday,



September 11th at 8:30am, speeches will be presented in front of a live audience of 3rd through 5th grade voters in the cafeteria. The election results will be announced by the end of the day. Parents of candidates are more than welcome to attend the speeches in the morning. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Bauman, and Mrs. Caudillo look forward to working with this group of amazingly hard-working individuals throughout the school year.

PTO CORNER

Harvest Festival planning is in full swing! Raffle tickets are on the way and will be distributed to your student soon. Additional tickets will be distributed before and after school in front of the marquee. There will be many opportunities to volunteer leading up to the event, please keep an eye out for announcements on ParentSquare and our [Facebook](#) page.

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

- September 14th
- October 5th
- November 17th
- December 8th



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 misses out on the key learning that took place that day. If your student is absent, please contact the front office at (530)749-0690 and press 1 for attendance. You can leave a message or email Ms. Tobie at tsmith@plusd.org.

For August, our average daily attendance was 96.23%. Our goal is 97%. So close! 🎉

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

**Here
Every day
Ready
On-time**



SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

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

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

A few friendly tips when dropping off and picking up your child from school.

Drop Off:

1. Pull forward as far as possible: Do not stop by the cafeteria to drop your child off. Pull forward all the way to the small playground. Students can walk to the cafeteria. This will ensure that we are not having traffic back up on the street.
2. Do not exit your car. Drivers who are using the "Drop Off" lane, must not get out of their vehicle. If you need to open the door for your child, get their backpack, or exit for any other reason, you must park your car.

Pick Up:

1. Keep the line moving: When picking up, if you do not see your child, circle back around. You may be asked to circle back around if cars behind you need to exit once they have their child.
2. Use crosswalks: Use the crosswalks when walking through the parking lot.

Your child's safety is our number one concern. Thank you for helping us keep them safe by following the drop off/pick up procedures.

ANONYMOUS REPORTING

If you have an anonymous report concerning bullying, discrimination, a threat, or other concerns, please visit our webpage and click on Anonymous Reporting to complete a form that will be sent to the administration for review.



[Click here](#) for more information about our anonymous reporting system.

LUNCH MENU

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

CALENDAR

Sept. 2	Student Leadership Interest Meeting 4th & 5th 2:30pm in room 27
Sept. 4	Bulldog Friday - Spiritwear Student Leadership speeches - 8:30am
Sept. 7	No School - Labor Day
Sept. 8	Student Leadership Posters in Multipurpose Room
Sept. 11	Bulldog Friday - Spiritwear Student Leadership speeches - 8:30am
Sept. 14	Modified Monday - 1:30pm Dismissal PTO Meeting 7pm in the library
Sept. 16	Fall Picture Day - Order Pictures at https://mydorian.com/
Sept. 18	Bulldog Friday - Spiritwear
Sept. 23	Spirit Wear - College/Career Day
Sept. 21	Modified Monday - 1:30pm Dismissal
Sept. 23 - 25	Minimum Days - 12:00pm Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences
Sept. 25	Bulldog Friday - Spiritwear
Sept. 28	Modified Monday - 1:30pm Dismissal