



BULLDOG NEWS

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VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings families! We hope you and your loved ones enjoyed a restful winter break and a joyful holiday season. Happy New Year, and welcome back as we begin the second half of the school year. We are excited to start January refreshed and ready to continue our work together in support of student learning and well-being.

January is a month filled with meaningful opportunities for connection and collaboration. We will conclude the month with Parent-Teacher Conferences, providing a valuable time to reflect on student progress and set goals moving forward. In addition, we look forward to hosting an SEL Family Night, celebrating our 100th Day of School, and holding our annual Spelling Bee for our fourth- and fifth-grade students. As always, we will continue to emphasize our monthly Success Skills as we work to support the academic, social, and emotional growth of all students. We look forward to a productive and positive month ahead.

Mrs. Stephanie Dunlap, VP

SUCCESS SKILL - COLLABORATION

January's success skill is collaboration; working together as a team to share ideas and skills to reach a common goal.

Questions for discussions at home:

1. What did you do to help your group be successful today?
2. How did you listen to others' ideas, and how did they listen to yours?
3. Was there a time when your group disagreed? How did you work through it together?
4. How did collaborating with others help you learn something new?

PARENT POWER NIGHT: EMOTIONAL REGULATION

Bring your child(ren) on January 21st from 5 - 6:30pm in the Rio Del Oro multipurpose room and learn about the zones of regulation and important coping strategies to help your child navigate each zone through participating in a variety of hands-on activities. Receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a coping with emotions basket just for coming AND every kid gets a fidget!

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.

PTO CORNER

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:

January 12th
February 9th
March 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.



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 December, our average daily

attendance was 95.52%. 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

Jan. 5	School Resumes
	Modified Monday - 1:30pm Dismissal
Jan. 9	Bulldog Friday Spiritwear 
Jan. 12	Modified Monday - 1:30pm Dismissal
	PTO Meeting 7 - 8pm
Jan. 16	Bulldog Friday Spiritwear 
Jan. 19	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 21	SEL Family Night
	Sports Day Spiritwear
Jan. 23	Bulldog Friday Spiritwear 
Jan. 26	Modified Monday - 1:30pm Dismissal
Jan. 28	Parent/Teacher Conferences - 12:00pm Dismissal for K - 5th
	100th Day of School 
Jan. 29	Parent/Teacher Conferences - 12:00pm Dismissal for K - 5th
Jan. 30	Bulldog Friday Spiritwear 
	Parent/Teacher Conferences - 12:00pm Dismissal for K - 5th

RIO DEL ORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday
January 21, 2025
5:00-6:30pm

Join us in the Rio Del Oro Elementary Multipurpose Room!

