



BULLDOG NEWS



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VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Read Across America Week, St. Patrick's Day, the beginning of Spring, March Madness...the month of March brings a lot of fun events and days of celebration. Daylight savings begins, and we can benefit from "longer" days. For school, your child is exposed to an entire month of learning. No Mondays off, no mini-vacations, just four solid weeks of instruction. This can be a very powerful and productive month. Students who attend regularly will benefit from an increase in knowledge and gain valuable progress in their learning. As a family, work together to make sure that students are getting to school on time and making the most out of our time at school in March. Stay up to date on current information and events by visiting our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

Mrs. Stephanie Dunlap, VP

SUCCESS SKILL - EMPATHY

March's success skill is **empathy**; the ability to sense other people's emotions, coupled with the ability to imagine what someone else might be thinking or feeling.

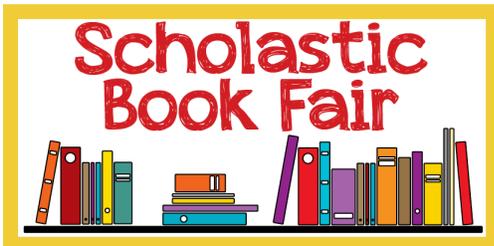
Questions for discussions at home:

1. Why is empathy important in our relationships with others?
2. Can you think of a time when someone showed empathy towards you? How did it make you feel?
3. How can we practice empathy in our daily lives?
4. What are some challenges we might face when trying to empathize with others, and how can we overcome them?
5. How can empathy help us become better friends and classmates?

Strategies to Teach Empathy at Any Age

-  **Model empathy.**
-  **Discuss emotions.**
-  **Help out at home, in the community, or globally.**
-  **Praise empathetic behavior.**

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SPRING BOOK FAIR

Get ready for an exciting week of reading fun! Our **Spring Book Fair** will be open **March 23rd - 27th**, offering a fantastic selection of books for all ages. This is a great opportunity to build your home library and support our school!

Book Fair Hours:

- **Monday, March 23rd:** 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

- **Tuesday, March 24th:** 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
- **Wednesday, March 25th:** 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
- **Thursday, March 26th:** 2:30 PM - 3 PM AND 5 - 6pm (during the science fair)
- **Friday, March 27th::** 2:30 PM - 3 PM

Visit our [Book Fair website](#) for more details, including [volunteer opportunities](#). We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you there! 🎉

SPRING PICTURE DAY 📷

Spring picture day is March 26th! Scan the QR code or mydorian.com, search for your school, and click on the green Order button or yellow Help button associated with your spring picture day. All orders for spring pictures must be placed before 9:00 AM on picture day. Only students with an order will be photographed individually.



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.

TK/K REGISTRATION

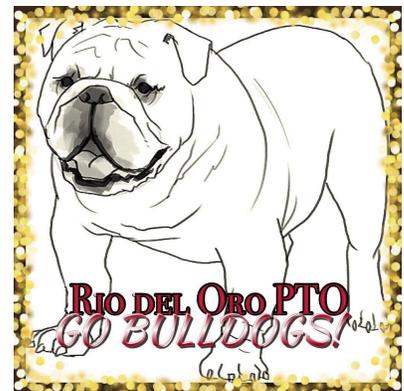
Don't wait until the last minute! All registration is online at www.plusd.org. There you will find step-by-step instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cheryl in the front office. All students will be required to register at their school of residency. If you wish for an intra-district transfer, please contact the district office at 743-4428 to request paperwork. Intra-district: you are in the PLESD district, live in one school boundary, but wish to attend the other school.

PTO CORNER

Thank you to all families who joined us for Pastries with Parents! Please join us at any of our upcoming PTO meetings to give your input on the remaining events for the 25/26 school year and start collaborating on the upcoming 26/27 school year!!

Upcoming PTO meetings at 7pm in the Rio Del Oro Library:

- March 9th
- April 13th
- May 11th



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 January, our average daily attendance was 95.20%. 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!

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

March 2	Early Release 1:30pm
March 2 - 6	Read Across America Week (see dress-up days below)
March 6	PAWS Assembly (2nd - 5th) 1:40pm
March 9	Early Release 1:30pm PTO Meeting @ 7:00pm
March 13	Bulldog Friday - Spiritwear End of Trimester 2
March 16	Early Release 1:30pm
March 20	Bulldog Friday - Spiritwear
March 23 - 27	Spring Book Fair (Sign Up to Volunteer HERE)
March 26	Science Fair 5 - 6:30pm Spring Picture Day
March 27	Bulldog Friday - Spiritwear
March 30	Early Release 1:30pm

JOIN US FOR A
SCIENCE FAIR
COME OUT AND EXPLORE EXCITING EXPERIMENTS, CREATIVE DISCOVERIES,
AND AMAZING PROJECTS MADE BY OUR 5TH GRADE STUDENTS!

BAKED POTATO DINNER FUNDRAISER
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DINNER INCLUDES:

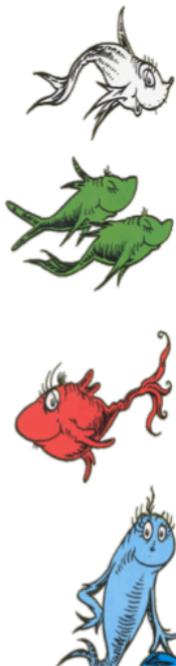
- BAKED POTATO
- SALAD
- COOKIE
- A DRINK

\$10 A PLATE \$35 FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR 5TH GRADERS

MARCH 26TH
5:00 - 6:30 PM
RIO DEL ORO MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

FAN FAVORITE
FAMILIES WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO VOTE FOR THEIR FAVORITE
SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT DURING THE EVENT!



Read Across America Week March 2nd-6th

Mon. March 2nd-
Cat in the Hat- Book Character Day!
**Bring a photo of you reading a book



Tues. March 3rd-
Oh The Places You'll Go-Career Day!

Wed. March 4th-
Wacky Wednesday! Dress Wacky & Mismatched!

Thurs. March 5th-
Fox in Socks- Wear Crazy Socks!

Fri. March 6th-
The Sleep Book- Pajama Day!

