



Rio Hondo Newsletter

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Homework hotline number 626 - 258-4124

Create routines for homework at the beginning of the year

Children who spend more time on homework, on average, do better in school. So ensuring your child has what she needs to do her homework is one of the best ways you can support learning at home.

Make sure your child has:

- A well-lit study area. This can be at a desk or table top. If at the kitchen table, make the kitchen off limits to others during study time. Turn off the television, too.
- A homework "Survival Kit." Include pencils, pens, paper, tape, pencil sharpener, erasers, crayons, markers, glue stick, scissors, dictionary, ruler.
- Standby support. Get phone numbers of classmates your child can call with homework questions.
- A set study time. Which would your child prefer? Right after school, leaving the evening free to play? Or after an hour of play or after dinner?

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September 2007 Events Calendar

Sept	5	First Day of School
Sept	5	Kindergarten Orientation
Sept	6	First Day of Kindergarten
Sept	17	PTA Membership Drive Begins
Sept	20 & 21	Teacher Inservice Days (No School)
Sept	25 thru 27	PTA Book Fair
Sept	26	6 - 7 - 8 Back to School
Sept	27	K - 5 Back to School

Consolidated Days

Sept. 5 th through 7 th	-	Grades 1 through 8
Sept. 10 th through 12 th	-	Grades 1 through 3
Sept. 26 th	-	Grades 6 through 8
Sept. 27 th	-	Grades K through 5

Shortened Days

Sept. 19 th	-	Grades 1 through 3
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Please make arrangements to pick up your child on time. See the monthly calendar for release times.

Message from the Principal,

Welcome back and I hope you all enjoyed your summer. Whether you are returning to Rio Hondo or are just starting with us, I am sure you will find Rio Hondo to be a real exciting and exhilarating place.

The preliminary state test results are very good. Rio Hondo's projected API score is up 21 points from last year and we surpassed all of our target goals. There was especially outstanding growth throughout the school in the area of Language Arts. We have given ourselves a goal of another 15 point increase this year. You can see the results at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/>.

We have a few new people to welcome this year. Ms. Campbell, 5th grade, has joined her husband in Tennessee, so Irma Callejo is taking her place. Ms. Callejo is returning to us from Cleminson where she taught 5th grade. Ms. Sandvig moved from 5th to 4th grade, and Jane Maxcy is taking her place. Ms. Maxcy comes to us from Norwood where she was a 4th grade teacher. In 8th grade teaching reading, writing, and science we have Jenny Kwok a new teacher who comes to us with experience in the business world. This summer Ellen Lopez' county class moved to Rio Hondo from Potrero. I've worked before with Ellen, and am very happy to have her on the Rio Hondo staff. These are great additions to an already very strong teaching staff.

There are a few dates you need to mark on your calendar. Back-to-School for grades 6, 7, and 8 will be on Wednesday, September 26th, and for grades K through 5 Back-to-School will be on Thursday, September 27th. We will meet in the cafeteria at 5:45 p.m. for a short meeting prior to going to the classrooms to meet your teachers. There will be no school on Sept. 20th and 21st due to professional development days. Finally, be sure to save Saturday, October 13th for our school carnival. This will be an annual event. Each grade level will be sponsoring booths, and we will need your help in manning them. Your teachers will have a sign up sheet at Back-to-School.

Again, welcome back! I am really looking forward to seeing all of you at Back-to-School.

Lance Lawson