



# Rio Hondo Newsletter

**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**

Homework hotline number 626 - 258-4124

*Our API is moving up to 750!*

## Follow five steps for successful parent-teacher conferences

Many schools schedule a spring parent-teacher conference. Sometimes teachers ask for a conference if they have a concern about a child's progress. These one-on-one meetings can be a great way to find out how your child is doing. But you'll get more out of the conference if you do some preparation.

Here are five steps you can take to maximize your time with the teacher:

1. Communicate beforehand. If you haven't seen the teacher since Parents' Night, send a brief email or note to give her an update on how you think school is going for your child.
2. Talk to your child first. In some schools, children take part in conferences. If this is not the practice at your school, you should still talk with your child beforehand. Ask him how he thinks he's doing. What does he think the teacher will tell you? Does he have any questions he'd like answered?
3. Write things down. Jot down notes on what your child says so you can bring them up during the conference. Write down any questions you have. Your notes will help you remember important points.
4. Make a plan. If the teacher raises concerns, don't leave without a written plan. What steps should you take to address the problem?
5. Stay in touch. If you are working on a particular issue, meet again in a few weeks. That way, you can both see how your plan is working.

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## April 2008 Events Calendar

Apr	1	Registration for 2008 Kindergarten Begins
Apr	3	Parent Institute Graduation
Apr	3	Primary Grades Student of the Month
Apr	4	PTA Fundraiser Incentive Limo Ride
Apr	7-11	Parent Conferences
Apr	8	6-7-8 Night Conferences
Apr	8	Picture Day Grades 6 - 8
Apr	9	Picture Day Grades K - 5
Apr	10	ELAC meeting
Apr	10	School Site Council
Apr	11	Report Cards Go Home
<b>Apr</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Fathers/Daughters Sock Hop</b>
Apr	15	PTA Fundraiser Incentive
Apr	15	AVID / College Parent Night and Dinner
Apr	16	Arroyo Choral Festival
Apr	17	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Study Trip
Apr	18	6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades Awards Assembly
Apr	18	4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades Awards Assembly
Apr	22	PTA Board Meeting
Apr	24	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Study Trip
Apr	24	Parent Carnival Planning Meeting
Apr	25	Band and Choir Festival
Apr	25	Rms. 7, 13, & 44 Study Trip

## Consolidated Days

Kindergarten	-	April 7 - 11
Grades 1 thru 3	-	April 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 23, and 30
Grades 4 and 5	-	April 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 16
Grades 6 thru 8	-	April 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Please make arrangements to pick up your child on time. See the monthly calendar for release times.

### Message from the Principal,

I am pleased to announce that this month Rio Hondo School will be expanding the ASPIRE after-school program. There is now more room for more fourth through eighth grade students and applications will be going home for second and third grade students. For second and third grade students ASPIRE will be from when school lets out to 5:00 p.m. each day - Monday through Friday. For all other students the program will go until 6:00 p.m. The students in the ASPIRE program will have time to work on their homework and receive tutoring. There will also be recreational activities and students will receive a small snack. If you are interested in having your child in the ASPIRE program, please call the school for an application.

We are all looking forward to this month's first ever **Father/Daughter Dinner and Sock Hop**. This is an evening to spend with that special "Man" in your life. Whether it is Dad, Uncle, Big Brother or Teacher, this is your night to enjoy together. If there is no special man at your home, I've made arrangements for male administrators throughout the district to step in as substitutes. Dinner will be served from 6:00-7:00 and the dance will take place starting at 6:30. There will be dance contests, trivia from the Rock "N" Roll era, costume contests and much more. Mothers and sons don't feel left out. There will be a bowling day for you next month!

I am very sorry about not getting a March newsletter out. I'll try my best not to miss another month. We have so much going on and communicating with the parents through the newsletter is very important.

Lance Lawson