



Rio Hondo Newsletter

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Homework hotline number 626 - 258-4124

Our API is moving up to 750!

Parent Quiz

Do you set limits for your child and follow through?

Parents who set clear limits—and follow through when their children step outside them—actually have to do less disciplining. If everyone in the family knows the boundaries, your child is more likely to behave appropriately.

Are you setting effective limits? Do you follow through when your child steps outside of those limits? Answer yes or no to each of the statements:

- ___ 1. I have set clear limits and have talked about them with my child.
- ___ 2. Our family has routines. There's a regular bedtime and study time. The more predictable things are, the less likely kids are to fight.
- ___ 3. I plan ahead. A tired child is often a cranky child. I try to avoid a trip to the grocery store when my child is worn out from school.
- ___ 4. My child is aware of the consequences when he breaks the rules. They are enforced every time.
- ___ 5. I reinforce good behavior. I say things to my child such as, "I like it when you come to dinner without being called."

How well are you doing?

Each yes means you're setting clear limits and following through. For no answers, try those ideas in the quiz.

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February 2008 Events Calendar

Feb	1	Arroyo Performing Arts Assembly
Feb	1	Primary Student of the Month
Feb	4	Progress Reports Go Home
Feb	5	State Election Day
Feb	8	6 – 8 th Grade Student of the Month
Feb	11	Lincoln's Birthday (No School)
Feb	13	Growth & Development Video Parent Preview
Feb	13	Evacuation Drill
Feb	13	Builders Club & 5 th Grade Study Trip
Feb	18	Presidents' Day (No School)
Feb	27	ELAC
Feb	27	Arroyo/EMHS Orientation
Feb	29	Rms. 3, 12, & 45 Study Trip
Feb	29	Rms. 43 & 46 Study Trip

Consolidated Days

Kindergarten	-	Feb. 20
Grades 1 thru 3	-	Feb. 6, 13, 20, and. 27
Grades 4 and 5	-	Feb. 6 and 20
Grades 6 thru 8	-	None

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

Message from the Principal,

I want to sincerely thank all of the students, parents, relatives, and friends who attended the Kid's Fitness Challenge at the Rose Bowl on January 26th. I'll have the exact counts later, but it appears that we had over 300 people attend this event. I also want to thank the teachers and staff of Rio Hondo who participated in the Challenge. We had at least 25 staff members show up! Thanks to all.

As I mentioned last month, we are instituting a new method of communicating with the parents. Last week the teachers begin using a computer program that allows them to use the phone to communicate with you. You will be receiving computerized phone calls that will let you know how your child is doing or if there is test or assignment that he should be preparing for. This system is another effort on Rio Hondo's part to reach out to our families.

Finally, I did a comparison of last year's test scores of the students who had over ten absences against those students who missed less than ten days. The results were not surprising. Those students who came to school most often averaged over 7% higher than those who were frequently absent. These results support what we already know. Children need to come to school to learn. It is most important area parents can help us with the education of their children. Thank you for your continued effort to get your children to school every day.

Lance Lawson