

Rio Hondo Newsletter

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Homework hotline number 626 - 258-4124

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Message from the Principal -

Congratulations to the Rio Hondo Builders Club for a second place finish in the Kiwanis Western Regional Scrap Book Contest. **Rio Hondo is a great school!** There is not a better Builders Club in California. The band is awesome, and our choir is out of this world. We are the only school in the district that has an AVID program. The cross country team consistently brings home trophies. There are a lot of wonderful events for the students and families. Rio Hondo has terrific teachers and staff. There is plenty of community support and great parents. There is so much to be proud of.

Now we have another opportunity to demonstrate the greatness of our school. This month we will be taking our annual state assessment. The results of this test will be published for all to see. When they are published, I am sure that Rio Hondo will be at the top of the list of schools in our district. The teachers and staff have been working hard in preparing our students to show what they have learned this year.

You, the parents, can help prepare your children too. See to it that your children are eating **RIGHT**. Send them to school with a nutritional breakfast inside them. The children need to sleep **TIGHT**. Studies show that our children perform a lot better after a good night's sleep. Our children need 9 to 10 hours sleep each night. Finally, encourage them to test **BRIGHT**. Each morning tell them how proud you are of them and encourage them to try their hardest when taking their test.

If we all work together, you and your children will be so proud of their accomplishment and Rio Hondo will shine as one of the top schools in the area. Testing starts on Wednesday, May 7th and ends on Wednesday, May 21st. We are kicking it off with a school-wide rally on Tuesday, May 6th at 9:30 a.m. You are all welcomed to attend.

Remember -

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May 2008 Events Calendar

May	2	Primary Grades Student of the Month
May	2	3 rd Trimester Halfway Completed
May	2	4 th & 5 th Grade Ware Pink Day
May	6	School Wide STAR Rally
May	7-21	STAR Testing
May	9	ELAC Meeting
May	10	Mother/Son Bowling
May	12	Progress Reports Go Home
May	14	Teachers' Appreciation Lunch
May	14	Family Fitness "Get Moving" Night
May	20	PTA Board Meeting
May	21-22	6 th Grade Greek Festival
May	22	School Site Council
May	23	8 th Grade Promotion Pictures
May	26	Memorial Day - No School
May	27-29	Book Fair
May	28	Open House
May	28	Concert in the Park
May	30	8 th Grade Panoramic Picture

Consolidated Days

Kindergarten	-	May 21
Grades 1 thru 3	-	May 7, 14, 21, and 28
Grades 4 and 5	-	May 7, 21, and 28
Grades 6 thru 8	-	May 21, 22, and 28

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

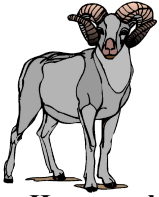
Reading With Your Child

LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD READ ALOUD TO BUILD MOTIVATION, CONFIDENCE

When kids learn to read, they get excited and want to practice. When your child starts reading, she will probably ask you to listen to her. How you do this can affect your child's motivation to read and her progress. Follow these guidelines:

1. Get the right books for your early reader—books with pictures, a few sentences on each page, repetitive words/phrases and predictable stories.
2. Be a good listener. Don't interrupt your child to correct her or use teaching techniques such as sounding out words. Just have fun, laugh and enjoy the story.
3. Encourage your child to use picture clues and her memory to tell the story.
4. If your child stumbles over a word, simply tell her what it is.
5. Give lots of praise and encouragement. Say, "Wow! Listen to you read."
6. Avoid criticism. If your child gets frustrated or fears she's failing, she can lose her confidence.

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