



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9 8:30 – 9:30: Awards Assemblies

December 9 at 1:30: Learning on the Lawn (Weather Permitting)

December 13 from 6:00 – 7:30: Math Evening

December 15 Winter Performances from Kinder, First and Second Grade

Kinder: 9a 1st grade: 6p 2nd grade: 6:30

Winter Break: December 19 – January 2 (Children return on January 3)

Family Events

Changing traditions to continue our commitment to children.

by **Ryan Howatt/Principal**

Our commitment to growing children's hearts and minds is a team effort. At our best, the community and school look for opportunities to help develop stronger students and more engaged citizens.

After talking with our community and our teachers, I see an opportunity to focus more on what's best for kids.

For these reasons, important changes will be made to the Lunch on the Lawn, family learning and our performances.

LEARNING ON THE LAWN

Our Lunch on the Lawn will change into **Learning on the Lawn**. Feeding minds and hearts will be our new focus. We love having families here and

are excited to show you what and how we are learning. Our first event will be on December 9th at 1:30 (weather permitting). For the first Learning on the Lawn we will focus on reading. You will have the opportunity to read with our children, hear our children read and celebrate literacy...*possibly the most important factor in successful students and citizens.*

We will use our Rio School District Food Services department to provide a snack for all in attendance.

We look forward to learning with you on December 9th at 1:30 if our weather cooperates.

MATH EVENING

This December 13th, we will hold an exciting evening for you and your children to focus on math. We will design activities for you and your

children that teach essential and engaging math activities and games that you can use over the break and beyond. Plan on attending and learning how you can help you child be even more successful.

PERFORMANCES (K - 2 Winter ... 3 - 5 Spring)

Our performance schedule will also change this year so that we can prepare a great show for you.

This year, grades K - 2 will host a winter performance and grades 3 - 5 will host a spring performance. The winter performance is scheduled for Thursday, December 15 from 6:00 - 7:30. Keep an eye out for invitations from your grade levels!

The spring performance date is to be determined

STUDENT SAFETY : OUR FIRST PRIORITY

We work hard at Rio Rosales to keep our children safe. We adjust our supervisor schedules to keep them safe at recess and hold regular drills to practice for emergencies. Our children deserve a safe place to learn and grow.

We depend on parents and our community to keep children safe on their way to and from school. Here are a few essential reminders for you to make sure *all* of our children are safe:

1. Supervision starts at 7:40 if your child gets breakfast or 8:00 if they do not eat breakfast. Early drop off before our supervision starts is not advised.
2. Obey the direction of our crossing guards. Children will always have the right of way. If you walk with your child make sure to use the crosswalks.
3. If you drive, obey all traffic signs and directions and drop your child off in safe areas (crosswalks are best). **Staff parking lots are not appropriate places to drop your child off because of congestion and risk to children when exiting the lot.**
4. Remain focused on the road! Distracted driving is incredibly dangerous when children are present. Children are harder to see and predict than adults are...keep your eyes and ears on the road and your speed at a minimum.
5. Consider walking to school! It's healthier, more efficient and a nice way to start your day.



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