



Rio Rosales Reader

September, 2017

September 7: 6:00 – 8:00 Back to School Night
September 14: 1:45-2:10 Learning on the Lawn
September 22: Student of the Month Assemblies



Welcome Back!

by **Ryan Howatt/Principal**

Thanks to our entire community for such a wonderful start to our year! My daily visits to all classes show me that children are adjusting well and that teachers are continuing their passionate work by teaching the hearts and minds of our future.

This year promises to be one full of success, challenge and collaboration. The Rio School District is committed to maintaining the momentum we have demonstrated over the past years to preparing children for the 21st century.

At Rio Rosales we are working to teach the literacies of tomorrow today. Children are using technology, interacting with lots of different media, collaborating meaningfully with each other and embracing the challenge of learning.

Our teachers came up with a saying that I will use often this year. Some may call this a vision

statement, I consider it a compass...something we can use to remind ourselves of why we are all here together.

Our world needs happy, literate, empathetic people who can solve problems together.

I look forward to working with you, our teachers and our children on this worthy focus point.

CAASPP SCORES

If you had a child in third through fifth grade last year, you have probably received scores from the CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) assessment that your child(ren) took last spring. This was a very challenging assessment. Our children improved as compared to last year and we are working to improve it even more this year. When the state allows us to release our data to the public, we will have events to see where we did well and how we can improve.



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:

On your way to school:

1. Supervision starts at 7:40a if your child gets breakfast, or 8:00a 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 or park 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.

At school:

1. Remember to sign in with our office if you are here beyond 8:10. This simple step ensures that we know who is here...it is perhaps your most important responsibility when you enter campus.
2. Say goodbye to your children at the line. If you need to speak with a teacher, ask to make an appointment.
3. Use the adult restrooms. Do not use the same restroom as children.

After school:

1. Obey all traffic signals and laws.
2. Park in appropriate spaces (Jacinto is a great place to park for Kinder and first grade).
3. Do not have your child cross the street outside of a crosswalk to get in your car.



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