



# HAWK TALK

COLINAS DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY



## Dear Colinas Families:

Wow! It is hard to believe we have only three more weeks of school. This year has been one of many positive changes for our school. We have more room, less students, and have been able to offer many enrichment programs for our students. As always, we are grateful to have the best staff, students, and community members in the city. We thank you for all that you have done to support both your children and this school during the year.

With the year ending, there are many activities that we have to look forward to:

- Muffins for Moms is this Friday, starting at 7:00. Please come join us for a yummy start to your day.
- Our annual Spring BBQ is also this Friday. We always look forward to

this event, and hope you will be able to join us. One fortunate office staff member gets to sit in jello this day as well.

- Field Day Week will be held May 11–15. We will need lots of parent volunteers that week.
- Our traditional fifth grade talent show will be on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 am. We have many talented fifth graders that will be performing that day, so please make plans to come and join us.
- Finally, our Last day of school is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This

day is also the day our fifth graders will be saying "Farewell" to Colinas. The promotion ceremony begins at 8:30.

We hope that you have a wonderful summer, filled with fun, and memories that will last a lifetime. Don't forget to read over the summer! We will look forward to seeing all of you again in August.

Sincerely,

Laura Moore,  
Principal

Robert Abney,  
Assistant Principal

**MAY 2009**

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View the complete version of the Hawk Talk at <http://www.rrps.net/NewElementa/colinas/index.htm>





## H1N1 (swine flu) Information

Please remember the best defense against the flu is to cover your cough and frequently wash your hands. Don't touch your face, especially your eyes, nose, and mouth. This is the best way for germs to enter your body. If your child has a fever over 100F, s/he needs to stay home until fever free for 24hours. Refer to the school's website for more specific information on the flu, as well as FAQs about the flu. If you have any questions, please call the health office at 896-3378, ext 2.

## Book Fair May 6-8

### Buy one get one FREE!!

## Parent Room – Clothing Exchange

Several families have brought in shorts and tops for small children. Please come and look at what we have and you are welcome to take or exchange clothing. We would rather have someone wearing the clothes then having to pack them up at the end of the year. If you have any questions, please call 896-3378 Ext. 153

## *Donations Critical as Thousands Join Hunger Rolls; Effort Will Help Feed Needy Families in All 50 States*

NALC announced that the nation's largest food drive to combat hunger will be conducted this year on Saturday, May 9. On that day, letter carriers will collect non-perishable donations from homes as they deliver mail along their postal routes.

The 17th annual NALC National Food Drive to "Stamp Out Hunger" is the largest one-day food drive in the nation. Carriers collected a record 73.1 million pounds of food in last year's drive. The drive is held annually on the second Saturday in May in over 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Donations will be collected by more than 1,400 local branches of the 300,000-member postal union and delivered to food banks, pantries and shelters that serve the communities where they are collected. Assisting in the effort are rural letter carriers and other postal employees, as well as members of other unions and thousands of civic volunteers.

NALC President William H. Young emphasized that as successful as the food drive has been in the past, it simply must be even better this year.

"Millions and millions of families are suffering – struggling to make ends meet and put food on the table," Young said. "More than ever food banks, pantries and shelters need our help this year. As families count on them for support, they're counting on us and we must not back off on our commitment."

## ***New Student Information System!!!***

*Rio Rancho Public Schools will be using a new student information system, PowerSchool, starting this fall.*

*PowerSchool is a web-based system that will contain all of our student information including attendance, scheduling, grading, emergency information, parent/guardian information and health records.*

*Parents of middle and high schools will receive more information regarding the implementation of the replacement of ParentConnect by the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester.*

*We are excited to launch this new system and ask for your patience as we work the bugs out!*

## **April Volunteers**

It was really great to have so many of our volunteers present at the Volunteer Recognition Tea. Thank you for your giving and cheerful attitude. We would like to recognize the following volunteers for the month of April. We greatly appreciate their hard work and dedication to our students. They will receive a gift card from a local business.

Miguel Jaramillo

Daniel Rolison

Elisa Sanchez

Felicia Finley

Vicki Wilkinson

# Field Day coming soon!

April 29, 2009

Dear Parents,

Our Fun Field Day is just around the corner. Our field days in the past years have been a great success due to our awesome parent volunteers. We will need your help to make this year's field day even better! We will need about 5-6 parent volunteers per class to help direct our 10-12 field day stations. It is a "fun day" with a wide variety of neat games and activities. Each station will have 2 teams made up of one class, the activity will run for 10 minutes and then each class will rotate to the next station. We are focusing on 2 parents per station and 2-3 parents to rotate with each class to the other stations. We will be provide rules and directions for each station when we meet with our parent volunteers during our field days.

## Fun Field Day Schedule will be as follows:

- Tue, May 12<sup>th</sup> -9:00-11:00: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes
- Tue, May 12<sup>th</sup> - 1:00-3:00: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes
  
- Wed, May 13<sup>th</sup> - 9:00-11:00: Kinder classes
  
- Thu, May 14<sup>th</sup>: 9:00-11:00: 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes
- Thu, May 14<sup>th</sup>: 1:00-3:00: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes

Please fill out and return the form below if you can help this year. You may sign up for your students class time, for the whole day or for both days. As always, we appreciate your involvement in making this the best field day ever! If you have any questions, please contact us at 896-3378 ext. 528.

Mrs. Spencer & Mrs. DeFrees

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**VOLUNTEER FORM**

- Yes! We / I would like to volunteer. **Check time and day you will be volunteering.**

**\*Parents:** Please number your choices below with **1**-first choice, **2**-second choice or check **no** preference.

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to work at station.

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to rotate with a class to each station.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not have a preference, schedule me where you need help.

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We will try to accommodate you the best we can, but please remember we do need to make sure each station and classes are completely supervised. We greatly appreciate your time and support in making this Fun Field day a success for our students.

**Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Classroom Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Time is a factor. Please return this form to Mrs. Spencer or Mrs. DeFrees by  
Friday, May 8, 2009.

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May 2009 Programs and Events

**Special Events**

**Saturday, May 9**

**11-1 p.m.**

**Read to the Dogs**

Great for beginning readers. Read to one of these super pooches!

**Friday, May 15**

**1-2:30**

**Homeschool Thought Swap**

A resource-sharing event for parents who homeschool or are thinking about homeschooling. Activities will be provided for kids 5 and up.



**Ongoing Programs**

(Through the week of May 11)

**Storytime Adventures**

Ages 4-6

**NEW TIME!** Mondays, 1:00 p.m.

**Toddler Time**

Ages 2-3

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

**Baby Bumblebees**

Ages 0-24 months

Mondays, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

**Chess n' Checkers—last day is May 19!**  
**Look for Family Game Nights during the summer.**

Come to the library to play a friendly game. Use one of our boards or bring your own.  
Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.

**Homework League**

**Our heroic tutors will return in the fall.**  
Homework help from Rio Rancho High honor students.

**Get ready for Summer Reading!**

Registration begins May 26. Join us for crafts during the first day of registration and sign up for summer programs, including:

- Wordplay, an activity-based book group for beginning readers (For kids going to grades 1-2)
- Digital Storytelling: put your words and pictures together to create a digital movie file of your story! (For kids going into grades 5-6)