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# Martin Luther King, Jr.



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## Elementary Lion's Mane

### Principal's Message

#### Important Parent Survey

The New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) has developed an assessment review for New Mexico schools, particularly those who are not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) benchmarks. MLK has not met the AYP target in one subgroup, Students with Disabilities, both in the area of Reading and Math. We need your cooperation and feedback in completing an online survey that will be sent directly to the NMPED. The link to this survey is given below and it can also be found on the RRPS website, as well as our school website. The survey will remain open until January 27, 2010. We encourage you to complete this survey online so that MLK can incorporate feedback from parents in our work toward continuous improvement. Every school principal is required to complete a self assessment and goal setting. The MLK staff will also complete a survey, along with students in grades 3 – 12 throughout New Mexico.

Survey URL: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CGD3ZKV>

#### January 2010 at a Glance

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 PBS incentive crazy hair day	14	15	16
17	18 No school MLK. Jr. Day	19 Cookie dough sales begin RRPS Spelling Bee	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 ELL assessment begins today- 2/25/10	26	27 PBS incentive-Inside out / backwards day	28	29	30

#### Make-Up Day Scheduled for February 15

All Rio Rancho Public Schools students will attend classes on Monday, February 15 (President's Day) to make up for the cancellation of classes on December 8<sup>th</sup> due to high winds that knocked out the district's school bus communications systems.

February 15th is the first of the days identified in this year's school calendar as a possible make-up day. The district chose this day to preserve subsequent make-up days in the calendar (April 5 and 30) in case inclement weather later in the winter season forces further school closures. Parents are advised at the beginning of each school year to avoid making plans that cannot be changed on potential weather make-up days. Visit our website to download the updated calendar.

#### Looking Ahead

- 2/2/10 Cookie Dough sales end
- 2/5/10 Spring pictures day
- 2/12/10 Valentine's Day chocolate sale
- 2/15/10 Make-up day regular school day
- 2/23/10 Author David Greenburg evening visit 6:30-7:30

#### An important reminder from our school nurse



Please make sure that your phone contacts and home address information are correct at both the main office and the health office.

## Tasty ways to help us earn money

Go to Dairy Queen on Thursday evenings, buy a meal or a treat, but save your receipt. Bring it back to school and give it to your teacher.

Celebrate Chinese New Year's a little bit early and help MLK raise some money! Eat some delicious Chinese food at Panda Express on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> between 4-9:30pm and they will give us 20% of the proceeds. This is the Panda Express at 801 Unser.



## Check out the Lion's Roar



A group of 4th graders, along with Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Daddio, are pleased to invite you to check out the newest edition of our brand-new school newspaper, "The Lion's Roar". The articles for our paper were planned and written exclusively by students.

To save trees, we decided to make our newspaper, paperless. Read the virtual edition on the MLK website. We are currently working on the next edition, which will be released February 15th.

## Attention Parents!

Rio Rancho is adopting a new Language Arts program. We'd like your feedback on the two programs the district is considering: Reading Street and Treasures. Simply come into MLK any time between now and Monday, January 18 to evaluate both programs. Your feedback will help determine which program the district adopts.

## Save the Date

Mark off Feb. 23 from 6:30-7:30 pm on your calendar. You will be attending an awesome evening presentation brought to you by the PTSA and the library. Author, Mark Greenberg will be here!

He will impress you with his poetry and then help families to collaboratively try their hands at the same sort of writing. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Calling all 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents:

The RRPS SAFE Program needs to hear from you about your interest in having a before/after school SAFE Program offered at the middle school level. There is a petition that you can sign if you would be likely to use a program like that for your child at the middle school level. The petition can be found at the MLK office, just stop in and ask to sign. We will be turning it in at the end of January, so we'll see you soon.

## Positive Behavior Incentives

Your child will be getting excited to participate in these upcoming activities that reward all students for golden tickets they have earned through positive behaviors.

Wednesday, January 13 – **Crazy Hair Day**

Wednesday, January 27 – **Inside Out/Backwards Day**

**Remember to show Respect, Responsibility, and Safety every day at MLK!**



# Camp Rising Sun



where kids with Autism shine

[Camprisingsunnm.org](http://Camprisingsunnm.org)

## Our mission is to...

- Provide a specialized summer camp experience for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.
- Provide an opportunity for students and professionals to gain experience working with those diagnosed with ASDs.
- Provide respite for parents and caregivers of individuals with ASDs.

## Camp Dates are...

June 27<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Adolescent Camp for ages 14 - 17

July 25<sup>th</sup> - July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Camp for ages 8-13

August 1 - August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Camp for ages 8-13

## Applications...

Will be available online at [www.Camprisingsunnm.org](http://www.Camprisingsunnm.org) on January 15, 2010.

The New Mexico Autism Society is a Community Partner of Camp Rising Sun. We appreciate their support and yours in helping to provide this important opportunity for individuals with ASDs

For questions or more information visit our website at [Camprisingsunnm.org](http://Camprisingsunnm.org) or Call 272-5142.

Camp Rising Sun is a member of the autism programs at the UNM Center for Development and Disability.