



RIO RANCHO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PUESTA DEL SOL ELEMENTARY

"Where Eagles SOAR!"

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Dear Puesta Families,

Welcome to another great year at Puesta! This is an exciting time in our storied history, and we are glad you are part of our family!

We look forward to having your child(ren) in our school! We firmly believe that we are prepared to provide your child with the very best educational experience. With high expectations, rigorous standards, and the use of the best teaching practices, we will provide your child with the building blocks for success.

Through a warm and inviting school environment, it is our vision that our school community will work together in every way possible to ensure that our students are prepared for a successful future. We value teamwork and see the importance of the partnership we will have with you this year. It is so important that all of us work together to help your child(ren) meet their goals. We encourage you to develop healthy habits in your home environment that will support your child(ren) this year. Here are some key priorities for this school year:

- **Read to your child** or have **your child read to you** for at least 30 minutes everyday
- Work with your child to recognize the world of mathematics around us. **Practice math facts, create fun math activities at the store, use time and money**, and teach them to **problem-solve** by having them explain what they are thinking
- Make **Perfect Attendance or Super Attendance** (5 or fewer days of absence for the school year) a **goal** to promote coming to school every day.
- Establish routines that include **timely homework completion, physical exercise, a good night's rest, a hearty breakfast, and on time arrival to school.**
- Teach and practice **listening skills, respect, and positive character traits** every day.
- **Keep in close contact** with your child's teacher and ask him/her how you can volunteer to help.

In creating a strong partnership, we will also be hosting a series of fun and informative events ranging from Open House/Meet Your Teacher Night to literacy/math/art nights and community forums. We encourage you to attend as many of these events as possible which will give you an opportunity to participate in your child's educational experience. Please read carefully the handbook that follows this letter—it includes additional information on policies and activities you should be familiar with and aware of in preparing your child(ren) for a successful school year.

We extend our best wishes to all for a wonderful school year! We look forward to seeing you as we all work to ensure that Puesta del Sol Elementary is truly a place where Eagles **SOAR!**

Sincerely,

G. Bryan Garcia
Principal

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