



SHINING STARS NEWS

March 4, 2009

Upcoming Events

**3/8 - Daylight Savings
Time begins - move
clocks forward 1 hour!**

**3/11 - End of 3rd
Quarter**

3/17 - St. Patrick's Day

**3/9 - 3/18 - Parent
Teacher Conferences**

**3/19 - 3/27 - Spring
Break NO SCHOOL**

**4/10 - Holiday
NO SCHOOL**

**Remember -
Daylight Savings Time
begins on
March 8! Move your
clocks forward 1 hour!!**



A Message from Ms. Suzanne

Dear Shining Stars Families,

It is Parent/Teacher conference time! This time is set aside for us to share the progress your child has made this year.

It is also a time for you to share your thoughts with us.

Here are a few tips to help make your conference a successful one:

- Relax. The conference will be fun!
- Jot down your thoughts, questions and concerns on a piece of paper and bring them to your meeting.
- Be confident in asking your questions. Teachers wish to learn more about your child. Your child's success in school is very important to us.
- It is helpful if you share things from home that may affect your child's behavior or learning at school.
- We have a very experienced staff. Please do not hesitate to ask for support or guidance with your child's learning.
- Use the information and ideas from the conference to set goals and develop a plan to help your child.
- When you get home, be sure to celebrate the best things your child has done. The areas that need improvement will be solved with your new plan and goals.

Please be prompt for your meeting. We try to keep to a schedule so the next parent will not have to wait.

We look forward to seeing you soon. If you have any questions about your conference time, please ask your child's teacher.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Harper



Immunizations Requirement for Shining Stars Preschool

New Mexico State law and Rio Rancho Public School **requires** that children who are enrolled in Shining Stars Preschool have their shots be up-to date. When your child turns 4 years old boosters are required. These take the place of the Kindergarten boosters.

Please let your health care provider know that boosters are required for preschool. All 3 and 4 year olds are also required to have **Hepatitis A** vaccine. This is not a new shot but it is a new requirement. It is **NOT** the same as Hepatitis B vaccine which has been given before the third birthday. When your child has shots make sure that they are entered on the immunization card. Please bring the updated card to the school so it is entered in your child's record. If you are interested in an exemption please contact me and I will send you the paper work that is necessary.



Your child may be withdrawn if these requirements are not met.

Nurse Susan ext.514

*****PTO NEWS*****

Yard Sale time!

The PTO will host their annual Spring Yard Sale, Saturday, April 18th. We would like to ask everyone for any yard sale donations. If you would like to donate items, we would greatly appreciate it. All donations may be brought to the school & left in the PTO room.

Used Book Sale

On April 18th, the PTO will host a used book sale. We would like to ask for any or all of your used books your household no longer needs. We will take all books (children, adult, self-help, etc.).

Shining Stars Preschool Health Fair

Saturday, April 18th

10am to 2pm

Please join us for a great time! There will be face painting, food, car seat safety inspection, a yard sale, and much, much more.

Looking for Volunteers

We are in need for volunteers for the following:

April 18th – 6am to 7am Yard Sale set up

7am to 1pm Yard Sale help

1pm to 2pm Yard Sale break down

April 18th – 9am to 10am Health Fair set up

10am to 2pm Health Fair help

2pm to 3pm Health Fair break down



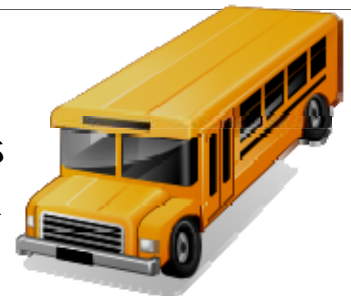
A Note From Our Site Specialist, Ellen Bruno-

As you know, many of you have a preschool child that will soon be entering kindergarten in Rio Rancho Public Schools. The transition to kindergarten from preschool is an exciting and somewhat anxious time for children and families. If your child requires special services in kindergarten, your close involvement in helping to plan the program is important to us.

This year over 90 children will be having progression Individual Educational Plans (IEPs). We have scheduled your child's IEP for April or May. Depending on your child's need, each home school will have representatives here along with the SSP staff to develop a Kindergarten IEP. Parents often have many questions about what their child's kindergarten experience will be like and how special education services will be delivered.

We look forward to meeting and talking with you about this important transition for your child. Your child's Case Manager will be giving you your child's scheduled meeting date and time. Because of the fact that there are staff members coming from other schools to discuss your child, it is imperative that you make this set date and time available. Working together we can continue your child's school career.

We would like to send out a big **Thank You** to Mrs. Leanne Beakley for volunteering to be our Shining Stars Representative for the RRPS Parent Transportation Task Force. Leanne is Ryan's mom and Ryan is in Ms. Chambers AM class!
Thank you Mrs. Beakley!!



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America Recycles Day Collection
For Rio Rancho Residents Only
901 Unser Blvd SE Northeast Parking Lot
March 7, 2009 9am - 2pm



Citywide collection of recyclable or reusable items by local businesses. Bring any of the following items: Eye glasses, hearing aids, propane tanks, bicycles, cardboard, office paper, newspaper, magazines, metals, stoves, washers, dryers, cell phones, ink and printer cartridges, good quality used clothing, non-perishable food, refrigerators, freezers, AC units, computers, monitors, printers, digital phones, DVD players, fax machines, TV's, CD's, DVD's, VHS tapes, microwaves, copiers, rechargeable batteries and gently used books for Shining Stars Preschool!