



# Wednesday Warrior

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## Ruidoso Municipal School District

**Make-up day(s)** . . . The calendar specifies Friday and Monday before and after Easter as two make-up days. Since we have scheduled Thursday afternoon, April 21, for a professional development afternoon with Jeff Sprague from the University of Oregon, we will use Monday after Easter for our make-up day. Let's hope we don't need another one!

**Professional Development for K-5 Staff** scheduled for Wednesday afternoon from 1-3:30 in the high school cafeteria will be our introduction, and reintroduction for some, to Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). The District K-12 never bought into PBIS, only some schools. Over the years individual schools accepted financial responsibility for continuing the effort. Principals have come and gone, so fewer and fewer staff have been trained, and the District really did not accept financial responsibility ever for the training.

In an effort to create a systemic response to behavior, and to create Tier I, II and III for Behavior in grades K-12, we have planned this initial training and a follow-up training on April 21 for all staff. The District has committed to pay for the data entry program which will track discipline referrals at each site. Counselors will be trained on the data entry system (SWIS). Discipline forms will be aligned with the SWIS program to facilitate data entry and maximize the information we can obtain from the system.

PBIS is not about punishment, it is about providing positive supports for students to be successful.

**A little more on bullying** . . . This is really a societal issue. We live in a bully nation, where we believe we have the right to push other countries around to protect our own interest.

That national attitude plays out in all sorts of ways—in our community it plays out in parents bullying administrators because the parent believes their child is more important than someone else's child, or that their interests are more important than other's interests. They may even believe that their child's skill or gift is more important than another child's. It can be called elitism, but really it's a kind of bullying. . . That my rights are more important than your rights.

How can we teach tolerance, the value of diversity, and just the value of human life, when we are not caring and thoughtful human beings.

## CALENDAR

- Feb. 16** - 1-3:30 p.m., All Staff Professional Development in RHS Cafeteria w/ Kristi Noel on PBIS
- Feb. 22** - 3:45 p.m., District EPSS Team in the Conference Room of Horton Complex
- Feb. 24** - 3:45 p.m., Calendar Committee to meet in Board Room
- 4:30 p.m., K-2 Dress Rehearsal for the Talent Show
  - 6:30 p.m., 3-5 Dress Rehearsal for the Talent Show
- Feb 25** - 6 p.m., K-5 Talent Show at the Ruidoso Middle School Commons
- Mar. 1** - 4 p.m., Dossier Training at SVP
- Mar. 3** - 3:45 p.m., Calendar Committee in the Board Room
- Mar. 8** - 5:30 p.m., RMSD School Board Meeting
- Mar. 16** - 3:45 p.m., SHAC at Central Office

\*All sporting events and activities may be viewed online