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# Rincon Bulldog Barks

Jon Centofranchi, Principal

## From the Principal...



Dear Families;

Thanks to all of you who have made daily attendance at school a priority in your child's education. If a student is present at school everyday, on time, he/she can . . .

- receive instruction in a timely, relevant way
- maintain continuity in studies
- find success easier and more frequently
- build responsibility that will carry over into high school and beyond

Our student attendance has dipped a little during the flu season and understandable concerns with H1N1. However, we need your support and commitment to send your kids to school when they are truly healthy enough to be here. In the first trimester, we only had 25% of our students achieve perfect attendance. I believe we can definitely achieve a higher percentage by the end

of *this* trimester. In addition, I thank you for bringing your kids back to school after doctor or dentist appointments, and calling our attendance line at 760-489-4172 to report any absences.

I'd also like to thank all of you who continuously drive safely while dropping off and picking up your child. As you know, student safety is our number one priority, and far exceeds "driver convenience". It is much more important that students are safe. And that means that drivers need to be calm, polite, and patient. Thanks for continuing to model appropriate behavior and a focus on safety.

Go Bulldogs!

Rincon Middle School  
Jon Centofranchi, Principal

## AP Corner

Howdy Bulldogs...

This month we would like to focus on the topic of Bullying. Bullying, whether it is physical or emotional, is not permitted at any Escondido School. The Administration takes every report of Bullying seriously and investigates each report completely.

What to do if your child has been bullied . . . If your child is the victim of bullying, please encourage him/her to report the incident. This can be done in the Assistant Principal's office. All reports of bullying are investigated and consequences are given on a case-by-case basis.

What can you, as the parent, do to prevent bullying... Look for signs of bullying (change in grades/attitude, crying/sad, unexplained injuries), encourage your child to speak to you (telling is not tattling), and do not allow your child to bully others (even in retaliation).

Your Assistant Principals are here to assist you and your child. Feel free to contact them with questions or concerns.

Every Student, Every Teacher, Every Class, Every Day

## From the Health Office

Just a reminder that on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be screening 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls for Scoliosis. On Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be screening the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys for Scoliosis. The students will be taken out of their PE classes. If you have any questions about these screenings please contact Debbie Moore/LVN in the health office.