



RIO RANCHO HIGH SCHOOL

# PARENT NEWSLETTER

School Year 2016-2017

March 2017

March Newsletter  
Principal's Message

Spring is just around the corner! And with the new season comes our new season of students registering for next year's classes, testing, and graduation.

The administration of the 11th grade Science SBA will begin on March 13 to all juniors and any seniors who have yet to demonstrate science proficiency. Students will be taking the SBA this year using an



online testing platform. The Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness of College and Careers (PARCC) exam will be administered starting on April 3 and run through the entire month of April. Wednesday dismissal on April 5, 12, and 19 will take place at 2:29 pm rather than the usual 1:40 pm. The PARCC schedule is located on the school's website. The PARCC testing impacts all students as well as graduation requirements. Attendance is imperative during these testing times, as well as good sleep routines and proper nutrition – your help, parents, in these areas is greatly appreciated.

Spring is always an exciting time for seniors and it should be since Graduation is Monday, May 15! However, one of the most difficult tasks that our senior leadership team faces is the notification of seniors (and their parents) who will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony

due to failing grades and/or lack of credits. A student who lacks the proper testing requirements will also be notified that they will be receiving a certificate of completion rather than a diploma. We encourage you to monitor your student's progress on PowerSchool and help us keep them focused at a time when "senioritis" may set in.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Sherri Carver, Principal

# SBA SCIENCE SCHEDULE

SBA Science Schedule

A Day Schedule March 6

1	7:20 - 9:05	1	7:20 - 9:05
Announcements at End of Period 1	9:05 - 9:10	Announcements at End of Period 1	9:05 - 9:10
3	9:15 - 11:00	3	9:15 - 11:00
A Lunch	11:00 - 11:39	5	11:00 - 12:00
5	11:44 - 12:39	B Lunch	12:00 - 12:39
7	12:44 - 2:29	7	12:44 - 2:29
A Lunch	Based on 5 <sup>th</sup> Period Class	B Lunch	Based on 5 <sup>th</sup> Period Class

B Day Schedule March 7

2	7:20 - 9:05	2	7:20 - 9:05
Announcements at End of Period 2	9:05 - 9:10	Announcements at End of Period 2	9:05 - 9:10
4	9:15 - 11:00	4	9:15 - 11:00
A Lunch	11:00 - 11:39	5	11:00 - 12:00
5	11:44 - 12:39	B Lunch	12:00 - 12:39
6	12:44 - 2:29	6	12:44 - 2:29
A Lunch	Based on 5 <sup>th</sup> Period Class	B Lunch	Based on 5 <sup>th</sup> Period Class

C Day Schedule March 9

1	7:20 - 8:03	1	7:20 - 8:03
2	8:08 - 8:51	2	8:08 - 8:51
3	8:56 - 9:39	3	8:56 - 9:39
4	9:44 - 10:26	4	9:44 - 10:26
A Lunch	10:26 - 11:05	5	Testing 10:31 - 12:16
5	Testing 11:10 - 12:55	B Lunch	12:16 - 12:55
6	1:00 - 1:42	6	1:00 - 1:42
7	1:47 - 2:29	7	1:47 - 2:29
A Lunch	Based on 5 <sup>th</sup> Period Class	B Lunch	Based on 5 <sup>th</sup> Period Class

AX Day Schedule March 10

1	7:20 - 9:25	1	7:20 - 9:25
Announcements at End of Period 1	9:25 - 9:30	Announcements at End of Period 1	9:25 - 9:30
A Lunch	9:30 - 10:09	3	9:35 - 11:40
3	10:14 - 12:19	B Lunch	11:40 - 12:19
7	12:24 - 2:29	7	12:24 - 2:29
A Lunch	Based on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Period Class	B Lunch	Based on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Period Class

BX Day Schedule March 13

2	7:20 - 9:25	2	7:20 - 9:25
Announcements at End of Period 1	9:25 - 9:30	Announcements at End of Period 1	9:25 - 9:30
A Lunch	9:30 - 10:09	4	9:35 - 11:40
4	10:14 - 12:19	B Lunch	11:40 - 12:19
6	12:24 - 2:29	6	12:24 - 2:29
A Lunch	Based on 4 <sup>th</sup> Period Class	B Lunch	Based on 4 <sup>th</sup> Period Class

CX Day Schedule March 14

1	7:20 - 8:00	1	7:20 - 8:00
2	8:05 - 8:44	2	8:05 - 8:44
3	8:49 - 9:28	3	8:49 - 9:28
4	9:33 - 10:12	4	9:33 - 10:12
A Lunch	10:12 - 10:51	5	Testing 10:17 - 12:22
5	Testing 10:56 - 1:01	B Lunch	12:22 - 1:01
6	1:06 - 1:45	6	1:06 - 1:45
7	1:50 - 2:29	7	1:50 - 2:29
A Lunch	Based on 5 <sup>th</sup> Period Class	B Lunch	Based on 5 <sup>th</sup> Period Class

March 6th- 14th

Testing Schedule for all students taking the SBA Science Test.

March 15th-17th

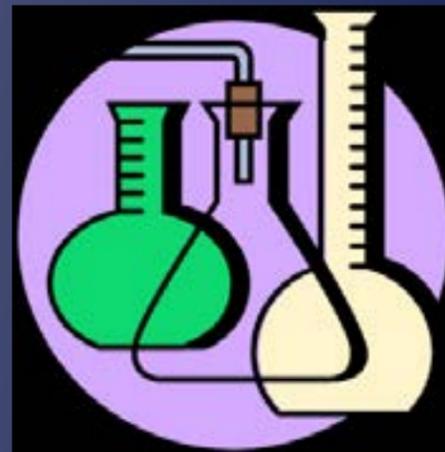
Make-up testing for any students that missed a test.

## SBA Science Test Times

Unit 1 - 60 min

Unit 2 - 60 min

Unit 3 - 60 min



## Announcement to 10th grade parents:

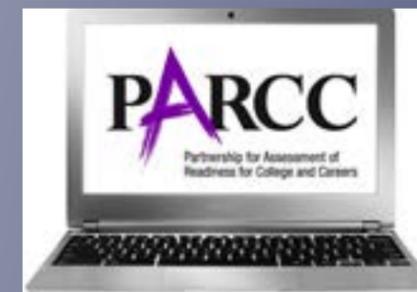
Rio Rancho High School is welcoming a new Assistant Principal. She will be working with our 10th grade class.

Ms. Sharlene Andersh is located in the Humanities Building office and can be reached at 896-5600 ext. 53101 or by emailing sharlene.andersh@rrps.net.

## PARCC TESTING SCHEDULE

April 2017  
2017 Spring PARCC Schedule

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27	28	29	30	31
3 AX Day ELA I, 110 min	4 BX Day ELA I, 110 min	5 CX Day ELA I, 110 min, 2:25 dismissal	6 AX Day ELA II, 110 min	7 BX Day ELA II, 110 min
10 CX Day ELA II, 110 min	11 A Day ELA II, 90 min	12 B Day ELA II, 90 min, 2:25 dismissal	13 C Day ELA II, 90 min	14 Normal Schedule
17 A Day Math I, 90 min	18 B Day Math I, 90 min	19 C Day Math I, 90 min, 2:25 dismissal	20 A Day Math II, 90 min	21 B Day Math II, 90 min
24 C Day Math II, 90 min	25 A Day Math II, 90 min	26 Normal Schedule Day	27 B Day Math II, 90 min	28 C Day Math II, 90 min



May 2017  
2017 Spring PARCC Schedule

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 PARCC Make-Up Exams	2 PARCC Make-Up Exams	3 PARCC Make-Up Exams	4 PARCC Make-Up Exams	5 PARCC Make-Up Exams
8 PARCC Make-Up Exams	9 PARCC Make-Up Exams	10 PARCC Make-Up Exams	11 PARCC Make-Up Exams	12 PARCC Make-Up Exams

### Grades 9-11

#### ELA Unit Times

Unit 1 - 110 min  
Unit 2 - 110 min  
Unit 3 - 90 min

#### Math Unit Times

Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Integrated Mathematics I, II, III  
Unit 1 - 90 min  
Unit 2 - 90 min  
Unit 3 - 90 min

For more information on the PARCC Schedule, visit Rio Rancho High School's website.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE 2016-2017			
SENIOR FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE			
ALL CLASSES FOLLOW THE BLOCK SCHEDULE. ONLY SENIORS TAKE EXAMS.			
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017 SENIOR FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE			
2	7:20 - 8:50	2	7:20 - 8:50
4	9:00 - 10:30	4	9:00 - 10:30
A Lunch	10:30-11:10	5	Study Hall 10:35-11:25
5	Study Hall 11:15-12:05	B Lunch	11:25 - 12:05
6	12:10 - 1:40	6	12:10 - 1:40
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017 SENIOR FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE			
1	7:20 - 8:50	1	7:20 - 8:50
3	9:00 - 10:30	3	9:00 - 10:30
A Lunch	10:30-11:10	5	10:40 - 12:10
5	11:15 - 12:45	B Lunch	12:10-12:50
7	12:55 - 2:29	7	12:55 - 2:29
SENIOR MAKEUP EXAMS - MAY 5, 2017. REGULAR SCHEDULE.			
A Lunch	Hum, E&T, Gym, and Portables 1 - 8	B Lunch	B&E, SC, FA and Portables 9 - 16
Please note that seniors do not report to school on May 6 unless they are making up an exam			
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 20167 UNDERCLASSMEN FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE			
2	7:20 - 8:50	2	7:20 - 8:50
4	9:00 - 10:30	4	9:00 - 10:30
A Lunch	10:30-11:10	5	Study Hall 10:35-11:25
5	Study Hall 11:15-12:05	B Lunch	11:25 - 12:05
6	12:10 - 1:40	6	12:10 - 1:40
FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017 UNDERCLASSMEN FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE			
1	7:20 - 8:50	1	7:20 - 8:50
3	9:00 - 10:30	3	9:00 - 10:30
A Lunch	10:30-11:10	5	10:40 - 12:10
5	11:15 - 12:45	B Lunch	12:10-12:50
7	12:55 - 2:29	7	12:55 - 2:29
MAKEUP EXAMS - MAY 22, 2017. No Bus Service Last Day of School!			

# Save the Date!

You are Cordially Invited to Attend  
 Rio Rancho Public Schools'  
 "6th Annual Spring Transition EXPO"  
 March 2, 2017  
 9:00 a.m. thru 1:00 p.m.  
 Rio Rancho High School Auxiliary Gym



To help students who have disabilities and their families learn more about the transition from public school to the adult world, Rio Rancho High School will host our District's 6th Annual Spring Transition EXPO on March 2, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the RRHS Auxiliary Gym. Interested students, families, and others throughout Rio Rancho, Sandoval County, and beyond are invited to make valuable face-to-face contacts with agencies, adult services providers, employers, and other vendors. Exhibitors participating in our EXPO share information and answer questions related to a successful transition from public school to the adult world for students who have disabilities.

A Few of the Agencies, Adult Services Providers, and Vendors Invited to this Year's Spring EXPO Include:

- A Park Above
- Adelante Development Center
- ARCA
- Center for Self-Advocacy
- Central NM Community College (CNM) – Disability Resource Center
- Development Disabilities Supports Division – Central Registry Unit Manager (DD Waiver)
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
- Eastern New Mexico University – Roswell
- LifeROOTS
- Loving Thunder Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
- NM Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons
- NM Office of Guardianship
- NM Workforce Connection
- Parents Reaching Out
- Project Search High School Transition Program
- Share Your Care
- Special Olympics
- The Arc New Mexico
- University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability

For more information or to reserve a table at this years' EXPO, contact:  
 Trudy Adams/RRHS Student to Employment Program (S.T.E.P.)

trudy.adams@rrps.net  
 (505) 962-9481

Rio Rancho High School

# RhythAMetteS

## Dance Team Tryouts

**Who:** Students attending RRHS grades 9-12 for the 2017-2018 SY  
**When:** April 24<sup>th</sup> -April 26<sup>th</sup> ,2017( Monday-Wednesday)  
 3:30pm-5:30pm  
**Where:** RRHS Main Gym  
**What to bring:** Tryout packet and completed information. YOU MUST HAVE A COMPLETED PHYSICAL TO TRYOUT  
**MANDATORY PARENT MEETING FOR TRYOUTS-**  
 Wednesday, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm- RRHS GYM  
 Please contact Christine Carson in BE 212- (505)962-5225 or [Christine.carson@rrps.net](mailto:Christine.carson@rrps.net) with questions.

## Summer 2016 Leaderships Forums for the Class of 2017 Seniors

Several of the class of 2017 seniors took advantage of summer leadership opportunities between their junior and senior year. Many of the students attended Boy's and Girls State of New Mexico, sponsored by the American Legion Boy's State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State which are the premier programs for teaching how government works while developing leadership skills and an appreciation for citizen's rights. As a participant in the program, students had the opportunity to run for office, learn public speaking, create and enforce laws, and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government. They met other students from across the State and gained confidence and leadership skills that helped shape their future. Students who attended Boy's State: Trey Parnell, Trevor Lasley, Kevin Nguyen, Richard Romero III, Haven Corsey. Students who attended Girls State: Madison Paulk, Amanda Munoz, Genevieve Romero, Hannah Reed, Marisa Davis, Brianna Meyer, Sarina Pozos, Victoria Dupriest, Hannah Kuhn, and Tiffany Quynh-Tram Pham. Genevieve Romero was selected as the New Mexico representative to attend the 2016 Girls Nation in Washington D.C. where she attended Senate sessions, helped draft bills and debate policy. In addition to the aforementioned, Gabriel Moya was selected and attended the National Youth leadership forum in Medicine, for future physicians and medical scientists in Washington D.C.



Let's Go See the World Early June 2018

Students, parents, Siblings, family and friends

Paris, Bordeaux, Pamplona, Barcelona and Madrid

Airfare, Lodging and Meals included

Approx. \$4200

RIO RANCHO TRAVELERS

Mr. Marquez is in ET 114  
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The Pyrenees separate Spain and France, making for an interesting blend of the two cultures.

Bookended by Paris and Barcelona—where some of the world's best art and architecture are on display—border cities like Biarritz, San Sebastian and Pamplona show subtle variations in French and Spanish culture. Experience the local flavor in the plazas and cathedrals.

## SUMMER 2018 FRANCE AND SPAIN

### Paris to the Pyrenees

Mr. Marquez and Ms. Deike will be sponsoring a trip to France and Spain in the summer of 2018. This is a perfect opportunity for a senior trip or just to get away and use some of that foreign language your students have been learning. This trip will be for 10-12 days, it will include airfare, lodging and meals, and will depart in early June 2018. Sign up early for the best pricing. Contact Mr. Marquez or Ms. Deike for more information.

# RIO RANCHO WRESTLING

By Bianca Q. Michael H. Tara B. Trevor V.

With the wrestling season coming to a close and state matches approaching, this year's team is hopeful in doing as well or better than last year when they placed second.

We interviewed two students from the wrestling team, Ryan Rochford and James Emmer. They both shared similar thoughts about the team. When asked how their season went Ryan stated "we had a rough beginning but we started to come together as a team," showing that they really believed in their team. When asked how the team compared to last years, James explained "we had a lot of upperclassmen leave last year, so we had a different maturity level". And lastly when asked about how they see the season ending they both stated, "If we put in the extra effort either state champs or runners up."

"The season started off slow, we had a

lot of players out for other sports," said Coach Santos. The team is starting to reach its peak according to their coach, but he agrees that they need to come together more. Last year the team took second, and even though a lot of the players that made that happen are no longer on the team, there are plenty of new players to fill their spots. Putting it all together Coach Santos believes Rio Rancho can finish off the season strong.

Rio Rancho's wrestling team has come together as a whole and they always see the best in each other, whether finishing this year as state champs or not they will always be a team. Good luck Rams!

## THE JOURNEY TO DISTRICT

Everybody in Rio Rancho, New Mexico knows the Rio Rancho High School basketball team, but do they know the people behind the jerseys? The Rio Rancho basketball team is on their way to make district.

The man who lead the team to district, started in 3rd grade and kept playing after to go pro in Mexico. He has been around coaching for 30 years. Coach Wally Salata started coaching in 1996 in Los Lunas where he was as the head coach for four years, then he moved to Rio Grande from 2005-2009. His journey brought him to the best school, Rio Rancho. He's been coaching here since 2009. He helps the team stay together because the team has had to change chemistry three times this year and the team has come back each time with wins and great communication.

The Varsity team is one of the most elite teams Rio Rancho has to offer. The Varsity team has been through some tough times. The team chemistry has changed three times after one of the starting lineup was injured and then the team to change it again. Then, when he came back they had to fix it again; because of all the chemistry changes during the sea-

son the losses were a result of the changes explained Coach Salata.

The team constantly trying to prove themselves to become part of varsity is junior varsity. There is some extraordinary talent that rivals the varsity. one of Those people is number 16, Hunter. The sophomore has been playing for 6 years 2 of those years were here at Rio Rancho High School. He said "that they have had the ups and downs were going to have to come together as a team to be able to make it to district."

With the popularity of the Rio Rancho High School athletics department, they're held to a very high standard. Through changes in teamwork, chemistry, and wins and losses, the Rio Rancho High School basketball team is well known for their achievements, and through, a lot of practice, and experienced Coach, Rio Rancho High School basketball is able to do what they do.



# Rio Rancho High School Goes to UCA Nationals Orlando

SOPHOMORE JONAH APOLONIO  
FRESHMAN PAIGE E. CURLEY

Skill, difficulty, and presentation. These are what our varsity cheer team is going to be graded on when they head to Orlando, Florida for the UCA National Championship. "We got the skill and we qualified," Coach Lopez said with confidence as she sat at her desk. "I believe we will make it to the finals."

Last year, Rio Rancho High school's varsity cheer team placed 5th in their attempt to win the Universal Cheer Association's National Championships. This year, February 11th, they plan on scoring higher than their opponents. Coach Lopez expresses this through her statement:

"I feel very...positive and hopeful I guess. This team is very talented. I feel this...I feel confident."

This attitude has also been reflected by cheerleader Alyssa Barracuda (second base) She went to nationals last year and will be attending again this year-but this time she feels that her and her team has improved since last year. She has told us that her biggest support throughout the immense training and competitions is Coach Lopez herself. She says that her coach has "been positive and excited," and that she has felt her impacts since she has joined the cheer team.

Another varsity cheerleader heading to Nationals this year is Natalie Yabarra (base) who, like Elisa, has competed there before. She claims that since last year, "I feel like I have improved on things like my strength and tumbling." But while she reflects on her past, she is improving for her future. She also states that she and her team will celebrate no matter what position they place. And when they get back they will return to their normal routine.

Other than the returning cheerleaders to Nationals, the varsity team has some members that have never gone before. One of these members is Kaitlyn Mondragon(main base) She had told us that she is nervous, but also excited but for the most part confident in herself and her team. Because this is her first time, she said the biggest support was her mom.

"My mom has been my biggest support. She has helped me with my tumbling and helped me get stronger."

Since Kaitlyn is a Main Base, her mother's encouragement is incredibly useful. "It's the base's job to lift and throw the flyer." says an online source. Given the fact that Natalie and Elisa are both bases, support will be motivating enough to enhance their performance.

The cheer team is very grateful for all the support they've received. Coach Lopez herself states, "Any support is appreciated... thank you for any support from our community and our school."

The cheerleaders also thank everyone for the encouragement. "it means a lot to us. Thank you for supporting." says the enthusiastic cheerleader Kaitlyn. Let's wish the varsity cheerleaders luck on their trip to Orlando.

# Master Dance News

The Rio Rancho High School Master Dance Company will present their second dance concert of the year Jazz Café on Friday, February 24th and Saturday February 25th at 7:00 pm at the Rio Rancho Performing Arts Center. Jazz Café will feature classic cabaret-style jazz songs like Fever, Feeling Good, It's a Mans World, and I Put a Spell on You.

The dance concert will feature choreography by professionals from the Rio Rancho community as well as several Master Dance Alumni and Artistic Director, Lois Moreno. Students of Master Dance Company perform three times per year, working 8-10 weeks to produce each show.

Master Dance Company members are intermediate- advanced dance students, who must pass a rigorous audition process to become a member of the year long dance company. Master Dancers are usually students who have studied dance outside of school and have an intent to make dance their career.

Tickets are available prior to each show and are free to RRHS students and staff upon presentation of their school ID, and \$5.00 for the public.



# Rio Rancho High School Winterball



This year, many high schools have canceled their winter dance, due to the lack of attendance from students. The Associated Student director, Mr. Duncan had stated that Rio Rancho's attendance has not been a problem as they expected 500 students and got well over the benchmark.

Three weeks of planning and with only a \$5,000 budget the Associated Students made it work. With all of the planning for the dance they also planned the spirit days. Spirit days are important for the dance as AS is trying to get everyone excited for it, by influencing involvement in spirit days AS awards gift cards for the best dressed for that spirit. This reward system influences people to get involved, Mr. Duncan says that they plan the days by what will be fun and accessible for everyone. There was Monday which was pajama day, Tuesday twin day, Wednesday mismatch, Thursday white out, and lastly Friday mathlete or athlete. These spirit days are easy enough to go through with therefore there is a lot of involvement with the spirit days. Spirit days have always been key to dances, as they help everyone not only get excited for the dances but also influences them to get involved as much as possible, it is also a stress reliever to the bland routine day at school, being able to mismatch with friends always generates laughter as one tried to mismatch better than the other.

This involvement in the spirit days coincide with winterball, as Rio Rancho is one of the last schools in the ABQ metro that still has the dance. The quota for attendances is set at "500 students" said Mr. Duncan but usually surpassed. The quota isn't the only focus though, AS spends their \$5,000 budget on making the dance special for the students. With this budget they were able to turn the everyday cafeteria into a winter wonderland with an icy Dj, with photo back drops, and a dance floor jam packed, it was just the night students had hoped

for. Blaine Gallegos, an attendee stated that the dance was "a blast" and that the designs were "on point." In the eyes of AS there was another success as they met their quotas as well as fulfilled the student's hope of having a night to remember.

This year's winterball was another successful dance for the student body of Rio Rancho High School. It was a very fun event to attend for everybody and very well put together. They met their goals for enjoyment and fulfilment in the eyes of the dance attendees.

By; Miquela Moreno, MacKenna Dunlap, Ashton Klovenas, and Rebecca Barela



# Rio Rancho's DECA



The "Feeling inside" is a pure business passion Mr. Henderson developed toward DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) before teaching.

DECA deals with financing, marketing and, management. Rio Rancho Rams will be attending the DECA state competition this year. State is "...going to make a positive impact on everything".

Student Logan Budd expresses how DECA will impact him and his peers positively by stating "...always trying to make us better." The competition helps students enhance their ability to market and finance, as well as improve everyday business and social skills.

Mr. Henderson and his students will be attending DECA state this year, state will be held at Hotel Albuquerque on February 27th and 28th, as well as March 1st. There will be 3,500 students attending the event, 108 of which are Rams. DECA will become the "feeling inside", the pure business passion that will never be lost in students.

## Cheering on the RAMS!

By Julia Descheneau, Brianna Valenti, Nicole Hanson, Ariana Cuccio

Boom! Boom! Boom! The students roar for the athletes, the artists, and the chorus. Ram pride gleams from corner to corner. Whole; the students come together.

Pep rallies are a way of creating a cohesive environment and awarding student, teacher, and extracurricular excellence throughout the school. Bill Duncan and Associated Students are the key to constructing the assemblies. "It takes months to prepare," said Bill Duncan, the activities director.

Bringing the students together is essential to the Rio Rancho Rams. Activities such as games and distributing awards helps create togetherness. "The pep rallies create a sense of unity for our students," Bill Duncan accentuated.

Throughout the generations of pep rallies, they've mostly been focused on athletics. However, the arts are becoming more popular throughout the school. According to Bill Duncan, the school is trying to award and include more of the arts to create equality amongst the students.

Thus, making a more welcoming and comfortable environment for all. Our previous pep rally focused on the achievement of winter sports and the upcoming Rio Rancho Winter Ball.

Pep rallies intensify Ram pride throughout the school. Students look forward to these assemblies because it's a source for relaxation, fun, and excitement!



# "THE BIG FISH"

I got an assignment from the boss and before we knew it, my notetaker and I (the interviewer) had embarked on our journey to discovering the most important information and play director behind the famous work, "Big Fish." Unknowing where her room was specifically located, we perused the halls of the Fine Arts building questioning where Mrs. Natal would be. As we reach the end of the hall, we were suddenly drawn to a door at the back of the building. We step into the room and there were costumes and sets under construction, whatever it was, it was big... almost a big fish. As Mrs. Natal walked in from the back room we saw a grand stage through the crack of the door.

We learned that Mrs. Natal is the RRHS Drama teacher, she directs all aspects of performance and backstage theater and is currently working on the play, "Big Fish" a story about Edward Bloom (a dying father) getting to know his son (Will Bloom) through a series of flashbacks and stories. As we asked Mrs. Natal why she had decided to present the play this year she had said, "I had always loved the story" and "beautiful music" inspired her and exemplified a particular fondness for the Tim Burton adaptation.

The play "Big Fish" was created by David Wallace. The subplot presents memories in the form of flashbacks and stories showing the relationship before the father's fatal illness. It contains many tall tales of Edward's life as a salesman in the Southern United States which meant Will didn't have a close relationship with his father. There are originally 50 play members that create and reuse their own costumes from previous plays. The two main characters in the story are the Father, Edward Bloom and his son, Will Bloom. The play will be in the PAC on April 20th-22nd. We then walked the corridors of the scimatics building to interview the current protagonist of, "The Big Fish," Ethan Lum. "I will play Will-the son," Ethan says. "I've been doing theatre for a couple years now and I really enjoy it." We asked Ethan if he would change anything about the Tim Burton classic. "I don't think I would" he said as he also expressed his excitement for the production and for his role.

by Luke R., Nicholas Martin, Madilyn S., Justin S. and Adrian C.

