

# roots & wings COMMUNITY SCHOOL



April 16, 2021

Dear RWCS Community,

What a great day it was on April 12<sup>th</sup>! After an eight-month delay, the school finally got to welcome students back to in-person learning! All went well and the students and staff were very happy to see one another again. Please continuing practicing safe COVID practices, so we can keep the school open for the rest of the year.

## **PLEASE COMPLETE - if you have not done so**

All families that have or are planning on returning to in-person learning **MUST** enroll with the **FREE** [PickUp Patrol App](#) (computer or smartphone) that we will be using for at least the remainder of the school year. Families **MUST** use this App for submitting their child(ren)'s daily COVID screening before drop-off. It is a **STATE REQUIREMENT** that we track this information. We will not be able to allow your child to come to school without this daily screening. It is quick and easy and makes drop off run quickly and smoothly. Also, **All** families returning for In-Person Learning **MUST** complete and sign [A Statement of Acknowledgement for Return to School](#). This **MUST** be completed by Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. If you can't do it electronically, please bring a completed copy with you on Monday morning.

## **Note for K-2<sup>nd</sup> Families from Ms. Annalise**

It has been powerful and transformative to teach in person again. After careful consideration and in light of the massive vaccine release in Taos County; Miss Bina and I feel comfortable if families would like to begin full reentry in person on 4/26. If you are interested in sending your child or children back in person, please let us know by Tuesday 4/20 so we can plan accordingly. If you have any questions about the possibility of reentry, please feel free to contact me.

***Just a reminder that this Wednesday, April 21st, is a NO SCHOOL DAY for all students and staff.***

## **Note for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families**

For those students that are participating in the Senbazuru project please turn your work in either at TiLT or the school before Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. You may also drop off your work directly at the Harwood Museum (238 Ledoux St, Taos). There will be a box outside of the education center. Please turn in your work ASAP so you will be included in the display. Questions: Contact Sarah Newberry at [snewberry@rwcs.org](mailto:snewberry@rwcs.org).

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Ryan Stewart, Secretary of Public Education, and the PED have asked us to share this [communication](#) with families regarding violation of Health Orders and the closing of schools.

## **Re-Entry Information and Resources**

School Hours 9:00 am – 3:50 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesdays the school building will be closed for cleaning, with REQUIRED online Art, Music, and additional classroom remote learning continuing for ALL students on scheduled Wednesdays.

### **RESOURCES**

1. [PickUp Patrol App](#)
2. [A Statement of Acknowledgement for Return to School](#)
3. [Re-Entry Plan](#)
4. [Student/Parent Handbook](#)

### **A Note from one of our Family Members**

The Taos Land Trust - In collaboration with community partners, will build and distribute 60 garden-ready planter boxes in the summer of 2021 these 4 x 8 wooden planter boxes come complete with soil, seed, drip irrigation, hoop covering, and shade cloth. This project is funded by generous donations from our community partners. This summer we are prioritizing low-income elders and families with children who qualify for free and reduced lunch.

We currently have 10 boxes available on a first-come-first-serve basis and we are hoping to connect with Roots and Wings families for these 10 boxes. Please see [attached flyer](#) for more information.

The next **Governing Council Meeting** is April 27th at 5 pm (**Note date change**). G.C. Meeting Agendas with the Google Meet link are posted on the school [website](#) 72 hours before the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you all for a great first week back! It was great to finally meet some of our students and families in person with social distancing.

Sincerely,

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[school calendar](#)

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