

roots & wings COMMUNITY SCHOOL



April 23, 2021

Dear RWCS Community,

It has been a great two weeks since re-entry and students and staff are getting back into the school routine. Students have been very good about following the COVID protocols. All this is a good sign toward being able to continue the full re-opening in the fall. We have been working on next year's school calendar and are scheduling based on what our calendar looked like Pre-COVID. Wednesdays will return to normal in-person learning days and we will have our normal amount of Mondays off. The calendar will be presented to the Governing Council at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening.

Student Surveillance Testing

PED is requesting that all school's COVID surveillance test at least 1% of their returning students weekly. They have provided schools with a couple of options, and the easiest and most efficient is to use the VAULT testing program. It is FREE to all New Mexican's and what the staff has been using since January for our required Surveillance testing. The test is a saliva test that just requires you to spit into a collection tube and can be done at home as parents will need to register their students. More information and how to order a test can be [found here](#). We will contact a family each week to participate. Once the families receive the results, which come by email, they will forward that email to jorris@rwcs.org. Information will be kept confidential. If a student were to test positive, they will remain anonymous and the proper protocols would be enacted.

MANDATORY for all families returning in-person

PLEASE GET REGISTERED, this is vital to our re-entry plan!

All families participating in 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.

Just a reminder that this Wednesday, April 28th, is a NO SCHOOL DAY for all students and staff.

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Message from RWCS's Business Manager

You are invited to provide your input to the Roots & Wings 2021-22 budget. Please join our Business Manager on Friday, April 23, 2021, at 5:00 pm if you have any suggestions for or questions about the school's annual budget. [ZOOM Link](#)

Also, please check the school's website for the Governing Council agenda for April 27, 2021, where Roots & Wings will present and publicly review and approve the Operating Budget for 2020-21. This is a public meeting and all school patrons and the general public are invited to attend.

Best Regards,

Sarah Piña, Business Manager, RWCS, (505) 470-5251, spina@rwcs.org

FINAL CALL: Note for 3rd – 8th Grade Families

For those students that are participating in the Senbazuru project (origami cranes) please turn your work in 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.

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.

They are forecasting a nice Spring Weekend, so I hope everyone gets some time to enjoy it. PLEASE, if you haven't registered with the [PickUp Patrol App](#), please take a few minutes to do so. It's quick, easy, and FREE!

Sincerely,

Jon Orris

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RESOURCES

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

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