

roots & wings COMMUNITY SCHOOL

April 30, 2021

Dear RWCS Community,



Things have been running pretty smoothly and everyone is getting into their routines. We have had several more families that decided to have their children return to in-person learning. The sense I am getting when on Superintendent/Charter Leader calls with PED is that we are using the end of this year to gear up to have all students back in school next year. It also seems that PED is pulling back from all schools having to offer a remote option next year, which is extremely difficult for us small schools, and looking at there being a separate option for students that want to remain in remote learning. There are lots of details for PED to work out, but that seems to be the direction they are heading. The Governor's announcement this week about mask-wearing has generated questions for schools. School policy has NOT changed and masks must be worn at all times unless actively eating or drinking, or a vaccinated staff is working in their office. Thank you to those of you that have or will be participating in the student surveillance testing program.

Public Health Order Updates

The current Public Health Order does not impact New Mexico's public schools. While we are pleased with the positive momentum across our state, we remind you that all COVID-Safe Practices (CSPs), including mask-wearing, are still in effect. Please see attached for a graphic you can share in your outgoing communications or on your social media channels – available [in English](#) and [Spanish](#).

PickUp Patrol

Thank you to all the families that have registered and are using the PickUp Patrol App! There are still a few not doing so and we MUST have this information in case of an outbreak. Your student can load it to their student computer as well to complete it. SERIOUSLY, it takes less than 30 seconds in the morning, and could ultimately help save a life!

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. **STUDENTS CAN LOAD THIS APP ON THEIR SCHOOL COMPUTERS TO COMPLETE THE 3 QUESTION SURVEY!** 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.

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Just a reminder that this Wednesday, May 5th, is a NO SCHOOL DAY for students as it is staff PD Day.

Next Year Staffing and Calendar

I am excited to report that we have completed our hiring for next year and found two highly qualified people to join our team in the K-2nd and 6th - 8th-grade rooms! I can't release their names yet but will be doing so soon. Please don't ask staff and respect the privacy of our new teachers as they wrap up with their current schools and students. [2021-2022 RWCS Calendar](#)

A Note from Joanna Magee (She has sent a few emails to families)

Last call for teacher appreciation!! Hoping for \$20 per family but whatever you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated!

Since I do not have a PayPal account, Nina Silfverberg has graciously offered to allow me to hand hers along to make it easier for you to forward money. Please just put "teacher appreciation" in the notation when you forward. Her PayPal address is: silfvermountain@gmail.com. You may also send me a check in the mail to: PO Box 1495, El Prado, NM, 87529, or drop it off with Veronica in the office.

The next **Governing Council Meeting** is May 18th at 5 pm. 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.

It looks like it should be a beautiful 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, FREE, and REQUIRED!

Sincerely,

Jon Orris

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RESOURCES

1. [PickUp Patrol App](#)
2. Surveillance Testing with VAULT information [found here](#)
3. [A Statement of Acknowledgement for Return to School](#)
4. [Re-Entry Plan](#)
5. [Student/Parent Handbook](#)

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