

roots & wings COMMUNITY SCHOOL

April 9, 2021

Dear RWCS Community,

RWCS IS RE-OPENING FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING ON MONDAY, APRIL 12TH!!



We passed our inspection this afternoon and received a compliment on our air ventilation solution, which consists of an air conditioner unit that also has a heat mode to bring in the fresh air, with the 3-way air filtration unit in the middle of each classroom room, and an exhaust fan on the far side of the room. **We are looking forward to having students back in the school on Monday!**

This week has been very busy prepping for re-entry and we had a successful contract negotiation with the PEC on Wednesday morning. We have some fine-tuning to do with the contract plus our Governing Council will need to approve it before the PEC finalizes it in early June. This contract includes the enrollment cap increase to 60 students starting this upcoming school year.

Re-Entry Plans

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.

Families should have received an invitation email to set up the [PickUp Patrol App](#) 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.

I have updated our re-entry plan with additional information specific to pick-up/drop-off and other school policies and procedures. Please [click here](#) to read the updated plan (updated today).

The [Student/Parent Handbook](#) has been updated with revised COVID policies and Procedures. It is the first section of the Handbook; the rest has remained the same as the original released before school started this year. PLEASE review this section with your child(ren), especially those that are returning for in-person Learning.

All families returning for In-Person Learning **MUST** complete and sign [A Statement of Acknowledgement for Return to School](#). This **MUST** be completed before dropping your child(ren) off on Monday morning. If you can't do it electronically, please bring a completed copy with you on Monday morning.

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Just a reminder that this Wednesday, April 14th, is a NO SCHOOL DAY for all students, as it is a PD day for Staff.



Mr. E fills a RWCS Water Bottle from our newly installed bottle fillers, that replaced the water fountains.



Picnic tables have had Plexiglas dividers installed to allow 4 students per table.

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.

Please enjoy what looks to be a beautiful Spring weekend! ALL of the staff are excited after an 8-month delay to have students returning on Monday!

Sincerely,

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