

roots & wings COMMUNITY SCHOOL



December 11, 2020

Dear RWCS Community,

YEAH! I am going to start with some great news, after a long wait on Wednesday, the PEC voted 10-0 to renew our charter contract for 5 years with no conditions! A BIG thank you goes to all the staff, governing council, students, and parents who helped prepare the renewal packet and presented at the hearing! It is a big relief to have this behind us! Thank you all!

Just a reminder that this Wednesday, December 16th, is a Regular School Day for all students and staff. Art and Music classes will occur as scheduled. These Wednesdays are required school days and classes. This will be the LAST day to submit work to your teachers for the semester. School will be in session through Friday, December 18th and then we will be on break, returning Monday, January 5, 2021

Thank you to the over 60% of our families that have responded so far to our Reentry Survey we sent out last week! If you haven't completed it, we would REALLY like to hear from you. **Please take this short [Parent Survey](#) to provide input for our decision and how we may proceed in the future.** We would like to get responses by **Monday, December 14th before our next GC meeting on Tuesday.** The link is also on our website, but if you are having technical issues, please call the school during normal school hours and Veronica or I would be happy to collect your responses over the phone.

Note from Veronica

Families, if you have not yet filled out and turned in your Free and Reduced Lunch Forms, please do so. These forms are what the state looks at to determine if you will receive a P-ebt card. It also helps out our school in MANY different ways as far as funding. [Link to the Free & Reduced Lunch Form](#). Please fill out the form and send it to Veronica (vgarcia@rwcs.org) as soon as possible, or call to request a form be sent to you through the mail.

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Content Filters on Student Computers

On Monday, December 14th, the school will be enabling new software from Securly on school-owned student computers. This provides additional layers of protection on the computers above what is already there and allows us more specific controls over the computers and the content that can be accessed on the internet. If you are searching the web and get a message you are being blocked by the school, that is Securly in action. If it is a legitimate site for education, please contact your teacher and if approved it will be unblocked. Gaming sites other than those being used for after school programs will be blocked and NOT released. Just a reminder that school computers are only for use with school work, they are not your personal computers. Also a HUGE reminder **PLEASE KEEP ALL LIQUIDS/DRINKS AWAY FROM THE COMPUTERS!** We have had two computers destroyed by spilling liquid on them, it fries the motherboard.

Celebration of Learning will be happening virtually this year.

The K-2nd grades held their Celebration on Tuesday, December 8th from 5-7 pm. We had a hundred percent participation and several relatives were able to join from across the country! It was great to see the student's fables and artwork and hear them read them!

The 3rd – 8th grades Celebration will be held Thursday, December 17th from 5 – 6:30 pm and links will be sent out when finalized.

Grades will be finalized and submitted on December 17th with progress reports being sent out on the 18th. Make sure all your work is submitted on time! Progress reports will be mailed to families.

School office hours will continue 9:00 am – 5:00 pm on school days and we can be reached at (575) 586-2076.

The next Governing Council Meeting is December 15th 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.

Enjoy the snowy weekend and we have only one week until the long holiday break!

Sincerely,

Jon Orris

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