

roots & wings COMMUNITY SCHOOL



February 26, 2021

Dear RWCS Community,

Yeah! Our county has made it to Green! Several schools across the state have or will be re-opening in a Hybrid mode since the announcement was made that schools could choose to do so starting February 8th. You will find a link in this newsletter for a RWCS Community Survey about various re-opening options or remaining remote for the remainder of the school year. I also want to correct a piece of information that was reported in the news on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning saying NM had been denied its waiver from state testing. The reality of the information is that the Federal Government said it will NOT issue a blanket waiver of testing to all states as it did last year at the start of the pandemic. New Mexico's application is still being considered along with other states.

This Wednesday, March 3rd, is a NO SCHOOL DAY for all students and staff. Enjoy the mid-week day off, it is also a great day for students to get caught up if they are behind on any assignments.

Community Survey

PLEASE take a few minutes to complete our [Community Survey](#) to provide input on what educational model(s) RWCS students will be participating in for the end of the school year. We must have everyone's input on this issue so we can make the most informed decision possible. I know everyone has an opinion on the subject of reopening schools, so I would like to have a 100% response rate to this survey. **The due date to complete the survey is March 1st at 4 pm, please have your voice heard!**

Intent to Re-enroll

Thank you to all of our community as we received a 96% response to our intent to re-enroll for next year! The staff and board truly appreciates the trust you put in us to educate your children!

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Enrollment Lottery for 2021-2022 School Year

Spread the Word!!! Our lottery for next year's enrollment will open on Monday, March 1. If you know of anyone who would like to join us next year, they can get a lottery application on our [website](#) or they can email [Veronica](#).

Charter Contract Renewal Update

As reported earlier RWCS was approved to be rechartered for an additional five-year term. On April 7th we will be negotiating our new charter contract with PEC during a scheduled Zoom call with them. These are public meetings, but there is no need for parents to attend this meeting as this is more a formality to finalize our new 5-year contract since we have already been approved. Thank you for all your support before and during our renewal hearing.

Chess Club has Openings

RWCS Chess Club has openings for any student that would like to join! The Chess Club meets Monday and Fridays from 5 – 6 pm via Google Meets with Sara Saint-Hogan. If interested please contact Ms. Sara at ssainthogan@rwcs.org.

The next Governing Council Meeting is March 23rd at 5 pm (**Note date change due to Spring Break Week**). 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 take the survey and have a good weekend!

Sincerely,

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