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March 26, 2021

Dear RWCS Community,

This update is coming out a day earlier as we wanted to get this information to you as soon as possible. This update will cover additional details on our Re-Entry Plan, our Enrollment Cap Increase, Student Led Conferences (SLC), and some staffing changes and switching of roles at RWCS. Thank you to those of you that completed the Re-entry survey. Those of you that have not had a chance to complete it please take a moment to do so. We need this information to help the staff plan and be prepared for our return to in-person school on April 12th. The [Full Re-entry Survey](#) is still open for you to complete, or if you change your mind, please note that on the survey or call the school.

I know that we are asking you for a lot of trust in us to send your child(ren) back to school for in-person learning. I want to personally assure you we will be taking every precaution we can to create a safe and healthy learning environment for our students. If on April 12th the staff and I don't feel it's safe to bring students back on campus, my promise to you is we will delay the reopening until we are. We have some work to do between now and then, but I am confident that we will be ready to welcome students back. We will continue to report our progress in these Weekly Updates and if additional communication is needed we will do so.

Re-Entry Plans

PED approved our request to set April 12th as our re-entry date for fully in-person learning. Re-opening on that day is contingent on passing the PED inspection to make sure the facility has all the required ventilation, signage, etc., and that we have all of our COVID plans, protocols, and PPE in place. This is a very comprehensive inspection as we want to re-open in the safest manner possible. I have updated our re-entry plan with additional information specific to the grade cohorts, special services, and compliance requirements. Please [click here](#) to read the updated plan.

Just a reminder that this Wednesday, March 31st, is a Regular School Day for all students and staff. Art and Music classes will occur as scheduled. As always, these are required school days and classes.

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3rd – 8th Art Supply Pickup

Our 3-8 students will be collaborating with the Harwood Museum of Taos and 4 other charter schools to participate in the 1000 cranes tradition. The piece will culminate on Mother's Day in an installation outside of the Harwood Museum of Art that will be up through the end of the school year. They will make these during their art class with Sarah Newberry and Izumi Yokoyama virtually on April 7th. The Harwood Museum has provided the supplies and we would like to arrange a pickup with parents to pick up the supplies before April 7th.

We will have 2 pickup locations, the RWCS Greenhouse and the foyer at TILT. If you have not yet signed up, please sign up your child for a supplies pick-up location on the link below, so we can have enough kits available at both locations. The supplies will be available starting March 29th and please have them picked up before Wednesday, 4-7-21. This will be a self-serve pickup, please wear a mask and use hand sanitizer. **Please remember, these are only for students in grades 3-8.** [Google Doc Sign Up Link:](#)

Enrollment Cap Increase

RWCS requested an increase to our enrollment cap which was set at 50 students. An increase to 60 students was approved by the PEC on Friday, March 19th. This will be part of our new charter contract that will take effect next school year (July 1, 2021). We have had a large waiting list and this will allow us to accept additional students while keeping our classroom sizes to 20 students.

Student Led Conferences

SLC's will be happening on April 8th and 9th as scheduled, however, the format will be changing slightly due to the fact we will be starting in-person learning on April 12th. These conferences will be held virtually and will be focused on what the end of the year plan is for your student and their classroom. Teachers will be sending out a sign-up schedule and more information about the SLC's.

Staffing Next Year

We have a couple of staffing changes happening for NEXT school year. First, Annalise will be moving on from her K-2 position at RWCS to her next teaching adventure. She will be missed, but we are working hard to find our next great K-2 teacher. Please see [Annalise's Letter](#) to the community. Also for next year Mr. E will be moving out of the classroom but staying with RWCS. He will move into a support teacher role working with all classrooms, coordinating the outdoor adventures, and relieving the classroom teachers of some of their extra duties. Ms. Rose is also staying with RWCS and will become the full-time 3rd-5th grade teacher. We will be hiring a new 6th-8th grade teacher for next year.

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Enrollment Lottery for 2021-2022 School Year

Spread the Word!!! Our lottery for next year's enrollment opened on Monday, March 1, and closes on March 31st. 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](#).

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.

WOW! Thank you for reading all of that! We had a lot of information to get out to you this time. I hope you get to take advantage of some of this late-season snow or enjoy the non-snowy areas in the lower lands this weekend!

Sincerely,

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