

roots & wings COMMUNITY SCHOOL



November 13, 2020

Dear RWCS Community,

Good afternoon! By the time you are reading this, our Student-Led Conferences (SLC) will be wrapping up. Thank you for participating in these very important meetings. If you were not able to schedule an SLC during these days, please make sure to contact your student's teacher as these are required conferences.

Just a reminder that this Wednesday, November 18th, is a Regular School Day for all students and staff. Art and Music classes will occur as scheduled. Then just a reminder that there is NO school the week of November 23rd – 27th as we will be on Thanksgiving Break.

As you are all aware the number of COVID cases is on the rise in Taos County (moved into the Red Category) and across the state. With the colder temperatures and the Holidays coming up everyone needs to be diligent about COVID safe practices. Part of the equation that will allow our school to return to some kind of in-person learning requires the county COVID numbers to be in the low range. The school can have all the protocols in place, but if the county is still high, we will have to remain in the fully remote model. Please consider this with your plans over the next couple of months.

We will be starting some Afterschool Programs in the coming weeks for students. As part of our Extended Learning Program funded through PED, we have specific funds that have to be used for Afterschool programs. These programs will be held virtually until we can move back into some form of in-person learning. While I know we want to reduce screen time for students, this will replace the time they might be on a screen anyways, but allows them to socialize and participate in different activities that they are interested in. The first afterschool program will be a chess club for all grades hosted by Sara Saint-Hogan on Mondays and Fridays from 5-6 pm. If interested, please add the student's name to this [sign-up sheet](#). Evan and Rose are looking at starting a Dungeons and Dragons game for 6th-8th graders, and a similar type game for 3rd-5th graders. They will contact students directly with the details.

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Family Support Guidance

Supporting learning at home doesn't just mean signing off on homework lists and reviewing flash-cards. To help families help their students, PED has created a guidance document that provides an overview of how to monitor and support students during remote learning. **Please share this document widely!**

- [In English](#)
- [In Spanish](#)

Workshop for Parents Rescheduled

Please help us get the word out to New Mexico parents and families that a free virtual workshop to help parents assist their children in remote learning has been rescheduled for mid-November. "**Reimagining Parent Engagement Leveraging Virtual Tools**" will be held as follows:

- Spanish version: Nov. 12-13 from 6:30-8 p.m. both nights.
- English version: Nov. 19 from 6:30-8 p.m. and Nov. 20 from 3:30-5 p.m.

This workshop will give parents virtual tools they can use to build communities of parental support. [Registration is available here.](#) The workshop is part of a series funded by PED and created by CNM Ingenuity, an outreach program of Central New Mexico Community College. The sessions, [described in more detail here](#), are open to all New Mexicans.

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 November 17th 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.

Get unplugged and enjoy another fall weekend as it looks like winter is scheduled to return late in the weekend.

Sincerely,

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