

roots & wings COMMUNITY SCHOOL

November 20, 2020

Dear RWCS Community,



Good afternoon and Happy Friday before a weeklong break! I know we are all looking forward to it. I would like to thank all the parents and guardians that participated in the student-led conferences. We had a great turnout! We are planning on how we will conduct the Celebration of Learning virtually for the end of the semester and will be announcing details in early December.

Just a reminder that there is NO school next week, November 23rd – 27th as we will be on Thanksgiving Break. PLEASE have a Safe Holiday Break!

We announced earlier this Fall, that we would decide at our December Governance Council meeting about what learning model (Remote or Hybrid) we would return to school in after January 1st. We are still planning to do that, but, with COVID cases soaring, our options will be very limited for the near future. Currently, schools are restricted from moving from Remote learning to Hybrid under the current conditions. PED will be putting out guidelines for schools to follow when the COVID numbers decline to determine when it will be safe to move to a Hybrid model. Schools will not be required to move into Hybrid as that will remain a local decision but may be required if in Hybrid to return to remote learning if conditions require that. The school will be sending out a parent survey after we return from break next week. The survey will contain questions related to under what conditions parents would feel safe to have their students return in a Hybrid model. (For this school year, parents have the option to keep their children in a Remote format for the full year.) We will use these responses as part of our planning to determine the criteria used to decide when it would be feasible to move into a Hybrid model. Please return these surveys after they are sent out, as we want all the input possible from our families.

Ultimately, we all want to have our students return to school as soon as possible, however, this will need a concerted effort on everyone's part to make this happen. We need to make short-term sacrifices, for the long-term greater good. Please practice safe COVID measures, especially during the upcoming holidays, to help get ALL of our children back in school. Personally, I will not be traveling back east over the winter break to see my family. This will be only the second time in 30 years (the other was when my family came to visit me) that I have not traveled to see them. I am making this decision to protect my family and to do my part to help stop the spread of COVID. I do this with the hope that there will be many more family celebrations in the future and we can return to a more "normal" life soon!

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After School Programs

We have started some after-school programs and two more will be starting after the break. Chess club will be held on Monday and Friday nights, if interested please use this [Signup Sheet](#). Additionally, Peg is offering a weekly game night on Wednesdays from 5-6 pm playing the "Eurogame" called ***Ticket to Ride***. Eurogames games tend to be fast, don't have head-to-head competition, and are a lot more fun than Monopoly or Risk. [Ticket to Ride details and how to sign up](#).

Know Your Rights -- for Families

PED has created this document, [in English here](#) and [in Spanish here](#), which we ask you to share with your community, describing the rights of students and families regarding enrollment in public education.

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.

Have a COVID safe Holiday Break. We will be making our three-week push to the end of the semester when we return.

Sincerely,

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