

# roots & wings COMMUNITY SCHOOL



November 6, 2020

Dear RWCS Community,

Happy November! Hopefully, we will have election results before we hit December! Being that it is the beginning of November, it is time for Student-Led Conferences (SLC) which will be held on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Teachers have been scheduling these and please get signed up if you haven't yet.

**Just a reminder that this Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, is a Regular School Day for all students and staff. With conferences on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, regular classes won't happen and students will only be required to attend their conference as classroom teachers will be involved in conferences during these two days.**

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Lions Club FREE Annual Vision Screenings due to a lack of sign-ups. We will try to reschedule. If you are concerned about your child's vision, please let us know and there is a possibility the Lions Club could do a screening while they are screening at another school in the area or make other arrangements with you.

RWCS now has a FREE Outdoor Wi-Fi Hotspot thanks to Project Connect by ITDRC.org. They supplied an outdoor access point and did the installation on it. The signal can be accessed in our parking lot or if the gate is locked along the road. There is no password, just click on the ProjectConnect by ITDRC.org network and you can get access. Project Connect hooked up several schools in the Taos area, so if you need internet access check at those schools.

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 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders, and a similar type game for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. They will contact students directly with the details.

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## 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.

Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>-grade girls and 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>-grade boys, please fill out the appropriate permission slip, so your student can participate in the Girls Circle or Boys Council. This program is offered to the school by [Youth Heartline](#) for **FREE** and students have participated in the past. We are trying to restart the program again this year, but despite several texts from Joanna Magee and an email blast from the school we have not gotten enough permission slips to run the programs. Please fill out the permission slip, [Girls Circle](#) or [Boys Council](#) and email it to [fep@youthheartline.org](mailto:fep@youthheartline.org). Please take a minute to do now so we can begin these programs.

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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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