

roots & wings COMMUNITY SCHOOL



October 2, 2020

Dear RWCS Community,

Welcome to October, the mountainside behind the school is ablaze with fall foliage! It is also a time to remind parents and students of the importance of attendance at school as we approach our 40th day of school. We are required to track the attendance of students, even while we are in remote education, and report that to the state.

Chronic Absenteeism is defined as missing at least 10% of school days in a year for any reason, excused or unexcused. So if your child has three (3) or more absences since the beginning of our school year (31 days so far), they are considered to be chronically absent. Research has shown that chronic absence is a **Primary** cause of low academic achievement and a powerful predictor of which students will eventually drop out of school! Please help set your child up for success in life, and make sure they are attending and participating in school, whether remote or in-person.

Just a reminder that this Wednesday, October 7th IS a Wednesday school day and there will be Art and Music classes.

RWCS submitted our renewal application yesterday. PED will be conducting a site visit on October 9th, all day, and during the morning will be providing a Zoom link for parents to log in to give them feedback on our school. We will be sending these links out before the 9th and hope as many parents as possible join in telling PED what an amazing school we have and why it is important for them to approve our recharter application!

We are happy to announce that we will again be partnering with Youth Heartline to provide a Girls Council (in two groups, 5th - 6th grades and 7th - 8th grades) and Boys Council (just 7th - 8th grades to start). They will meet during lunch via Google Meet. Teachers will be providing a specific schedule for their students. Parents will need to sign a permission form for students to participate in the Council. Joanna Magee with Youth Heartline will be texting a permission slip to parents to sign electronically by replying to the text.

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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 October 20th at 5 pm. G.C. Meeting Agendas with the Zoom link are posted on the school [website](#) 72 hours before the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

It looks like yet again another gorgeous weekend, so please get outdoors and safely and responsibly enjoy the continued beautiful fall weather!

Sincerely,

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[school calendar](#)

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