

roots & wings COMMUNITY SCHOOL



October 30, 2020

Dear RWCS Community,

Happy Halloween to everyone. Many of the classes today had students wear costumes during their Google Meets sessions and I had a sighting of a teacher in a bird costume walking past the office! The school received about 2 feet of snow from the storm this week and we are finally dugout.

Just a reminder that this Wednesday, November 4th, is a NO SCHOOL Wednesday as it is a Professional Development Day for Staff. Enjoy the mid-week break and remember it is a great day to get caught up on any class assignments your student might be missing.

The Lions Club will be offering their FREE Annual Vision Screenings to all students (**required for K-2nd grade**) of RWCS on Wednesday, November 4th! In addition to the vision screening, they can arrange for eye appointments and glasses if needed and will also pay for a backup pair of glasses. The screenings will take place at El Pueblito United Methodist Church in El Prado from 10 am – 2 pm and here at the school from 3 pm – 4 pm. We will be scheduling specific 10-minute appointment times that day to ensure social distancing, and the Lions Club will ensure COVID safe practices during the screening. Students and parents will be **REQUIRED** to properly wear a mask during the screening appointment. Please click on the following links for [General Information](#), [Consent Form](#) (please fill out), and Appointment Calendar (to schedule your time). It is a Google Calendar. Click here for a [Taos Appointment](#) or [RWCS Appointment](#). **In the “What” box that comes up when you choose a time, please list the first and last name of the student and their age at the end where a name appears. (Ex: Vision Screening for RWCS in Taos (Jon Orris, 55)**

Parents of 5th – 8th-grade girls and 6th – 8th-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. Please take a minute to do now so we can begin these programs.

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There was a glitch this week with the Back to School Readiness Survey to identify any additional social and emotional supports our students may need. So we will be asking the 3rd-8th grade students to complete this survey next week. Schools completing this survey may be eligible for some additional funding to help with social and emotional supports for our students.

Please don't forget to fill out the application for Free and Reduced lunch (these forms need to be filled out even though we don't have a lunch program as the data from these forms helps the school get additional funding).

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.

Enjoy another fall weekend as it sounds like winter is scheduled to return Monday!

Sincerely,

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