

# roots & wings COMMUNITY SCHOOL



September 18, 2020

Dear RWCS Community,

Greetings everyone, it's amazing the change in weather we have gone through over the past couple of weeks! Things continue to roll along at the school, I do have a BIG ANNOUNCEMENT below, but want to clarify some confusion about Wednesdays at school and the arts program. In the past, because RWCS runs on a modified 4-day a week schedule, we typically scheduled some Mondays off. In anticipation of moving to the Hybrid Schedule ([described in last weeks' update](#)) at some point this year, we substituted Wednesdays for most Mondays. Students are required to attend classes or meetings only on Wednesdays that are listed as school days on our [school calendar](#). So this year we scheduled Art and Music for Wednesdays since in the Hybrid model all students would be online that day and could participate. Sarah Newberry who is doing art for us this year will be posting some art lessons that students can **choose** to participate in on Wednesdays that are not school days, but the required lessons will only be on official Wednesday school days.

**Just a reminder that this Wednesday, September 23 is a NO School Wednesday.**

This is a Teacher Professional Development Day. **Enjoy the mid-week break!** This would also be a good day for students who are behind in any of their work to get caught up!

## **BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!**

This past Tuesday night the RWCS Governing Council voted unanimously in favor of **continuing the Remote/Online model we are currently using until the new year**. This was not a quick or easy decision. Many factors have been discussed over the past weeks and months involving not just health and safety concerns, but also the desire to create the most stable environment we can for our students, families, and staff amidst ever-changing circumstances. While staying remote is a far cry from what most of us truly want, we hope this decision can help families plan their lives with a little less uncertainty about what new routine they may have to adapt to next. We know these are very difficult and trying times, and we hope to provide what stability and consistency we can. We are still a community! Together we will overcome these obstacles and look back on these times with greater wisdom and strength (and large sighs of relief!!)

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If you would like to listen in on the Council's discussion that led to this decision, please email Erica Lannon [elannon.gc@rwcs.org](mailto:elannon.gc@rwcs.org) for a copy of the meeting recording. All Council meetings are open to the public, and any community member wishing to join the Council may email Erica or come to a meeting to comment publicly. The next regular GC meeting is Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. As our mission states "...take an active role in our ever-changing world!"

Think of how interesting it will be in a few years to look back at this time and reminisce about "Remember back when you were required to wear a mask to go into a store, bank, or liquor store, and it WASN'T assumed you were there to rob them! Where going to school didn't require daily health screenings and wearing masks. When you could hug someone without fear of infecting them!

Thank you to all of those who have submitted their registration forms and immunization forms. If you haven't completed those yet, please do so ASAP. If you are submitting an immunization exemption form, those also need to be completed as well. These forms MUST be redone each year, just like the registration forms.

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please get out this weekend and safely and responsibly enjoy the beautiful fall weather!

Sincerely,

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