



# Parent News

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## School Theme:

### Grateful Hearts, Serving Hands

*In all our living may we show that we are thankful to  
God for all He has done for us and may He be  
praised through us.*

*Heidelberg Catechism - Answer 86*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/19** 7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting in the Board Room  
7:30pm Gallup Community Concert at Gallup HS Auditorium
- 2/21** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> MathCounts at San Juan College
- 2/23 – 2/24** NO SCHOOL for ALL students  
(Staff-In- Service)
- 2/23** 6:30pm School Board in Board Room
- 3/02** ASSOCIATION MEETING

## INS AND OUTS

Before I came to Rehoboth, I was on the school board of a large Christian school in Michigan. It was a wonderful school – very much like Rehoboth – with great teachers and a very Christ-centered curriculum. But for many different reasons – the cost of tuition at this school has drifted upwards over the years to an amount that is beyond the reach of many parents. This school would love to reduce tuition – but with a steady drop in enrollment each year due to this high cost of tuition – it is almost impossible to reduce tuition and still balance the budget. As you can imagine, this is devastating to the morale of the school and the parents.

But at Rehoboth, we have avoided this situation. We have actually increased our enrollment the last several years – to the point of now having the highest enrollment in school history. Rehoboth has continued to grow due to keeping tuition rates at an affordable level. The actual full cost of tuition at Rehoboth is \$7,750 per student – but this is first reduced to \$4,750 per student - thanks to donations from individuals and churches across the country. We then only charge families the very fair rate of 10% of income for one child, 12% of income for 2 children, etc. I am personally very proud of this financial aid model and I wish more Christian schools around the country would adopt it.

Parts of the donations we receive are in the form of volunteer labor. We have volunteers answering phones, stuffing envelopes, working in concessions at sporting events, building cabinets and stages, providing tutors in the schools, and repairing plumbing and electrical problems. Together, these virtually thousands of volunteer labor hours per year – plus the generous cash donations from individuals and churches in our area and also across the country– result in Rehoboth having affordable tuition rates. Let's try to avoid the future of my old school and continue to donate and volunteer to our school. If you are looking for a new place to volunteer, please contact Abbie, our volunteer coordinator, at 862-4252. Abbie will be glad to help you find a place at Rehoboth for your gifts and skills.

Jeff Banaszak, Director of Finance and Operations

## ELEMENTARY EVENTS

**Thankful Hearts / Helpful Hands** – Last week Friday we celebrated Valentines Day by reaching out with our helping hands by visiting 3 nursing homes in Gallup, sharing with them God’s love by making and distributing valentine cards. We started the morning with Mrs. Gillson leading us in a chapel focused on our theme of being thankful for love. While wearing our TEAM t-shirts we then took time in our teams to make valentine cards and then got on buses and traveled to Red Rock Care Center or McKinley County Manor or Little Sisters of the Poor. Greetings, hugs, singing, and lots of smiles were had on the part of all involved. What a special way to reach out with helping hands to bless others and be blessed ourselves. God is so Good!!!

**Celebrate Reading** – The elementary school will celebrate reading the week of March 2- 6. Dressing up like book characters, reading all day, and many more fun activities that celebrate and encourage reading will be part of the week. We encourage families to promote the love of reading at home as well.

**Spelling Bee** – The third through fifth graders will be participating in a Rehoboth elementary spelling bee on March 5. Students should have lists of words to be practicing in their possession. All students will be involved in classroom bees where points are gained for correct spelling but no one is eliminated. Our emphasis will be on participation and effort. Please encourage your child to practice their words and to try their best!!

**Reminder** - There will be no school for students on Monday and Tuesday, February 23 and 24. Teachers will be at a Reading Conference on those days.

Jim Holwerda, Elementary Principal

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS

### Competitions in Albuquerque

We have two groups of students heading off to competitions in Albuquerque on Saturday. Mr. Morris will be leading a group of students at the English

Expo event at La Cueva High School and Mrs. Weidenaar will take two teams to the Math Counts competition. Go LYNX!

### Everyone Teaches Reading

Since Reading is such an important skill to develop in every class and at every grade level, we committed the majority of our professional development funds to send our teachers to the International Reading Association convention in PHX. This means that there will be no school on Monday or Tuesday for grades K-12. We will see you on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Progress Reports are In Your Hands (and Mailboxes)

By now, everyone should have received the mid-quarter progress reports. If you have not or if you have any questions or concerns, please call the teachers. The next grading period ends on March 6<sup>th</sup>, which is only two weeks away.

### Upcoming Events:

Feb. 21 English Expo

Feb. 23-24 No School – Teacher In-Service

Carol Bremer-Bennett, MS Principal

## HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

**Congratulations** to the Boys Varsity Basketball team on their victory over Wingate on Saturday night. What an exciting game! Thanks, also, to all of the parents, students, and friends of Rehoboth who showed up to cheer the boys on.

**Something New** If you were driving by Rehoboth this week on I-40 or Route 66 and happened to glance at the campus, you probably saw the beautiful addition of the Rehoboth logo to the exterior of the SFC. That and the new Donor Wall in the SFC lobby were contributed by the Xhibits company of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The former owner Bob Siebelink and his son came this past weekend to install both. Bob’s interest in Rehoboth came from his parents who

came here 40 years ago to help build the dorms. Be sure to check out the beautiful additions to our campus the next time you are here for an event.

**Reminder** It is very important that you send a note or call Mrs. Begaye at 726-9631 if your son/daughter has been absent or if they are late to first period.

**Dates to Remember:**

February 23-24: NO SCHOOL, Teachers attending the International Reading Association Conference in Phoenix

February 24-28: District Basketball Tournaments

March 6: End of the Third Quarter

March 10-14: State Basketball Tournaments

March 16: Senior Class Taco Dinner Fundraiser

March 16-17: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 5:00-8:00pm

March 30-April 3: SAC Week, our week of alternative curriculum classes

Dee Logterman, High School Principal

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## College Corner

### Entrada!

If you are a senior and are a minority student planning on attending Calvin College or if you are a junior and a minority student and Calvin is one school on your list and you would like a summer college enrichment program, you definitely should take a look at Entrada. Not only is it a great 5 weeks enrichment program, but you also receive college credit and if you enroll and attend Calvin College you receive a \$4,000 scholarship each year towards your tuition. Most of the cost of the Entrada program is covered by scholarships and you must be nominated in order to attend this program. Stop by the counseling office for more information.

### FAFSA Filing Dates Set at UNM-Gallup

GALLUP--Potential students at UNM-Gallup can get one-on-one help filling out their financial aid forms on the following dates in Gurley Hall Commons:

- Saturday, February 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. This session will be UNM-Gallup's effort to participate in "College Goal Sunday," a national initiative to provide on-site assistance with obtaining financial aid for students across the country that might not be able to attend college otherwise. This program in particular targets youths who are homeless or in foster care, or living in at-risk situations caused by natural disaster, mental or physical illness, and severe financial stress without help from family or friends, a violent situation, and other catastrophic events.
- Wednesday, February 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Applicants should bring the following documents to complete their FAFSA (free application for student aid):

- 2008 Federal Income Taxes (student/spouse and parents', if dependent status)
  - 2008 W2 forms
  - Other documentation regarding income for 2008 (Social Security, unemployment, AFDC/public assistance, etc.)
  - Federal PIN numbers (student and parents, if dependent status)
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## Business Office News:

### Tuition Alert!

For a few families, we are sending home today sealed letters regarding tuition. If you receive one of these letters – please contact the school immediately.

Thank you.

Jeff Banaszak, Director of Finance & Operations

## All School Announcements:

### Navajo Code Talkers Exhibit Expansion

We want to thank everyone who attended the game with Fort Wingate and who supported our efforts to improve our Navajo Code Talkers Communication Center exhibit. We would like to invite everyone to another event in which we shall celebrate the progress made in honoring these World War II heroes. Please plan to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Navajo Code Talkers Communication Center on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Ev Nienhouse will present a brief "Introduction to the Navajo Code Talkers" followed by a showing of the "Code Talker Project" DVD on our newly donated TV monitor. At this event we will acknowledge and honor Code Talkers and contributors to our exhibit and DVD project. Refreshments provided. If you have any questions or you know of someone who should be invited, please contact Mrs. Carol Bremer-Bennett at 726-9696.

### Debate Results from their Feb 13-14 tournament.

Rehoboth students made us proud this past weekend at Highland High School in Albuquerque! Results as follows:

- Kim Sam got first place in Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Kyle Smith got third place in Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Adonis Dineyazhe got fourth place in Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Esther Bia and Sahara Butler got third place in Duo Interpretation.

Congrats and well done!

### After School News:

Did you know that two different funding sources provide the services that your child receives in the after school program? The Tse Yaaniichii Boys and Girls Club and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center both are sources of income and direction for

these two programs. We have often referred to the after school program as the "Rehoboth Church Rock After School Program" because these two schools are joint recipients of these funds as they work together to provide quality programming for students during the after school hours. From now on, we will be referring to the after school program as the Tse Yaaniichii Boys and Girls Club Community Learning Center to bring these communities and funding sources under one umbrella. This organization will also provide some summer activity in June. If you ever have any ideas about how to expand the funding of this program or have ideas of how we can better serve your children, feel free to contact Bob Ippel, Project Director at 863-4412 ext 123 or email him at [bippel@rcsnm.org](mailto:bippel@rcsnm.org).

### The Tse Yaaniichii Boys and Girls Club Community Learning Center

We partnered with Wellness Warriors from Rehoboth McKinley Hospital on February 14 to provide a Saturday of fun and education for the third through sixth graders who attended the program. The students learned about diabetes and engaged in physical activity and nutritious eating! A great time was had by all. Another wellness day has been scheduled for Saturday, March 14.

Watch for more information coming home with your child!

### For Sale!

Just Released: A new CD by the Gospel Light Echoes (Stanley and Sharon Jim, Cynthia Anderson, Louise Smiley-formerly Louise Jim)

*"Hymns of our Navajo Elders"* Cost \$15.00

Featuring 12 songs on the album of old time favorites of our Navajo Christians and non-believers alike. Be the first to get this newly released album in the Navajo language. Great to send to family members! Can use to learn 12 songs from the Navajo hymnal! Once you have heard this CD, it will take you back to nostalgic years of your youth. This album can be added to your collection of relaxing, Christian music for driving on America's highways.

You can reserve a copy with Mrs. Jim or pick one up at the Red Mesa Ministry Center from Rev. Stanley Jim.

Thank you in advance for your support.

### Concession Stand

District playoffs are next week, so we would appreciate a new supply of items.

- BarS brand Hot Dogs
- Hot Dog buns
- Cases of water – Aquafina
- Cases of Gatorade

*We are also looking for people to bring dough for the frybread and to also help make frybread.*

You may drop off your donations at the Administration Building. Call Nicole at 726-9607 if you have any questions.

### Menu for Breakfast and Lunch for 02/23 to 02/27

Date	Breakfast	Lunch
02/23/09 Monday	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
02/24/09 Tuesday	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
02/25/09 Wednesday	Breakfast Burrito, juice, milk	Sub Sandwich, lettuce, tomato, fries, fruit, milk
02/26/09 Thursday	No Breakfast	BBQ & Hot Wings, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, strawberries w/ bananas, bread, milk
02/27/09 Friday	Assorted muffins, juice, milk	Posole, tossed salad, tortilla, fruit, milk

## Sports Schedule

Sport Date /Time	Home/ Away	Opponent
2/19 4:00pm Girls Basketball (C,JV,V)	AWAY	Navajo Pine
2/21 10:00am Tennis	AWAY	Bosque HS
2/21 1:00pm Boys Basketball (JV)	HOME	Shiprock NW
2/21 2:30pm (JV,V)	HOME	Shiprock NW
2/24 – 2/28 Boys & Girls	TBA	District Playoffs
2/28 Tennis	AWAY	Gallup at Ford Canyon



