



# 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 Q & A 86*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

9/22 Mid-Quarter

9/22 7:00pm School Board Meeting

9/22 7:30pm Gallup Community Concert at Gallup HS Auditorium

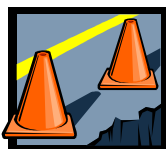
9/23 Picture Day



## ATTENTION PARENTS!!



Thank you for your continued cooperation with dropping off your students **Please continue to drop off all students at the church parking lot.** There should be no drop offs on the dirt road near the kindergarten building. This is still considered a "construction zone".



## INS AND OUTS – by Dee Logterman

Neighborly:

Adjective-Exhibiting the qualities expected in a friendly neighbor.

So, why begin this with a word and a dictionary definition? Well, recently we have received some comments from people attending our athletic events that Rehoboth is not a very friendly place, that our fans are not very welcoming to team members and fans from the opposing side. One gentleman was heard to say that he felt so unwelcome here he would never attend another of our games. I had always thought that this was a pretty friendly place but maybe it is time to re-evaluate that word *neighborly* and the extent of our neighborliness here.

In my Google search to find out more about that word *neighborly*, I came across an interesting quote from an influential Jewish thinker named Martin Buber: *"The unavowed secret of man is that he wants to be confirmed in his being and his existence by his fellow men and that he wishes them to make it possible for him to confirm them, and not merely in the family, in the party assembly or the public house, but also in the course of neighborly encounters, perhaps when he or the other steps outside the door of his house and the greeting by which they greet each other will be accompanied by a glance of well-wishing, a glance in which curiosity, mistrust, and routine will have been overcome by a mutual sympathy: the one gives the other to understand that he affirms his presence. This is the indispensable minimum of humanity."*

Isn't it interesting how important it seems to be for us to be affirmed by others and to do the same in return? When Jesus commands us to love our neighbors he certainly must have an understanding in his humanness of that need within us. It is not always easy to step outside our comfort zone or our own shyness to reach out and greet another. There is always that little fear niggling inside our brain that we might be rebuffed or ignored and our fragile selves don't want to risk that. But what rewards could await us if we just ignored our insecurities and reached out to others.

Think of an RCS where our teams and coaches went out of their way to welcome a team to Rehoboth, to thank them for coming to our campus, to make sure all their needs are met, to sincerely wish them well in the coming competition, to invite them to share a prayer with us at center court or field and then to play the game in the most honorable fashion, to celebrate with them their victory or to congratulate them on a game well played when we win, and finally to spend a few moments with them just to get acquainted. Now, wouldn't the word *Christian* in our name really come to mean something to our opponents after an encounter like that?

And what about the fans that accompany the opposing teams? As Rehoboth supporters, shouldn't we also go out of our way to let them know we are glad they are here? After all, without their team there would not be a game for us to enjoy. Greet them with a smile, thank them for coming, invite them to enjoy the foods in our concession stand, ask if you can help them find a seat, show them where things they might need are and wish them an enjoyable experience at the game. Then during the game, let's model for them what it means to exhibit good sportsmanship. We expect that of our players but sometimes it hard to teach them that lesson when a handful of our fans spend most of the game verbally attacking our opponents and the referees.



From now on let's keep in mind what it means to be neighborly when we have guests on campus for any occasion. Let's live out our name and have guests leave our campus proclaiming to the whole world what a great place Rehoboth is.

## ELEMENTARY EVENTS

**Picture day** – Picture day is coming up soon.- Please mark your calendar for September 23. More information and forms will be coming home soon.

**DAILY DOSE** - Daily Dose is a program offered to beginning readers in grades 1-3. It's difficult to find reading books in the library for children who are beginning to read, so this program provides a **DAILY DOSE OF READING** for each student who needs it. Many thanks to Sunny Dooley who has volunteered in this program for the past two years! Most recently, she has poured hours into upgrading this daily book exchange system so that it will function even more smoothly in the years to come! MANY THANKS, SUNNY! We are very grateful for Liz Wilson (a first grader's mom) who has taken over the job this year.

**“Please” and “Thank You”** – Words that help define and reflect our attitudes towards others and the life God has given us – Hopefully you are aware that our theme this year revolves around gratitude and being thankful. A small but significant way we are plying this out in the elementary school is obviously to teach kids to use the “please” and “thank you” words at appropriate times but each time they say it they are encouraged to repeat it in Navajo and also in sign language. Please encourage this at home as well as we strive to encourage an attitude of gratitude in our children.

Jim Holwerda, Elementary Principal

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS

### Mid-Quarter Reports

On Monday, we will be mailing home mid-quarter reports. These reports will go out to every child in middle school and provide a “snapshot” of how your child is doing in each class. Please watch your mail for this important information. Contact

teachers directly with any concerns and/or questions.

### **Brain Food**

Many thanks to our thoughtful parents who have sent healthy snacks this week. We appreciate YOU! Thank you to the Cherneys, the Kleins, the Chases, and the Ratmeyers. We have dined on grapes, cheese crackers, raisins, pistachio nuts, dried fruits and nuts, and animal crackers! Thanks for the extra brain food to give us even more energy to learn!

### **New Faces Around the Middle School**

Mrs. Arlene Brown comes to us from Western New Mexico University. She will be doing her graduate internship program this semester for her master's in counseling with Mrs. De Young. She writes, "Hello, my name is Arlene Brown. I am at the peak of acquiring my Master Degree in Counseling from Western New Mexico University. My first internship was at Na'nizhoozhi Center Inc (NCI), a treatment center dealing with alcohol abuse. This is my second internship where I chose school counseling at Rehoboth Middle School under Mrs. Gail De Young." We look forward to Mrs. Brown's work with our middle schoolers. Please call Mrs. De Young if you have any questions or concerns.

We also welcome two students from Calvin College, who are here to do their teacher aiding. Miss Sarah Oord is from Washington State and is working with Mrs. Slim's social studies classes. Mr. Ben Buursma is from western Michigan and is assisting in Mr. Huizinga's reading and science classes.

We are also pleased to say that Mrs. Marcia VanEe is back in our office as a volunteer, she is here from Michigan and will be around until the beginning of November.

### **Middle School Sports**

**9/17** 4:30pm MS Soccer w/Wingate at HOME

**9/23** 4:30pm MS Soccer w/Wingate at HOME

**9/23** 4:30pm MS Volleyball at Wingate

**9/25** 5:00pm MS Volleyball at Zuni

**9/30** 5:00pm MS Volleyball w/ Thoreau HOME

Carol Bremer-Bennett, Middle School Principal

## **HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

**Special Visit** The sophomore advisories are focusing on career exploration this year. One aspect of that focus is having career speakers come in once a month to speak about their job or profession. In honor of the brave men and women who lost their lives on 9/11 attempting rescues in the Twin Towers in New York City, we invited two firemen from the Gallup Fire Department to speak to us last Thursday about their work. The sophomores learned about what it takes to become a fireman, the kinds of things they do, and what the life of a fireman is like. A special part of the presentation was the opportunity to try on the gear they have to wear, to lift the hoses and feel how much they weigh, to sit in their specially equipped seats in the fire truck, and, of course, to sound the horn and siren.

If you know of anyone you would like to recommend as a career speaker or if you would like to volunteer yourself, please let Ms. Logterman know at 726-9631.

**Signature forms** If your son/daughter has not had you read through the Student/Parent Handbook and then sign the required signature form, please remind them. Your enrollment for the year is not complete until that signature form is in. Thank you.

**Parent Consent Form** Please get your parent consent form for emergency treatment in as soon as possible. If there is a medical emergency, precious time can be lost if we do not have that information on file.

**Thank you** We very much appreciate those of you who have already donated items for the Concession Stand. Your donations are a big help in this fund raising project. If you would like to donate items, please contact Nikki in the Administration Office to find out what we need.

[www.rcslynx.org](http://www.rcslynx.org)

Did you know that you can find current homework information at: [www.rcslynx.org](http://www.rcslynx.org)?

Follow the links on the right side of the page to get to the homework blogs for each high school teacher. The more you know about what is going on in your children's classes, the better you will be able to help, get help, ask questions, and be able to show interest in what they are learning and doing. If you need help or have questions regarding this process, please feel free to contact Tim Pikaart at: [tpikaart@rcsnm.org](mailto:tpikaart@rcsnm.org), or (505)726-9624

### Looking Ahead.

September 22: Mid-Quarter progress reports mailed home

September 23: Picture Day

October 17: End of First Quarter

October 27-28: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Dee Logterman, High School Principal

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## Business Office

By now you should have **paid three payments** on your tuition accounts. You still have time before your account gets too far behind. The tuition agreement you sign is taken very seriously and we rely on your tuition payments to help pay our staff and keep the lights on, and heat the buildings.

The tuition committee will be meeting on past due accounts and will be sending out letters to those that are past due. Please do not disrupt your students attendance because of past due tuition. We do not like taking children out of class. If you have not called your tuition advisor about your past due account, please do so today! We can help you set up an agreement that works best for you.

Thank you – Business Office

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## TRANSPORTATION TIPS

Reminders: All students are to be waiting at their scheduled bus stops. Bus drivers at their morning

scheduled stops, are to stop at each stop. If students are not there within the 3 minutes grace period due to any reason, the driver will leave - unless the student is making an attempt (walking fast or running) to catch the bus. Any and all students should already be waiting at their bus stops. Please communicate to the bus drivers if your children are not going to ride the bus.

The drivers will make every attempt to communicate with the parents when their children are being late, or taking their time to the bus. The bus drivers are expected to be consistent at all their stops. If for any reason they are not, please notify the transportation department or RCS.

Darryl Holtsoi, Transportation Director

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## All School Announcements:



### PICTURE DAY

Pictures for the yearbook will be taken at RCS on Tuesday, September 23.

### Congratulations!!!

We are pleased to announce that Deanna Benson and Abbie Huizinga will be sharing the position of Campus Hostess & Volunteer Coordinator. Abbie is currently on the job and Deanna will be joining her in two to three weeks.

Deanna is a 2001 graduate of Rehoboth Christian School and has been working in the school Development Office for the last two years. Deanna will continue to work part-time with the Development team, along with this new role – for a full-time schedule. Deanna also has prior work experience with the Navajo Nation and the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation in office and human resources administration. Deanna will be moving on campus this week with her husband Abraham, and three children: Tayan age 4, Shandiin age 2, and Sialim also age 2 (but 11 months younger).

Abbie recently moved to campus from Grand Rapids, Michigan, when her husband Chris accepted a position as a middle school teacher at Rehoboth Christian School. Abbie's background is in human resources and we hope to also utilize this talent with our recruiting and hiring process. Abbie will be working a total of 20 hours per week. Abbie and Chris have three children, Gracie age 6 who is in first grade at Rehoboth, Anna age 4 and Audrey age 2.

Please join be in congratulating Deanna and Abbie on their new roles. We had many excellent candidates for this position and it was difficult to turn down some outstanding individuals – but we are excited about the talents these two bring to this position – especially with the gift of hospitality and the ability to manage all the many details of this very important role.

### High School Band

Would like to invite you to their fall concert October 6th. The concert will take place at the Rehoboth CRC at 7pm. There will be a band parent meeting following the concert to talk about the band tour later this year.

### Fall Carnival: You do NOT want to miss the Fall Carnival on Friday, October 3.

The carnival will be located in the Keith Kuipers Gym from 4:00-8:00 pm. Games, prizes, and bake sales. You will have a great time! A Navajo Taco Dinner will take place in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00-7:00 pm.

How can you help?

1. Come to the carnival and Navajo Taco Dinner. Invite some friends!
2. Donate to the cakewalk and/or bake sale! Baked goods can be brought to the High School any time on October 3.

The proceeds from this event go towards the Music Department (Bands and Choirs) of Rehoboth School.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Gallup Community Concert Association

presents the Frank Vignola Quintet on Monday, September 22 at 7:30 pm at the Gallup High School Kenneth Holloway Performing Arts Auditorium. Season Tickets, which may be shared for up to five individuals or for five admissions per ticket may be purchased at the door or by calling 722-7009 or 722-5413.

### Menu for Breakfast and Lunch for 9/22 to 9/26

Date	Breakfast	Lunch
9/22/08 Monday	Cinnamon Toast, juice, milk	Spaghetti, tossed salad, French bread, fruit, milk
9/23/08 Tuesday	Assorted Muffin, juice, milk	Turkey & Cheese Sandwich on bread, potato rounds, fruit, milk
9/24/08 Wednesday	Breakfast Pizza, juice, milk	Mac & Cheese Ham, veggies w/dip, bread, fruit, milk
9/25/08 Thursday	No Breakfast	Asian chicken bites w/rice, sauces, stir fry veggies, fruit, milk
9/26/08 Friday	Cherry or Apple turnover, juice, milk	Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, fries, fruit, milk

## Sports Schedule

<b>SOCCER</b> 9/18/8 4:00pm	Boys JV,V w/ Aztec at HOME
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b> 9/19/8 – 9/20/8 TBA	Hope Tournament in Albuquerque
<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b> 9/20/8 10:00am	Boys & Girls – Wingate Meet at Church Rock
<b>SOCCER</b> 9/20/8 11:00am	Girls V at Aztec HS
<b>SOCCER</b> 9/20/8 1:00pm	Boys JV at Kirtland
<b>SOCCER</b> 9/23/8 3:00pm	Boys V at Bosque HS
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b> 9/23/8 4:00pm	Girls JV & V at Gallup Catholic
<b>SOCCER</b> 9/26/8 TBA	Girls V Kirtland Tournament at Kirtland
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b> 9/26/8 4:00pm	Girls C-team, JV & V at Ramah

### Season's Passes will be available at the Administration Building.

These Season's Passes are for all home games, not District Playoffs.

Fall Season's Pass (volleyball and soccer) \$50.00 per person.

Basketball for both boys and girls season's pass \$55.00 per person.

All Season's Pass (volleyball, soccer & basketball) \$100.00 per person.

You may also purchase them at the gate of the home games.

### Dear Parents,

This year the concession stand will need your help, not only signing up to work, but in donating items to the stand. Below are all the items we are looking for parents to donate. This year we are contracted with Pepsi Bottling Company. This means that all drinks must be Pepsi Products.

The following is a list of what the concession stand is in need of:

1. Bar S Jumbo Hot Dogs with buns
2. Pickles
3. Variety of small bags of chips
4. Assorted Candy (no gum)
5. Gatorade
6. Cases of water (Aquafina)
7. Condiments for the hot dog

Please drop off all donations at the Sports and Fitness Center with your name – so we may credit you for the donations.

### Attention Soccer Parents and Fans!!

The Girls' Soccer Team will be having a Fry Bread Sale at the Boys' soccer game today against Aztec, please come out and support the boys' team by cheering and the girls' team by purchasing a yummy Fry Bread.

Girls' soccer parents – listed are items we will need for today's sale:

- Hot dogs
- Hot dog relish
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Sodas
- Honey
- Paper towels
- Wax paper

Thank you to those who have already signed up and to those who have already donated.

## Tse Yaaniichii After School Program begins Monday, Sept 29

The after school program funding has been approved and so we will start the week of Sept 29.

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>3:30</b> buses that leave campus	Window Rock Tohatchi Zuni Sanders Crownpoint	Window Rock Tohatchi Zuni	Window Rock Tohatchi Zuni Sanders Crownpoint	Window Rock Tohatchi Zuni	All buses – NO ASP on Fridays
<b>5:00</b> buses that leave campus	Gallup-Central Gallup-East/North	Sanders Crownpoint Gallup-Central Gallup-East/North	Gallup-Central Gallup-East/North	Sanders Crownpoint Gallup-Central Gallup-East/North	
<b>6:15</b>	Final Parent pick-up time	Final Parent pick-up time	Final Parent pick-up time	Final Parent pick-up time	

The program will be offered Monday through Thursday each week. Even though busses will leave each day at 3:30 or 5:00 pm, the Tse Yaaniichii ASP will be open on the Rehoboth Campus until 6:15 each day. This is to allow students who need to be picked up by working parents to stay at school, in a safe and structured place until that time. This might also allow parents to use some of the school facilities (such as the fitness center) while their children are being watched.

The two Gallup busses will leave campus at 5:00 pm Mondays- Thursdays. The other buses will follow the same schedule as last year. However, if parents of a particular bus route get together and lobby for their bus to stay, we will consider changing the routes to accommodate those desires. We will be considering this at each district meeting – so make sure that you attend the meeting to voice your opinions.

The goal of the after school program is to help students do well academically and to provide a safe and enriching environment for students after school. We will have three site coordinators at the Rehoboth School Campus: Bev Jonkman K-5; Aleke Morris 6-8; Chris Van Slooten 9-12. Students who will not participate in the program are asked to leave the school campus by 3:30. A letter explaining the program more fully will be sent home. Questions? Email director Bob Ippel at [bippel@rcsnm.org](mailto:bippel@rcsnm.org) or call 863-4412 ext 123.

# Rehoboth Christian School Phonathon 2008-2009

## Who are we looking for?

RCS students, parents, and alumni to be Phonathon Callers



## When?

Training for all Phonathon Callers will be on Monday, Oct. 13. We will start calling supporters on Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>. Phonathon Callers call from 3:30-7:00 on Mondays through Thursdays.

## What will you do?

- Call supporters and update them on Rehoboth Christian School
- Ask supporters for a financial gift to help maintain and expand facilities and programs
- Earn \$7 per hour, plus incentives OR \$10 per hour in tuition relief!

**If you are interested, stop by the Administration Building for an application!!**

