



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

10/16 6:30pm Window Rock District Meeting at Community Bible Church in Tse Bonito

10/17 End of the 1st quarter

10/18 5:30pm Red Mesa Pension Benefit at the Fellowship Hall

10/19 Zuni District Meeting after the Church Service

10/20 7:00pm School Board Meeting in the Board Room

INS AND OUTS

Progress

I would like to elaborate more on what has changed for the Rehoboth Family. My years here at Rehoboth have been a roller coaster ride with enrollment, academic programs, teachers and administration coming and going. Lately we have been riding high with a new gym and soccer field.

When I started in 1991, total enrollment was at 322 which included a dorm program. We had 44 students in the dorm. Now we no longer have the dorm program. This year we have the highest enrollment in 105 years. Our high school and elementary classes are full. Our total families in 1991 were 210 and now we are at 291. So you might say we have grown

tremendously over the years. Yes, this has been a roller coaster ride for the Admissions Office.

With growth and changes comes responsibility. When I say responsibility, it involves many different areas at Rehoboth. One area is ownership – parents taking ownership of the school, taking pride of the facilities and maintaining them. When I began my work here at Rehoboth, the parents who were involved with the school activities were those on campus and families from the Gallup area. Now I see parents coming in from Sanders, Crownpoint, Window Rock, Zuni, Tohatchi, Bluewater and Ramah. It pleases me to see parents coming to Rehoboth without hesitation to bring their concerns and praises. Parents who are willing to get involved in raising funds for the sports programs, fine arts and even classroom supplies brings such joy to me. This is the result of the pride and ownership our parents have for their school.

Culture and respect is important at Rehoboth also. My nephew who is a kindergartener totally impressed me when he met his teacher. He said, “Yá’t’ééh, Abíní Mrs. Boyd”, as he greeted her at the door. This is a change, using the native language to greet one’s teacher. I know the high school students are expected to address their teachers with proper titles. This might be new to some of our students but it shows honor to their teachers also. To call on Mr., Mrs., or Ms. will become respectable titles and not just words. We might ask why we have to do this. It’s because God requires us to be loyal and honor those who are over us. We can find this in our catechism Lord’s Day 39 – its reads;

Q. What is God's will for you in the fifth commandment?

A. That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I obey and submit to them, as is proper, when they correct and punish me; and also that I be patient with their failings- for through them God chooses to rule us.

Proper greetings are important. It is good for our students to know the proper etiquette for the world outside the tunnel. I would like to share another aspect of what Rehoboth's expectation is. It is part of the 40 Student Outcomes that states: *Graduates will be cross-culturally sophisticated, that is, be able to move comfortably between more than one culture. They will know the social skills, courtesies, graces and competencies that are expected both in a dominant culture and in a minority culture. They will avoid the negative behavior and patterns that break down cross-cultural communication and respect.*

The Rehoboth family has embraced these changes with enthusiasm and thankfulness for the new facilities, high enrollment, ownership and new housing and infrastructure on the campus. It just warms my heart to see parents' involvement in their children's education. As I stand back and look at Rehoboth I can truly say that we are becoming more *Vigorously Academic, Beautifully Diverse, Thoroughly Christian.* God is good!

Lorretta Smith, Director of Admissions

ELEMENTARY EVENTS

Family Night – The elementary school is planning on our first family night of the year on Monday, November 3. A light supper will be served starting at 5:30 and we will have family reading activities until 7:15. Please plan to join us for a fun evening together.

Report cards – Report cards for elementary students will be sent home with your child on Friday, October 24. Please take time to review the report with your child. You may bring it to conferences on the following Monday or Tuesday.

Parent / Teacher Conferences – P/T Conferences will be held on October 27 and 28. Thank you for getting back your request forms to us. We will be scheduling conferences tomorrow and sending you a

confirmation sheet in the next few days. Please return a copy so we know you have received it or contact us if there seems to be a conflict. We are looking forward to this valuable time together.

TEAMS / T shirts – We are asking each student to bring in **\$3.00** to cover part of the cost of our team t – shirts if possible. The money can be brought to their classroom teacher by **October 17**. Thank you!

Book Fair – We will be having our Book Fair during conference times on October 27 and 28. Call Ms. Kim Dykstra (726 – 9694) if you would like to help or have questions.

Heritage Week – We have had a wonderful week of learning about our diversity as we have celebrated our Heritage Week. Thank you to all the parents and friends who brought great tastes of many cultures at our food sampling day on Tuesday. It was such fun to see the many traditional costumes and clothing pieces so many children wore on Wednesday. Many parents shared gifts, talents, activities and stories through the week as well. What a blessing to live in such a place as this!!

Jim Holwerda, Elementary Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS

Last Week's Asset: Integrity

Last week, our young people "Took a Stand" to demonstrate how one builds integrity by standing up for what one believes in. We had a soap box in the Village Commons and the middle school students stood up for an issue in which they believe. They stood up for animal rights, the environment, against abortion, against drugs and alcohol, and a multitude of other issues. It is wonderful to see how young people can get fired up about a topic and convince others to think about it as well.

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Are scheduled for **Monday, October 27** and **Tuesday, October 28** from 5:00 - 8:00 pm on both evenings. School will **not** be in session on either of those days. Teachers will be involved with in service work during part of this time. Classes will start at the regular time of 8:20 am on Wednesday, October 29. The middle school teachers would like you to sign up for the hour that works best for you. We are not scheduling individual time slots, but a group slot. That way we will limit who can come during that hour and, hopefully, will cut down on your waiting time. Please sign up for a first, second, and third choice and plan to show up at the beginning of the time. You will receive a confirmation of your time – only come during that time slot. Families who are signed up for that hour will get priority for conferences during that hour – please do not attempt to come if it is not your designated time.

The middle school teachers will make up a conference schedule and return a confirmation note to you. **Please complete the attached form** and return it to school by **Friday, October 5**.

Middle School Sports

10/16 4:00pm Volleyball HOME w/ Ramah

10/21 5:00pm Volleyball AWAY at Thoreau

Carol Bremer – Bennett, Mid School Principal

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Sympathy We extend our sympathy to Andrew and Eunice Begaye, our High School secretary, on the death of a nearly two-year-old nephew in a tragic accident. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the extended family as they grieve this sudden loss.

Congratulations to Brian Alford on receiving a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program for his outstanding performance on the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in 2007. According to a letter received from the NMSC, “The young people named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic

potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program. We hope that this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and that they will continue to diligently pursue their professional goals.” Way to go, Brian!

End of Quarter 1 Friday, October 17, marks the end of our first quarter of school this year. Report cards will be distributed during Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 27 and 28. If you are unable to attend, your child’s report card will be mailed to you after the conferences.

Ineligibility This is to remind parents that students who receive an F in two or more classes at the quarter or whose GPA drops below a 2.0 are ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities per NMAA rules. They are considered ineligible through the entire next quarter.

Upcoming Events

October 27-28: No School (Parent-Teacher Conferences from 5:00-8:00 in the Keith Kuipers Gym.)

October 28: Volleyball District Playoffs begin

October 30: Boys and Girls Soccer First Round of State begins

October 31: Boys and Girls X-Country 2AA meet

November 6: Picture Re-Takes

November 6-7 State Soccer Playoffs

November 8: State Cross Country Meet

November 11-14: State Volleyball Playoffs

Dee Logterman, High School Principal

College Corner

Seniors, we have a number of college representatives coming in the near future. Here are the ones we have scheduled so far:

Oct 21 Tuesday at 1:00 University of Arizona (sign up in the counseling office)

Oct 23 Thursday at 1:00 St. Johns, Yale and Whitman colleges during advisory

Oct 24 Friday at noon Dordt College (Sign up in the counseling office)

Oct 30 Thursday at 1:00 NMSU and ASU during advisory

Nov. 06 Thursday at 1:00 UNM main campus

Also, there is a Christian College Fair again this year at Hope High School in Albuquerque on Monday, Oct 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We will not be going as a school, so if you are interested make your own arrangements with classmates.

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Calvin College Entrada is a five week college enrichment program for minority students. It focuses on study habits and a successful college experience. Applications are in the counseling office. The program includes a guaranteed \$4,000 scholarship per year to Calvin College and college credit/tuition for the class you take during Entrada. It is a great deal and a fantastic program. The cost of this program is almost completely paid for by grants. You are responsible for transportation and a \$500.00 fee for enrollment.

College Horizons is a pre-college workshop for Native American students. It is a five day crash course in preparing for college and has been very positively received by a number of our students. Current sophomores and juniors with a minimum GPA of 3.0 may apply on line at www.collegehorizons.org. This year's workshops will be held June 20-24 at Yale University in New Haven, Conn and June 27-July 1 at Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA. Tuition is \$200 plus travel and scholarships are available.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Burger King awards approximately 600 \$1,000 one time scholarships each year to first year college students. If you are interested in applying, go to www.bk.com/scholars to fill out an application and see what the eligibility criteria are. More information is also available in your counseling office.

Don Tamminga, HS Counselor

Business Office

We have noticed on our last statement run that payments were not fully applied. We are currently working through each family to correct the issue and should have this corrected on our next statement. Thank you for your patience!

If you have not made a payment on your tuition and are more than 30 days past due, your children are at risk and will be suspended until payment or arrangements are made. You have until November 15 to bring your tuition account up to date or to make payment arrangements with your tuition advisor.

Please contact your tuition advisor immediately if you are past due!

Admissions & Registrar

DISTRICT MEETINGS

What is a District Meeting - All parents of RCS students are placed in a geographical district. The purpose of the meetings is to receive information about the school, provide input on different issues, and express concerns and/or appreciation about various aspects of the school. Your participation in district meetings is encouraged and appreciated. Usually the district will meet twice a year, one in the fall and the other in the spring. We have eight districts and they are Crownpoint, Window Rock, West I-40, East I-40, Zuni, Gallup, T-T-T (Twin Lakes, Tohlakai, Tohatchi), and Rehoboth.

District Meetings

Window Rock – Thursday, October 16, 2008

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Community Bible Church in Tse Bonito

Light refreshments will be served and there will be a door prize.

Zuni – Sunday, October 19, 2008

Time – Right after the morning service

Where: Zuni Christian Reformed Church

East 1-40 – Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Church Rock Christian Reformed Church

Crownpoint - Thursday, October 23, 2008

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Crownpoint Christian Reformed Church

Gallup/Rehoboth – Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Rehoboth Fellowship Hall

NEED A SCHOLARSHIP?

In addition to the Rehoboth scholarships that were provided to many families at the beginning of the year, we have scholarships available to qualifying students.

Applications are available at the Elementary/Middle and High School Offices. Please return completed applications to Lorretta Smith by **Friday, November 7, 2008**.

Lighthouse Scholarship - Four scholarships of \$500 each. Students from Christian Reformed Church background, financial need, Christian character, and leadership potential. Preference given to families from outlying areas (students from Window Rock, Zuni, Crownpoint, Tohatchi, Tohlakai, and Newcomb should apply). Written essay and **Pastor's report** are required.

Visscher Scholarship – Three scholarships of \$500 each are available for High School students, Native American, financial need, interested in the sciences, and Christian commitment. An essay is required.

Olson Scholarship – Three scholarships of \$500 each are available for Elementary and Middle school students. Native American, financial need, and demonstrate appreciation for Christian education. Preference is given to families with more than one child at RCS. Written essay and **Pastor's report** are required.

Polinder Scholarship – Two scholarships of \$250 are available for Elementary, Middle and High school

students who demonstrate outstanding scholastic work and have an appreciation for Christian education. An essay is required.

Lauber Scholarship - Three scholarships of \$500.00 each are available for Elementary, Middle and High school students. This scholarship is given by Chee's Indian Store. Preference is given to families from the I-40 West District and students from outlying areas. Written essay and **Pastor's report** are required.

Lorretta Smith, Director of Admissions/Registrar

Music Notes



Candlelight Dinner

The Rehoboth High School Choir will be hosting a candlelight dinner on Thursday, December 4 at Rehoboth Church. The choir will be joined by IMANI, a gospel group from Grand Rapids, Michigan. They will bring singers, a pianist, drummer and trumpet player. Because there will be room for only 200 guests at this event, IMANI will also do a public performance at Rehoboth Church on Friday night, December 5. The December 5 concert will feature IMANI only.

All School Announcements:



The Fellowship Hall is available for rent to all staff, parents, churches, and the general public. Cost is \$300 an event, with an additional charge for the use of the kitchen. Schedule your next birthday or anniversary party at the school and in the process - help contribute to our tuition assistance fund. Please contact Karen Kros, Food Service Director, at 726-9616 for further information.



Volunteers

The school always has a need for more volunteers to help keep our operating costs as low as possible – and this helps keep tuition affordable. Parents are especially welcomed as volunteers. Current needs are classroom aides, construction, plumbers, and landscaping. Please contact Abbie Huizenga or Deanna Benson, Volunteer Coordinators, at 726-9603 for more information

Book Fair!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Rehoboth Elementary big room during parent teacher conferences on October 27 and 28. It looks like it is going to be a great fair with a wonderful selection. Every year, the book fair allows Rehoboth to earn books for the library and classrooms. I am looking for volunteers to help in any of these ways; setting up the fair on the morning of the 27th, taking a slot to help run the fair, or helping pack up the fair. Please contact Kim Dykstra at 505-726-9694 or by email at kdykstra@rcsnm.org.



You can find out more about our book fair at: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/rehobothlynx>

Youth Groups and Middle School and High School Students:

Reserve Saturday, December 6 for a Step West: Pathways to Possibilities Day. This action packed day will be lead by the musicians of IMANI and will help you to think about the future including how to start thinking about college. There will be age appropriate activities and lots of fun! You will not want to miss a day with IMANI! There is limited space. Let your youth groups know. This day is sponsored by Calvin College. Registration forms will be available next week Thursday at the Rehoboth High School office, the Middle School and at the Administration building. Questions? Contact Bob Ippel. bippel@rcsnm.org

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION:

To all you great parents and supporters who have been saving Boxtops for Education and Campbell's labels, please have your kids or family member bring in your collection by October 29th so we can get them in for credit before the end of October.

Dorann Louis, Boxtops Coordinator

Community Announcements:

Rummage Sale!

Bethany Christian Reformed Church is having a rummage sale this Saturday, October 18 from 8 – 1. The proceeds will go to the building fund. Come shop until you drop.



FIRE WOOD

The Rehoboth Christian Reformed Church Men's Group is going to McGaffey to 'get' pine firewood on Saturday, October 18, 2008. No permit required. If you are interested in helping or receiving firewood, please show up at the church at 8:00 a.m. Bring your own saws, gloves, boots, gloves, trucks and trailers. Wood that is on the ground needs to be cut to length and hauled off. If you have questions, please contact Andrew Swetz @ 726-2626.

Menu for Breakfast and Lunch for 10/20 to 10/24

Date	Breakfast	Lunch
10/20/08 Monday	Bagels, cream cheese & PB & Jelly, juice, milk	Beef Fingers, tossed salad, bread, fruit, milk
10/21/08 Tuesday	Breakfast Pizza, juice, milk	Grilled Chicken Sandwich, lettuce, tomato, tater tots, cookie, fruit, milk
10/22/08 Wednesday	Breakfast Burrito, juice, milk	Posole, tossed salad, tortilla, milk, fruit
10/23/08 Thursday	No Breakfast	Pizza, salad, strawberries, milk, fruit
10/24/08 Friday	Assorted Muffin, juice, milk	Hamburgers on bun, lettuce, tomato, cheese, tater tots, fruit, milk

Sports Schedule

Sport Date /Time	Home/ Away	Opponent
Soccer Boys V 10/16 4:00pm	AWAY	Gallup Catholic
Soccer Girls V 10/18 4:00pm	HOME	East Mountain
Volleyball Girls JV,V 10/21 5:00pm	AWAY	TseYiGai HS
Soccer Boys JV,V 10/23 3:00pm	HOME	Bloomfield
Soccer Girls V 10/23 4:00pm	AWAY	Bloomfield
Cross Country Boys & Girls 10/24 3:00pm	AWAY	Grants Inv.
Volleyball Girls C,JV,V 10/24 4:00pm	HOME	Navajo Pine

Zuni Christian Mission School: 100th Birthday

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Zuni Christian Mission School. In 1897, the Christian Reformed Church opened a mission to the Zuni people. Eleven years later, in the fall of 1908, the school began. In November, we will hold a celebration to mark this event and to give thanks to God. We invite alumni, former staff and friends of Zuni to join us for a weekend of special activities:

Friday, November 7: 9:00am-1:00PM Alumni Day

Saturday, November 8: 2:00pm Official Ceremony

3:30-6:00 Open House: Music and Memories

6:00-7:00 Supper

Sunday, November 9: 10:30 pm Worship Service

1:00 PM Potluck Dinner

For further information or recommendations for accommodations, contact Kent Bosma, Administrative Officer at: kbosma@mac.com or 505-782-5650/ 505-782-4546.

Please visit www.zunichristianmission.org and read: "100 Years of God's Faithfulness", an article written by ZCMS principal, Kathleen Bosscher, and published in the Fall 2008 issue of Christian Home & School Magazine, a publication of Christian Schools International. (Posted with permission.)

Fitness Center Open to the Public!

The Rehoboth Sport and Fitness Center is now open. We are open for people to workout at a low cost and with limited hours. We may consider opening for additional hours if we have enough of a demand. The schedule will be as follows:

Monday	6:00a-8:00a	7:00p-9:00p
Wednesday	6:00a-8:00a	7:00p-9:00p
Friday	6:00a-8:00a	-----

The cost will be as follows:

- free for students, Rehoboth Staff, and Rehoboth Staff Immediate Family,
- \$1/visit for parents of Rehoboth Students (14 visits for \$10),
- \$3/visit for all others (14 visits for \$30)

We encourage the parents to use the fitness center during these hours, although we will still have people in there during the week if need be. If you would like to use the fitness center at another time that it is open and you are a parent, please call/email Jeff Engbers at 726-9629 / jengbers@rcsnm.org .

