

APRIL 2024 A Community of Learners



The image of Sam Newell is from Rehoboth's 2024 school calendar which features current students.

Dear Friends,

While Rehoboth strives for academic excellence, there is so much more to education that happens at Rehoboth. Parent and Rehoboth art teacher, Autumn Newell shares how her three children have grown not only through their academic classes but also through opportunities to help other students who have academic or social difficulties.

"My kids are great learners and they are comfortable in the classroom with their teachers. They are curious explorers, encouraged by their teachers and they perform well, which builds confidence in their learning. We are called to something greater than grades and my children are also given opportunities to help other students who need it. They are in a safe learning environment that enables them to contribute to a community of learners. My children benefit from working with others. I'm not sure that's unique to Rehoboth, but I hope it's done well because of the love of Christ we have for each other. My own children's strengths are not in just knowing the answers, but in their patience and assistance and encouragement for the other kids in their classroom. I love that the teachers are totally on board with that. There is a long tradition of good education and caring staff and conscientious employees at Rehoboth that make it a great place. We have stood the test of time because of our commitment to God, his love, his principles of caring for the earth and its people and to quality education. We continue to try to get better, rather than saving, 'We've arrived!' We use the knowledge of the past to build the wisdom of the future. Thanks, Rehoboth!" Autumn Newell

As a parent of seven Rehoboth graduates, I agree with Autumn that a Rehoboth education is such a benefit to our children by allowing them to be in a school community where they receive the grace to serve and be served.

During this Easter Season, we are beautifully reminded of God's gift of love which we are then encouraged to share. "Let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." (I John 4:7)

> Amazed! Bob Ippel Rehoboth Executive Director

Upcoming Events

~Band Tour 2024~

Sunday, April 7- 9:30am - Brookfield CRC Sunday, April 7- 6:00pm - Orland Park CRC Monday, April 8 - Hillcrest CRC- Hudsonville, MI 5:00pm - 6:30pm Navajo Taco Meal 7:00pm - Program Tuesday, April 9 - Taylor University- Upland, IN 7:00pm - Program - Rediger Chapel Wednesday, April 10- First CRC, Demotte, IN 5:00pm - 6:30pm Navajo Taco Meal 7:00pm - Program

Friday, April 12- Winnebago Reformed Church, Winnebago, NE

5:30pm - Navajo Taco Meal and Program

For more information about the tour, contact Ken Zylstra at kzylstra@rcsnm.org or call 505-488-3900.

Praise & Prayer Requests

-Pray for the upcoming RCS Midwest Band tour. Pray for safety for all involved.

-Pray also for the transitional work happening as Bob Ippel retires and Dan Meester moves into the executive director role and Seth Weidenaar steps into the HS principal position.

-Pray for the provision of the right staff to fill open positions for the 2024-25 school year.

-Pray for plans for June Camp and for Rehoboth summer programs. Praise God for the gift of volunteer groups that will be coming to work alongside Rehoboth staff.

-Pray for the enrollment process and that Rehoboth will continue to have sufficient funds for the many who need financial assistance.

-Pray for our amazing staff that clearly love their students and their calling, for God to bless their

efforts and give them a sense of peace based on God's love for them.

-Praise God for providing donors who help with tuition assistance for our families.

Current Needs

SALT Program- This school year we have been able to expand our program and accept students with more significant needs. The total anticipated budget for the SALT program for the 24-25 school year is \$485,000. We project that after this school year's expenses, \$170,000 will remain in the SALT fund, leaving an anticipated financial need of \$315,000. **Tuition Assistance -** The budgeted need for tuition assistance for the 2023-2024 school year is \$1,862,500. Through March 19 we have received \$1,563,993 which represents 84% of our annual need. We anticipate providing approximately \$3,880, on average, to 72% of our students this school year. Please consider a financial gift to help our families this school year.

Jubilee Fund-Our Jubilee Fund helps Rehoboth provide additional tuition support for families experiencing challenging circumstances.

Volunteer at Rehoboth- Rehoboth loves to have long term volunteers! If you are interested in spending a semester or year at Rehoboth, we would love to talk to you! Maintenance, classroom assistants, bus drivers, choir accompanists and much more! If you have a skill and a passion to serve, we probably have a place for you at Rehoboth. If you are interested in more information on volunteering, go to our website at www.rcsnm.org or contact Deanna Benson, Volunteer Coordinator at dbenson@rcsnm.org or (505) 726-9603.

How Can You Help Our Teachers and Staff?

Please check our Staff Amazon Wishlist and consider purchasing one or more of the items on the wishlist. We appreciate your help!

