



Parent News

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Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director

In the days when large sailing ships were the key to travel, trade, and military conquest around the globe, the captains of these ships knew every inch of their vessels and just how far and fast they could be pushed. They also learned distinct features of the oceans in different parts of the world, and there is one area that presented year round trouble.

There's a band around the earth, extending 5° north and south of the equator where the trade winds from the north and south collide and the combination of heat and moisture sends air currents shooting straight up into the atmosphere. While that yields a lot of rain, it produces very little *wind*.

Ships could get stuck for weeks at a time in these waters, running out of supplies or having their fresh cargo spoil. Day after day, they would sit—making no progress forward and with the crew grumbling regularly, questioning their purpose and the abilities of their captains. Repeated too often, these incidents could shut down whole shipping companies or turn the tides of a war. There's a name for this particular area of the oceans—one that became dreaded by captains and sailors alike:

The Doldrums.

Today, “doldrums” doesn't just refer to sailing. It has come to mean any period of stagnation, inactivity, or depression.

Mid-February can feel like the doldrums of the school year.

The rejuvenation of Christmas break has passed. Spring break is still a month away. And the end of the year still seems a long way off. We battle the doldrums as teachers and students, coaches and players, and yes—even as administrators.

What we need right now is an injection of joy to provide some wind in our sails and help recapture our sense of purpose and progress. This is a great opportunity to find little things to be thankful for, to praise God, to compliment each other, or to tell each other inspiring stories. In doing so, we take the focus off the way we feel and start pouring into others. In God's upside down economy, that always ends up filling us back up too.

“This is the day the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it,” says the Psalmist. If you're in the doldrums right now, give some joy to get some joy, and soon enough, you'll be sailing again.

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

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Upcoming All School Events

- **February 14** - International Heritage Week "And the Greatest of These is Love" day - wear red, pink or purple
- **Monday, February 17** - NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day

All School Announcements

Re-Enrollment for Current Families is now available

Please go [HERE](#) to the family portal to re-enroll. *District code is re-nm*. If you don't remember your password you can reset it or call 505-863-4412 and we can do that for you. Thanks.

ACE Scholarship

The ACE Scholarship application is now open and available for the 2025-2026 school year to all families who fall in the financial guidelines categories seen [HERE](#). This is an external scholarship that is available from a foundation that believes all children should have access to quality education. It is well worth applying for this scholarship as the recipients receive \$3000-\$4000 towards tuition.

As Rehoboth has contracted with FACTS/ACE to pay the application fee, there are two applications that need to be filled out.

- 1) <https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/46T5C/landing-page>
- 2) <https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/4P88Q/landing-page>

The first application is the Rehoboth application (for the fee waiver). The second application is the ACE scholarship. If you skip the first application the page to pay the application fee will come up on the ACE scholarship and you will not be able to submit the scholarship without paying the \$35 fee. Please fill out both applications in the order listed above. You can submit the ACE scholarship before you have your taxes done and then go back to upload your documents. Ace will email you a reminder of what documents you need to upload.

If you are adding any new students this year please add their names to the ACE scholarship even though they are not admitted yet.

International Heritage Week - February 10-14

International Heritage Week, theme is: ***Global Hospitality: Where Culture Meets, Hospitality Greet***s

Friday, February 14 “And the Greatest of These is Love” day - wear red, pink or purple

International Heritage Week Poster & Poetry Contests Winners:

Poster Contest

K-2 1st Place: Skye Scarbro *Cultures Coming Together*

3-5 1st Place: Anton Elliott *All Together*

2nd Place: Emmett DeVries *We Are Dutch!*

3rd Place: Penelope Watts *My Culture*

Honorable Mention: Nik Gardner *Untitled*

6-8 1st Place: Abryann Martine *Accepting and Loving All Together*

2nd Place: Hanwi Benson *Friendship is Magic*

3rd Place: Sasha Elliott *All Together*

9-12 No Entries

Poetry Contest

K-2 No Entries

3-5 1st Place: Anton Elliott *My Friends*

2nd Place: Kimimila BlackMoon *HERITAGE*

3rd Place: Grant Cavanaugh *It's Almost Time for Dinner*

Honorable Mention: Delali Asamoah-Tutu *Global Family*

6-8 1st Place: Jacob Lytle *Hospitality*

2nd Place: Sasha Elliott *Children of God*

3rd Place: Landon Charlie *Cultures All Around the World*

9-12 Grand Prize: Dario Milachay *La Calidez de un Legado*

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry and to our judges.

Members of the Multicultural Committee

Elementary News

Call for Subs!

If you or someone you know might be interested in substitute teaching, we are in need! Please [complete this application](#) and turn it in to the Admin office or email adminsec@rcsnm.org.

Sick Kiddos

We're seeing an increase in sick students at the front desk; if you know your child isn't feeling well (fevers, stomach bugs) at the start of the day when they wake up, please keep them home. We understand that it can be difficult to make arrangements the morning of; however, we want to keep those germs from spreading!

Toolbox Thursday

Today we played Jeopardy to review the Toolbox Tools we have learned this year. We used our Empathy Tool to care for our friends when they didn't get the right answer. The Garbage Can Tool helped us toss and forget about the point we lost when we didn't say the right answer and our Breathing Tool helped calm our nerves so we could think clearly and do our best.

Leanne Gillson

Middle School Matters

Phone Free Policy

I wanted to take a moment to share some positive observations regarding our new phone-free policy at school. We have already begun to see great effects from this initiative. Students are engaging more with one another while waiting in lines, during lunch, and I've noticed a decrease in visits to the restroom during class time.

I am curious if you have noticed any changes in your children at home as well. It would be wonderful to hear your thoughts!

Today, as I glanced through the boxes where students turn in their phones, I noticed significantly fewer devices being turned in. Several students whom I know have phones mentioned that they left theirs at home, in their cars, or that their phones had been taken away. This observation makes me pause and wonder about the conversations happening at home regarding phone use.

I would greatly appreciate any feedback you may have on this matter. Your insights are invaluable as we continue to foster a positive learning environment and flourish for our students.

Thank you for your support!

~ Tara

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 14 - A

MS Basketball Hozho Tournament

Girls A Team at 1:00 pm

Boys A Team at 2:00 pm

High School Highlights

Our High School teaching staff has struggled to stay healthy the past month, and I really hate that. However, I have had the opportunity to step into a few classes as a substitute teacher, and I have loved that. Every time I step into a classroom, as a substitute or as principal observing, I am astounded by the importance of what is being taught in every classroom. Our teachers have carefully considered what to teach and how to best teach it; I am inspired every time I go to a classroom. One thing I love to talk to teachers about is the way their lessons blend together, what themes are they developing during the year? Looking at the school year through the long lens that shows where each class is going helps give a picture of the broader themes that shape each year of a student's High School career; we refer to these as Throughlines. This view takes some mental effort and concentration, and I feel fulfilled when I put in the effort to consider where each class period and class and year is leading. I think many of our teachers and students are starting to see that they have the concentration necessary to undertake this type of thinking, and a bit of that renewed concentration is thanks to our new phone free policy that went into effect this week. I can only imagine what is yet to come.

Seth Weidenaar
High School Principal

High School Counselor's Corner

Spring SAT

The Spring SAT will take place Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 8:00 AM. All students taking the test will report to the LC for room assignments. The SAT fee will be \$35.00 and students will have to pay the fee before they will be admitted to take the test. Payment is accepted at the high school office or the RCS administration building.

Scholarship Information

Continental Divide Electric Cooperative's Education Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2025-2026 school year. Please stop by the high school counseling office to pick up an application. The deadline to submit your applications is **Monday, March 31, 2025**.

First Financial Credit Union Scholarship Application is now available. Please stop by my office to pick up an application packet. **Application deadline Thursday, April 17, 2025.**

American Indian Education Fund Scholarship Opportunity for High School Seniors. Please visit <https://nativepartnership.org/aief/> for more information. Early deadline for extra points is March 1, 2025, **Final submission deadline is April 4, 2025.**

College Visit Days

Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) will hold 2 open house events. One on Saturday, March 22, 2025 and April 26, 2025. Please register at www.enmu.edu/openhouse or call (575) 562-2178.

The University of New Mexico Albuquerque Campus will be holding their Spring preview day on Saturday, March 8, 2025. Please register to attend at [ADMISSIONS.UNM.EDU/SPRINGPREVIEW](https://admissions.unm.edu/springpreview).

New Mexico State University will hold their Aggie Experience Days. Monday, February 17, 2025 and Saturday, March 22, 2025. Visit <https://admissions.nmsu.edu/start/> to register.

Camilla Lynch, Guidance Counselor

District code in Family Portal is: **RE-NM**
Family Portal: <https://re-nm.client.renweb.com/pwr/>

Multicultural Committee: We are looking for parents interested in joining the multicultural committee to help with ideas and planning future events for our student body and community. We have many exciting days to plan for and you can also earn volunteer hours by joining or volunteering at a future event we sponsor. Get in touch with Verlena Livingston at vlivingston@rcsnm.org.

New Students for the 25-26 school year:

Enrollment for new students is open. If you are a current family and plan to add a new student for the 25-26 school year you will be able to do that through your family portal in renweb on or after February 3rd. Pre-K will also open their enrollment on February 3rd. Please go to www.rcsnm.org then to Pre-K admissions under the admissions tab to fill out the application. You can also request a tour there.

Re enrollment:

For all current families, re-enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year began on January 17th. A parent should have received an email.

Here are some details to know:

1. One parent will receive an email that the re-enrollment packet is open in their Family Portal.
2. Only one parent is considered the “responsible parent” for re-enrollment and will get the packet for their child(ren).
3. The email will contain a link to the Family Portal.
4. The “responsible parent” needs to have a username and password set up with their Family Portal. To get yourself set up for a Parent Portal, [click here](#). If you need to reset your password follow the prompts.

Please fill out the tuition assistance form on the re-enrollment application and turn in your 2024 1040s when you have your taxes done. Thanks

ACE Scholarship application Now Open for 2025-2026 school year

Please see page 2 for details.

Parent Volunteer Program (PVP)

We are excited to share opportunities with you to get involved. Remember that when you volunteer you will also need to log those hours. You can click on the link below, answer the questions and hit submit so we can get those hours logged for your family. Each family will need to complete **10 volunteer hours for this school year**. If you have any questions please feel free to contact vlivingston@rcsnm.org

[PVH link](#) to track hours- Please be sure to log your volunteer hours. Staff members and teachers will not be able to do it for you.

1. We still need some volunteers to sign up to help with the admission gate. Sign up here [2024/2025](#)
2. Check out our **teacher/staff amazon wish list**. If you would like to purchase an item. This would be credited toward your PVH. [Amazon Wish List](#)
3. Serving in the **lunch line** any day Monday through Friday 11:15-12:30pm. Sign up below. [Fellowship Hall servers](#)

Thank you for completing your parent volunteer hours:

- Greg and Meghan Cavanaugh
- Chris Vicente and Kristina Acothley
- Tim & Naomi Bruinius
- Kelly and Robert Hunter

Food Service

The kitchen staff works hard on offering healthy choices for our students throughout the week. We also want to encourage you to stop by and welcome our new team member Kat. Kat is our new Cook. She has been doing a fantastic job. She comes to us with many years of experience and has a passion for cooking. Please encourage your children to eat foods that are served. And as always we want to also thank our volunteers who help us serve daily .

We will continue doing finger scans for all new students for counting meals. All we need is one scan, and it is good for the rest of their time at Rehoboth. Once the student has graduated or leaves Rehoboth, scans will be deleted. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. THANK YOU!


We are encouraging kids to drink all their milk and eat all the food provided. We do not want to see any food wasted this year! They are always welcome to speak up and turn down a food item, as long as they have three items on their tray, which needs to include a fruit or vegetable.

If you have any questions, praises, or suggestions, please feel free to reach me at danderson@rcsnm.org or 505-726-9616. Here's to a wonderful school year!

For we live by faith, not by sight. [2 Corinthians 5:7](#)

ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage!

Menu Week of Feb 17, 2025 to Feb 21, 2025

Monday Feb 17, 2025	Tuesday Feb 18, 2025	Wednesday Feb 19, 2025	Thursday Feb 20, 2025	Friday Feb 21, 2025
President Day No School	Cream of Wheat w/ Toast, Fruit and Milk , Jelly,	Ham and Egg Omelet, Tortilla Hash Brown , Fruit and Milk	Mini Pancake , Fruit and Milk	Oatmeal with Raisin , Fruit and Milk
	Baked Chicken Drumstick, Potato Salad , Roll, Corn on Cob , Fruit and Milk	Gravy over Turkey with Stuffing , Green Beans, Fruit and Milk	Spaghetti and MeatBall, Garlic Toast, Normandy Blend, Fruit and Milk	Cold Cuts Sandwiches w/ lettuce and Tomato, Chips, Fruit Rice Krispies Fruit and Milk

In Gear : Transportation

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, he is the one who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

Greetings everyone:

In regards to the phone-free policy that has been put in place at the schools, students are allowed to have their phone during their bus ride. HOWEVER, if the students phone, tablet, or any type of electronic source becomes a distraction for the bus driver and other passengers, the bus driver will confiscate the electronic device. What is considered a distraction? Students playing loud videos or music, moving seats to show other passengers something on their device, taking unwanted pictures or videos of others, etc. Your child's safety is our top priority and we will do our best to make sure distractions are limited.

- As always, please keep your phone numbers updated in RENWEB. Delays or cancellations are announced through our RENWEB system by a text message and by email.
- Reminder that there is no FOOD or DRINK allowed on the bus. Water bottles must have lids secure so no spill will occur while the bus is in enroute.
- Please continue to be 10-15 minutes EARLY to your AM and PM Bus Stop! There may be times when buses arrive earlier than usual.

See link below for 2024-2025 Bus Route Times:

[Current 2024-2025 Bus Routes](#)

[Current 2024-2025 Bus Routes \(Thursday Early Dismissal\)](#)

For day of transportation changes, please contact the school before **2:15pm**.

- Val Peywa at 505-726-9675 for Elementary/Middle school
- Shawna Begay 505-726-9632 for High School

For permanent transportation changes please contact Darius Yazzie at dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org or 505-726-9622

Darius Yazzie | Transportation Manager



I Believe: Athletics

SPRING SPORTS:

HS Spring Sports Practices have started.

Is your son or daughter interested in joining Spring Sports? If so, please make sure they have a completed Athletic Packet turned in. Please also contact these coaches.

HS Baseball - Ken Zylstra kzylstra@rcsnm.org Phone Number 505-726-9683

HS Softball - Crystal Pablo ccpablo21@gmail.com

HS Track - Chad Meekhof cmeekhof@rcsnm.org

HS Golf - Myron Postma mpostma@rcsnm.org

Middle School Coaches:

MS Baseball - Todd Perkins

MS Softball - Heather Jones

MS Track - Autumn Newell

If your child wants to join middle school sports, they will need to sign up for that sport during exploratory sessions. Have them see Mr. Arendsen.

Devotionals for athletes: <https://www.fca.org/resources/personal-growth>

A Biblical Approach to Parenting your Athlete: [CLICK HERE](#)

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Thursday, February 13	1:30 / 4:30 pm HS Girls Basketball AWAY vs. Dulce (JV,V) 3:00 / 6:00 pm HS Boys Basketball AWAY vs. Dulce (JV,V)	
Friday, February 14		MS Basketball Hozho Tournament Girls A Team at 1:00 pm Boys A Team at 2:00 pm
Saturday, February 15	11:00 am/2:00 pm - HS Girls Basketball HOME vs. Navajo Pine 12:30 pm /3:30 pm - HS Boys Basketball HOME vs. Navajo Pine	
Tuesday, February 18	4:00/7:00 pm - HS Boys Basketball HOME vs. Hozho Academy(JV,V) 5:30 pm - HS Girls Basketball HOME vs. Hozho Academy (V)	

	PARENT NIGHT	
Thursday, February 20	3:00 / 6:00 pm HS Girls Basketball AWAY vs. Ramah (JV,V) 4:30 / 7:30 pm HS Boys Basketball AWAY vs. Ramah(JV,V)	

Community Action

We like to support our community, so if you have any events that you would like to add to Parent News please email the information to adminsec@rcsnm.org by Wednesday so it can be added to the Thursday edition of the parent news.



In the Four Corners

A Christ-centered Recovery Program

DAY	LOCATION	TIMES	MINISTRY LEADER
MONDAY	Emmanuel Baptist Church 211 W 20 th St., Farmington, NM	6:00 pm (Meal)	Joe Barela
		6:30 pm (Meeting)	(505) 793-0705
TUESDAY	House of Mercy (Four Corners Home for Children) 2103 W Main St., Farmington, NM	5:30 pm (Food/Fellowship)	Chuck Reich
		6:30 pm (Meeting)	(505) 408-3335
WEDNESDAY	Salvation Army Farmington Corps 319 W Broadway, Farmington, NM	6:00 pm (Meal)	Lt. Chris Rockwell
		6:30 pm (Meeting)	(505) 932-9311
THURSDAY	Bethel Christian Reformed Church (Sacred Fire Church/Hear the Cry) Hwy 64 & Hwy 491, Shiprock, NM	6:00 pm (Meeting)	Derek Sanders
		8:00 pm (Meal)	(505) 258-4155
THURSDAY	Red Valley Chapter House Red Valley, NM	5:00 pm (Food/Fellowship)	Chuck Reich
		6:00 pm (Meeting)	(505) 408-3335
FRIDAY	Aztec Church of the Nazarene 1061 NM-516, Aztec, NM	6:30 pm (Meal)	Wes Lisenbee
		7:30 pm (Meeting)	(432) 307-0484
FRIDAY	Rock Springs Church 601 N Dolores Rd., Cortez, CO	6:00 pm (Meal)	Tonya Fish
		7:00 pm (Meeting)	(970) 403-4643

Celebrate Recovery Group Locator: <https://crlocator.com/>

12-11-24

There is also a Celebrate Recovery group that meets in Church Rock.

WEDNESDAY	Church Rock Christian Reformed Church 06A Indian Village Dr., Church Rock, NM	6:00 pm Meeting	Gary Hoeksema (505) 728-1204
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