



# Parent News

August 31, 2023



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## Table Talk

Bob Ippel, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I have the privilege of beginning my seventh and final year as Executive Director of Rehoboth Christian School. Looking back at my years as head of school and reflecting on Rehoboth's 120 years, I am humbled by God's provision. Every decade, Rehoboth Christian School has had its challenges, but every decade is also another reminder of God's faithfulness in providing just the right people and resources that were needed for that particular time.

God continues to provide for Rehoboth. I am excited to share that Dan Meester, our current high school principal, will be stepping into the role of Executive Director beginning the 2024-25 school year. Dan has a love for the Rehoboth families and communities and brings a wealth of experience to this position. I am excited to be able to work with Dan during this transition period, as we seek together to follow God's direction for Rehoboth Christian School.

Always amazed!

Bob Ippel  
*Rehoboth Christian School Executive Director*



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# Upcoming Events

- **August 31- September 2** - RCS Girls Soccer Tournament
- **September 4** - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- **September 8- Half day School** - release at 1:05pm
- **September 8 - 1:00pm** David Charles Cross Country Invitational (HS/MS) (runners start at 3:00pm)Rehoboth
- **September 13-** Trailblazers! A community family event
- **September 14-16** - RCS Boys Soccer Tournament
- **September 18** - School Picture Day
- **September 21 - 5:30-8:30 pm** - THINQ meal 5:30pm, discussion 6:30-8:30pm -HS

## All School Announcements

### VERY IMPORTANT - Schedule For The Week of September 4 - 8

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

Thursday, September 7, Early Release 1:05pm

Friday, September 8, Early Release, 1:05pm Due to our Cross Country Invitational Meet

Friday, September 8, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE CLOSSES at 1:00pm

### David Charles Cross Country Meet - September 8

On September 8, 2023 our school will be hosting our annual middle school and high school cross country meet. Listed below are our start times for each race. Come on out and support our lynx runners and local schools. Local businesses will also have an opportunity to sell at the meet. More information on vendors will follow next week.

Middle School Girls Race: 3:00 pm

Middle School Boys Race: 3:30 pm

HS Varsity Girls Race: 4:00 pm

HS Varsity Boys Race: 4:30 pm

HS Boys and Girls JV Race: 5:00 pm

## Vendors Space Available!

**\$60 Donation**

\*Limited Spots\* Food Handlers Permit  
must be up to date\*

**September 8, 2023  
2pm-6 pm**

David Charles Cross Country  
Invitational  
Rehoboth, New Mexico



Contact **KRISTINA ACOTHLEY** at [kacothley@gmail.com](mailto:kacothley@gmail.com)  
to reserve your spot!

### **Trailblazers! - Sign up today!**

Come and join us for a community family night on the trails. On **Wednesday, September 13th**, we will be hosting a family night that promotes physical well-being and an introduction to our trails.

We have many trails that students, parents, staff, and the community members have access to but we would like to highlight a couple of trails for attendees this evening. The trails introduced will be in total around 30 min to an hour depending which one you choose, the distance, and your timing to walk. Trails are loops but you can choose to go in and out the same way.

After the hike, **dinner will be served at the Sports & Fitness Center SFC.**

[Please sign up here](#) for us to know

how many in your family will be coming. We would like to have enough food prepared.



***The trails are open for hikers beginning at 5:30pm. Dinner will be available from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.***

*Note: Dogs are welcomed on the trails but MUST BE on a leash at all times*

### **Picture Day - September 18**

Our visiting photographers will be at Rehoboth on Monday, September 18 to take pictures of our students. Parents will receive a link from these photo sessions, and they can order any number or size of prints that they would like. There will be lots more reminders about this day, but it never hurts to be prepared!

### **THINQ with Us on September 21**

In three weeks, we will be hosting a special parent night at Rehoboth as part of a global event called the THINQ Summit. THINQ brings people together to think about, learn, and discuss challenging topics through a Christian lens; and we believe that the format can bring a lot of value to our Rehoboth community. There will be a series of short (8-10 minutes each) talks with time to consider, discuss, and digest them in between. We plan to focus on topics like mental health, technology, and faith formation; and we hope that you will be able to join us! Please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 21. The event will start at 6pm in the LC of the high school.

# Elementary News

## [Elementary Handbook](#)

### **Toolbox Thursday**

During our first Toolbox lesson we focused on getting to know each other and introducing the Toolbox curriculum to students who were unfamiliar with Toolbox .

Basically, Toolbox, is a curriculum that provides students (and adults) with tools to help them deal with their big, uncomfortable, difficult feelings.

Beginning this week Thursday, check your child's folder or binder for a Toolbox information sheet to help you practice the tools at home.

If you have any questions/suggestions feel free to email me: [lgillson@rcsnm.org](mailto:lgillson@rcsnm.org)

*Leanne Gillson*

### **Chapel Shirts**

We'll be ordering chapel shirts for our elementary classes again this year. Please send in \$8 by September 1st, **tomorrow**, to help cover the cost of these shirts. Thank you!

### **Transportation Changes**

If transportation changes are necessary, please contact Val Peywa before 2:15 so that she has time to communicate with classroom teachers and students.

### **Drop-off and Pick-up**

K-8 families should drop off and pick up all of their students in the gravel loop behind the elementary building and church. The elementary playground parking lot is reserved for families of Pre-K students who need to park and walk their students to the building.

### **Early Release**

On early release days, students go to lunch from 11:00-11:30, recess from 11:30-12:00, and return to class for an hour of instruction. The bell for dismissal rings at 1:05pm.

### **After School Program**

If you would still like to sign up for After School care, please use this [LINK](#) to register your child(ren). Students will not be allowed to participate unless they are registered. Also, please contact Mrs. Sarah Marlowe who is the After School Director. Email her at [smarlowe@rcsnm.org](mailto:smarlowe@rcsnm.org).

**Tara DeYoung, EL/MS Principal**

# Middle School Matters

## Upcoming Dates

Aug 31-Sept 1: 6th grade Broken Arrow Retreat

Sept 1: MS Cross Country Meet @ Tohatchi

Sept 4: Labor Day - **NO SCHOOL**

Sept 6: MS Volleyball Away @ Crownpoint

Sept 7: Navajo Nation Kids day (grades 6-8), early release day, students will eat lunch when they return to campus at 12:30, **dismissal at 1:05**

Sept 8: Rehoboth Cross Country Meet, **early dismissal at 1:05pm**

Sept 8: MS Soccer A (7:30pm)

Sept 9: MS Soccer B (8:00am and 12:30pm)

**7th & 8th grade NWEA Schedule:** NWEA is a nationally normed assessment that we use to map student growth.

Abbi Mulder: Reading - Week of September 4

Marie Ippel: Science - Week of September 11

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As you drop off and pick up your students please pull right up to the car in front of you to keep the traffic flowing. After school, if a car leaves and you are still waiting for your student, please pull forward to fill the space so that the line moves forward. For the safety of our students, please do not form two lines; we do not want our students darting between cars and traffic.

## Early Release

On early release days, students go to lunch/break from 11:25-12:00, and return to class for an hour of instruction. The bell for dismissal rings at 1:05pm.

Tara DeYoung, EL/MS Principal

# High School Highlights

## Wisdom from Trip Lee

In Tuesday’s chapel, I spoke with the students about a man I met at a conference in Atlanta, GA in 2018. Trip Lee is an ordained pastor, a Christian Rapper, and an incredibly powerful speaker. That day, he shared thoughts from his book, [Rise](#) (which would make a great Christmas or birthday gift for your teen!). He says we should do away with our [7:00 A.M. Logic](#), which means that we should quit hitting the snooze button on life and get busy living for the Lord today. God does not share society’s low expectations for young people. He knows they can make a powerful difference in the world right now! The second point was that [we need to fall out of love with being cool](#). So many of our choices are motivated by what others will think of us. Social media doesn’t help us defeat these mindsets, as we obsess about the number of likes, re-tweets, or reactions we get; but Trip Lee encourages us to remember that we already have the love and approval of the most important person—the Lord Himself! We can trust the unfailing love of Jesus because his highlight reel is all over the Bible, so we can let go of the pursuit of cool. Finally, we were reminded to [Point Up](#). Similar to our last chapel, we were reminded that our lives should point people to God by the credit we give him and the trustworthiness that we display. Following God’s will for our lives can seem like an impossible task sometimes, but in the book of Deuteronomy we’re told that we *can* do it when we hold God’s Word close to our hearts. Talk with your sons and daughters about this week’s chapel and see what stood out to them.

## No School Monday

Remember that we have Labor Day on Monday, so there will be no school. Classes resume on Tuesday with a “B” day (periods 2, 4, 6, and 8).

## Shortened Day Friday (September 8)

Rehoboth will be hosting our annual David Charles Cross Country Meet on Friday, September 8, so classes will let out at 1:05 that day to allow us to begin the meet on time.

## Parent Nights Underway

Each fall, the RCHS Counselor, Mrs. Camilla Lynch, hosts a series of parent nights to help families navigate some of the choices that students make during high school as they plan for their future after Rehoboth. Each evening is geared toward a particular grade, and we encourage students to come with their parents/guardians. Last week, the freshman families learned about the four-year planning process for high school classes, and we’re looking forward to sharing with sophomore families next.

Monday, September 11, 2023	Sophomore Parent Night	6pm in the LC
Monday, September 18, 2023	Junior Parent Night	6pm in the LC
Monday, September 25, 20003	Senior Parent Night	6pm in the LC

**Dan Meester, RCHS Principal**

# High School Counselor's Corner

Hello Parents and Students,

Thank you to those of you that came out to the Freshman Parent Night. We were able to cover a lot of information. If you were not able to attend I sent out the presentation via email on Tuesday. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly.

## **Upcoming Parent Nights**

I will provide information about classes, credits and how students can stay on track to meet their graduation requirements. The junior and senior class sponsors will also have some information about fundraising and other events as we start the school year. Please see the list below of the dates for each class. I look forward to seeing you and getting to know you.

- **Sophomore Parent Night September 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the High School LC.**
- **Junior Parent Night September 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the High School LC.**
- **Senior Parent Night September 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the High School LC.**

## **SAT Testing**

There is a \$25.00 fee for all seniors that signed up to take the Fall SAT. The fee can be paid at the high school front office with cash or a check. If you will be paying over the phone or with a debit/credit card please pay at the RCS administration office by October 11, 2023.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or stop by my office.

**Camilla Lynch, Guidance Counselor**



# Inside Scoop

Community Life & Admissions

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

**SAVE THE DATE! Community Life Family Event- Hiking:**

On Wednesday, September 13th, we will host a family night on campus. Dinner will be served. See All School Announcements for details.

**Tuition payments & Scholarships:** A reminder that every month, a tuition payment needs to be paid. You can make your payments by phone through credit (505-863-4412), at our administration building, mail in payment, or use our free service of [FACTS](#). Every credit card payment has a fee.

If there are circumstances that are making it difficult for you to pay your tuition, you can apply for the [LYNX SCHOLARSHIPS](#).

Verlena J. Livingston | Dir. of Community Life | [vlivingston@rcsnm.org](mailto:vlivingston@rcsnm.org)

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## Parent Volunteer Program (PVP)

[CLICK HERE TO RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS](#)

Here are a few opportunities below.

1. We need help with the upcoming volleyball and soccer games admission gate. Please consider signing up.  
[+ Admission Fall 2023](#)
2. The Cross Country team will host their annual meet on Friday September 8. We have a few volunteer spots available that have not been filled. Please let me know where you would like to help.  
[+ 2023 Volunteer Signups: David Charles Invitational Cross Country Meet](#)
3. Serve lunch in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00am-12:15pm each day. Any day Monday through Friday.
4. Provide individual packaged snacks for the afterschool program.

If you have volunteered please make sure you report it on the link above. Remember, if you donated snacks or food this year, they count as volunteer hours too. If hours are not reported through the link above, we cannot record the hours to your Family Portal for you to track. If you have any questions about volunteering please don't hesitate to contact me.

Deanna Benson | Volunteer Coordinator | [dbenson@rcsnm.org](mailto:dbenson@rcsnm.org) | (505) 726-9603



# Food Service Line

It is with a mixture of sadness and humility that I say farewell to my 'home' at Rehoboth. My last day is September 8th. I dove into this Food Service job, head first, knowing nothing except that I love kids, and I had a gifting of hospitality. Within 2 months I was surprised by a USDA Administrative Review which I passed by the grace of God! He must have planned for me to stay because He allowed me to pass the audit!

I have had the privilege of seeing so many children grow up and graduate (and am now working side by side with some of them). Many employees come and go, but I stayed even after my son graduated from RCS, because *I love your kids*.

I made many friends of parents at school functions as we raised our kids together. And I made many beautiful friends in the volunteers that came to help in the kitchen and around campus. *There is a lot I will miss*.

When I started working in the advancement office at RCS in 2006, Ron Polinder would say, 'it takes a village to raise a child". I took that to heart. I hope that my time here has influenced your children to love the Lord, know that He loves them and to know that they are loved by me. It has been fun being part of the Rehoboth village and it has been an honor and a privilege to serve you and your children in the Food Program. I look forward to seeing your kids as they grow up at Walmart, martial arts classes, at the flea market, at church and around Gallup, in general. It will be a high point of my day.

We will be hiring a replacement as soon as the Lord brings them to RCS. My lunch ladies and Jerome, will take good care of the kids, as they continue on into the school year.

As always, contact your new lunch lady/man (tba) with questions , concerns and suggestions as we lunch heroes want what is best for the kids.

Susan Eddy, the Lunch Lady

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## Now down to business.

We need servers now, more than ever, please contact Deanna Benson at [dbenson@rcsnm.org](mailto:dbenson@rcsnm.org) , if you can do your volunteer hours by serving lunch. It is the BEST job on campus, kids LOVE to be fed!

We are encouraging kids to drink their milk, and eat the food on their plates. Please encourage your kids to eat what is on their plate, remembering they can speak up & turn down a food item, as long as they have 3 items on their tray, one being a fruit or vegetable!

We are now using real silverware. We are compost/chicken feeding as well. The kids are sorting the waste on the trays as they dump them. We have some great graphics going up this week to help them remember. They are doing very well! Supervising this process is another volunteer opportunity that is fun and quite an eye opener!

**ALL kids eat FREE!** Take advantage! 😊

## Menu Week of September 4 to September 8, 2023

Monday, September 4	Tuesday, Sept 5	Wednesday, Sept 6	Thursday, Sept 7	Friday September 8
No School	French Toast, Apple, Orange, Milk Ass't	Bagel & Cream Cheese, Applesauce, OJ, Milk Ass't	Breakfast Burrito, Grapefruit, Grape juice, Milk Ass't	Berry Parfait, Apple Juice, Milk Ass't
	Cheeseburger, Oven Fries, Veggie Dippers, Fruit, Milk Ass't	Tacos, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Salsa, Lettuce, tomato, Corn, Fruit, Milk	Chicken Alfredo, Applesauce, Salad, Milk Ass't	BBQ Tot-cho's, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Texas Toast, Carrots, Fruit, Milk Ass't

RCS is an equal opportunity provider. Menu subject to change due to product availability.

# In Gear : Transportation

## Deuteronomy 31:8

**The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”**

Remember to make sure your Contact information is current and updated in Renweb, this will help to keep you informed of updates through text, email or phone calls regarding transportation. Listed Below are some Bus Stop changes, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

### **Crownpoint Bus #6:**

We will be adding on a bus stop at the Wingate Store/Post Office in Wingate N.M. Arrival time will be 7:40 AM and Drop Off time will be 3:50 PM (1:50 Thursday Early Dismissal). Please see the updated times in the Link below under “Current 2023-2024 Bus Routes.”

### **Zuni Bus #5**

Due to the road construction on Hwy 602. The bus stop at “Breadsprings Speedway Store,” will no longer be used. We will be relocating that bus stop to Skeets Road on the west side of Hwy 602. Bus arrival and pickup time will be the same.

**Every Thursday will be an early release. Buses will leave the school at 1:20pm. ALL PM BUS STOPS WILL BE EXACTLY 2 HRS EARLIER ON THURSDAYS. See link below for 2023-2024 Bus Route Times.**

[Current 2023-2024 Bus Routes](#)



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](mailto:dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org) or 505-726-9622



**Darius Yazzie | Transportation Manager**  
(505)726-9622 | [dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org](mailto:dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org)

# I Believe: Athletics

**For the Athlete:** I do not trust in myself. I do not boast in my abilities or believe in my own strength. I rely solely on the power of God. I compete for the pleasure of my heavenly father, the honor of Christ, and the reputation of the Holy Spirit.

**Devotionals:** Here is a link for your son or daughter that pertains to student-athletes and their journey that comes with challenges and joys. If Devotions are new to you and your child, please see Mr. Pete, to assist and start that process and some easy steps in studying God's Word to grow and build a solid foundation.

[RCS Student-Athletes Devotionals](#)

**Prayer Request:** Please see attached a Prayer Card to pray for our athletes and coaches every day. Reminder: "MORE PRAYER, MORE POWER, LESS PRAYER, LESS POWER." [fcaprayercard.pdf](#)

## **Fall Sports:**

Our HS coaches have started official practices. Please contact our Head Coaches.

Boys Soccer: Phil Frederiksen - [frederiksenphil@gmail.com](mailto:frederiksenphil@gmail.com)

Girls Soccer: Neil Weeda - [nweeda@rcsnm.org](mailto:nweeda@rcsnm.org)

Volleyball: Char Chapman - [cchapman@rcsnm.org](mailto:cchapman@rcsnm.org)

Boys and Girls Cross Country: Autumn Newell - [ajnewell@rcsnm.org](mailto:ajnewell@rcsnm.org)

**Middle School Sports:** Practices for MS Volleyball and MS Cross Country will happen during 8th period exploratories. 6th graders are unable to join right now due to a mandatory typing class.

MS Volleyball: Abbi Mulder - [amulder@rcsnm.org](mailto:amulder@rcsnm.org)

MS Cross Country: Autumn Newell - [ajnewell@rcsnm.org](mailto:ajnewell@rcsnm.org)

## **Concession Donations:** \$20 worth

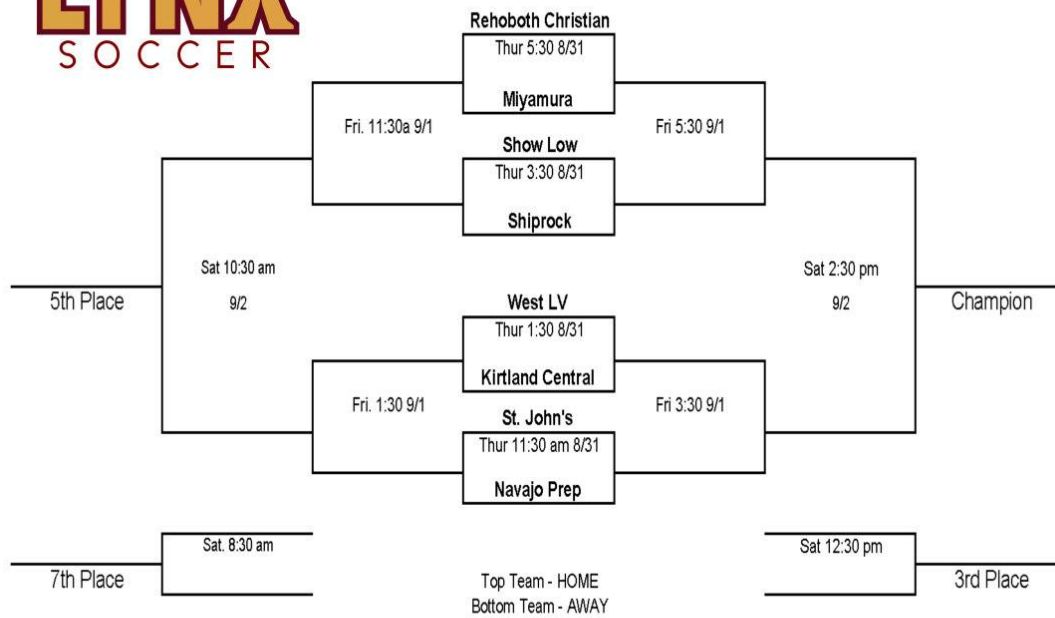
HS Volleyball - Gatorade, HS Girls Soccer - Water, HS Boys Soccer - Hot Dogs, HS Cross Country - Chips  
Due by Friday September 8, 2023

DATE	HS SPORTS	MS SPORTS
Thursday, August 31	5:30 pm - RCS Girl's Soccer Tournament Rehoboth vs. Miyamura (see attached bracket)	
Friday, September 1	11:30 am - RCS Soccer Tournament 4:00 pm - HS Tohatchi Cross Country Meet	3:00 pm - MS Tohatchi Cross Country Meet
Saturday, September 2	8:30 am -RCS Girls Soccer Tournament 1:00pm - Boys Soccer AWAY vs. Hot Springs (Hoffmantown Church Field - Albuquerque)	
Tuesday, September 5	5:00 pm -Volleyball AWAY vs. Newcomb (JV,V)	

Wednesday, September 6		5:00 pm - MS Volleyball AWAY vs. Crownpoint
Thursday, September 7	3:00 pm - Girls Soccer HOME vs. Grants 5:00 pm - Boys Soccer HOME vs. Grants	
Friday, September 8	4:00 pm- HS Rehoboth David Charles Cross Country Invite (see attached flier)	3:00 pm - MS Rehoboth David Charles Cross Country Invite

## 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](mailto:adminsec@rcsnm.org) by Wednesday so it can be added to the Thursday edition of the parent news.







## REHOBOTH DAVID CHARLES CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL - SEPTEMBER 8

### Race Schedule:

1:30 PM - Course Open for Walk/Jog through

2:00 PM - Packet pickup at RCHS

2:30 PM - Coaches Meeting in RCHS

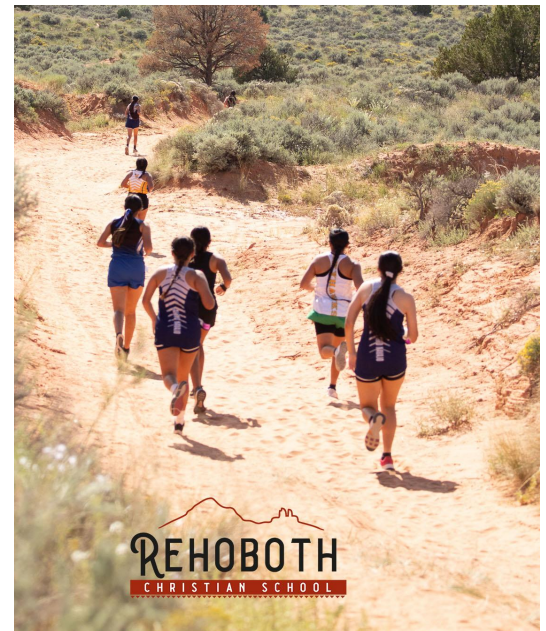
3:00 PM - Mid School Girls Unlimited entries

3:30 PM - Mid School Boys Unlimited entries

4:00 PM - Girls Varsity

4:30 PM - Boys Varsity

5:00 PM - JV Girls and Boys \*Double Chute finish if needed depending on the number of runners.



(if we decide to separate two JV races we will let you know.)

5:45 PM - Awards Presentation

# AMERICAN HOSPITALS

HEALING A BROKEN SYSTEM



*From the makers of "Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point"*

## Free Screening & Discussion

Sunday September 10 at 2:00 PM

El Morro Theatre - 207 West Coal, Gallup

This powerful sixty-minute documentary explores the growing trend of hospitals as profit-making business models. It reveals why health prices are soaring, the dangers of consolidations and the negative impact of these developments on patients and health professionals.

After the film, join the discussion featuring Valory Wangler, MD, Executive Director of Gallup Community Health, Warner Anderson, MD, FACP, and John Mezzoff, MD, retired ophthalmologist.

Come see this important film. Learn what is happening in Gallup and throughout New Mexico, and find out what we can do about it.

There are solutions!

English subtitles.

Seating is on a first come, first serve basis

Free admission - donations very much appreciated

*Sponsored by Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign, El Morro Theatre,  
and the Community Health Action Group (CHAG)*



# Weaving Colors:

## AUTISM & THE NATIVE COMMUNITY

A presentation series for families dedicated to discussing important topics on autism and how they are viewed and addressed in the native culture.

**Join us Wednesday, August 16th, and  
Wednesday, September 20th at 1:00-2:30 pm (MT)  
as we welcome back**



**Dr. Joshua Allison-Burbank**

***Honoring Indigenous Knowledge  
of Neurodevelopment and  
Childrearing***

This two-part presentation will explore neurodevelopment and child development from an Indigenous lens. Cultural attitudes towards Disability will be discussed and methods for improving Indigenous connectedness during interventions will be highlighted.

**\*As a reminder, you will need to register for both presentations\***

**[Click here](#) or scan the QR Code:**



For more information, please contact  
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