



Parent News

February 1, 2024



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Table Talk

Bob Ippel, Executive Director

Dear Parents,

I have been writing under the banner of “Table Talk” for several years in the Parent News. For the past several weeks, my church family has been having table talks as part of the church service. Rows were replaced with round tables and chairs. Some people loved it. Some people did not. No matter how people felt about it, the reality is that more people interacted with guests and with different members of the congregation than before. It was much harder to slip in and slip out if there were no rows. Round tables created a sense of belonging and welcoming.

My prayer is that the Rehoboth School community would feel like one big round table- where people are known and people get to interact not only with lifelong friends- but also with new people. My prayer is that people will feel welcomed, whoever they are, and wherever they set foot on our campus. My prayer is that our student body would embody this feel of welcome and respect and hospitality - a posture that would be modeled by the adults in their lives, whether parents or teachers.

And let’s share our joys and challenges as we engage in “table talk”.

Bob Ippel
Executive Director

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Upcoming Events

- **Friday, February 9** - HOMECOMING Rehoboth vs. Laguna Acoma
- **Monday, February 19** - NO SCHOOL- President's Day
- **Tuesday, February 20** - All School Talent Show 7:00 pm in LC
- **Friday, March 1** - End of Third Quarter
- **Thursday, March 7** - Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm- 8:00pm
- **Friday, March 8** - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service, Parent- Teacher Conferences 9:00am -1:00pm
- **Monday, March 11 - Friday, March 15** - NO SCHOOL Spring Break

All School Announcements

Celine Bia/Director of Finance

Please note that Celine Bia is our Director of Finance. If you have tuition payment or tuition contract questions, please contact her at cbia@rcsnm.org or call 505-726-9704. We appreciate your communication.

Auditions for the February 20th Talent Show

Auditions for the talent show will be **TODAY** Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30. Rehoboth students are encouraged to think about a talent they can showcase, whether it be comedic, musical, dramatic, artistic or athletic, and prepare an audition for the judges. Selected acts will perform at the Talent Show on Tuesday, February 20th with the proceeds of the show going to support the music and drama department. Contact jo.leggett@gmail.com to answer any questions. See attached flyer.

2024-25 School Calendar

The RCS Board approved the 2024-25 school calendar. Please click [HERE](#).

Elementary News

Middle School Matters

International Heritage Week

This has been a great week of celebrating, listening, and learning for our community! Thank you to the parents and community members who have come in to give special talks, presentations, and share food; thank you to teachers and staff who have planned, organized and baked lots of bread. We are blessed by you! I love hearing from students, "oh, yeah! My [family member] does that!" Through learning about other peoples and cultures around the world, we make connections to our own lives, and those connections bind us together as a community of Christ. AMAZING!

Students are encouraged to dress up in any kind of cultural clothing tomorrow: traditional attire, t-shirt representation, flags, anything that will help us celebrate the diversity of the world that God has created!!



Toolbox Thursday

We will practice the **Taking Time Tool** this week. We need to take time-in and time-away to reflect when someone hurts us with words or actions. After taking time-in and time-away we hope to be able to apologize and forgive. Look for activities in your child's folder or binder.

Leanne Gillson

End of Day Check-outs

Please make sure that if you need to check your student out at the end of the day, that you are here at least one hour before the end of the school day. So, on Thursday check-out before 12:05, and other weekdays before 2:05. This helps our teachers and students finish their day strong without so many interruptions. Thank you!



Drop off/Pick up Loop

As you drop off and pick up your students in the gravel loop, please use one single lane for your student to exit and enter your vehicle. It is unsafe for students to walk in front of vehicles to a second lane. Thank you for helping keep all our students safe!



High School Highlights

Homecoming Representatives

Congratulations to the students who will be representing their classes for Homecoming this year! You can see them in between the Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys games on Friday, February 9. They are:

Freshman Class: Emma Lee and Jonah Jones

Sophomore Class: Mary-Helen Brown and Josh Lytle

Junior Class: Lilli Briggs and Clayton VanSlooten

Senior Class: Jayme Ide and Silas Bell

Homecoming Dance

The Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, February 10 from 8-11pm. Tickets go on sale in the high school office next week Monday for \$5 each. Students will have their names entered onto a spreadsheet once they have paid, so no physical tickets are needed. For Homecoming, only RCHS students are allowed to attend the dance. This is always a fun event, and we encourage all students who can make it to attend.

Ethics Bowl

Congratulations to our first-ever Rehoboth Ethics Bowl team! Ms. DeLyssa Begay took a group of students to Northern Arizona University last week where they competed against other schools in a discussion/debate format where they worked to convince the judges of their point of view of what is moral or ethical in various situations. The whole trip was paid for by NAU, and our students got to enjoy good food and first class accommodations too. Way to go, Lynx!

Spring Musical

Did you know that our students are hard at work rehearsing for the Rehoboth Spring Musical, *The Secret Garden*? Performances will be Thursday-Saturday, March 21-23. Keep your eyes peeled for ticket information in the weeks ahead.

Dan Meester, RCHS Principal

High School Counselor's Corner

Scholarships for Seniors

- The NMAA Foundation Scholarships are **due February 1st, 2024**. The Foundation will award approximately 50 scholarships to New Mexico high school students this spring. The application portal is open and can be accessed from the NMAA website at <https://www.nmact.org/foundation/scholarship-forms/>. A list of scholarship categories can also be found via this webpage. The Foundation has awarded scholarships to individuals at more than 120 NMAA member schools and it is our hope that we can add to this list in 2024.
- The Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance Application will open on Friday, March 15, 2024. I encourage any student(s) that would like to apply to obtain an original (duplicate) copy of their Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) from the Department of Vital Records. The Navajo Nation Scholarship Office will require you to submit an original copy of your CIB with your application.
- First Financial Credit Union Scholarship Application is now Open!
 - Must be a graduating senior in good standing, planning to attend a two or four-year, accredited New Mexico college or university, or currently enrolled at a New Mexico institution of higher learning.
 - Must be enrolled as a full-time student with a minimum of 12 hours and must have at least a 2.0 - grade point average.
 - Parent/guardian or student must be a member of First Financial Credit Union. Immediate family members of volunteers and staff are not eligible.
 - Completed application must be submitted by **midnight Wednesday, April 17th, 2024**.
- Continental Divide Electric Cooperative's Education Foundation will accept scholarship applications for the 2024-25 school year. PLEASE NOTE: The **deadline to return applications is March 31, 2024**. If you have questions about the scholarship program, please contact our Education Foundation Scholarship Coordinator Rosanne Apodaca at (505) 285-6656, ext. 1041, or email rapodaca@cdec.coop. You may also contact Raquel Galindo at (505)-285-6656, ext. 1046, or email rgalindo@cdec.coop.

Camilla Lynch, Guidance Counselor

District code in Family Portal is: [RE-NM](#)
Family Portal: <https://re-nm.client.renweb.com/pwr/>

New Student applications for the 2024-2025 year:

The new student applications are now available. If you are a current parent interested in adding an additional child, you can fill out an application within your Family Portal account. When completed we will be connecting with you on the next steps. If you know anyone interested in applying, they can start an [application online here](#).

Re-enrolling for the 2024-2025 year:

We had asked all current parents to re-enroll by January 31st .This helps us determine the seats we can offer new potential students. New student admission applications opened today and we will be offering seats for next school year.

Lastly, the class that won with the highest percentage of re-enrollment by January 31st was the 2nd grade with 91%. Great Job 2nd grade!!!

Other Scholarships:

ACE Scholarship

We apologize for the error in information of when the ACE scholarship application is to open. It was communicated that it would be on February 8th however, it will be available on Monday, February 5th. The deadline is April 15th.

Parents will receive an email on specifics but here are some other details to note when applying:

1. We will be taking care of the application fee
2. Arizona families can apply
3. Applications are one per family
4. Please fill out if you are financially eligible ASAP, see below.. Be sure to upload all the documents needed.
5. To complete, you need the following:
 - a. 2023 tax forms
 - b. Social security, disability, housing allowance, food stamps, child support documentation, and any documentation of additional sources of income that are not reported on your 1040.

ACE SCHOLARSHIPS - FINANCIAL GUIDELINES

PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	2024 POVERTY GUIDELINE	ACE MAXIMUM QUALIFYING INCOME
2	\$20,440	\$71,540
3	\$25,820	\$90,370
4	\$31,200	\$109,200
5	\$36,580	\$128,030
6	\$41,960	\$146,860
7	\$47,340	\$165,690
8	\$52,720	\$184,520
9	\$58,100	\$203,350
10.....	\$63,480	\$222,180

Lynx Scholarship

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

Tuition payments: 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.

Verlena J. Livingston | Dir. of Community Life | vlivingston@rcsnm.org

Parent Volunteer Program (PVP) [CLICK HERE TO RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS](#)

1. We have a month left of home games. Please consider signing up below to help with the admission gate. [2023 Winter Sports Admission gate](#)
2. Would you be willing to provide a meal for our cantabile choir on Monday nights at 6pm? If so please contact me.
3. Do you have an hour to volunteer to help with the daily dose on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for 1st and 2nd grade classrooms? Parents interested please contact me.
4. Are you interested in helping with the upcoming talent show by donating a special (fancy or decorative) dessert or silent auction item? If so, please contact me for more details.



Please be sure to fill out the parent volunteer link to log your hours.

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 | (505) 726-9603

Food Service

Thank you to the awesome staff and volunteers who help serve the kids daily. Blessings from the Kitchen. If you have any questions, concerns, or any ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me at danderson@rcsnm.org.

When he had sat down at the table with them, he took the bread and gave thanks. Breaking it, he gave it to them. Luke 24:30

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Now down to business.

We are in need of servers more than ever, please contact Deanna Benson at 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! This volunteer time can be put towards your Parent Volunteer Hours needed for the school year.

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!

ALL kids eat FREE! Take advantage! 😊

Menu Week of Feb 05 to Feb 09 , 2024

Monday Feb 05	Tuesday Feb 06	Wednesday Feb 07	Thursday Feb 08	Friday Feb 09
Cereal , Fruit , Milk	French Toast Stick juice, Fruit and Milk	bagel cheese crème , Fruit, Juice, Milk	Oatmeal, Fruit, Milk	parfait , Fruit, Milk
Sloppy Joe , tater tots , corn, Fruit, milk	Chili cheese dogs , with Beans , chips , Fruit, Milk	Spaghetti with meat sauce , garlic stick , green beans , Fruit Milk	Pizza, Rehoboth Salad , Fruit, Milk	corn dogs, Fries, Veggie Dippers Fruit, Milk

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.”

Hello to all, here are a few updates to share everyone::

- We have returned to the original 6 Bus PM Route system, please keep in mind there may be a time that **5 Bus Mode** may be activated due to changes within our department. We will be sure to communicate with you and the bus riders when this happens.
- A reminder that there is **NO FOOD/DRINK** allowed on the bus. Our buses are still fairly new and we'd like to keep our buses as clean as possible to protect the longevity of our fleet.
- **Please continue to be at scheduled Bus Stops at least 5 minutes before the listed time.** This will help eliminate delays for the other scheduled bus stops.

See link below for 2023-2024 Bus Route Times:

[Current 2023-2024 Bus Routes](#)

[Current 2023-2024 Bus Routes \(Thursday Early Dismissal\)](#)

[Snow Delay/Cancellation Policy](#)

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



(505)726-9622 | 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](#)



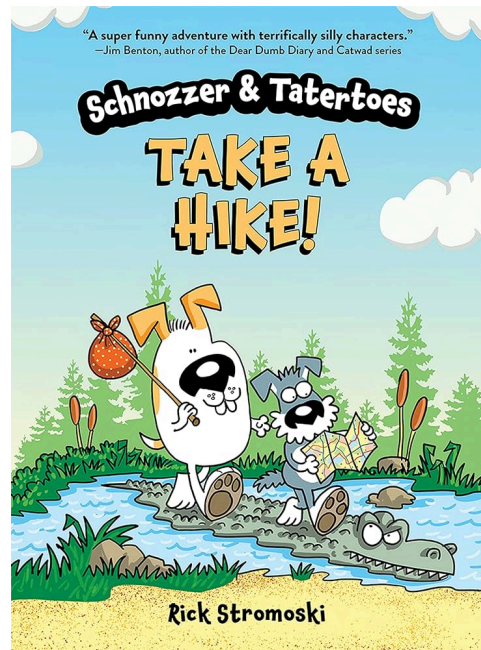
DATE	HS SPORTS	MS SPORTS
Thursday, February 1	4:00 pm/5:30 pm - Boys Basketball HOME vs. Bosque (JV,V)	
Monday, February 5		4:00 pm MS Basketball HOME vs. Navajo Pine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Girls B team 4:00 pm ● Boys B team 5:00 pm ● Girls A team 6:00 pm ● Boys A team 7:00 pm
Tuesday, February 6	3:00 pm/6:00 pm - Girls Basketball AWAY vs. Navajo Pine (JV,V) 4:30 pm/7:30 pm - Boys Basketball AWAY vs. Navajo Pine (JV,V)	
Wednesday, February 7		4:00 pm MS Basketball AWAY vs. Crownpoint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Girls B team 4:00 pm ● Boys B team 5:00 pm ● Girls A team 6:00 pm ● Boys A team 7:00 pm
Thursday, February 8	3:00 pm/4:30 pm - Girls Basketball HOME vs. Estancia(JV,V)	
Friday, February 9	HOMECOMING 2:30 pm - Girls JV vs. Laguna Acoma 4:00 pm - Boys JV vs. Laguna Acoma 5:30 pm - Girls V vs. Laguna Acoma 7:00 pm - Homecoming Court 7:30 pm - Boys V vs. Laguna Acoma	

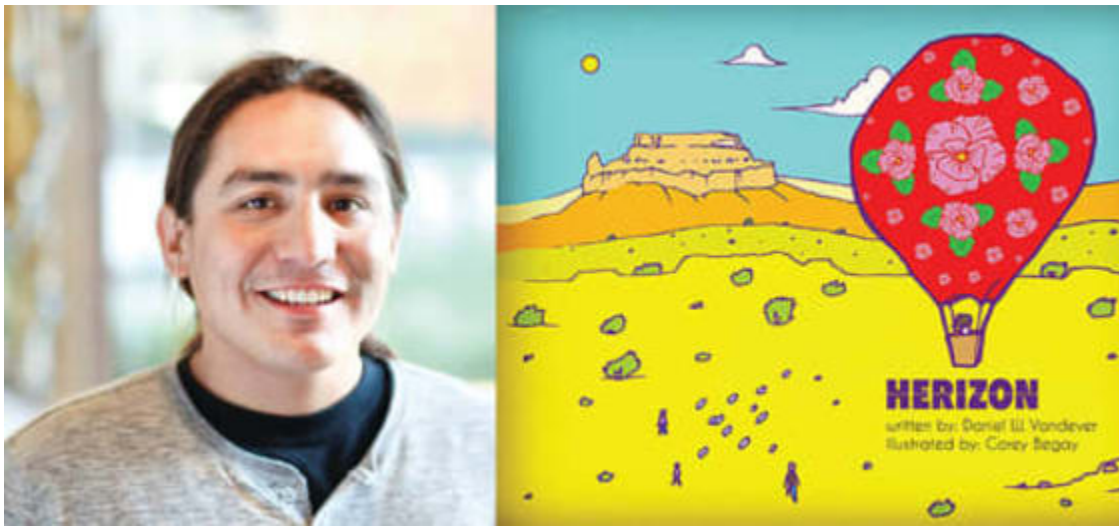
Community Action

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.



On the first Saturday in February, thousands of libraries across the world celebrate **Take Your Child to the Library Day** (takeyourchildtothelibrary.org) by offering free, fun, fabulous activities for families. Join us at the **Children & Youth Library** on **Saturday, February 3** from **12 to 5 PM** for a family scavenger hunt, crafts and games, door prizes, and a family movie shown at 2 PM. Investigate a series of STEM activities hosted by our partner Explora! Read with Sage the turtle and Holly the dog throughout the afternoon. Library card sign ups and replacement cards will also be available for free. We hope to see you there!





The first week of February is **National Children's Author and Illustrator Week!** To celebrate, join us at the **Children & Youth Library** on **Thursday, February 8** at **5 PM** for an in-person reading, author talk, and Q&A session with Navajo children's book author **Daniel Vandever**. Daniel, originally from Haystack, NM, has written several award-winning books for children. We will be giving away a few copies of Daniel's recent picture book *Herizon* as door prizes.

Northwestern College Choir Concert

Rehoboth Christian School will host a concert by the Northwestern College A cappella Choir on Monday, March 4, at 7 p.m at Rehoboth Church.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Needs:

- Host families for about 10 students on Monday night, March 4, to include breakfast the next morning.
- Donations for a meal to feed the choir on Monday night, March 4 (details to come).
- Breakfast donations for students staying in the dorm (details to come).

RCS CHOIR AND
DRAMA CLUB
ANNOUNCE

**OPEN
CALL**



GOT TALENT? AUDITION!

**OPEN
TO ALL
STUDENTS**

AUDITION

PERFORM

MUSICIANS, SINGERS,
DANCERS, RAPPERS,
ACTORS, MARTIAL
ARTISTS, COMEDIANS,
MAGICIANS, ETC.

THURS, FEB 1, 1:30-4:30
HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR ROOM

RCS TALENT SHOW
THURS, FEB 20 @6:30 PM

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO COME PREPARED!

CONTACT JO.LEGGETT@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

WNM 2024 Gallup Skills To Pay The Bills: 6 Part Series

1:30 pm -3:30 pm at the [Gallup Cultural Center](#)

Topic: Financing

What skills do you need to pay the bills?

You need financial literacy, which is the ability to understand and effectively use various financial skills, including personal financial management, budgeting, and investing. The meaning of financial literacy is the foundation of your relationship with money, and it is a lifelong journey of learning. The earlier you start, the better off you will be because education is the key to success when it comes to money.

Join us in person for a 6-part series and learn how you can get the skills you need to pay the bills.

- **February 9, 2024 - What Is Financial Trauma**
- **March 15, 2024 - The Art of Budgeting**
- **April 12, 2024 - Avoiding the Pay Day Loan Trap**
- **May 3, 2024 - Credit As An Asset**
- **June 21, 2024 - How To Do Business with A Bank**
- **July 12, 2024 - Business Etiquette 101**

All classes are held in person at **Gallup Cultural Center** located at 201 E. Hwy 66, Gallup, NM 87301.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities and language assistance services are available for limited English proficient individuals. Please notify Janelle Henry at 505-566-3715 when you register for the class, or no later than 24 hours prior to your class, so that WESST can make sure necessary accommodations are available. All programs and services are provided to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.

The Women's Business Center is funded in part by the U.S. Small Business Administration. All opinions, conclusions or recommendations expressed are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the SBA.

Speaker(s): Dawn Facka, Regional Manager, WEST Farmington Women's Business Center Janelle Henry, Regional Program Coordinator, WEST Farmington Women's Business Center

Co-Sponsor(s): National Indian Youth Council

Please Note: This training class will be delivered in English. You're welcome to arrive early to sign in and get a seat.

Fee: No Cost

[Register Online](#)

Already Registered? [Sign in](#) for more information.

Phone: 505-566-3715

Email: JHenry@WESST.org

Location

Gallup Cultural Center

201 E. Hwy 66 Gallup, NM 87301

Gallup Community Health is starting a Care Closet to provide some basic clothing and hygiene necessities for our patients in need.

We are currently accepting new or gently used:

Jackets and Coats (all adult sizes welcome)

Sneakers and Boots (all adult sizes welcome)

ANY Backpacks, tote bags, drawstring bags, etc.

(including small pouches for hygiene products)

Long sleeve T-Shirts (all adult sizes welcome)

Beanies or warm caps

If you have any of these items that you would like to donate to the GCH's Care Closet, please bring them to Gallup Community Health's current location (2022 E Aztec) labeled for "JayLyn" by February 14.

Thank you for your support!



**Gallup
Community
Health**