



Parent News

February 6, 2025



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Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director

In the midst of all the Homecoming activities last week, the students at Rehoboth had a special opportunity to connect with The African Children's Choir, made up of boys and girls ages 8-10 from the country of Uganda. They performed with amazing energy and joy, but in addition to singing and dancing, they taught our students about daily life in Uganda. Rehoboth kids could relate to some of the descriptions—like having to haul their own water to their homes. We know that for many of our students and their relatives, this is a normal occurrence too . . . although we are much more likely to use our vehicles to make the trip, rather than walking to and from the well with a large jug on our heads!

The children also shared their dreams for their own futures. They wanted to be teachers, doctors, lawyers, engineers, and even hairstylists when they grew up. It was inspiring to gain insight into their lives and find common ground as human beings. That's an incredibly important skill in today's world, and it's something we strive to equip our students with during their Rehoboth education. Learning about others, especially when they are different from ourselves, gives us the gifts of empathy and broader perspective that lead to wiser decisions about how to live our lives and make an impact on our communities and the world at large.

Next week is International Heritage Week here at school. Students will have the chance to try food from different cultures, hear international presenters in classes, and even see some of the clothing or regalia celebrated by different cultural groups. Those opportunities are helpful academically and socially, but even more so, they reflect something vital about our Creator.

The Lord delights in diversity! We see amazing variety all over the universe when we look at unique planets and stars, nebulae and comets, gas clouds and galaxies that look like an artist painted them. Here on earth, we encounter rock formations of all shapes, colors, and sizes; plants whose colors fill us with awe; and more species of animals, birds, and insects than we can count.

In light of all that, it's amazing to hear the Lord call humankind "the crowning glory of His creation," and it's in other people that we most clearly see the Image of God represented in so many unique ways. No wonder that the book of Revelation describes the new heaven and the new earth as a place of great diversity too. "After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb," says Revelation 7:9. When we recognize and celebrate that same diversity here and now, we are rehearsing the Kingdom to come. I'm so glad Rehoboth is a place where we can support each other in this important work!

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

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Upcoming All School Events

- **February 10-14** - International Heritage Week (student poster & poetry contest)
- **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/signin/46T5C>
- 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.

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

Thank you.

International Heritage Week - February 10-14

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



Vigorously Academic | Beautifully Diverse | Thoroughly Christian



International Heritage Week EVENTS

Feb. 10 - 14, 2025

Including a special lunch menu for the week.

Global Hospitality: Where Cultures Meet, Hospitality Greets

**Tues.
Feb. 11th**

International T-shirt Day

Wear a t-shirt representing another country

&

**Movie Night:
"McFarland USA"
at Middle School
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm Movie**



**Thur.
Feb. 13th**

Heritage Dress Up Day

Wear traditional clothing representing your heritage

**Fri.
Feb. 14th**

"And the Greatest of These is Love" Day

Wear pink, red, or purple in honor of Valentine's Day

Elementary News

Phone Free Policy

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying a wonderful day!

I wanted to take a moment to follow up on our recent communication regarding the new phone free policy that will be implemented starting Monday, February 10. As you may know, in our building we have already been following many aspects of this policy by not allowing students to use their phones during school hours. However, the addition of securely collecting devices is a new step we are taking to enhance the learning environment for our students.

To ensure a smooth transition, we kindly ask that you complete the [attached survey](#). This will help us understand whether your student has a phone that will need to be securely stored during school hours.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter. Together, we can create a focused and productive atmosphere for our students.

Here are links to the [new policy pdf](#) and some [frequently asked questions](#) about the new policy. If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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

It is time to practice the Apology and Forgiveness Tool. It is difficult for some of us to admit our mistakes and apologize. Yup, it is hard because we are concerned about getting into trouble and worried that we won't be forgiven and others will look down on us.

But it feels oh so good to apologize and mend a relationship. When we as teachers and parents model apologizing it has a huge impact on our students lives and they feel and see the benefits of apologizing. Let's use the COURAGE tool and tell others that we are sorry.

Leanne Gillson

Middle School Matters

Phone Free Policy

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying a wonderful day!

I wanted to take a moment to follow up on our recent communication regarding the new phone free policy that will be implemented starting Monday, February 10. As you may know, our middle school has already been following many aspects of this policy by not allowing students to use their phones during school hours. However, the addition of securely collecting devices is a new step we are taking to enhance the learning environment for our students.

To ensure a smooth transition, we kindly ask that you complete the [attached survey](#). This will help us understand whether your student has a phone that will need to be securely stored during school hours.

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Upcoming Events (MS only)

Thursday, February 6 - A

MS Bball - Hozho Academy Wolf Jam Basketball Tournament Begins - Rehoboth Girls -vs- Hozho Academy @ 1pm, Rehoboth Boys -vs- Gallup Mid @ 8pm

Friday, February 7 - B

MS Bball Away @ Pine Hill - Girls B 3:30pm, Boys B 4:30pm, Girls A 5:30pm, Boys A 6:30pm

Saturday February 8

MS Bball - Hozho Academy Wolf Jam Basketball Tournament continues - Games TBA

Monday, February 10 - A

MS Bball Away @ Ramah - Girls B 4pm, Boys B 5pm, Girls A 6pm, Boys A 7pm

Friday, February 14 - A

Hózhó Academy Wolf Jam Basketball Tournament final games - Times TBA

High School Highlights

David Brooks is a writer whose words I have considered deeply for much of the past two decades. I find his work to be necessarily challenging; the challenges in those thoughts have inspired me in many areas. Please permit me a long quote from his book called, *The Second Mountain*:

When you are in your distraction, untethered to actual commitments, focusing your attention is precisely what you cannot do. Your mind is afloat and at the play of prompts. Do not flatter yourself in thinking that you're brave enough or capable enough to see into the deepest and most important parts of yourself. One of the reasons you are rushing about is because you are running away from yourself. You know that at some point you should sit down and find some overall direction for your life. But the mind wants to wander from the meaty big questions, which are completely daunting and unanswerable, to the diverting candy right on your phone—the tiny dopamine lift.

All of this points in one direction: into the ditch. The person who graduates from school and pursues an aesthetic pattern of life often ends up in the ditch. It's only then that they realize the truth that somehow nobody told them: Freedom sucks.

Political freedom is great. But personal, social, and emotional freedom—when it becomes the ultimate end—absolutely sucks. It leads to a random, busy life with no discernible direction, no firm foundation, and in which, as Marx put it, all that's solid melts to air. It turns out freedom isn't an ocean you want to spend your life in. Freedom is a river you want to get across so you can plant yourself on the other side—and fully commit to something.

On Monday, February 10 Rehoboth will become a phone free school. That decision was made with the commitments our students would make in the future in mind. We deeply want our students to fully commit to their families, communities, and the work that God calls them to do. We believe that in true commitment people find deep, self-transcending joy as they work toward serving God and bringing His kingdom near.

Seth Weidenaar
High School Principal

High School Counselor's Corner

Spring SAT

Any Juniors and seniors interested in taking the SAT please stop by my office to sign up by Friday, February 7, 2025. The Spring SAT will take place Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 8:00 AM.

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**.

STEM Opportunities

The University of Arizona Native American Science & Engineering Program application is now available. The Native American Science & Engineering Program (NASEP) is a FREE year-long program (summer program & year-long engagement) designed to provide Native American, Alaskan Native, and Hawaiian Native high school students with the necessary resources to enroll in college and pursue a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Please see the flyer attached for more information.

The Summit STEM Fellowship is a virtual summer fellowship empowering the next generation of leaders in STEM. Open to rising 9th-12th grade students, the fellowship aims to identify top students around the world.

As a Summit STEM Fellow, students learn from a network of mentors from Stanford, MIT, Harvard, and other top institutions, and explore different opportunities and career pathways in STEM. The fellowship is a flexible 10-15 hours/week commitment, and students may participate alongside other summer activities.

For more information and the application link, please visit: www.summitstemfellowship.org. If you have any questions, please email info@summitstemfellowship.org.

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.

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/>

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.

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

Food Service

We will be celebrating International Heritage Week with a delicious menu celebrating our diverse community . The International Heritage Week will be from Feb 10 to Feb 14 and we will end the week with a Valentine treat . 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 to me. 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 3 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!

Psalm 145:9 – “The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.”

INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK

ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage!

Menu Week of Feb 10, 2025 to Feb 14, 2025

Monday Feb 10, 2025	Tuesday Feb 11, 2025	Wednesday Feb 12, 2025	Thursday Feb 13, 2025	Friday Feb 14, 2025
Cold cereal w/ muffins, Fruit , Milk	Belgium Waffles w/ syrup Fruit and milk	Sausage , Egg w/ English Muffin , Fruit and Milk	Cream of Wheat w/ Fruit and milk	Fruit Parfait , w/ Granola , Milk 
Chicken Teriyaki over Rice, Fortune Cookie , Mandarin Orange Milk China	Lasagna w/ Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Toss Salad, Fruit and Milk Italian	Red Chili Cheese Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Re- Fried Beans, Fruit and Milk Mexican	Dutch Vegetable Soup, Corn bread, Fruit , Dutch Cookies, Milk , Dutch	Heart Shaped Chicken Nuggets, Tater tots, Strawberry ShortCake with whipped cream, Strawberry Milk American

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:

- 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:

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. Middle School Spring Sports will sign up with Mr. Arendsen during the new exploratory session.

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

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 6	3:00 / 6:00 pm HS Girls Basketball HOME vs. Ramah (JV,V) 4:30 / 7:30 pm HS Boys Basketball HOME vs. Ramah (JV,V)	MS Basketball Hozho Tournament 1:00pm - Girls A vs. Hozho 8:00pm - Boys A vs. Gallup Mid
Friday, February 7		MS Basketball HOME vs. PineHill 4:00pm - Girls B 5:00pm - Boys B 6:00pm - Girls A 7:00pm - Boys A
Saturday, February 8		MS Basketball Hozho Tournament TBD A teams
Monday, February 10		MS Basketball Away vs. Ramah 4:00pm - Girls B 5:00pm - Boys B 6:00pm - Girls A 7:00pm - Boys A
Tuesday, February 11	3:00 / 6:00 pm - HS Girls Basketball AWAY vs. Laguna Acoma (JV,V) 4:30 / 7:30 pm - HS Boys Basketball AWAY vs. Laguna Acoma (JV,V)	
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)	

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.



NAVAJO INDIGENOUS HYMNISING AND COMPOSITION WORKSHOP

February 11 6-8 PM
Journey Church
501 S. 3rd St. Gallup
Refreshments provided

Join us to explore the possibilities of creating new worship songs in Navajo for a new generation of worshippers in our churches. Examples of recent creations like “Haala Ayoo Diyin” will be presented, with discussions of the kinds of music that are available to us in Navajo tradition.

Special guests: Rev. Daniel Smiley, Ray Begaye and others

Drum drawing by Shutterstock



Native American Science & Engineering Program



June 8-14, 2025
University of Arizona

Learn more at
nasep.arizona.edu

FREE year-long program (summer program & year-long engagement) designed to provide Native American high school students with the necessary resources to enroll in college and pursue a career in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).



Professional: Network with Indigenous professionals from Raytheon and IBM

Mental: Build a computer

Environmental: Visit the Biosphere II

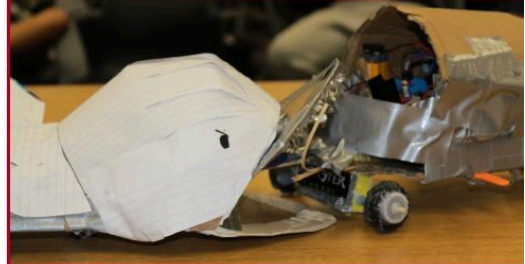
Emotional: Capture the experience through digital storytelling using the technology device gifted to participants

Physical: Play sports at the University Recreation Center

Cultural: Discuss Indigenous land stewardship and how this knowledge applies to STEM

Social: Team-build during a ropes course

Spiritual: Participate in an opening and closing blessing of the program



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