

Magdalena School Newsletter

April 2018

From Dr. Haven

Hello, Yá'át'éeéh & Hola

My staff and I hope that you had a very restful and enjoyable spring break last month. Spring Break is usually the sign that the current school year is quickly coming to a close. Where have the time and wonderful moments gone this school year? Especially for the Class of 2018 who will graduate next month and become remarkable members of our society and community. I wish each and every one of our graduates nothing but success in whatever endeavor that they pursue.

The month of April is going to be a busy one with testing, meetings and many extracurricular activities. However, if you feel a need to discuss situations or express concerns that immediately affect your child, Magdalena Schools is respectfully asking that you adhere to a process that has been established to assure that the appropriate resolution can be reached. We are requesting that parents should make every attempt to meet with the teacher and/or staff member that is directly involved with the incident involving your child to initially discuss and settle the matter at that level. If no solution is reached then contact an Administrator, Director and/or Supervisor of that staff member as the next step in resolving your concern. Please be advised if a parent or family member skips the first step and directly contacts an administrator the matter may be referred back to the staff member if appropriate. We would like to establish a communication level to assure that most issues can be resolved in a satisfactory nature between initial parties. If you are still not sure what to do to obtain answers with a situation then please come in and visit with us. A friendly reminder that you, as parents and family members, are always welcome to visit our schools and classrooms to see the academic improvement that your child is experiencing this school year. If you would like to meet with me individually to express or share your ideas on how we can improve Magdalena Municipal Schools please do so. I can be reached at

(575) 854-8013 or email me at ghaven@magdalena.k12.nm.us. Thank you, Ahéhee', & Gracias!
-Dr. Glenn Haven, Superintendent

"The most important profession in the world is parenting. The second is teaching, and everyone is a teacher to someone " – John Wooden

Conversations with Mrs. Clark

Well the end is in sight! This school year is almost over. At this point I feel like it is important to talk about how students can make better choices. With state testing coming up - PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) and EOC's (End of Course exams) – students must be prepared to take and pass these tests for graduation requirements. This year the scores for graduation competency have gone up so our students need to focus and work towards higher achievement. Here are some ways you can help them at home:

1. ensure they have a place to study and help them study by asking them questions. It is proven that students who discuss what they have learned retain more information.
2. Teach them good study behaviors. These include time management, organization, reviewing notes and self-testing.
3. Make sure your child is getting enough sleep. With the technology available to our students, sleep is the last thing on their mind, and without your diligent efforts your child is NOT getting enough sleep to be successful in school.
4. Make sure your child attends school regularly.
5. Encourage healthy behaviors. Exercise and good food are major foundations to having a clear mind for school.
6. It is never too late to teach your child good study behaviors. They need to have some **reason to succeed** and your support as a parent is going to be important in their journey.

Make sure your child doesn't take dangerous detours by following study habits that may not be working. For example, spending too much time on key terms or summaries instead of paying attention to the review questions, highlighting too much text, have too many distractions to study effectively (ie music, tv, surfing the net, social media). Parents often don't give themselves enough credit by saying "I don't understand the math nowadays" or "I didn't do well in school either". These reflections do not hinder whether your child will be able to learn as long as you

are making efforts to teach them good habits. Ask your child to **teach you** what they are doing, I guarantee you will see improvement in their grades just from this question.

Lastly, I want to say, that it takes parents several times saying and doing this for your children to actually make changes in their habits. Just keep up the good work and we will all see improvement on student achievement! Mrs. Clark

Library

We will be having our Annual Book Fair the week of April 23rd through April 26th. During the Spring Fling the book fair will be open from 4:00-7:00 pm. Please stop in and buy some books for your child. Purchasing a book during the Spring Fling will automatically enter you in for a chance to win a basket of books for your home.

The Yucca 4-H Club April Events

-April 4th 4:00-5:30PM

Outdoor Classroom Work Day

-April 13th 12PM Horse Riding Meeting- Mag. Rodeo Grounds

-April 20th 9AM Baking & Photography- Cearley Residence

-April 25th 5:30-6:30 Regular 4-H Club Meeting - Mrs. Allen's Room

National Honor Society

Congratulations to the new inductees for National Honor Society. The new members will be Jaxson Mirabal, Liam Ryan, Lazarus Sanchez, Maiah Sager, Cheyenne Sullivan, James Thornton, and Desirae Zamora. We are very proud to recognize these outstanding members of our student body. National Honor Society members are chosen for their exemplary contributions to the school and community. The cornerstones of National Honor Society are scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The induction ceremony will be held Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the FAC. All community members are invited.

Music News

-3rd-5th Grade Elementary Students will present a small performance during the Spring Fling on April 26th at 6:00pm.

They will be showcasing what they have been learning on their recorders. Please join us so you can see how hard they have been working!

-The Annual Mid/High Spring 2018 Talent Show will be held on Wednesday, April 18th at 6:00pm. Middle and High School Music classes will be providing pre-show entertainment starting at 5:30pm. Hope to see everybody there!! --Mrs. Barela