

Magdalena School Newsletter

January 2019

From Dr. Haven

Yá'át'ééh, Hola, & Hello,

Welcome back students, parents, teachers, staff and school administrators and Happy 2019 New Year! As we begin the second half of the 2018-2019 school year we are truly blessed to be a part of a wonderful school and working with great students like those that we have here at Magdalena. We continue to invite parents to visit your student's classroom and teacher to see how they are doing academically. We ask that you schedule an appointment with the school's secretary, their teacher or the building principal.

We also encourage parents to visit our schools to see firsthand the steady improvements we are trying to achieve academically. Our staff is excited with new programs that we will be implementing this second semester for your child. We have added additional staff members to improve upon our intervention resources to help your student who may be struggling in school and to help them become improved learners. Our high and middle schools has also added a Career Technical Education program for those students interested in a welding or construction trade vocational career. We hope your child will consider enrolling in those classes.

We will continue to review and attempt to find academic programs that will meet the interests and needs of our students.

Our administrators, teachers and staff members are always available to discuss how we can continually improve Magdalena Municipal Schools. Please contact us. I can be reached at (575) 854-8013 or

ghaven@magdalena.k12.nm.us. Let's work together to make Magdalena Schools the best once again! **Go Steers!** Ahéhee', Gracias & Thank you!

Dr. Glenn Haven
Superintendent

"Some people dream of worthy accomplishments, while others stay awake and do them." -Anonymous

Conversations with Mrs. Clark

Happy New Year! This is definitely going to be a new year with our new Governor – Michelle Lujan Grisham. I'm very excited to announce a couple of items that will directly affect your children. PARCC will be no longer used AFTER this year (so please remind your child to do their best). MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program) is the proposed new test. We have little information on the MCAP at this point but it looks shorter and more focused than the PARCC Assessment. Teacher evaluations are going to be revamped by the new administration. You, as a parent and community member, will be seeing big changes in the PED with our new administration. Howie Morales, Lieutenant Governor, will be acting Secretary of Education until one is appointed. He was a special education teacher and has his PhD in Education. I have faith that education is moving in a great direction and look forward to many positive changes. I see many of those changes already in our teachers and students attitudes and morale seems to be up. I wish the best of 2019 to each of you.

Leslie Clark, Principal

Elementary

The District Spelling Bee for grades 3rd - 8th grades will be held Thursday, January 17th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center. The County Spelling Bee will be Wednesday, January 23rd at 9:00 a.m. at the Socorro County Courthouse.

What is Impact Aid?

Many local school districts across the United States include within their boundaries land that is owned by the Federal Government including Indian lands. These school districts face special challenges — they must provide a quality education to the children living on the Indian and other Federal lands and meet the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act, while operating with less local money than is available to other school districts, because the Federal property is exempt from local property taxes. Since 1950, Congress has provided financial assistance to these local school

districts through the Impact Aid Program. Impact Aid was designed to assist local school districts that have lost property tax revenue due to the tax-exempt Federal property. The Impact Aid law, Title VII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act provides assistance to local school districts with a high percentage of children residing on Indian lands, or other Federal properties like National Forest lands.

How does Magdalena Schools use Impact Aid?

Magdalena uses Impact Aid for a wide variety of expenses, including the salaries of teachers and teacher aides; purchasing textbooks, computers, and other equipment; after-school programs and tutoring; summer school and transportation for our Alamo students.

What is the Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP) Requirement?

The regulations covering the Impact Aid Program Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs) were revised effective January 31, 2017. The revised regulations include changes to the mandatory parts of the IPP document as well as new requirements for tribal consultation and documentation. Tribal consultation and parental input for the IPPs for the FY 2020 application occurred at the JOM/IEAC meetings on October 24 and November 28 and the Alamo Chapter Meeting on November 20.

JOM

The monthly JOM Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:00 pm at the Alamo Chapter House. Please contact Keri James at 854-8009 for more information.

Counseling Corner

- February ACT Deadline: January 11th
- Job Corps Trip: January 15th

HAPPY NEW YEAR!