

# Magdalena School Newsletter

## March 2018

### From Dr. Haven

Hola, Osiyo, Hello, & Yá'át'ééh  
Thank you everyone for participating in our Community Forum that we held on Monday, March 5, 2017. We would like to thank everyone who attended and provided positive feedback in regards to the recent events that we experienced and how we can improve our schools. We do understand and hopefully we learned to improve upon our communication with our many stakeholders at this meeting. Our administration and staff members are dedicated to improve Magdalena Schools to become a better place for your child to learn.

When I first arrived as your Superintendent I sent out an initial message that stated the following: *My goals and objectives will simply be to: 1. Provide a safe and secure environment in which to learn and teach in. 2. Improve upon the communication integrity between all of the stakeholders involved with our schools. 3. Create a sense of teamwork and family like atmosphere with all of our stakeholders. 4. Develop and implement preventative measures to ensure that your child will be safe and secure. And finally 5. To enrich the academic environment in our schools in order to provide a quality education for all children of Magdalena.* My office will continue to strive for these goals and objectives.

I would like to take this time to invite you to visit our schools and to see what we are doing in the classrooms and throughout the buildings. If you would like to meet with me to discuss how we can continually improve Magdalena Municipal Schools I can be reached at (575) 854-8013 or [ghaven@magdalena.k12.nm.us](mailto:ghaven@magdalena.k12.nm.us). As I have said earlier, and will continue to say, let's EVERYONE make Magdalena schools great AGAIN!  
Ahéhee', Gracias, & Thank you! Steer Pride!

**Dr. Glenn Haven**, Superintendent

*"Put your future in good hands ... your own"* - Author Unknown

### Conversations with Mrs. Clark

Happy Spring! Magdalena Schools has quite the chaotic start to spring. We are definitely affected by the current situations of violence and have all felt on edge. I want to assure all the community that Magdalena Schools is working to create new policies and learn best practices to handle these types of situations. We are going to have a safety training on March 16 for all staff to learn the newest strategies on keeping schools safe. I have heard from many parents that it is very important to communicate with the public about these incidents. I have felt unsure in this area but I feel that I received some very good advice the other day, always let parents know what is going on if possible. So I am currently working on ways to contact parents immediately with any information about a threat or rumored threat, and please know, we will always cancel school or have a lock down if your child's safety is an issue. There are many strategies that we use to keep students safe and one is a lockdown. In the lock down parents are NOT ABLE TO PICK UP THEIR CHILDREN. We had a lock in on Monday February 26, 2018 and students were not allowed to roam outside (playground, walk to classes) but they were allowed to move freely inside the school. This was a precaution from a neighboring school threat. Please don't hesitate to call or text with any questions. Leslie Clark 575-838-3096

### Middle School News

During the 2017 fall semester Clayton Atwood, Daniel Martinez, Jacob Burluson, Joseph Morrow, Andrew Tafoya, and Joseph Flores participated in the Stock Market Game. The students learned the basics of businesses, stocks, and investments. Students were given \$100,000 in play money to invest in the stock market. Students learned how to diversify their portfolios so their money was not invested in the same types of companies.

Clayton Atwood took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the middle school division of New Mexico and the team of Daniel Martinez and Jacob Burluson took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The others had fun too but the stock market was not as kind to them. The stock market can be a risky business.

### Elementary

Congratulations to Mr. Sauer who was named STEM Teacher of the year. Great Job Mr. Sauer.

### National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is kicking off their volunteer project "Pennies for Patients" for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Collection boxes are placed around the school in classrooms and office areas. We will be collecting from March 5 through March 21. The mission of LLS is to cure blood cancers and improve the lives of patients and their families. Thank you for your donations and helping support blood cancer research.

### Yearbook

Time is running out to purchase your yearbook. Easily Purchase Your Magdalena Yearbook:

- Go to [www.treering.com/1013765923933739](http://www.treering.com/1013765923933739)
- Price is \$30

See Barb Martinez if you have any questions.

### College & Counseling Corner

- March 14 7<sup>th</sup> grade SBA Testing
- March 15<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> gr. SBA Testing
- March 12-23 4<sup>th</sup> grade SBA
- Socorro Electric Coop Scholarship due **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

### Report It!

Please take time to go to our website <http://www.magschools.us> and familiarize yourself with our new **Report It!** tab. This tool is offered to students, parents, and community members to report threats or concerns anonymously

### Emergency Communications

Below are a list of emergency communication mediums that students, parents, staff and the community **can utilize**:

1. Website ([www.magschools.us](http://www.magschools.us))
2. Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Magdalena-Municipal-School-District-465826963437203/>)
3. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/MagSchools>)
4. Texting (SchoolMessenger)
5. Marquee
6. Radio Station in Alamo