

Magdalena School Newsletter

October 2020

From Dr. Haven

Hello, Yá'át'ééh & Hola,

A reminder to parents that the Elementary School will be starting their hybrid learning model for Pre-K through the 5th Grade on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. If you selected your child to attend their school on a part time basis you will need to contact the Elementary School Office for the correct details and information for appearing when school starts. Our Middle and High School students will continue to remain in their remote distance learning mode until we receive the approval date for them to return to the building.

Once again I would like to reassure all of our parents and families that our teachers and staff members have been working hard to prepare their classes for our students to arrival. Their preparation while currently teaching remotely at the same time is to be applauded. It is very challenging for them to teach your child in several different learning environments that they have to undertake. No matter what the circumstances our teachers encounter they will continue to move forward with their lesson plans so that they can continue to offer a quality education for your child during this difficult time in our lives.

In the meantime we hope that this newsletter finds your families and loved ones safe, healthy, strong and tough during these difficult times with this virus. If you have any concerns or questions that you have please contact my office at (575) 854-8013 or email me at ghaven@magschools.us. We are here to help your child with their education. Please do not hesitate and reach out to our schools and staff for assistance with your questions. Let's work together!

Thank you, Ahéhee' & Muchas Gracias,
Dr. Glenn Haven, Superintendent
Be Steer Strong! Steer Healthy! Steer Safe! And Always Steer Tough!

Conversations with Mrs. Clark

Welcome Fall! I hope everyone is enjoying my favorite cottonwood changing colors...you all know where it's at!! If you don't, you haven't lived in Magdalena long enough. I want to take this issue of the October newsletter to formally invite parents to call me, ask questions, reach out to find the best way the Magdalena School can support you. Rebecca Apachito, Brittany Martinez and I decided to do an "Empower Caretakers" workshop at Walter's park but because of the new flare up of COVID-19, we felt it was too risky for the community to create any kind of grouping - so we did it virtually! But that misses all the parents that aren't able to get on zoom! We all have listed our phone numbers and I want to encourage you to reach out to the staff for support. This is hard for every single person! There isn't a family that hasn't been affected, stressed, done things they never thought they would to get their children through this pandemic! Magdalena Schools is very proud of all the students calling in, the hard work in the virtual classrooms and the amazing understanding in all of this craziness. Smell the crisp air, stay home, wear your mask and most of all STAY SAFE!! Steer Strong, Mrs. Clark 575-838-3096

P-EBT UPDATE

Students eligible for free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch at school can get food benefits. This is in addition to their pickup meals from school. These extra food benefits are called Pandemic EBT or P-EBT. The child will get \$5.70 for each weekday that they would have been in school. That is from March 16 through September 30, 2020. The HSD website has information as to how much P-EBT benefits each free and reduced remote student qualified for depending on the school they attend for the months of August and September.

For more information go to the HSD P-EBT Website at <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForAssistance/p-ebt.aspx>

**Elementary School Students
are scheduled to return to in-person
learning via the Hybrid Plan on
Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

Vote New Mexico

October 6, 2020 is the last day to register to vote in the general election. This can be done on the NM Secretary of State website. There are three ways to vote - by absentee ballot, early in person voting and in person on election day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Requests for absentee ballots from the Socorro County Clerk's office will be accepted until 5:00pm on Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

<https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voting-faqs/absentee-voting-by-mail/>

NOTE: All county clerks in New Mexico will provide early in-person voting on Saturday, October 31, 2020.

IT Log

I would speculate each one of us could recall a moment when everyone tried to talk at the same time and someone had to moderate and pass the 'talking stick' as each person allowing each person a time to speak. Wireless like talking uses the airwaves to communicate and when you are all competing for the same waves to connect things may slow down as your wireless connection tries to listen to each device. Mobile phones also share the same air or free-space with all other mobile users on your particular carrier and they too have to share the space and coverage can wax and wane depending on the number of users connecting through a tower. If you have more than one child in school, you have probably noticed how the network tends to bog down when everyone is on their wireless devices at the same time. Wireless and mobile phones are great for mobility but if you are settling in to attend class online maybe you should think about cabling directly into those unused ports in your wireless internet router. You will find if you plug in to the wired port you will have a dedicated connection like a private journal that you can just pour your thoughts in to and not be interrupted or need to share air-time with another user. If you have a lot of devices streaming or connected to the internet, you will find the next time you go to have a video conference with a dedicated wired connection that it may perform better depending on your actual internet service. USB to Ethernet cabled dongles are available if you don't have a cable port on your modern laptop for \$15.