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Magdalena School Newsletter

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Superintendent's News

Happy Fall everyone, with the Labor Day Holiday past, we officially go from summer to fall. Days will get progressively shorter and the air will begin to cool down in the evenings. In addition to the chill in the air, football and volleyball are in full swing. Both teams will challenge for the District Titles and we are sure that both teams will continue the recent run of appearances at State Championship events.

The new year has started off with several changes, some not so pleasant. We lost our long time Board and Superintendent Secretary last month. Paula Costa will be sorely missed. Evanna Cheromiah will be moving from Middle/High School Secretary to the Board/Superintendent Secretary position. Antonette Romero has been hired to replace Evanna as Middle/High Secretary. Leslie Clark is the new Middle/High Assistant Principal and Keri James has assumed the role of K-12 Curriculum Coordinator. Ms. Shannon Mounyo remains as Elementary Head Teacher and Jory Mirabal has taken on as Athletic Director. We have a number of new teachers and assistants at the Middle/High School level and invite you to stop in to meet them.

As announced last spring, the newsletter will be posted electronically, sent by email if requested, or sent in the mail if requested in writing. They will no longer be mass mailed. Contact Evanna in the main office for more information.

We are off to a busy and exciting start. Please check the calendar for important dates and events.

Mike Chambers

Counseling Update

ASVAB tests will be administered on September 18, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. for Juniors and Seniors. Students interested in taking the ASVAB test need to sign up with Mrs. Montoya in the counseling office by September 17, 2014. Senior SBA retakes will be September 22, 2014, through September 25, 2014. Friday, September 19, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. is NMEC College Day at Socorro High School. Seniors interested in attending College Day, need to get a permission form from Mrs. Montoya.

Homecoming

Homecoming week will be September 15-September 19. Come join the Magdalena Steers and show your school spirit!

Homecoming activities:

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Powder Puff Football Game 6:00 p.m.

Bonfire & Complimentary

Hot Dog Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 19, 2014

Homecoming Football Game

Steers vs Ramah 7:00 p.m.

Come support our football team. Show your Steer Pride and community spirit!

Thank you,

Tristen James

Student Council President

Middle/High School

Ya'ah'tee, Bienvenido, Welcome!

Magdalena Schools has started fast and furious. We have hired five new teachers and two new aids. Dr. Peggy Hardman is our new HS history teacher; she comes to us from Socorro Schools. Dr. Janet Cliff, High School English, has extensive experience in education-teaching pre- K, elementary, secondary and university students, is a published poet, and is the author of several published articles. Deb Ingersoll, our local "green girl" who has taught in Alamo and also does consultation work in education, is teaching one greenhouse course and one ninth grade English course. Cynthia Connolly is our new HS science teacher, she has also taught in Alamo and Socorro. De'Ann Luce is our new MS English teacher and she came to us from Socorro schools and also has years of experience in the Portales area. Mary Hunter Leach, Educational Assistant, relocated from Virginia and has taught English previously but chooses to help students in a new capacity as an aide. Sam Ingersoll, Educational Assistant, comes to us from Los Angeles, and his degree is in Media Studies. Carmen Torres is teaching Spanish and helping with administrative duties. I have moved from MS head teacher to Assistant Principal for middle and high school. We have also had many new students enter Magdalena Schools. I am looking forward to helping students in any way possible.

Leslie Clark

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

The Magdalena Schools are slated to implement the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for Free Meal Reimbursement in School Year 2015. Through CEP, a school district, a group of schools or a single school may offer meals at no charge to all students. This eliminates the procedure of distributing and processing meal applications.

The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 includes the implementation of CEP to insure that every student in low-income neighborhoods and/or districts can participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). To qualify, a district or school must have 40 percent or more of its students eligible for free meals based on direct certification.

By participating in CEP and eliminating the need for meal applications, [Insert SFA] will reduce administrative and printing costs. Families also benefit from the elimination of completing and submitting meal applications. CEP is becoming available to the entire country during this School Year 2015.

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