

Magdalena School Newsletter

September 2018

From Dr. Haven

Hola, Hello & Yá'át'ééh,

Well the 2018-2019 school year has finally started and it was really great to see everyone return back for another successful year. It was really nice to see all of the eager young faces enter their schools and the excitement of everyone associated with Magdalena Schools. Our teachers, staff and administrators have worked really hard to prepare their schools, classrooms and academic programs to encourage your child to become the best that they can be academically.

Magdalena Schools recently received their school grades and although we are not quite where we want to be, our staff and administrators are still pleased with the small growth that our schools have made academically. Congratulations to the Middle School for attaining a "C" from a "D" grade. The efforts from all of our teachers to challenge our students to be the best that they can be has paid off. However, there is still room for continuous improvement in all three schools and that is what we will be attempting to achieve this school year. Growth and improvement in the elementary, middle and high schools. Special recognition goes to Mr. Chris Backstrom our Middle School Math Teacher. Mr. Backstrom's students exceeded expected growth in all student groups in math. Thank you Chris for your dedication and commitment to academic excellence here at Magdalena.

A reminder to parents and family members that you are cordially invited to visit our schools and to meet our staff who are associated with your child. Please join us when your schedule permits to talk about how we can improve Magdalena Municipal Schools.

I may be reached at (575) 854-8013 or ghaven@magdalena.k12.nm.us. I wish everyone the best this school year here at Magdalena and let's work together to make Magdalena great again! **Go Steers!**

Gracias, Thank You & Ahéhee'
Dr. Glenn Haven
Superintendent

"School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside."

Conversations with Mrs. Clark

Fall is coming quick. I look forward to football and volleyball games and all the fun activities that go along with it. We have made a couple of changes in the school this year. First we offered the library as a quiet spot in the morning and at lunch every day. There have been a few students who have really enjoyed that. We also have a foyer that was sitting empty that HS will be able to use as a study room. Lastly, a wonderful karaoke was donated by Ann Danielson and students can have access to that as well as set up activities involving karaoke.

Open house will be held Sept 6, 2018 from 4pm – 6pm. This is a time to get to know your child's teachers and see what is happening in their school. It isn't parent teacher conferences, but more of an informal/informational experience. I look forward to seeing you all there. There will be food available for purchase.

I encourage you to check on your child's grades often through Parent Portal (contact Keri James or Renee Baca to enroll) and contact the teacher if you have questions.

If you are still having problems, don't hesitate to contact myself or Jory Mirabal, Asst. Principal.

Our students struggle with vocabulary. Please use the website vocabulary.com or find some online games to encourage your child to learn more vocabulary and as always – the best way to learn more words is to read, read, read!

Yearbook

Parents, Students, and Teachers,
Now is the time to buy your yearbook!!
Order your yearbook **online** and receive a **15% discount**.

Hurry, this offer expires September 30th, 2018.

Use the following link to order:

<https://www.treering.com/1013765923933739>

Questions, contact Barb Martinez in the high school.

Counselor's Corner

Dial-A-Teacher is a friendly and free homework-help service available to students statewide.

Dial 344-3571 in Albuquerque or 1-800-94STUDY statewide!

Dial-A-Teacher is a service for K-12 students, but parents and college students can call as well. Licensed teachers are available to provide homework help

- English or Spanish
- Monday through Thursday
- 5:30-8:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Open House September 6 4-6 pm**
- **PRE-K Begin September 4**
- **JOM Meeting September 19 6 pm**

