

Magdalena School Newsletter

September 2020

From Dr. Haven

Hola, Greetings, & Yá'át'ééh
Well ... we have started the 2020-2021 school year in a completely "new" style and manner of learning that no one has ever experienced or have ever been familiar with before. Teaching our students "virtually" since our schools have officially started on August 10th has been both interesting and a challenge for our teachers, staff members and administrators. Although we are making the appropriate adjustments to this different way of schooling, I would like to reassure our parents and village that we are making every effort to offer a quality education for our students despite the many obstacles that we have in front of us. The District has made the decision to continue to educate our students through the remote learning model until the end of December. Students will not return to the classroom until January 2021.

Due to Magdalena Schools utilizing a remote learning model into December, the District is offering access to the school's internet externally to students in order to complete their school work. Internet connectivity should be available at several exterior locations around the facility. These areas are on the north, west and south sides of our school. Tables will be set up in these areas.

If your child has not received an electronic device please contact the school as soon as possible. We want to make sure that your student has a device in order to continue their education successfully.

We hope that this newsletter finds all of your students and your families safe, healthy and strong during these trying times. If you have any additional questions you may be able to contact me at (575) 854-8013 or send me an email at ghaven@magschools.us. We are here to serve your child so we encourage you to contact us with your concerns.

Dr. Glenn Haven
Superintendent

Conversations with Mrs. Clark

What changes families have seen when school really started on Aug 10! SY 19-20 Q4 school was optional and many students engaged, but many students did not. Now school is mandatory and if the student doesn't get the grade, they face repeating the grade again. Parents and Teachers are all letting me know what a difficult situation it is to learn from home.

So here are some general guidelines, advice and ideas that may make this a little easier for everyone.

- **We have to remember that this is temporary.
- **Set a schedule for your child - depending on their age,
- **take small steps to complete assignments,
- **find ways to motivate your child,
- **google/facebook/tiktok/etc ideas from other parents who are remote learning.
- **Trust the teacher,
- **ask them for advice,
- **check up on your child to make sure they are engaging often.

We are all in new job positions. Parents are now teachers, teachers are now IT specialists with platforms to teach from, sports are one-to-five and aren't allowed to touch equipment. And ALL are learning minute by minute. To succeed in this new frontier you need to have an open mind, a kind heart, an understanding ear and also you have to persevere through the hard stuff and celebrate together! We are STEER STRONG!

Please don't hesitate to reach out and contact Magdalena Staff members or me if you have questions. See our website www.magdalena.k12.nm.us or call me at (575) 838-3096. Thanks, Mrs. Clark

The next Regularly Scheduled School Board Business Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 21, 2020.**

Due to Social Distancing Restrictions, this meeting may be conducted either virtually or face-to-face at 6:00 pm.

The public is welcome to participate. For more information on how to access this monthly meeting, please contact the Main Office.

Child Find

A virtual Child Find developmental screening for three year olds in the Magdalena community will begin in September. We will reach out to families with 3 year olds who were registered for PreK this fall and we will also take appointments from families with 3 year olds who were not registered for PreK in the 20-21 school year. If your child was not registered for preK and you are interested in making an appointment for a free developmental screening, call Jennifer Armstrong at 854-8010.



Attendance

Students need to check in with their home room teacher every school day between 8-10 am. Phone calls, texts and emails are acceptable. If a student does not check in, they will be marked absent for the day. We are mandated by the New Mexico Compulsory Attendance Law as well as the Public Department of Education (PED) to track and report all absences. If you have any further questions or are in need of support, please contact me using the information below.

I'm looking forward to a new and exciting school year ☺
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Important Dates

- September 7 Labor Day Holiday
- September 8 K-5 Students Report (Hybrid format M/W & T/TH)
- September 21 Board Meeting 6pm

