

# The Weekly Warrior

October 30, 2020

## RMSD Update

**Dr. Bickert**  
Superintendent

During every winter season, I hear from students saying how much they anticipate the early morning robocall, announcing either a 2-hour delay or the much hoped-for “snow-day.” This past Monday night while talking with a family in Walmart about the “expected” snow storm, I was again, surprised to hear from a student that “I get up extra early to hear if we’re going to have a snow day.” Only this time, I was adding to the ever-increasing list of things that Covid-19 has changed for the worse, as I informed the student that we no longer have “snow days” but “remote days.” His response was immediate and precious, “I hate coronavirus!” I simply added, “so do I.”

As we continue to make sacrifices and adjustments to our lives during these times, please know that the simple daily habits of wearing a mask, washing of hands often, limiting unnecessary travel and avoiding congregate gatherings, do make a difference in mitigating the spread of the virus. Our ultimate goal is to safely return more of our students to in-person learning when allowed and possible. (More information in opposite column!)

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of Warrior Nation through these trying times. “Don’t Stop Believin” and have a Happy Halloween! *Dr.B.*

P.S.: Make sure your voice is heard by voting! Early voting (at the Horton Complex) ends Saturday, October 31, 2020.

### Congratulations Employees of the Month – September

**SVP – Mr. Goodman**  
**WME – Mr. Ketner**  
**RMS – Ms. Switzer**  
**RHS – Ms. Sena**

### UPCOMING

**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>: End of early voting @ Horton Complex**

**Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Election day - VOTE**

**Mon., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Fri., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Holidays**  
**All schools and central office closed.**  
**No classes (not even remote!)**

## Sharing the Good News!

**SVP:** SVP welcomes Kelly Bowles, who will be serving as a reading coach under the Striving Readers Grant.

**WME Shout Outs:** Thank you to Altrusa for donating over 900 books! WME students were very excited to receive them!



Check out the RHS Facebook page and local cable Channel 15 for more information regarding RHS Student Council’s “Be Kind to your Mind” campaign.

**RMS/RHS Return to School Plans:** This week we had the opportunity to discuss with PED potential return-to-school ideas for middle and high school students. While no return-to-school date has been approved or finalized, it does appear that RMS and RHS will be allowed to have students return in “pods” in a ratio of 4 students to 1 teacher ratio. This is the same system currently being used by the New Mexico Activities Association for athletics and activities. The “pod” system would be a precursor to middle and high school students returning to school in the Blue/Gold hybrid system, currently in use by SVP and WME.

The success of the pod system is predicated on our collective ability, both staff and students, to follow health and safety guidelines in order to mitigate positive cases within our community. This in turn will determine how soon we are given the green light to return in Blue/Gold hybrid, which in turn is a precursor to returning to normal!