

The Weekly Warrior

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RMSD Update

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Superintendent

Under normal circumstances, this week would have marked the end of our first week with students in class. However, we all know that there is no such thing as normal circumstances any more. One of the things that I continue to know is that whatever challenges come our way, we will rise up and meet them head on. Ruidoso Municipal Schools will continue to lead the way in New Mexico in terms of taking care of our students and each other.

Next week will be a whirlwind of challenges, questions and more unknowns as we step into the new world of “remote education.” While it may seem exceptionally daunting, just know that once we start reconnecting with our students, a feeling of a new normal will blossom. “Don’t Stop Believin’” in the positive difference you will immediately make with our students. Let this knowledge override any doubts or worries. Warrior Nation still rocks!

What We Know

Online: Our remote learning model begins Wednesday, August 19, 2020 and it will be a challenge and it will be difficult, but we will reach our students!

Salaries: All District employees will receive a 1.3% salary increase for the 2020-21 school year.

New Vocabulary: “Zoom” and “Hapara” are two new terms that are now regularly used in our daily conversations and discussions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remote Learning begins: August 19th

Pre-K / Special Education students begin returning August 24th

Labor Day Holiday is September 7th

K – 5th students begin returning in Hybrid Sept. 8th

6th – 12th grade students begin returning in Hybrid Oct. 13th

What We Know (continued)

Pre-K/Special Education(K-12) students: Pre-K and Special Education students are scheduled to begin returning to in-person learning on Monday, August 24, 2020.

Food Services: Over 90,000 meals provided since March!

Health Protocols: The protocols that are in place (Thank you to the Public Health and Safety Work Group and our nurses/health assistants) have already proven effective regarding two (2) secondary contact tracing situations. If you have questions surrounding potential/possible exposures, please contact your site supervisor.



What We Don't Know

Future: I know this goes without saying, but we will take things one requirement and one guidance recommendation at a time.

Thank you...

There are so many folks in Warrior Nation who deserve a shout out, but I want to recognize all those who have been working the phone lines reaching out to all our students and families: Chris, Sheri, Andrea, Brigid, Brenda, Kalyn, Alice, Karen, Gen, Dyan, Georgia, Dashina, Betty, Melissa, Heather, Maria, Delaney, Leland, Rose, Irene, Leslie, Maddie, Barbara, Blanca, and Tonia.

Have a great weekend everyone. *Dr. B.*