

# February Newsletter

## A note from administration...

We would like to start this month by sharing our gratitude for the hard work of all of our students and the tremendous support we've seen from their parents. We know that it has been difficult for many students to learn in a virtual setting, but everyone has done such an amazing job adapting and persevering. Additionally, thank you to all of our hard working teachers for going above and beyond for our students. Thank you to everyone for making DATA a wonderful place to learn and grow.



## Important Dates

February 1 - 5: School Spirit Week (check the Dragon Lair for more info)

February 5: Senior Portrait, Baby Photo, and Quote due to Ms. Gena Lawson ([gena.lawson@datacharter.org](mailto:gena.lawson@datacharter.org)) for the yearbook!

February 15: President's Day (no school)

February 16: Professional Development for teachers (no school)

February 18: [APS Virtual School Choice Fair](#) from 5:00 - 7:00 PM

February 20: Last day to [order senior cap & gown](#)

February 23: DATA Virtual Open House from 6:00 - 7:00 PM

March 5: Senior Ad Tributes due to Ms. Gena Lawson ([gena.lawson@datacharter.org](mailto:gena.lawson@datacharter.org))



## YOUTH CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

Youth Celebrate Diversity is dedicated to educating and empowering youth in order to advance inclusion and equity for all. Join them for the 3rd annual New Mexico Diversity Conference for Youth! Students (ages 11 and above) will have the opportunity to hear from [keynote speakers](#); engage in dialogue with teens from across the state; and attend two [workshops](#) of their choice. Registration deadline is Monday, February 15, 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's conference will be taking place virtually over Saturday and Sunday, February 20-21, 2021. Any interested teen is welcome to register on the YCD website for the event; no registration code is required. [Click here](#) to select your workshops and register for the event.

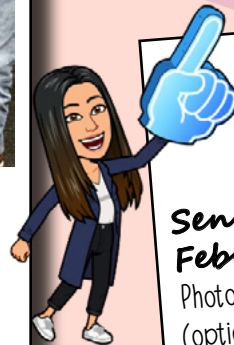


## IMPORTANT Yearbook Announcements

**Senior Yearbook Deadline is February 5.** Please submit your Senior Photo, a baby photo (optional) and a senior quote (optional, no more than 140 characters). Please do not miss this deadline. If you miss, you may not appear in the book.

**Senior Parents:** Want to submit a Parent Ad to be featured in the yearbook? We offer Full page, half page, 1/4 page, 1/8 page and love line options for various prices. Go to <https://adstore.shopyearbook.com/9138530> to submit your ad today. These are due no later than March 5, 2021.

Students in grades 8-11. **If you have not submitted your photo for the yearbook, you may not appear.** We cannot find a photo of you for you. Please [send your photo](#) to your advisor to be submitted to the yearbook if you haven't submitted it already.



## PLEASE SUPPORT OR JOIN DATA'S

# International Club Mediterranean Adventure

We are putting everything in place to safely travel and say Buon viaggio! June 11 - 21, 2022 International Club travelers will be embarking on a historical tour of Italy, Greece and the Aegean sea. This once in a lifetime trip will tour important historical sites in Florence, Rome, Athens and so much more. Our students traveling are actively looking for sponsors who have the same passion for travel, culture and the education you can only get by experiencing the world for yourself. If you can't join us, but would like to support our travelers, please consider a donation to our GOFUNDME trip fundraiser at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/data-high-school-italian-adventure>. Students, their families, and friends from other schools can join the club adventure. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Zoncki, the DATA Club sponsor and trip director, at [steven.zoncki@datacharter.org](mailto:steven.zoncki@datacharter.org). If you'd like more details about the trip, you can find them at: [www.explorica.com/zoncki-9626](http://www.explorica.com/zoncki-9626).



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## Grab and Go Meals

Families can pick up

- o 2 breakfasts & 2 lunches on Mondays and Wednesdays
  - o 3 breakfasts & 3 lunches on Fridays
- at any APS elementary school as well as Manzano, Rio Grande, and West Mesa high schools.

Guidelines for Families:

1. Pick-up Requirements: Please wear a mask, practice social distancing, and have your car trunk open.
2. Grab and Go meals are available to anyone 18 years of age and under
3. Students do not need to be present, but they are always welcomed.
4. APS requests that you do not bring animals to the Grab and Go sites, including in your cars.

[Click here](#) for more information.



## Coffee with the DATA Administrators

Would you like to participate in an informal coffee hour with our DATA Administrators? As you know, DATA values input and discussions with our families and our administrators would love to start the day enjoying coffee with you! We plan to have an hour-long, virtual coffee hangout the first Friday of every month. Can't stay the entire hour? No problem! Stop in to say hi, let us know what's on your mind, then leave whenever you need to.

[Click here](#) to let us know if you're interested and which time works best for you. We look forward to chatting and getting to know you better!



## Lunch Open Studio

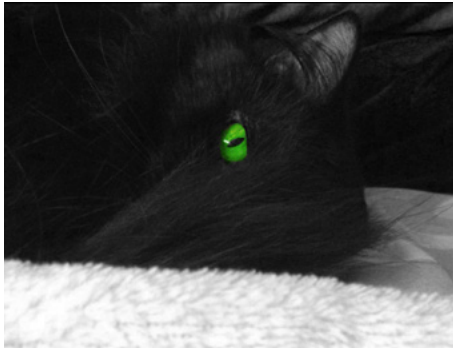
DATA's 8th and 9th grade counselor, Ms. Guilbert, hosts a lunch hour open studio every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 - 11:50 AM in the Dragon Lair. Any student can attend by joining the voice channel or engaging in the text channel. Ms. Guilbert will be posting themes, projects, and ideas with the hope that after a few weeks the projects will be student-driven (although everyone is also welcome to work on their own art/craft project). The idea is to build community and have a space to share & create.





## Student Spotlight

Ms. Lawson's Graphic Design classes have been busy using Photoshop to create incredible works of art! Here's a glimpse at some of their work:



Isabelle Apodaca demonstrated her photo editing skills with this beautiful cat by highlighting the vibrant color of its eye and the texture of its soft fur.



Aaron Olona used his layer styles and blending modes in this creative image.



Alex Fuchs used a gradient fill for this beautiful sunset-like background and applied an outer glow to the bird, an object he put into the design.

The students were also challenged to create a realistic animal morph using Photoshop and images of two animals of their choice for their fall final projects. Students needed to retain some elements of each animal's texture of fur, feathers, scales, etc.. Here are a few samples of their creative morphs:



Alan Johnson created a "haradillo", a unique hybrid of a hare and an armadillo.



Gummi Tafoya created a "catouse", a hybrid of the classic cat and mouse duo.



Samantha deSaulles created a "pengooster", an out-of-the-box hybrid of a penguin and rooster.

## Roadrunner Drivers Education

Virtual Classes!

Classes begin February 15<sup>th</sup>!

Cost: \$325

56 Hour course includes 6 hours of DWI Prevention, Risk Management Techniques, Vehicle Operation, Traffic Control, and much more.

Discounts Available! [RoadrunnerDriversEducation@gmail.com](mailto:RoadrunnerDriversEducation@gmail.com)  
[www.RoadRunnerDE.com](http://www.RoadRunnerDE.com)

(575) 737 - 8819

Payment Plans Available!

This class is setup to facilitate busy schedules. If you participate in sports, clubs or have a job, we work around your schedule.



## DATA Virtual Open House Event

Do you know someone that is interested in attending DATA next school year? Invite them to our **Virtual Open House event on Tuesday, February 23rd from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.** DATA administrators and teachers will be present to answer questions about our school and the classes we offer.

This event will be held via Zoom and a link to the event will be made available to the public on our website <http://datacharter.org/>.

If participants are unable to attend the Virtual Open House, our school will also have information available at the **APS Virtual School Choice Fair on Thursday, February 18th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.**