

December Newsletter 2021

Important Dates

Monday, December 12 - Thursday, December 16:
Final Exams

Monday, December 20 through
Friday, December 31:
Winter Break (no school)

Monday, January 3:
In-service(no school)

Tuesday, January 4:
First day of Q3 (class periods 1-7)

Friday, January 7:
Final first semester grades available in Tyler
MAP testing (grades 7-11)

Monday, January 17:
MLK Day (no school)



A note from administration...

As we wrap up the first semester of classes, it is imperative that parents and students keep up to date with grades and ensure all assignments are turned in with enough time for their teacher(s) to provide feedback and additional support as needed. Please continue to check [Tyler](#) on a regular basis and email your child's teacher(s) or advisor if you have any questions or concerns. Also keep in mind that all teachers have scheduled flex time every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 - 8:40 am for individualized student support. You can also [email your child's teacher\(s\)](#) to schedule time on the work-at-home Friday for additional support, either at school or virtually!

Final Exam Schedule

Monday, December 13:

8:10 - 9:20 1st period Final Exam/Project
9:30 - 10:40 2nd period Final Exam/Project
10:50 - 12:00 3rd period Final Exam/Project

Tuesday, December 14:

8:10 - 9:20 4th period Final Exam/Project
9:30 - 10:40 5th period Final Exam/Project
10:50 - 12:00 6th period Final Exam/Project

Wednesday, December 15:

8:10 - 9:20 7th Period Final Exam/Project

Thursday, December 16:

Make-Up Day for students that missed their scheduled exam

Schedule Updates

Starting next semester, work from home Fridays will be moved to **work from home Mondays**. This is to accommodate the Monday holidays to ensure we still have four days of instructional time as much as possible.

Immersives had previously been set for the first week in January. These have been moved to the week before spring break to accommodate for planning.

Community Events



Westside Artist Workshop

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Time: 1:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: Central & Unser Community Meeting Room

Join us every Wednesday to learn and share skills in fiber arts, spinning, sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, beading, drawing, embroidery, doll making, needle felting, punch quilting, cross stitch, and gourd design. All skill levels welcome - Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Read to the Dogs

Date: Saturday, December 18, 2021

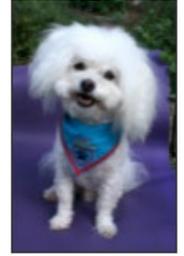
Time: 11:00am - 12:30pm

Location: Ernie Pyle Library

Children of all ages and reading levels can practice reading out loud without fear of judgement to our registered therapy dog. It's a great way for children to gain confidence in their reading.

Learn how to read a-loud to these trained therapy dogs and enjoy the listening ear of a canine in a comfortable environment with our special Read to the Dogs program.

Note: This program is volunteer-based and may be subject to cancellation on short notice, depending on weather and other factors.



Explora's Winter 2021 School's Out Camps

Explora's Winter 2021 School's Out camps are now open for [registration!](#)

Each of these camps is a multi-age collaborative camp experience; Half-day, 9:00-12:00 or 1:00-4:00, \$45 for members/\$50 non-members

Explora offers a variety of Winter programs that provide STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) engagement and enrichment. Explora offers unique investigations for a range of grade levels, in order to keep imaginations and brain cells active with STEAM!

Financial assistance is available for all programs, on request. We don't want anyone to miss out on Explora programs. Please email reservations@explora.us for more information.

In-person classes will meet all CDC and CYFD guidelines, with small numbers of campers per classroom. All campers and staff must wear masks and pass a daily COVID-19 screening.

Call the Explora Reservations line (505) 600-6734 for more information.

Wednesday, December 22

Puzzles and Patterns

Grades 4th-8th (9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm)

Solve puzzles and discover patterns as we explore how math, science, art, and fun intersect.

Wednesday, December 29

Science Fun at the Carnival

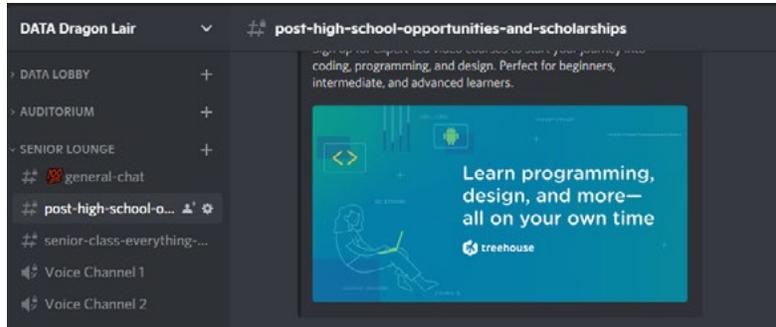
Grades 4th-8th (9am - 12pm or 1pm-4pm)

Explore the science behind carnival attractions, including balloon games, roller coasters, balancing acts, and more.

Post-Secondary Opportunities

College Opportunities and Scholarships

Did you know that we have a channel in the Dragon Lair for seniors to stay up to date with scholarship opportunities? Here's where you can find it:



We also share admissions information for various colleges (both in-state and out-of-state) and job training programs!

No matter what your post-secondary plans are, you can find something helpful in this channel.

Also keep in mind that senior advisors and our counselors are here to help students prepare for life after high school!

Young Minds Mentoring Initiative (YMMI)

YMMI provides one on one mentoring services to youth 16-18 years of age in Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia, and Tarrant counties.

YMMI focuses on Academic Success, Health & Wellness and Life Skills. Participants, who are involved in work experience, are paired with mentors who help them with soft and foundational skills, healthy lifestyle choices, education and workforce development, entrepreneurial skills and post-secondary transitional activities (FAFSA, Career Explorations, College Applications).

Mentors will engage mentees in college preparation and utilize Individual Mentoring Plans to help mentees set goals for their future career paths.



UNM FAFSA WORKSHOPS

UNM's Office of Financial Aid will be hosting virtual FAFSA Workshops every Tuesday & Thursday through December 16.

The workshops are free and open to anyone to attend. We want to help your students understand the FAFSA and complete their FAFSA application.

If you have questions, please email Ms. Reeder at kristin.reeder@datacharter.org!

A promotional graphic for UNM FAFSA Workshops. It has a red background with white text. At the top is the UNM logo and 'THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO'. Below that, in large white letters, is 'UNM FAFSA WORKSHOPS'. Underneath, it says 'JOIN US VIRTUALLY TO COMPLETE YOUR 2022 - 2023 FAFSA' followed by 'OCTOBER 5 - DECEMBER 16' and 'EVERY TUESDAY 3 PM - 5 PM MST' and 'EVERY THURSDAY 5 PM - 7 PM MST'. At the bottom, on a teal background, it says 'FINANCIAL AID PROFESSIONALS ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU' and 'GOTO.UNM.EDU/FAFSAWORKSHOPS' in white text.

Student Spotlight



Mrs. Wilson's 8th grade science classes worked on a solar system project that taught them about scale in size and distance.

Each of the planets was scaled in reference to each other. Then the students created a visual representation of the planets and had to come up with another scale to demonstrate the distance between each planet and the sun in our solar system.

The bottom two pictures show their final projects in our hallways. Nice work, 8th graders!



The soccer season has ended and basketball has started up. We are sad to announce that we didn't have enough girls sign up this year, so we weren't able to create a girl's basketball team. Hopefully we can work on recruiting a bit more next year.

Our boy's basketball team, however, started their season on November 18th have been working hard during practice and their games. You can find the game schedule on the main page of our website (just scroll down).



Need Gift Ideas for the Holidays?

Check out nowprints.com/data for all of your school needs (i.e. backpacks, masks, sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc.). You can even request customized shirts with your name, jersey number, etc.! Just submit your request on the website before you purchase the item! A customized invoice will be emailed to you so that you can complete your order.



A percentage of sales help fund our athletic department!

Weekly Food Distribution!

All of us need help sometimes. Do you need help with food? Roadrunner® Food Bank of New Mexico is here to help.

Please use our food assistance line or [online food finder](#) to receive help from Roadrunner Food Bank and their network of member partners across New Mexico. As the state's largest food bank, they serve as a distribution center and provide food to about 500 partner agencies across the state, which includes food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, schools, senior sites and even healthcare clinic. There is help available in your community.



Thank You for Your Donations!

DATA's Equity Council would like to extend a HUGE thanks to all of the families that were able to donate to the Thanksgiving Gift Card fund this year! With your help, we raised over \$1,000 to help our DATA Families!

GRATEFUL

We couldn't have done this without you, so thank you very much for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



Winter Donation Drive



SUPPORTING TRGCNM

Thrift-A-Lot accepts pretty much all donations. This includes clothing, shoes, furniture, kitchenware, books, CDs, electronics, pet supplies, toys and games, tools, lamps, artwork, and anything else you no longer need that someone else can use.

The DATA Spectrum Alliance is currently accepting items for donation to the Transgender Resource Center Store - Thrift-a-lot.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT DONATIONS ARE NOT NECESSARILY NEW OR IN THE BEST CONDITION. PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS THAT ARE NO LONGER USABLE.

Accepting Donations:
Monday, Dec. 6 - Weds. Dec. 13



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