

February NEWSLETTER

A note from administration...

Hello DATA Families!

We appreciate your continued patience, dedication, and support this school year. Though this year has been difficult in many ways, we have found so much to celebrate in terms of student creativity, growth, and connection. We are so glad we continue to be face to face (most of the time) and look forward to continued educational experiences with our students. We have a lot of fun field trips planned this semester and also will be doing two separate weeks of immersive activities with the students. We will let you know what the choices are for these soon!

As well, we have started the lottery process for next fall and will be hosting an in person Open House for prospective students and families on February 16th 5:30-7:00. We have emailed a flyer and ask that you share this with family and friends, on your social media, and in your workplace if you can. We always appreciate your support! We are also planning to have an Open House for our current families sometime in March and will keep you posted.

Updated Covid Protocols

With all of the frequent changes to covid-safe protocols, we wanted to share a couple of resources you could utilize to find the most up-to-date protocols within schools and around the state.

For schools:

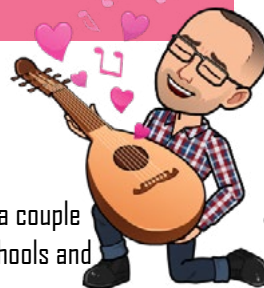
You can find the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) past and current Response Toolkit for Public Schools on their website at <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/back-to-school-guidance/>. These are the guidelines NM schools follow regarding COVID-safe protocols and procedures.

New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH):

You can find COVID-19 updates on the NMDOH website here: <https://www.nmhealth.org/>. This website includes a variety of resources related to health, not just COVID.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

You can find more general guidelines and resources on the CDC website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>. Please keep in mind that the protocols and guidelines on this website may vary from the ones that schools are required to follow. Please refer to the NMPED Response Toolkit for Public Schools (above) for specifics regarding schools.



Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, February 9** - NWEA MAP Assessment for grades 7 through 9
- **Thursday, February 10**
 - NWEA MAP Assessment for grades 7 through 9
 - Boys Basketball: Data Vs HL at CCA at 4:30 PM
- **Friday, February 11**
 - Fund Your Future FAFSA Workshop @ 12:05 pm
 - Vaccination Clinic at DATA from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- **Tuesday, February 15**
 - Fund Your Future FAFSA Workshop @ 12:05 pm
 - Boys Basketball DATA vs SAMS @ SAMS at 5:00 pm
 - Girls Varsity Volleyball vs RFK at 4pm
- **Wednesday, February 16**
 - NWEA MAP Assessment for grades 10 and 11
 - DATA Open House (for prospective students/families)
- **Thursday, February 17**
 - NWEA MAP Assessment for grades 10 and 11
 - Boys Basketball DATA vs SWL @ SWL at 6:00 pm
- **Monday, February 21** - Presidents' Day (no school for students or staff)
- **Tuesday, February 22** - Professional Development (no school for students)
- **Wednesday, February 23** - Parent Teacher Conferences. Students attend conferences with their parent(s); no regular classes
- **Thursday, February 24** - Boys Basketball DATA vs El Camino @ Calvary Christian Academy at 5:30 pm

Vaccination Clinic

Charter School Nursing Services (CSNS) has organized a vaccination clinic to be held at DATA Friday, February 11th from 8:00-12:00 for all students, faculty and families of DATA. In collaboration with Charter School Nursing Services, DATA will be offering the Flu Vaccine, COVID-19 Vaccine (for persons 5 years and older) and the COVID-19 Booster (criteria include persons 12 and older).

In preparation for the clinic, the CSNS is asking for specific information and the number of vaccines to bring. Please take 1-2 minutes to fill out the survey if you are interested in coming to DATA for your vaccination and let us know which vaccine(s) you will need.

NOTE: Only those wishing to be vaccinated will need to complete this survey. The CSNS is able to vaccinate children without their parents present provided the parent has signed the child's consent form ahead of time. I will send that form as the vaccination clinic date draws near.
<https://forms.gle/nr5DX9fswKxf4hKWA>



Thank you!

DATA Parent Night

DATA would like to welcome students and their families to an in-person Parent Night event taking place on campus next month! The UNM LGBTQ Resource Center will be joining us at DATA Charter School on Thursday, March 3rd for an informative, and interactive discussion on how we, the DATA community, can be more open and inclusive for our LGBTQ community.

The University of New Mexico is committed to being an equitable and diverse climate on campus. The LGBTQ Resource Center has worked with entities such the Office of Equal Opportunity, the UNM Policy Office, and others to create policy and procedure to ensure that Trans and Gender Non-Conforming students have equitable access to education, teaching, and employment on campus.



Interested in Volunteering?

DATA is always welcome to having parent/family/community volunteers for school-wide events, field trips, contribution to our Equity Council, and so much more! If you are interested in volunteering, you can fill out the [Parent Volunteer Google Form](#), or print out a [physical copy](#) and return it to the school in person.

If you are a family member, parent, or community member who might be undocumented, and you wish to volunteer, please contact APS Applicant Processing by phone at (505) 889-4820 or by email at aprequest@aps.edu for more information.

Developing Student Self-Awareness

It is important to understand that school is not the only place that learning and understanding ones self takes place. With that being said, we would like to share some resources that can be utilized by parents and students at home too! The Passion First Mindset teaches us that we are all unique expressions of human existence. It's vital to find out what our individual strengths and talents are so that we might connect them with our goals and visions for the future. In this mindset, we work with students to understand their unique gifts, their skills and strengths, and how to share them with the world to the maximum extent possible. Not only will they explore their interests, they will begin to identify their core values and what they stand for. The next step is helping them learn how to make their dreams into reality, tapping into both the courage and perseverance needed to overcome any challenges they encounter in pursuit of the lives they desire.



We encourage you to read through the [Passion First Parent Newsletter](#) and dive into some of the activities that will help both you and your child identify strengths, interests, and core values!

High School Student Robotics Opportunity

The Manzano Teen Tech Center/Community Robotics Shop is recruiting high school students (public, charter, private or home school), to join its community FIRST Robotics Competition team. Students will construct a 4-50 tall robot weighing up to 150 lbs. and compete in matches involving six robots. Students work with adult mentors to design, build and program their robots. Contact Christi to sign up a student.



Questions to Christi Forsythe
ccforsy@sandia.gov / 505-410-6215.

ASVAB Testing

Are you possibly interested in a military career? If there's a slight chance that you are, you should sign up for the ASVAB test taking place Wednesday, February 9th. There are limited slots available, so reach out to Ms. Reeder asap. There's a few different practice tests online so you can get an idea of what it looks like: <https://asvab-prep.com/>

It's also good to sign up for extra tests like this if you occasionally get test anxiety, just for the practice ! Good luck!

Student Spotlight

Ms. Lawson's Q2 Freshmen got their creative juices flowing by creating India Ink Monster Characters. Students used India ink and created a pattern using a straw or air duster to splatter the ink across the page. Then using a pencil, oil pastels, markers, and colored pencils, created a character from the form that had ben improvised. Here are some samples of their work:



Fund Your Future Workshop

DATA is partnering with the NM Educational Assistance Foundation to host two upcoming workshops for seniors and parents.

February 11th during Advisory we will be streaming the live presentation for students. Parents may attend as well.

On February 15th the presentation and FAFSA workshop will be at 6pm. Students and parents will have an opportunity to have all their financial aid questions answered by an expert, complete the FAFSA to qualify for federal grants, and learn about additional scholarships.

These are the only FAFSA events that DATA is hosting this year, so if you are considering attending college, please be sure to attend!

SAVE THE DATE!

FUND YOUR FUTURE FAFSA
NMFAFSA.ORG

Tuesday, February 15
Time: 6pm

GUEST SPEAKER
Mia Candelaria
NM Higher Ed Dept. (State Programs)

Virtual Financial Aid Presentation
Go to: <https://www.nmeaf.org/fafsa-fund-your-future>
Click on ZOOM Link

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