Digital Arts & Technology Academy

# May Newsletter

## a note from Ms. Myhre...

Families and students of DATA.

I have worked at DATA for 15 years and this is my first as the Director. I have always been so very proud of the caliber of our teachers, the dedication of our staff, and the wonderful families and students who have chosen DATA. This last year and a half of virtual learning has only solidified my belief that we as a community, can overcome whatever obstacles come our way and still continue to move forward and advance in our practices, support, communication, and collaboration.

We celebrate the resilience of our community, our students, and our teachers because in the face of adversity we did not stop. We all adapted, made changes, adjusted schedules, and did what we all needed to do to continue living, achieving and growing. We have already begun looking towards how we can stay true to who we are as DATA as we develop educational goals and experiences for our students next year. We will offer options and adapt to the needs of our community, but know we are expecting to open full in person on August 9th with our students, and we will offer options for families who may still need a virtual component to their student's education.

I love what I do, who I work with and the families and students who are a part of our community. We as DATA will always reflect on our practices to ensure they are equitable, address social justice and create an accepting and supportive environment for each and every one of our students and families.

Thank you for extending your trust to us, for allowing us to work with you, your student, and believing in what we can achieve as a collaborative community.

## Albertsons Teen Vaccine Events

Albertsons Market Pharmacy is offering FREE COVID shots to students aged 16 years and older. Three events will be held at Tingley Coliseum during the first week of May. Parents need not be present as long as they have signed the <a href="Informed Consent Form">Informed Consent Form</a>. Please come and receive your Pfizer vaccine before the end of the school year.

- Wednesday May 5 from 2pm to 7pm
- Friday May 7 from 2pm to 7pm
- Saturday May 8 from 9am to 2pm

Questions? Please contact Uri Bassan RPh at 917rx@albertsons.us or (505) 417-9990

Thank you and let's all Stay Safe this summer!



## Important Dates

- o May 7: Last day for seniors to turn in work
- o May 7: Coffee with Administrators 7:30-8:30 am
- o May 12: Senior Day (9:00 am 12:00 pm)
- o May 15: Graduation
- o May 25 28: Final Exams
- o May 31: Memorial Day (no school)
- o June 1 7: Immersives Week
- June 4: Coffee with Administrators 7:30-8:30 am
- o June 7: Last day of school

## Student Opportunity to Learn Survey

From May 3, 2021 through May 21, 2021, PED will open the Opportunity to Learn (OTL) survey for all students and educators in the state. The goal of the OTL survey has shifted this year given the unique challenges faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Survey questions focus on the virtual and in-person school environment experienced by students and educators, student access to technology and internet connectivity, and perceptions about the amount of learning that occurred. OTL survey administration is required as part of the School Support and Accountability Act and serves as one of PED's primary methods of systemically gathering data on learning opportunities for students and educators. The survey is available to all students in third through twelfth grades and any educators that provided virtual, hybrid, or in-person instruction this year.

This year's version of the OTL survey is web-based, so students and educators can take it anywhere they have an internet connection. The survey is available in English or Spanish for students and is anonymous, with no log in required. Students may access the OTL survey by visiting <a href="https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/163483/p2815">https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/163483/p2815</a>

We thank you in advance for taking time to give DATA feedback regarding your educational experience this school year!

## Hobie Fleet 48 T-Shirt Design Competition

Ms. Lawson's Graphic Design classes were approached to design a t-shirt for the Hobie Fleet 48 sailing group's 2021 Memorial Day Regatta

event, and DATA is proud to announce that one of our students was chosen as this year's winner of the design competition! After much debate and amazing options, the Hobie Fleet 48 has chosen Rikki Payne to be this year's winner. Rikki is receiving the shirt professional printed and the group is giving her a monetary prize as well!

The runner-up this year is Alex Fuchs. Alex will be receiving a gift card.

Third place was a tie between Ollie Nore and Mariposa Wheat.

The students worked very hard on their designs and and this experience is something they can put on job resumes and college applications for working with the community.



Rikki Payne



Alex Fuchs



Mariposa Wheat



Ollie Nore

## Social and Emotional Learning

The teachers at DATA have conciously approached their instruction this school year with a strong emphasis on social and emotional learning (SEL) because we understand that this approach affects the lives of students, teachers, and families in meaningful ways that improve relationships. SEL doesn't happen overnight, but building resilient children and teens can happen with practice. If you are interested in practicing SEL skills at home to help reinforce the concepts that are being taught at school, please check out some of the free resources provided to families by the Allstate Foundation:

#### For Younger Students (PK - Grade 4):

- Build SEL Skills Whenever You Spend Time with Your Kids
- Storytelling to Help Kids (and Grown-Ups!) Stand Up Against Racism
- This Free Mindfulness App for Families Helps Manage Big Emotions

#### For Older Students (Grade 5 - 12):

- Free Parent Guide: How to Help Teens Build Life Skills for Success
- Help Teens Build Resiliency by Creating a Bullet Journal
- Free 4-H Activities So You Can Stop Hearing, "I'm Bored!"





#### **Hey Students!**

Are you a high school student interested in getting paid to build workplace skills and explore career paths this summer?

AFRL NM
Career STREAM
is the opportunity

is the opportunity for you!

The ideal
apprentice shows
creative thinking & motivation
but may not have
access to opportunities
to explore STEM content
& careers.

Do you like to tinker, fix things, cook, or do other activities that require you to solve problems?

## What is Career STREAM?

A paid summer apprenticeship where you work with college mentors and other apprentices to solve problems in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

Along the way, you will learn skills to help you succeed in any career you choose.

#### Adult Advocates

Do you know a student who has shown innovative ways to solve problems in or out of the classroom?

- Reach out to those students and encourage them to apply
- · Offer to be a reference on their application form
- · Help students put together a pitch, if they are asked to create one

## AFRL Paid Apprenticeship

AFRL NM is now recruiting high school juniors and seniors to apply for their Career STREAM apprenticeship program.

Visit their website for more information and a link to the application form: <a href="https://afrlnm.com/stem/internship-opportunities/#career-stream">https://afrlnm.com/stem/internship-opportunities/#career-stream</a>!



## Student Immersives

It's almost time to register for DATA's End of Year Immersives!

#### What are Immersives?

- Immersives are experiences designed by your teachers to take a deep dive into a topic (or topics) that interest you.
- These are intended to be fun and low-risk. They are not graded.
- There will be a morning session (from 9-11am) and an afternoon session (from 12-2pm).
  - Students will pick an immersive for the morning and a different immersive for the afternoon
  - Immersives will meet June 2-7

Now that we are able to offer in-person school, we are excited to offer more in-person immersive opportunities to students as well! Click the image for a glimpse at the in-person fishing immersive Mr. Rose facilitated in March!



Be sure to attend advisory every Wednesday this month so that you don't miss out on the online immersive registration!

### Teen Vaccination Information

Were you aware that your student age 16 or older is currently eligible for a potentially life-saving COVID-19 vaccine?

Effective April 5, the New Mexico Department of Health expanded eligibility to every New Mexican 16 and older, which is Phase 2 of the state's phased vaccine rollout plan.

GETTHE SHOT

16- to 18-year-olds are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

REGISTER AT VACCINENM.ORG

That means almost 1.7 million New Mexicans are now eligible; however, only about 800,000 have taken the first step by registering to receive a vaccine through <u>vaccinenm.org</u>, and only 18,000 of those are 16- to 18-year-olds.

This matters. Like younger children, teens can suffer a rare but deadly side effect from the virus. And teens whose symptoms are mild could infect their loved ones without knowing. Finally, getting everyone eligible vaccinated will help us reach herd immunity and end this pandemic.

Please: Register your 16- to 18-year-old now. Go to vaccinenm.org to create a profile. Once that is complete, you will receive a confirmation code that will allow your student to accept a vaccine invitation when one becomes available.

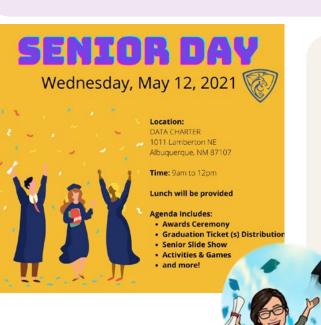
We want all our eligible students to be ready to roll up their sleeves and get this protection as soon as possible.

NEW MEXICO NMDOH

Thank you for helping get New Mexico vaccinated.

NMDOH Parental Consent Form for COVID-19

Administration



GRADUATION GEREMONY Saturday, May 15, 2021

Guests may arrive as early as 11:15 and each guest (except babies) must have a ticket to be admitted. Each senior will receive 7 tickets that will be administered at the Senior Day event or available for pickup at DATA during regular school hours (9am-3pm) on Thursday, May 13 and Friday, May 14.

Please take as few cars as possible to allow for optimal parking space. Entrance

into the Amphitheater is limited to two entrance points labeled "Ticketed Entrance" on the attached map. Families and friends should NOT enter into the amphitheater through the "student only entrance".

Guest seating will be in an uncovered grass area in front of the concrete stage, so please plan to bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on. People in the same family do not need to social distance, but there should be 6 feet between families on the grass.

DATA has rented a large, mobile "port-a-potty", since the Veteran's Memorial is not allowed to open restrooms at this time. Its location is shown on the map (left).

Please keep in mind that masks must be worn at all times during this event. For additional details regarding policies or logistics, click here!