

# Magdalena School Newsletter

## January 2022

### From Dr. Haven

Baa Hózhóogo Nee Nínáadoohah & Feliz Navidad,

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and restful Winter Break and your student is rejuvenated and raring to go as we move forward to complete the rest of this school year. We know that our teachers and support staff are ready to continue to provide the best learning environment that we can. Let's work together to support your child to succeed academically.

We invite you to visit any of our schools to see the great teaching that your child is receiving and the many student focused activities that we currently provide for your child. My office is always open to listen to your thoughts and ideas on how we can continually improve Magdalena Municipal Schools. You may reach me at (575) 854-8013 or my email which is [ghaven@magschools.us](mailto:ghaven@magschools.us).

**Steer Pride!**  
*Always remember ... That We Are Steer Tough! And Still Steer Strong!*

Ahéhee', Gracias, & Thank you!  
Dr. Glenn Haven,  
Superintendent

The Magdalena Municipal School Board  
Will hold their  
Regular Business Meeting  
**Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 6:00 pm**  
in the  
Library

If you would like to make a public comment, please contact Evanna Cheromiah at 575-854-8045.

Members of the Public will also be able to attend via Facebook Live.

### Conversations with Mrs. Clark

Happy January. I hope that you are ready for a new semester and that we are focused and ready to go. Rules have been hard to follow for the last few months. Mag schools has had so many distractions and difficulties that the year just seems overwhelming. During one of the most trying times, I received some true advice, "When things are hard, try to keep the normal things in life normal!" This made perfect sense at a time when my mind was spinning. I think it has been helpful for the students as well. Whereas we all need a little extra support sometimes, getting that reminder to keep your day normal helps so much. Let's keep playing and learning and doing our best so that our days are peaceful and joyful.

Mrs. Clark,  
Middle & High School Secretary

### Declaration

Second graders Jaxen Harding and Rocky Pettis, along with third grader Alyssa Stecz represented Magdalena Elementary School at the Socorro County Declamation Contest on December 8th at Sarracino Middle School. Jaxen recited Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons and brought back a 1st Place trophy in the Humorous Prose category. Rocky presented The Carrot Seed, and Alyssa presented Sandwich Sister. They did a great job and hopefully next year will attract more participants.

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!  
**Attendance Matters!**  
Students with good attendance...

<b>Elementary</b> ...increase reading, math and foundational skills.	<b>Middle School</b> ...develop meaningful relationships and communication skills.	<b>High School</b> ...gain essential life skills needed beyond graduation.	<b>College/Work</b> ...are successful at their jobs and/or earn degrees.
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Students at all levels experience less stress with good attendance!

### Thank You

The Staff and Students of Magdalena Schools would like to take this opportunity to thank the community, neighboring communities, and School Districts around New Mexico for the love and support extended to us during a very difficult time. We are truly grateful.

### History Corner

One hundred and fifty-nine years ago, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. While the proclamation did not immediately free the enslaved, it coalesced the sentiments of many that the Civil War was a war for freedom. Lincoln declared, "I never, in my life, felt more certain that I was doing right, than I do in signing this paper." "If my name ever goes into history it will be for this act, and my whole soul is in it." The Emancipation Proclamation is considered one of the most important documents in American history.

### Text Messaging Service

Magdalena Schools utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages straight to your mobile phone with important information about school delays, closings, safety alerts and more. Please sign up with your school secretary!

Initial text will come from 675-87, you will have to reply "Y" or "Yes" to the initial text or you will not receive the correspondence from MMSD. If you have previously replied "No" to 675-87, and would like to receive our school text alerts please text "Y" to 675-87.

If automated text messages are blocked on your phone or plan, please contact your wireless carrier.

You can also access delays, closures, and other important information by checking our schools Facebook Page (Magdalena Municipal School District) and by going to our schools website [www.magschools.us](http://www.magschools.us).

### Important Dates

- Monday, Jan. 17-No School MLK Holiday
- Tuesday, Jan. 18- School Board Meeting
- Thursday, Jan. 20-District Spelling Bee
- Thursday, Jan. 27-County Spelling Bee