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Happy New Year to all of our Division of Early Childhood parents, students and staff. As we begin the New Year there are new goals and expectations that we will be implementing.

Attendance for students and staff are the biggest part of growing and learning. Everyone needs to be present in order to move the DEC program forward. When students are ill (please keep them home), their teacher will work with you to make sure students are given any work that is needed.

When we came back, all of the staff attended training on Social and Emotional learning, they were given new skills that could be implemented in the classroom on the first day back with students. The importance of training is, as the world changes, we want to make sure that your child/children are given the skills that are needed to adapt in any setting.

As students come back we are continuing to make sure that all students are given the foundational skills that are required in all Head Start Programs. We all will be in the classrooms more modeling more instructional strategies for growth to all students.

Parents please check the DEC website as there is a survey that needs to be completed. This will help us for upcoming training/book studies and parent classes that will take place. The goal is to work with parents and provide learning opportunities and discussion with other parents with in the Laguna community.

Sincerely

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Upcoming Events

- **1.8** Children return to school
- **1.16** 9:30 am Policy Council Meeting
- **1.19** Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
*NO SCHOOL
- **1.21** 5:00 pm LDoE School Board Meeting
- **1.28** Nutrition Activity

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



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We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Miss Tiffany Touchin, DEC Family Services Provider, on receiving an internship to continue moving forward in efforts to pursue her Masters Degree.

We are equally saddened that this means she will be leaving the DEC family. We would like to thank her for her years of service with DEC to include but not limited to being a teacher, driving the bus, parent engagement activities, staff cross-training and all the many relationships built with parents, families, staff and the community. She will be greatly missed by all.

Tiffany we wish you well on the next chapter in your education. We are excited for you and look forward to your continued success.

WELCOME BACK FRIENDS!

As we welcome the new year and return to school, we want to share a few important reminders with all parent/guardians. Let's have a great second half of the school year.

1. Make sure your contact list is up to date (forms are located in the front office, on the bus and available via email or fax).
2. Adhere to the 5 MPH school speed zone.
3. Practice pedestrian safety by holding your child's hand from the parking lot to their classroom.
4. Call the school to notify if your child will not be in school (you may also leave a message on the machine with the reason).
5. If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home to avoid the spread of illness.
6. Be waiting 10 minutes prior to your child's bus pick-up and drop-off times.

As always, should you need any assistance feel free to contact the school @ 505-552-6544



*A New Year of
Adventure*

