

Only two months left of the 2021-2022 School Year! It has been a great school year having all of our students back on campus and now being able to see ALL of their smiling faces. It continues to be a very busy time with state testing, track & field, Culinary Competitions, FFA State Competitions, TSA going to Nationals, prom, school field trips and preparing to graduate the Class of '22! We will keep you up to date through our website, Facebook and Instagram pages.

Another way to learn about what is happening is to attend our final Town Hall Meeting of the school year on Thursday, April 28 at 6:00 pm either on Zoom or **LIVE IN-PERSON** in the High School commons. We will have a **free meal** starting at 5:30 consisting of hot dogs, popcorn and beverages. The theme is "Celebrating Where We Have Been and Looking to the Future". We will have prizes and drawings as well. We hope you can attend!

April is state testing month. We cannot stress how important it is for your student to be prepared to test. This means eat and rest! Your student, along with your help, and the teachers, have been working hard all year, together, for success in their learning. These tests allow us to see areas of growth as well as areas that may need more attention. The testing schedule is posted on our website. Please reach out to your student's teachers for more information, questions, or concerns. Let's show everyone how our Cloudcroft Students ROCK education!!

Track & Field is off to a great start. The middle school team is quite full, and the high school has already qualified a number of athletes for State. We have two home meets in April. The Middle School meet is Tuesday, April 5th and the High School meet is Friday, April 8th. Please come out and support these athletes and we can always use volunteers. If interested in volunteering, contact Head Coach Nolene Adams at nolene.adams@cmsbears.org.

Our TSA (Technology Student Association) team won many of the State competitions last month and will be headed to Nationals June 26th-30th in Grapevine, TX. We are very proud of them. This includes Bodhi West, Wesley Wolfe, Jonathan Allison-Jarabek, Malia Lammey, Jameer Cooks and John Lynch and coached by Mrs. Newton. Good Luck Team TSA!!

(picture of the team)

FFA has been very busy!! For four Saturdays in a row and one Wednesday last month students have been traveling to Carrizozo, T or C, Las Cruces, Roswell, and Portales to compete in a number of events, and **14** have qualified to compete at State in Las Cruces April 6th-8th. These students have been getting up at 4:00 am to go stand in the cold for hours and then have the long bus ride home. We are very proud of these students and their dedicated sponsor, Mrs. Watson. Good Luck Bears!!

April is also our budget planning and meeting month for the 2022-2023 school year. Our budget committee is made up of staff, parents, and community members. Those meeting dates are posted on our website.

We have some **CELEBRATIONS** we would like to share. First, Cloudcroft was ranked among the **top 10 Districts in New Mexico** reported by KRQE last month! This ranking was based on a variety of criteria including academics (SAT/ACT scores and state proficiency tests), teacher salaries, expenses per student, and access to extracurricular activities. We all know how amazing our district is, but this confirms it once again! The second celebration is that the NM Secretary of Education, Dr. Kurt Steinhaus, called us personally to congratulate us and let us

know we continue to be ranked at 95.9% in our 2021 graduation rate, whereas the 2021 four-year graduation rate average for all New Mexico high school seniors was at 76.8%. Our students, parents and staff continue to work hard for success, and it shows! I could not be prouder.

If you would like to become part of our amazing district, we have some openings that are posted on the NMREAP.com site. Come and join our Bear Family!!

We are nearing the end of another unique and interesting school year and we're coming out on TOP! We are definitely "Stronger Together"!!

Go Bears!