

Information for Parents and Students attending the Summer Learning Adventure: *New Mexico Wild!* At **Manzano Mesa, Sunset View or Hillerman this summer!**

Bus Routes and GOLDEN TICKETS are now ready and posted here for your information.

If you have questions beyond the information below, please contact the schools directly. Please understand that until May 22, their priority is closing the current school year, so please wait until May 23 to contact them for information.

BUSES:

Attached is the bus routes (this document has all of the sites for this summer, so go to the tab of the school your child will be attending to see your routes.) The pick-up and drop off sites are hubs that are central to all of the schools in one area who are sending students to the summer program.

FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS: Since these sites may be a bit far from your home or neighborhood, we require that you or another responsible person meet your student at the stop at drop off each day. Please be out of your vehicle and near the stop so that students can see you before exiting the bus. **Student not met by a parent or responsible party will be brought to the APS main offices at 6400 Uptown Blvd, NE and parents can pick them up there with a valid ID.** We want students to be safe getting home each day. Upon two drop offs at the APS offices we will have to withdraw the student from the summer program, as we cannot provide adequate supervision for students at these offices.

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS:

We encourage you to follow the same pick up expectations as we do for our elementary students; however, we know that you may want your middle school age student to walk from the stop to their home. If this is the case, please practice the walking route from the bus stop to home prior to the first day of program so that they know which route to take and any bus intersections to watch.

The GOLDEN TICKET is your student's ticket to get on the bus the first time. It will help us to know who is riding on a daily basis and what stop they will be using. Please print it, fill it out and have your child give it to the drive or bus attendant on the first day.

WHAT TO BRING:

The teachers of the program may be sending individual information about their class and program, but in preparation for the first day, student should bring the following to school from day 1 on June 3:

- A hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- A water bottle
- a snack
- backpack
- wear tennis shoes/closed in shoes, no sandals or flip flops
- lunch (if they don't want and APS sack lunch)

We will be outdoors, hiking, playing group games and tasks every day. Please be sure that you consider the heat and make sure your child has a water bottle and snack if needed each day.

Teachers may be asking for simple supplies (paper towel rolls, some recyclables etc. APS will provide student materials and schools supplies.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH:

APS provides a light breakfast and lunch for all students, but they are welcome to bring their own lunch if they want. Do not worry about sending any lunch or breakfast money. We have got you covered.

FIELD TRIPS:

Students will have one major field trips in June. Elementary students will have a fishing trip to Tingley Beach. Teachers will send home permission slips and each student must return a signed form to the teacher in order to attend the trip. There are no exceptions to this rule for safety reasons.

Middle School students will have a Bosque Walk field trip. Permission form that you will need to sign that allows the classes to hike in the Bosque areas and neighborhoods around the school. This one permission will cover various potential hikes. The teacher will send this home at the start of the program. Please watch for this.

If you want to volunteer to help or chaperone the field trip you must have the APS clearance. Please bring a copy of your clearance to the school if you want to volunteer or chaperone.

If a parent decides to chaperon a field trip, we ask that they do not bring younger siblings not enrolled in the program.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:

This is a fun, hands-on summer program and it is important that students are engaged and participating in the activities. Fighting or other inappropriate acts or misbehavior that violate the APS Student Behavior Handbook are NOT tolerated. If a student fights or is acting in a way that is inappropriate or unsafe, they will be withdrawn from the program. We want everyone to enjoy the program and be safe every day. Please help us with this at home.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS:

While there will be reading, writing, science and math activities in this program, we are not giving grades or credit for work done. This is a rich and engaging program designed to keep students learning and practicing skills through the summer. Teachers may have some at-home tasks that will be ask of students, so please reinforce those at home. However, the main expectation is that students are willing to try new things, get messy, learn something new and engage with activities that are going to inspire and challenge them in new ways.

From this date forward, any additional information from my office will be posted on the [APS.edu/summer-programs](https://aps.edu/summer-programs) webpage or sent by the school.

Thanks for your patience and kind communications. I hope your children have a fabulous summer!