



ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
APS STRONG

Dr. Gabriella Durán Blakey
Superintendent

Hannah Mainolfa
Principal

Tres Volcanes Community Collaborative School
August 31, 2025

Dear Magma Families,

Happy Labor Day Weekend! As a reminder, there is no school on Monday, September 1, in honor of Labor Day. We hope you are able to enjoy some time outside, playing games, or doing some family activity that brings your home joy.

August learning is officially over, which means that deep September content is beginning. For me, that comes with a sigh of relief; students are in classes with established routines, teachers are diving into grade-level instruction, and we're beginning our heavy work of making at least a year's worth of growth.

Most of our students completed their beginning of the year assessments this week. You may have heard your child talk about Amira, I-ready, or some other game (sometimes, they don't realize they're taking a test!)-- our students did so well on these assessments! Not all students are finished with all assessments, and we'll continue with a few more in the next weeks, but the results are showing that our students are ready to pick up right where they left off in May; we can tell that many students read over the summer!

Another indicator of school being in full swing is the beginning of fall sports. Our first middle school volleyball game is this week! If you'd like to come watch our girls, the first game begins at 5:30 on Thursday, 9/4/25. You should have received a plethora of emails from APS regarding our new clear bag policy; no backpacks, purses, or bags will be allowed into any sporting events this year-- only clear bags can be brought into gyms and fields. We know this is a change, but we also know our community cares deeply about student safety, and we're thankful for your support.

Flag football will start on Tuesday, September 16th, with a home game beginning at 4:15. I'm attaching our volleyball and flag football schedule to this email; even if you don't have a child playing, we encourage you to stop by and see a game. Watching our oldest students compete builds a great sense of community and allows our younger students to see what's in store for them in a few short years. As a gentle reminder: youth sports are meant to build character and a sense of teamwork. As a competitive person, I love a good game with a "W" at the end, but the real win is if every student athlete grows as a person and loves a game a little more at the end of the season. There will be bad referee calls, coaching mistakes, and student mistakes-- and that's normal. Please uplift our players, coaches, and even refs, and refrain from any negative comments. If there are major concerns, please speak with the administrator on duty or coaches. Thanks for helping our students enjoy sports!

Thankful for your partnership in the education of our community,

Hannah Mainolfa
Principal