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## Knouse Knews & the Tapia Times

By

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### Mill Levy Increase? Vote Yes!



Your “yes” vote on the January 2019 Mail-in Election for a Mill-Levy increase **will bring over a quarter million dollars per year**

**for the next six years just to NMIS** for use on campus improvements.

Please vote “yes” and encourage your friends, co-workers, and family members to do the same!



### Volunteer Appreciation Raffle Tickets

Thank you to the very many of you that completed and turned in your *Family Contribution Logs* for the fall semester. Your work for NMIS helps us to make this school the awesome community it is. Remember when you came to your Prospective Parent Night when we



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stressed how important your contributions are.

For this second half of the school year, we are slightly modifying this log. While the volunteer expectations are the same, the log-sheet will become a raffle ticket sheet. You can turn these sheets in anytime at NMIS. They will be due by the date of our next violin concert: **10 May 2019**.

After the concert, NMIS staff will cut the ticket sheets into individual tickets and put into a **Volunteer Appreciation Raffle**. Thus, *the more you volunteer and contribute, the more entries you have into our raffle*. Prizes for the raffle will include items like:

- **Priority parking spaces** for parents at the new campus
- **“Lunch with the Principal”** for your child.
- **Uniform-free day** for your child.
- Other cool prizes yet to be determined.

Attached is a copy of the raffle tickets sheet. In order to participate in the raffle, you must turn in *at least*:

- **8 tickets** if you have one NMIS student
- **14 tickets** if you have two NMIS students

- **18 tickets** if you have three or more NMIS students.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to NMIS on behalf of your child.

### **Mrs. Thompson Out Sick**

I am so sad to announce that our beloved art teacher, Mrs. Thompson, has been seriously ill for the past few weeks. Unfortunately, her absence will extend for a few more weeks after winter break. We have contracted the services of a substitute art teacher in the meantime.

All our hearts are with her. If you would like to send a ‘get well card’ please drop it at the office and we will be sure it is delivered.

### **Updated Front Office Volunteer Sign-In**

We have an upgrade with RaptorWare, our volunteer sign-in screening tool. This will help keep our school secure by not allowing authorized people on campus with your students.

Unfortunately, however, this upgrade will require any of our previously authorized volunteers to re-submit your drivers license. This means that, if you are a volunteer, please plan on a little extra time



when you arrive for the first time to go through the upgrade process.



### **NMIS Text Alert System**

Be sure to be signed up to receive last-minute reminders via text message. This includes, for example, snow closures and delays. To sign-up, text **@nmis** to **(253)299-2128**.

### **Personal Thanks!**

I wanted to thank you all for the wonderful and heartfelt thanks sent to me and the office staff just before winter break. WE LOVE OUR KIDS! And we thank you for choosing NMIS!

We look forward to seeing everyone in 2019!

### **Spring Semester After School Classes**

See attachment for the offerings and registration instructions for classes offered after class. We have 2-3 classes PER DAY available for you to choose from! There is a great diversity of offerings!

Please remember that these classes should be chosen *based on the child's interest.*

Please do not register your child for a class simply because you need after school

daycare on a particular day. If you require after school daycare, contact our on-site after school day care, RGEC at (505)873-6035.



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# This Week's Grade-by-Grade Update

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No article submitted. Contact individual teachers for updates.

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## First Grade

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This week, we will begin wrapping up our IB unit on How We Express Ourselves by reviewing our central idea that “Weather and people’s beliefs may influence traditions and events.” We will spend inquiry time reviewing different traditional events from this time of year, along with symbols, beliefs, and weather conditions that are associated with them in this part of the world, culminating in a summative assessment project. In this project, students will create winter brochures to “advertise” the weather, traditions, and favorite celebrations in Albuquerque during this time of year. Our Spanish

vocabulary words are ***durante, invierno, alguna, favorita, celebrar, importante***. Our English spelling words are: **go, so, no, home, note, robe, do, you, who**.

In math, we will begin Unit 6. This week, we will introduce a facts table, learn about equivalent names, and will then learn about fact families. At the end of the week, we will be making fact triangles to send home with the kids to practice addition and subtraction at home for more automaticity. If you would like to access supplementary materials and games related to this unit, please click [here](#).



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## Second Grade

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Maestra Bárbara López [nmis.lopezb@gmail.com](mailto:nmis.lopezb@gmail.com)

Welcome back and we wish you the best in 2019!

In IB we are continuing in our unit of study “Who we are”. Our second graders will be learning about New Mexico and traditions. They will also learn about the human body its function and how to stay healthy.

This week in Math, students will begin Unit 6. This unit focuses on solving word problems, 3 digit addition, estimating, and data graphs. We will begin multiplication and division problems with this unit.

In Social Studies, our students will learn about the Nervous system. We will learn about the state tree, the piñon. We will also continue learning about Ana Baca and read some of her books.

The students will continue improving their spelling, penmanship, and writing skills through dictation. The students will continue working with the same dictado this week: Saludo a la bandera del estado de Nuevo México. Es el símbolo zía de amistad perfecta entre culturas unidas.

### Spelling Words for the Week:

1. down (abajo)
2. draw (dibujar)
3. drink (tomar)
4. during (durante)
5. each (cada uno)
6. ear (oido)
7. early (temprano)
8. eat (comer)
9. eight (ocho)
10. end (final)

In February we will be taking a Spanish test (AVANT) to indicate your child’s Spanish proficiency. The test will include a typing portion. We ask that you have your child practice at home. There are several typing sites that can be used to help your child become more familiar with the keyboard.

<https://www.typing.com/>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/z3c6tfr>

[This is the link to the Avant testing website where your child can practice taking the test:](#)





[https://app.avantassessment.com/  
dashboard](https://app.avantassessment.com/dashboard)

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## Third Grade

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No article submitted. Contact individual teachers for updates.

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## Fourth Grade

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How time flies! After break, the students will wrap up the IB unit “Where we are in place and time.” Students will focus on the idea of cause and effect, with an emphasis on how the western region changed as a result of westward expansion. Students will work on their desert animal reports and take the summative assessment for the unit.

Students will begin unit 6 in Everyday Math this week. They will focus on multiplication and subtraction word problems and will practice different algorithms for division. It is crucial for the students to have their multiplication

facts down in order to have success in division.

If you would like to work with your child during break, practice those times-tables and read, read, read! We wish all of our students and their families a peaceful, restful winter vacation!

### **Arabic language for fourth grade:**

In the Arabic language for 4th grade we will continue the IB unit “Where We are in Place and Time”. I will show them a picture about the Arab migration in the past. I will do a small project about Arab migration.

I will start reading “My Body and Me and My Father” and



I will ask them questions and assign a worksheet related to the story, Besides this the students will review the shapes of the Arabic letters, parts of the body, the shapes, and the clothes in Arabic. Please

encourage your students to use the alefbata site; it's a very effective program with a lot of educational game. The school pays for the site, and your kids will use it for free.

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## Fifth Grade

Maestra Jessica Castro-Buelna [nmis.castrobuelna@gmail.com](mailto:nmis.castrobuelna@gmail.com)

Maestra Jessica will begin working at NMIS on 4 January 2019. She will begin writing newsletter articles for the subsequent issue.

She visited the class on Wednesday, 19 December to introduce herself to her students - it was a very warm interaction! Children were so excited to meet her!

You will note that the *Mid-Year Supply List* is out for the whole school, and order are due by 4 January. **However, due to the transition in teachers in 5th grade, we will be doing Mid-Year Supplies differently.** I would like the new teacher, Ms. Jessica, to make her own supply list. The one left by Ms. Bouche is exceedingly long and quite pricey, and perhaps not even what the new teacher will want/need. **Please wait to order 5th grade supplies until we**

**re-issue the *Mid-Year Supply List after Winter Break.*** This will have different due dates, should be a lower price-tag, and will be more appropriate for the class that the new teacher will be building.

- Mr. Knouse

**Arabic language for fifth grade:** In Arabic the students will continue learning about the unit “How We Express Ourselves”, we will also discuss Arabic culture, and the students will do a project about Arabic culture. First week of January they will start the story culture and they will do a worksheet for this story. Besides this they will learn how to order food in Arabic. They will also learn about how the verb changes with different pronouns.



Please encourage your students to use the alefbata site; it's a very effective program with a lot of educational game. The school pays for the site, and your kids will use it for free. Every student has an account. Your kids will love it and

they will learn the language in a fun way.

## NM International School Foundation (NMISF)

[info@nmisf.org](mailto:info@nmisf.org)

The NM International School Foundation is an independent, nonprofit, 501(c)3 tax-exempt entity that seeks to support the mission of NMIS.

### News from NMISF

No update at this time.

## School Advisory Committee (SAC)

The SAC is a representative advisory body to the school governance and administration. Members represent their grade level constituency as well as oversee specific programs or events of the school. The current members are:

Member	email	Represents	Oversees organization of these events/programs
Christina Herrera Furst	<a href="mailto:chfurst@gmail.com">chfurst@gmail.com</a>	Kindergarten	World Poetry Day (21 March) Kinder graduation (21 May) <i>All Aboard!</i> Breakfast (2019)
Claudia Randolph	<a href="mailto:cllr0305@gmail.com">cllr0305@gmail.com</a>	1st Grade	Liaison to Library Committee <i>All Aboard!</i> Breakfast (9 Aug) UN Day (24 Oct) World Poetry Day (21 March)
Shasta	<a href="mailto:shasta.leonhardt@gmail.com">shasta.leonhardt@gmail.com</a>	2nd Grade	Liaison to After School



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Leonhardt			Programs (Daycare and After School Classes) Earth Day (22 Apr) Talent Show (15 Feb)
Shari Beck	<a href="mailto:beautybybeck@comcast.net">beautybybeck@comcast.net</a>	3rd Grade	Liaison to Yearbook / School Photos <i>Bienvenidos</i> Picnic (26 Aug) Fall Picture Day (17-18 Sept) Int'l Day of Tolerance (16 Nov) Spring Photo Day (4-5 March)
David Vigil	<a href="mailto:davidvigil@gmail.com">davidvigil@gmail.com</a>	4th Grade	Liaison to Catered Lunch Program Winter Violin Concert (14 Dec) Water Day/Last Day (22 May) Spring Violin Concert (10 May) <i>Bienvenidos</i> Picnic (2019)
Nancy Abeyta	<a href="mailto:nancy.abeyta@yahoo.com">nancy.abeyta@yahoo.com</a>	5th Grade	Liaison to Uniform Program World Teacher Day & ABQ Aloft Event (5 Oct) School Choice Week (28 Jan - 1 Feb)) 5th Grade Graduation (21 May)
Alisa Cooper de Uribe	<a href="mailto:nmis.cooperdeuribe@gmail.com">nmis.cooperdeuribe@gmail.com</a>	Staff	

### SAC Regular Meeting Schedule

All SAC meetings are at 6:00 pm in NMIS Conference Room and are open public meetings. Agendas and past meeting minutes are posted at entrance of school, as well as on the school's website at <http://nmis.org/ee/governance/sac>

- 23 August 2018
- 3 October 2018
- 4 December 2018
- 30 January 2019
- 6 March 2019
- 1 May 2019

## News from SAC

No updates at this time.



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- Under the “For Parents and Students” section you can:
  - Review our *Family Handbook*
  - Download important forms
  - Learn about volunteer committees
  - Search the *entire contents* of the NMIS library, learn how to put books on hold, or even recommend new books!
- Under the “Governance” section you can stay informed about:
  - The Governing Council
  - The School Advisory Committee
  - The Audit and Finance Committee
- Under “Calendar” you can see important events and dates
- Under “NMIS News” you can find current and archived editions of *El Correcaminos*, plus all released relevant attachments.



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<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/o45nr4cv9lcl6ihod60eukcga0%40groupp.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

## Also....

Don’t forget to keep up to date with the **NM International School Foundation** (a non-profit 501c3 organization that supports NMIS) by visiting their website at [www.nmisf.org](http://www.nmisf.org) or by following them at [www.facebook.com/nmisf](http://www.facebook.com/nmisf)



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New Mexico International School (NMIS) is an International Baccalaureate **World School** offering the **Primary Years Programme (PYP)**. We share a common philosophy with other World Schools across the globe – a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that New



Mexico International School believes is important for our students. Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its three academic programmes: The Primary Years' Programme (PYP), the Middle Years' Programme (MYP), or the Diploma Programme (in addition to the IB Career-related certificate). In addition, NMIS is an **Dual Language Immersion school**. We immerse our students into a Spanish language environment beginning in kindergarten with the goal of making our students biliterate in Spanish and English by grade 5.



#### School Hours

M, T, Th, Fr: 8:30-3:00

W: 8:30-2:00

#### Office Hours

M-F: 8:00-3:30

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Thank you to our school sponsors. Want to sponsor the school? Contact our Finance Director, Corinne Teller, at [nmis.teller@gmail.com](mailto:nmis.teller@gmail.com) for pricing and options.



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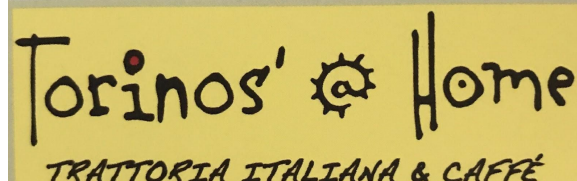


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