

The Weekly Newsletter of New Mexico International School

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No School Reminder

Just a reminder that there is **no** school next Monday and Tuesday.

NMISF Annual Campaign Fundraiser

NMISF has launched its Annual Campaign fundraiser - lasting **now through the end of the month.**

This is the best fundraiser because you are not asked to sell wrapping paper, candy bars or baked goods. You don't have to wash cars or any manual labor. NMISF is simply asking for you to donate money.

NMISF then, in turn, financially supports the various programs of NMIS - such as our violin program and our new computer-coding program.

And since you're not selling anything, all of the money raised will go right back to our school.

Please see the attached letter for details on how you can support our school.





IB Corner

Our learner profile for the month is being Risk-takers. Ask your child for the next couple of weeks how they approach unfamiliar situations with courage. Ask them what opportunities they have to explore new roles and to articulate and defend their beliefs. Encourage your child to take risks by being a part of the talent show or learning and reciting a poem. The opportunities are endless.

Talent Show!

The Talent show is still looking for talent. If your child is interested in showcasing their special talent please email Shasta Leonhardt at Shasta.leonhardt@gmail.com. Your child may want to sing, play an instrument, tell some jokes or do a magic trick.

The Talent show will take place Friday February the 22nd from 6-9pm at Covenant Presbyterian.

World Poetry Day

NMIS will host its annual World **Poetry Day** event on Thursday, March 21, 2019! This is a chance for any child in grades 1-5 to recite a poem in front of an audience with props, costuming, or whatever the child wants to use in order to communicate the meaning. If you think your child may be interested,

NOW IS THE TIME to start selecting the poem and get them started. The poem must be in Spanish and come from a published book, and cannot be a translation from a poem originally written in another language. Performers will showcase their talent on March 21, 2019 **from 1:30 – 2:30** at Hope in the Desert Church.

The top-performing student in each grade level can then represent NMIS at the state-wide *Poesía eres tú* event at the National Hispanic Cultural Center on April 26, 2019.

We also need a few volunteers to **help set up** the church beforehand and **clean up** after. Please help us out.

For **more information** on this event, please see the World Poetry Day attachment and contact the project lead, Alisa Cooper de Uribe, at

nmis.cooperdeuribe@gmail.com.

Coming Soon: Comfortable Cafeteria Program

An occupational therapy student whois completing her doctoral project at NMIS will lead a modified version of the "Comfortable Cafeteria" program, beginning February 15th! This program will be





held in the cafeteria each Friday over the course of six weeks. The "Comfortable Cafeteria" program was developed by OTs to promote positive mental health experiences for students during mealtimes. The program will be modified to fit the needs of students at NMIS, and to include attributes from the IB's learner profile. Each week there will be a theme related to how students can create a pleasant cafeteria environment, with activities and discussion to reinforce the theme. During the first

week, students will learn how to create a comfortable cafeteria by emphasizing **four components**:

- enjoyment of a meal,
- enjoyable social interaction,
- being responsible and respectful,
- following directions.

If you have any **questions regarding the program,** contact
Ashley at

Ingrama8318@marybaldwin.edu.



This Week's Grade-by-Grade Update

Kindergarten

Maestra Cynthia Pedrotty <u>nmis.pedrotty@gmail.com</u>
Maestra Marina Cortés Nuñez <u>nmiscortesnunez@gmail.com</u>
Maestra Martha Pacheco <u>nmis.pacheco@gmail.com</u>

This week students will learn what it means to be caring. They will learn the IB song for being caring and will sing it every morning this week in class. They will also make group posters about being caring and will present them to the class. Students will also watch videos and will read books about being caring, where students will do character analysis identifying the attribute. Students will continue to learn emotions vocabulary in Spanish and will read "Have you Filled a Bucket Today?" and will do a caring activity throughout the week to celebrate valentine's week by filling each other buckets or brown bags with love and good deeds.

In Language Arts, students will continue our unit 8 of Tesoro's and will review letter ñ, ch and words that begin with those letters and do activities tied to those letters.

In math we will learn subtraction and continue to practice addition and discuss the difference between both symbols +/-.

In science, students will continue to explore the five senses by focusing on the sense of taste and will do a hand-on activity related to taste.

Don't forget to practice Raz Kids at home, especially reading Spanish books (levels AA-B) to help prepare your student for our Spanish test AVANT coming up in March! Please make sure that the children hear the videos. Here is the link to listen at home.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8MlEtSdJx0

Please click on the following links to review videos of el Mono Sílabo.

Cha, che, chi, cho, chu

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ES2hSXd5Y0

Ña,ñe,ñi,ño,ñu

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v =eh XmdQ GaY





Frutas

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sD-Cdf61diw

Contar de 5 en 5

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v
= QsWczhyk3c

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gloLNKrE2Js

The words for this week in Spanish to practice will be;

- 1.- aquí
- 2.- somos
- 3.- amigos

Please click on the following links to review videos of el Mono Sílabo. Cha, che, chi, cho,chu https://www.youtube.com/watch?v =2ES2hSXd5Y

Ña,ñe,ñi,ño,ñu https://www.youtube.com/watch?v =eh_XmdQ_Ga

resta subtraction

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v =phXvrLiAVI4

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8MlEtSdJx0

First Grade

Maestra Alisa Cooper de Uribe <u>nmis.cooperdeuribe@gmail.com</u>
Maestra Ana Karen Arvizu <u>nmis.arvizu@gmail.com</u>

This week, we will continue investigating our second line of inquiry on changes in matter and physical phenomena in our IB unit on How the World Works. We will keep exploring liquids, and then shift our focus to gases and plasma and their properties, as well as learning about the causes of changes in matter.

Our Spanish vocabulary words are: sólido, líquido, gas, plasma, pensar, observar. Our English spelling words are: day, may, stay, play, away, boat, coat, toad, today.

We have begun using paragraph templates to write about what they are learning, and it is exciting to see their progress in this expository style of writing.





In math, we will continue our exploration of geometry, identifying 2-dimensional shapes of pattern blocks and sorting them into groups according to common attributes like sides and corners. We will use templates shapes to build shapes from smaller shapes, like creating

hexagons with triangles and trapezoids. We will also learn about the attributes of polygons, and begin introducing the names of 3-dimensional shapes.

Second Grade

Maestra Julia DeLilla <u>nmis.delilla@gmail.com</u>
Maestra Bárbara López <u>nmis.lopezb@gmail.com</u>

In IB we will continue "How do we express ourselves". Our second graders will be learning about different ways people have expressed themselves through poetry, song, music, plays, art and dance.

This week in Math, students will begin Unit 8. This unit focuses on fractions. We will continue doing multiplication and division problems in this unit.

In Social Studies, our students will learn about how people express themselves through plays. Students will begin to practice a play and will learn about the different roles needed to produce a play.

In science we will learn about the scientific method. We will conduct an experiment following the scientific method.

The students will continue improving their spelling, penmanship, and writing skills through dictation. The students will continue will work with the following dictado this week: Diego tiene 4 camisas. 3 de ellas son del equipo de Barcelona. ¿Qué fracción de las camisas son del equipo de Barcelona?

Spelling Words for the Week:

- 1. hear (escuchar)
- 2. held (sostuvo)
- 3. help (ayudar)
- 4. here (aquí)
- 5. high (alto)
- 6. hold (detener)
- 7. home (casa)
- 8. hope (esperanza)
- 9. hour (hora)
- 10. hot (caliente)





In March we will be taking a Spanish test (AVANT) to indicate your child's Spanish proficiency. The date was changed from February to March. 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/artic les/z3c6tfr

Parents remember to use RazKids at home. Students can read in both Spanish and in English with this program.

Parents please remember to turn in the permission slip for our field trip on February 26, 2019. We will be going to see a play at the Kimo theatre.

Third Grade

Maestra Yvonne Martini nmis.martini@gmail.com nmis.saenz@gmail.com Maestra Monica Saenz

IB: Students will learn some important events in the history of money. They will plot events on a timeline in chronological order.

Math: Student are ready to take their Unit 6: Geometry assessment this week. The skills tested will be: naming polygons, three dimensional shapes, segments, lines, rays, right angles, parallel and intersecting lines, and symmetry.

Language Arts: We will read *¡Pueblo* Prospero! (Boom Town). A family moves into an unpopulated area. With the ingenuity of one young girl, a town is established and grows. The idea of supply and demand is evident in this story. It begins with the young girl baking pies that leads to a trading post. The businesses in town grow to include a tanner, a cooper, a miller, and a blacksmith.

Spelling: The root words this week are **doc** (*teach*), **don** (*give*), **donat** (give), duc (bring), and fac (divide).

- 1. document
- 2. documentary
- 3. documentation
- 4. donor
- 5. condone
- 6. pardon
- 7. donate





- 8. donation
- 9. donator
- 10. introduce
- 11. educate
- 12. conduct
- 13. artifact
- 14. factor
- 15. manufacture
- 1. banco
- 2. suministro
- 3. emprendedor(a)
- 4. necesidad
- 5. gusto

Fourth Grade

Maestra Jill Salley <u>nmis.salley@gmail.com</u>
Maestra Amanda Kraft <u>nmis.kraft@gmail.com</u>

We hope all the kids enjoyed their Bookworks excursion and Flying Star sensory experience! This week in IB the students will continue to work on their dramas and begin to memorize their lines. They are gearing up to present them to the class, in Spanish, in two weeks. What risk-takers! Students will explore limericks this week and write some of their own. Students will share their love/friendship poems by distributing homemade (in class) Valentines that they wrote themselves.

Students will continue working with fractions in Everyday Math. They have proven to be quite tricky!

The fourth graders are currently studying the various systems of the human body and their different, but interconnected functions.

Ms. Kraft's class will have Math MAP testing this week.

Let's have a good one!

Fifth Grade

Maestra Jessica Castro-Buelna nmis.castrobuelna@gmail.com





Mathematics – we continue to work on percentages. This week we will work on converting fractions into percentages and end this unit.

History – We will be talking more about presidents of the United States since president day is coming up. We will be focusing on honoring Abraham Lincoln & George Washington.

IB "Who we are"/Science – We will continue to look at the anatomy of a butterfly. We will be looking at images online of different types of butterflies and will do research on them. The key words students will focus on

metamorphosis, pupa, chrysalis, eggs, larva, caterpillar, huevo, larva,

oruga, crisálida, mariposa, metamorfosis.

Exhibitions – students will continue working in their groups finding research about their topic they have chosen. We will be using resources throughout the week such as our library and computers. Please have students do research at home about their project so they can share their findings in their groups.

NM International School Foundation (NMISF)

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.

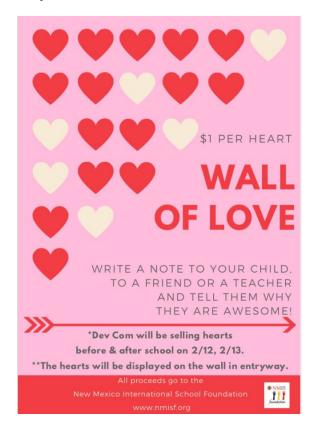
News from NMISF

Meeting Info - We need your help! Interested in volunteering for New Student Recruitment or the 2nd Annual Spring Carnival? Join us at our next GENERAL MEETING on Tuesday, February 19th at 6pm, La Plaza and every 3rd Tuesday after that.





Wall of Love - February 12th and 13th look for the "Wall of Love" table. We'll be selling hearts before and after school. For \$1 per heart, write a note and decorate it for your kiddo, a friend, a teacher, or even your pet to tell them why they are awesome!



Spring Carnival - There are so many ways you can get involved! Here are a few:

- Donate a Silent Auction item
- Help contact local businesses for items
- Organize a fun booth
- Volunteer for day of support
- Help spread the word
- Donate a decorative basket/box you are no longer using
- Donate a Dollar Tree gift card for supplies ...and many other.

Email Puja Shah at presdevcom@nmisf.org today!

Stay in the Know - Check out the NMISF Bulletin Board directly across from the nurses office for meeting agendas and minutes, upcoming events, and more!





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	chfurst@gmail.com	Kindergarten	World Poetry Day (21 March) Kinder graduation (21 May) All Aboard! Breakfast (2019)
Claudia Randolph	cllr0305@gmail.com	1st Grade	Liaison to Library Committee All Aboard! Breakfast (9 Aug) UN Day (24 Oct) World Poetry Day (21 March)
Shasta Leonhardt	shasta.leonhardt@gmail.com	2nd Grade	Liaison to After School Programs (Daycare and After School Classes) Earth Day (22 Apr) Talent Show (22 Feb)
Shari Beck	beautybybeck@comcast.net	3rd Grade	Liaison to Yearbook / School Photos Bienvenidos Picnic (26 Aug) Fall Picture Day (17-18 Sept) Int'l Day of Tolerance (16 Nov) Spring Photo Day (4-5 March)
David Vigil	davidvigil@gmail.com	4th Grade	Liaison to Catered Lunch Program Winter Violin Concert (14 Dec) Water Day/Last Day (22 May) Spring Violin Concert (10 May) Bienvenidos Picnic (2019)
Nancy Abeyta	nancy.abeyta@yahoo.com	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	nmis.cooperdeuribe@gmail.com	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

• 4 December 2018

• 6 March 2019

• 3 October 2018

• 30 January 2019

• 1 May 2019

News from SAC

The Talent show is fast approaching. Please call or email Shasta Leonhardt at 550.6744 Shasta.leonhardt@gmail.com if your child would like to participate.

Kinder parents: We are starting to plan graduation. Please email Christina Herrera Furst at chfurst@gmail.com if you are able to help.

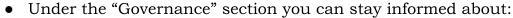




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 - Review our *Family Handbook*
 - Download important forms
 - Learn about volunteer committees
 - Search the *entire contents* of the NMIS library, learn how to put books on hold, or even recommend new books!



- 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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Add our calendar to your mobile device's calendar app. To do so, click on this link (or copy/paste into a browser on your device):

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/o45nr4cv9lcl6ihod60eukcga0%40group.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 or by following them at www.facebook.com/nmisf





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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