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## **Knouse Knews & the Tapia Times**

By

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### **NMISF Annual Campaign Fundraiser**

NMISF has launched its Annual Campaign fundraiser - continuing 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.

### **World Poetry Day**

It's not too late to register! If your child wants to participate in **World Poetry Day** on Thursday, March 21, 2019, please see the World Poetry Day attachment and contact the



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project lead, Alisa Cooper de Uribe,  
at  
[nmis.cooperdeuribe@gmail.com](mailto:nmis.cooperdeuribe@gmail.com).

### **NMIS Special Recognitions!**

Our school was **recognized on the floor of the NM House of Representatives Chamber** on Friday, 15 February for being a “model Charter School.” We also participated in the rally for “Bilingual Day” in the Rotunda later that same day. At the rally, our school was **presented with an award** from the Public Education Department’s Language and Cultural Bureau for our quality bilingual education program.

We were represented by Head of School Todd Knouse, Bilingual Education Coordinator Cynthia Pedrotty, and about 15 NMIS students and their parents.

### **Talent Show**

Next Friday the 22nd is our annual Talent show. This year the Talent show is taking place at Covenant Presbyterian from 6-9pm. The space has a piano and speakers for playing music from a laptop or phone. All other props will need to be brought in by the students. Students will be given 3 minutes to perform their special talent.

Please contact Shasta Leonhardt at [shasta.leonhardt@gmail.com](mailto:shasta.leonhardt@gmail.com) if your child would like to participate. Please no later than Thursday of next week to sign up your child.

### **Parking Lot Crosswalks**

Pedestrians: Please remember to cross the traffic lanes only within the crosswalks. Also do not allow unsupervised minors in the crosswalks when they are not staffed by NMIS personnel. Personnel are supervising crosswalks beginning at 8:15 AM and again at dismissal.

### **Wall of Love - Thank you!**

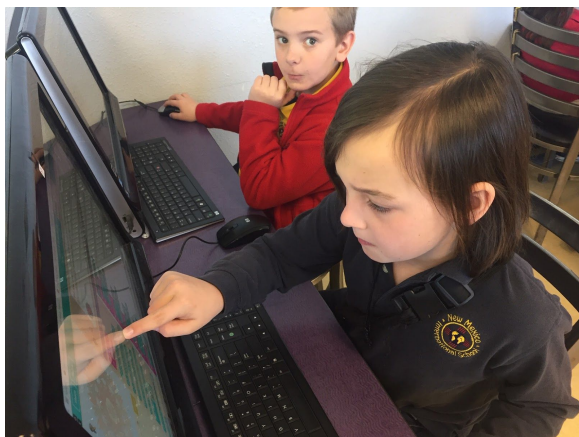
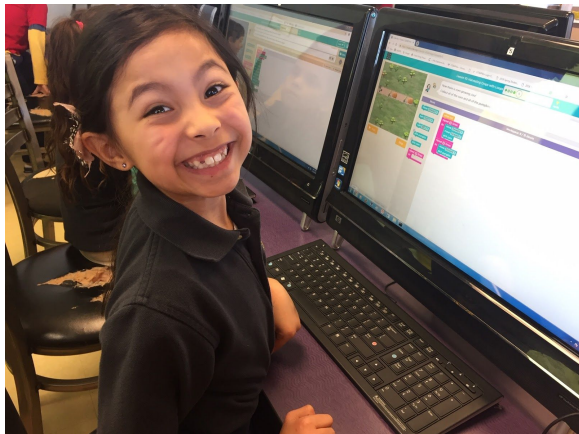
I would like to thank both the NMISF parent volunteers that organized this event, as well as the multitudes that bought and created the heart-cards at their tables. I love seeing them on our walls! In a world of so much negativity - it’s a joy to see our walls covered in love!

### **NMIS Students - our fourth language: Computer Coding!**

Our students have loved the addition of Computer Coding as one of our Enrichment classes this year. This is a class, **funded by NMISF**, where kids learn the basics of



computer coding. They program virtual “robots” to follow their explicit directions. The curriculum is developed by our coding instructor, Dan Miller, a graduate UNM computer sciences student, using resources he has procured from various sources. Here are some second graders working on their assignment - possible future Google employees??



### **Comfortable Cafeteria Program**

This week students were introduced to the “Comfortable Cafeteria” program, learning how to make lunch enjoyable for everyone. Each class did a wonderful job



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participating in discussions and demonstrating mealtime manners! Next week students will learn about **healthy eating habits** and why they are important. If you

have any questions regarding the program, please contact Ashley Ingram at [Ingrama8318@marybaldwin.edu](mailto:Ingrama8318@marybaldwin.edu)



# This Week's Grade-by-Grade Update

## Kindergarten

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This week our students will learn what it means to be reflective. They will learn IB song for being reflective and will sing it every morning this week in class. They will make a group posters about being reflective and will present them to the class. Students will begin working on class book of IB attributes by reflecting on what their favorite attribute is and draw a picture and write how they are that attribute best. Book will sent March 8 for publishing.

In Language Arts, students will begin our unit 9 of Tesoros and will learn the letter “ll” and words that begin with this letter. We will also read stories with words that begin with ll and write sentences in our notebooks with letter ll.

In math we will continue to review subtraction symbol, addition and interrupted counts. Students will also practice counting by 5’s. In science, students will continue to explore the five

senses. 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 initial sounds everyday for at least fifteen minutes. Here is the link to listen to estrellita at home

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3iBjCMevbo>

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

1. estaba

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## First Grade

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*Maestra Ana Karen Arvizu* [nmis.arvizu@gmail.com](mailto:nmis.arvizu@gmail.com)

This week, we will finish our line of inquiry on the states of matter by learning a bit more about plasma. And we will start wrapping up our IB unit theme of How the World Works as we learn about the Scientific Method in our final line of

inquiry: How we interpret evidence and information.

Classes will reflect on our inquiries of the states of matter, the sun, and the moon in order to see where we have already applied this method in our classes. Our kids will use body



movements to learn the different terms for stages of the process: *observando, preguntando, prediciendo, experimentando, reportando, concluyendo.*

We will introduce our summative assessment to get the classes thinking about their final project for the following week: devising and carrying out an experiment outside in our rugged play area east of the school building. Our Spanish vocabulary words are ***evidencia, información, predecir, experimentar, reportar, concluir.*** Our English spelling words are **all, wall, call, will, tell, well, small, smell, yell.**

In math, we will review Unit 7 and our exploration of geometry before taking the unit assessment. Students will review 2-dimensional shapes of pattern blocks and sort them into groups according to common attributes like sides and corners. We will also revisit attributes of polygons and play games to review the names of 3-dimensional shapes.

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## Second Grade

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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 continue in 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 continue to practice a play and will learn about the different roles needed to produce a play. Sra. De Lilla’s class will present a play on Ruby Bridges and Sra. Lopez’s class will present a play on Harriet Tubman. We will also learn about how people express themselves through dance.



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: Marcie is 36 years old. Bob is 20 years old. How much older is Marcie than Bob?

Spelling Words for the Week:

1. house (casa)
2. how (cómo)
3. hurt (herir)
4. inside (adentro)
5. into (dentro)
6. itself (si mismo)
7. jump (brincar)
8. just (sólo)
9. keep (mantener)
10. kind (noble)

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/articles/z3;c6tfr>

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 fieldtrip on February 26, 2019. We will be going to see a play at the Kimo theatre.

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## Third Grade

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**IB:** Students will use their innovative and creative skills to

design a "service". They will focus on design, marketing, and



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presentation. This learning activity mirrors the interdisciplinary nature of the world: to be successful in business it is important to have creative ideas, good communication skills, and an understanding of economics. They will utilize Mathematics Skills and Technologies, and English Language Arts.

### **Upcoming Field Trip:**

Where: Georgia O’Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe.

When: Friday, March 1st

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

If you haven’t already volunteered on a field trip this year and you’re interested in going, and have you’re clearance, please let us know.

**Language Arts:** We will read *¡Cómo ganar dinero!* ([How to Earn Money](#)) and *Aquí está mi dólar* ([Here is my Dollar](#)). The first story is about how to start making money and the second one is about raising funds for a good cause.

**No vocabulary words this week.**

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## **Fourth Grade**

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Maestra Amanda Kraft [nmis.kraft@gmail.com](mailto:nmis.kraft@gmail.com)

Type your article here.

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## **Fifth Grade**

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Mathematics – We will be going over new concepts of uncommon fractions. These have uncommon denominators and we will learn how these are calculated.

History – We will continue to talk about presidents of the United States.

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, thorax, knobs, antennae,**

**abdomen huevo, larva, oruga, crisálida, mariposa, metamorphosis.**





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.

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# 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**

**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** - [THANK YOU](#) to everyone who participated and to Lina for organizing the event this year! The hearts will be up through next week, and we'll begin to distribute them after that. Take some time to enjoy the creative, kind, and thoughtful messages the kiddos wrote!

**Annual Campaign** - Week 2 is underway! [Have you made your donation yet?](#)

Dear NMIS families, this is our annual appeal asking you to make a financial contribution to support our school's amazing coding and Suzuki violin programs, big move into a new facility, and expansion into middle school grades! This pledge drive is in lieu of students selling door-to-door, collecting money, and delivering goods (i.e. cookies, wrapping paper, or popcorn). Please help the NMIS Foundation today with your generous donation. Now more than ever, your donation (large or small) makes a HUGE difference. Thank you in advance for your financial support!



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- Make your donation today at [www.nmisf.org/donate](http://www.nmisf.org/donate) (scan QR code) OR
- Drop your **check** (payable to “NMIS Foundation”) with this completed form into the NMISF box at the school’s office. **NO CASH** and please do not send check with student.



**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](mailto: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	<a href="mailto:chfurst@gmail.com">chfurst@gmail.com</a>	Kindergarten	World Poetry Day (21 March) Kinder graduation (21 May)



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			<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 Leonhardt	<a href="mailto:shasta.leonhardt@gmail.com">shasta.leonhardt@gmail.com</a>	2nd Grade	Liaison to After School Programs (Daycare and After School Classes) Earth Day (22 Apr) Talent Show (22 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.

## Library updates



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Help us help your kids

Parents, did you know? A handful of volunteer parents run the NMIS library. We have no paid staff. The work of this dedicated team allows your students to check out books and use the computer on their library day. However, we need your help to keep the library doors open. Please consider helping twice a month. Flexible scheduling and training provided. Volunteer clearance required. Email [caram99@gmail.com](mailto:caram99@gmail.com) or [nmkatecunningham@gmail.com](mailto:nmkatecunningham@gmail.com).



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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!
- Under the “Governance” section you can stay informed about:
  - The Governing Council
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## 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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#### 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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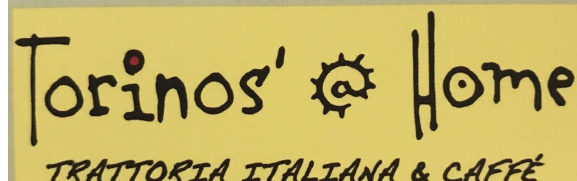


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