

The Weekly Newsletter of New Mexico International School

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School-Wide Updates

TESTING..testing..1,2,3

Monday April 22 will be the first day of the *Spring 2019 Standards Based transition Assessment of Math*

and English
Language Arts- this
is the "new parce".
PLEASE please
make sure that your
3rd, 4th and 5th
grade children are
at school for the
next two weeks,
rested and on time.

Schedule any time-off around this state mandated test. You can find your child's specific testing sessions in your teachers' section of this newsletter.

We have a state-imposed window to test and we are on a *tight schedule*. If your child is not here, **he/she will not have a score** for the state test.

If your child comes in late the day of the test, they will not be allowed to test that session, and will be required to do make up testing that may be during art/music. If your child needs

to leave campus during a testing session, we will ask you to wait until he/she completes the testing session.







Thank you for setting up your child to succeed! Here are a few tips...

- Arrive on time so your child does not feel frazzled and has the entire time to complete their test
- Make sure they get enough sleep
- Have a good breakfast and send extra snacks
- Keep your child hydrated
- Go over breathing techniques
- Remind your students to re-read and take their time
- Most importantly remind them to do a good job, but that in the end, this is just a test. Keeping perspective on "what testing is" and "why we do it" is very important.

In the end, we want the data from these tests to reflect your child's achievement in English language arts and math - not other considerations such as being hungry, late to school, rushed, freaked-out, distracted or other such factors.

We look forward to seeing the results of these tests. Last year we showed amazing reading and math proficiencies!



Moving Winter ^is Coming!

This is so exciting! Our new campus is just months away! Here is an update on our move, and some details on how you can be involved.

Last day of school (22 May 2019): Remember we dismiss at 11:30.

Last teacher day (23 May 2019):

Teachers will be packing up personal effects, plants, animals, unclaimed children, etc. - things we don't want our movers to pack and move. You can help here by contacting your child's teacher and volunteering. As students are no longer present on campus, volunteer clearance is not required to assist.

Moving Company's "Boxing and Move Prep" (3-7 June 2019): Our moving company, Innovative Movers, will be boxing up and prepping for our move on these dates.





THE ACTUAL MOVE (20-25 June 2019): Innovative movers will be loading and moving all our belongings. As individual classrooms at the new campus will likely not be ready to receive furniture and boxes, they will be delivering them to a staging area in

the gym of the new campus.

Volunteer "Move-Out Crew" (26-**30 June 2019):** We need volunteers to be on our current campus (soon to "ex-campus") to patch walls, touch up paint, sweep, etc.) This is to get this campus to the condition it needs to be according to our current lease agreement for moving out. This is so we can <u>maximize</u> the return of our security deposit, so you are helping the school financially by participating. This is prime opportunity for you to be involved in this process! As of now we, have 3 volunteers for this work, but we would take up to 10. To sign up to help, contact our Operations Manager, Alicia Gutierrez at nmis.operations@gmail.com. Many hands = light work = finishing before 30 June, get it? Office staff will be present during this work.

Current Lease Ends (30 June 2019): NMIS is completely out of the campus on Alameda, and facility is ready to be inspected by owner. *This is a hard date.* If we are not

out by this date, the school will incur significant penalties.

Volunteer "New Campus Prep Crew" (29 July 2019 - 2 August

2019): Of course the remodel process is already underway with the developer. This includes plans, approvals, demo, and construction. However, anyone who has ever done any remodel knows, "stuff comes up" near the end. As such, we will want volunteers on hand to accelerate this process by doing things like painting and basic handyman work, landscape clean up, etc. This is also a great way for you to be involved. As of now we have zero volunteers for this work, so please sign up. To sign up to help, contact our Operations Manager, Alicia Gutierrez at nmis.operations@gmail.com. This is a great way for you to get a sneak peek at the new campus, plus you get bragging rights when your child starts school by saying things like, "See that wall there? I painted that wall. And I did it for you, my child." Your child will look at you with new eyes, trust me.

Volunteer "Move-In Crew" (12
August - 16 August): Here is when
we are moving things from our
staging area into actual classroom
and office spaces. Teachers will be
on hand to direct this process, but
we need volunteers to do it. As of
now we have zero volunteers for this





work, so please sign up. To sign up to help, contact our Operations Manager, Alicia Gutierrez at nmis.operations@gmail.com.

Meet the Teacher Day (21 August **2019):** We will post our classroom rosters at the school entrance. Classrooms will be open for our wonderful students to come and see. Teachers will be in their rooms to meet their students. I am so excited for this day! I can't wait!

Student First Day (22 August **2019):** Ready or not, here they come. School starts at 8:20 sharp.

Spanish Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Jude Estrada who competed in the city Spanish Spelling Bee competition over the weekend. She was 7th place against 8th graders! Bien hecho Jude!!

Intern on Campus

The following is an introduction for an intern, Keon Martinez, who will be with us beginning on April 22nd.

> My name is Keon Martinez and I will be at the school the next four weeks doing my senior internship for Hope Christian School. I am excited to get to know all of the students and see what their learning environment is like. I hope to leave a good impact

on the students as I know they will on me as well. Thank you,

Keon Martinez

Join us by welcoming this high schooler as he considers a future role in the education of our youth!

Letters for Veterans

Honor Flight is a non-profit organization that takes veterans to Washington, D.C. on an all-expense paid trip to see the memorials in their honor. This year, their trip includes 13 WWII and 12 Korean veterans.

One of the surprises for the veterans is "Mail Call"; each veteran receives a packet of letters and cards written by people like us and our kids, thanking them for their service. We would love to have LOTS of mail for each hero to open from people of every age.

There will be a box in the front office this month so families, students, and teachers can contribute cards and letters. Thank you for helping us make this special for them!

Kinder Graduation

Mark your calendars: Tuesday, May 21 is the big day (in the AM).

Volunteers needed: we will have one meeting to finalize logistics on





Saturday, April 27th at 8am at the Flying Star on Paseo and Wyoming. Please join us or email Christina Herrera Furst at chfurst@gmail.com for more info.

5th Grade Graduation

May 21 is our big day too!!!

Still looking for a volunteer to coordinate! Our kids have put in so much hard work this year, please consider honoring them by coordinating their ceremony. A million thanks to those of you who have already stepped up to plan the

party. Please contact Nancy Abeyta to volunteer.

Nancy.abeyta@yahoo.com.

Sixth Grade 2019-2020

Future 6th grade families - be sure to check your email for an update on our 6th grade expansion. *This is happening, my friends!*

¡Viva NMIS!

This Week's Grade-by-Grade Update

Kindergarten

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

This week students will continue to learn about inventions as we inquire into our central idea of how inventions help improve people's lives and the environment. Students will begin making their inventions and posters during this week. If you would like to come and volunteer to help reach out to your teacher to see when they can use your help.

In Language Arts students will be learning about the letter z and will

learn words that begin with this letter and do other writing activities with letter z. We will also review syllables with a and syllables with e

In math, students will learn about dime and the quarter. They will learn to identify these coins and learn to add these two coins separate and together.

In Science, students will learn review solar energy and make smores with their solar ovens! They



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will also learn about shadows and will go out in the patio to do a few fun activities learning about shadows.

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

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

Sílabas trabadas

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FV7 Fjm26rH0

Partes del cuerpo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pn cYQbgUv8M https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dT rFeTDdXqU

Verbos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwxgny8bvRE

Silabas

www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1RIUuftxK

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v =j7rJigx8ilc

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 our inquiry challenge to create a new society based on what we learned about shared traditions, activities, and interests among a large group of people. We will then move into our next line of inquiry on how people mark time. You might ask if your child can remember the song we are introducing about telling time on an analog clock at different times throughout the day!

We will review telling time on analog and digital clocks, and also think about other ways that people have marked time. This will give students a chance to tap into what they already know about solar and lunar calendars, days, months, and years. We will look at other types of calendars, too, such as the Mayan calendar, and how people can use other things in nature, such as the stars, the changing of seasons, and migration of animals to mark time.





If you have the chance, please think about and chat with your child about how you might mark time in your own family. Do you use school years as a frame of reference? Places you've lived? Special events? Let's extend this inquiry as far as we can!

Our vocabulary words for the week are: como, marcar, momento, hora, semana, mes. Our English words will continue to be red, hot, hat, sand, white, blue, hand, flag. In math, we will begin Unit 10, we will review telling time on an analog clock and writing times in digital notation. We will also start learning how to calculate elapsed times. Then we will review showing amounts of money with coins and calculating change with a class "vending machine."

Second Grade

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

In IB we continue our last unit How Do We Organize Ourselves. In this unit we will learn about different modes of transportation. Students will have an opportunity to create their own business or product and learn about marketing and pricing.

This week in Math, students will continue Unit 11. This unit focuses on multiplication, division and data charts.

In Social Studies, our students will learn how banks work and how they are able to save money. They will begin to plan their business or product. Students will also learn how children go to school around the world. They will learn about the countries where the children live.

In science we continue to learn about the history of transportation and will design gliders to see which fly the farthest.

The students will continue improving their spelling, penmanship, and writing skills through dictation. Gasté \$4.22 en la tienda y le di al cajero un billete de \$10.00. ¿Cuánto cambio debo recibir?

Spelling Words for the Week:

- 1. read (leer)
- 2. real (real)
- 3. ride (pasear)
- 4. right (derecho)
- 5. room (cuarto, espacio)
- 6. round (redondo)
- 7. run (correr)





8. said (decir)

9. same (igual)

10. school (escuela)

May 4th will be our carnival. 2nd graders will be hosting a cake walk during the carnival. Thank you for volunteering to help and the cake, cookies or brownies to donations. We are in need of more treats.

Parents we will be going on our field trip on May 7. Please remember to pay at http://osp.osmsinc.com/NMIS/

Third Grade

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

IB: We will review the types of communities and how they affect human lifestyles. We'll talk about the location, weather, and landforms that are more conducive to certain recreational activities. Students will look through different state brochures to get an idea of what their lifestyles are like.

Math: Students will learn the Partial Product method of solving multi-digit multiplication problems. Of course, they will have the choice of using either this method or the traditional algorithm. Students will estimate and solve word problems involving sale prices and offers.

Grammar: We will be working on subject and object pronouns in both Spanish and English. In Spanish especially, we will review and

practice pronoun-verb agreement as well as noun-adjective agreement.

Science: Our unit on Space and Our Planet will involve talking about prehistoric animals compared to animals of today. We will also explore how the earth is formed both by slow and rapid changes.

Spelling:

1 - judge

2 - judicial

3 - judgment

4 - adjust

5 - justice

6 - justify

7 - labor

8 - laboratory

9 - collaborate

10 - legal

11 - legislative

12 - illegal

13 - liberty

14 - liberate

15 - liberation

1 - hogar







- 2 lago
- 3 paisaje
- 4 vestuario
- 5 festival

Maestra Martini's

PARCC "Noveau" schedule:

Monday 4/22 1:45 pm Math 1

Tuesday 4/23 1:45 pm Math 2

Thursday 4/25 1:45 pm Math 3

Monday 4/29 8:45 am ELA 1

Friday 5/3 8:45 am ELA 2

*ELA=English Language Arts

Fourth Grade

Maestra Jill Salley nmis.salley@gmail.com Maestra Amanda Kraft nmis.kraft@gmail.com

This week, students will begin to experiment with energy and forces as part of our new IB unit "How the World Works". We will also integrate the two IB units in a World Peace Game exercise in which we will use the effects of climate change on polar bears as a jumping off point for inquiry. Look for a science fair project rubric to be sent your way soon. The projects will be due around May 15th.

In everyday math, the students will continue to work on unit 9. We are going to spend another week on decimals, fractions, and percentages. Students can expect to take the unit test at the end of next

week, or the beginning of the following week.

Students will continue to work in literature circles as they read the BFG in Spanish.

New Parce testing begins this week. Please try to ensure that your children arrive on time, that they are well rested, and have had a good breakfast.

The schedule is as follows:

Kraft:

Math-

Monday, April 22nd at 8:45-10am







Tuesday, April 23rd at 8:45-10am Thursday, April 25th at 8:45-10am We look forward to a great week!

Salley:

Monday, April 22nd at 12:30-1:45pm Tuesday, April 23rd at 12:30-1:45pm Thursday, April 25th at 12:30-1:45pm

Fifth Grade

Maestra Jessica Castro-Buelna

Spring 2019 Standards Based transition Assessment – Parents please make sure your student arrives to school on time. It is crucial they are here because we test in the morning. Below is a schedule of when we will be taking our tests.

Please see Schedule

Wed 4/24-9:00am – Math session 1
Wed 5/01-9:00am – Math session 2
Mon 5/06-8:45am – ELA session 1
Tue 5/07-8:45am – ELA session 2
Wed 5/08-9:00am – Math session 3
**ELA = English Language Arts

Mathematics – In mathematics we will be working on volume of cubes, cylinders, pyramids, rectangular pyramids, and cones.

History – We will be working in our book miMundo. The students key

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terms will involve adaptarse, bisonte, economia

IB "How we Share the Planet" we will continue to working on ecosystems. The students have chosen their animals for their small project of producers, consumers, or predators. Students will be looking at what these animals eat and if they are producers, consumers, or predators.

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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	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 (15 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)
Miguel Garcia	garcia0428@hotmail.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

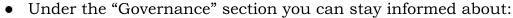




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- The Governing Council
- o The School Advisory Committee
- The Audit and Finance Committee
- Under "Calendar" you can see important events and dates
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https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/o45nr4cv9lcl6ihod60eukcga0%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.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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