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"All the Knews You Kneed to Know" By Todd Knouse, Head of School

No School

School is closed for a teacher work day on **Monday 24 September.**

Playground Now Open at 8:00!

I am so happy to announce that starting Tuesday, 17 September, the playground gates will be **opened and playground supervised at 8:00am**. This means you can get on campus and drop your kids off early and avoid the rush!

Please take advantage this great new opportunity!

Morning Bells

- The playground opens at 8:00.
- The students line up at 8:23.
- Teachers lead their classes in starting at 8:25.
- The drop-off lane closes at 8:25.
- The playground gates close and are locked at 8:27.



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• Students must be *inside classroom* by 8:30.

School Uniforms

All children must be in school uniform at all times. Children not in uniform will be sent to the office, and in some cases, will wait in the office until the parent can bring the correct uniform item.

Unless you registered in the last 3 weeks, all families should have the proper uniform tops for their children.

As the weather cools, a couple uniform reminders.

Q: Can my child wear leggings under his/her uniform bottoms?

A: You bet. Any plain color is allowed.

Q: Can my child wear a long sleeve undershirt under his/her uniform shirt?

A: Absolutely. Any plain color is allowed.

Q: Can my child wear a non-uniform jacket or sweater on top of his/her uniform shirt?

A: Only outdoors. When indoors, only uniform jackets/sweaters are allowed.

Q: Can my child wear cargo pants? Or Capri pants? Or corduroy pants?

A: No.

Interventions vs. Enrichment Classes

Interventions are academic supports provided during school to children we have identified as needing this support. Children are identified for qualifying for intervention based on MAP/Istation scores. A parent cannot "opt out" of intervention for his/her child if he/she qualifies based on these scores. Additionally, sometimes a teacher recommends a child for intervention, who would not have otherwise qualified for this free service based on test scores. A parent may "opt out" of these interventions in this case.

If your child did not qualify for intervention, you may request that he/she receive this service. Such a decision is made by the child's classroom teacher.

Children that do not receive intervention go to Enrichment classes. These are classes we have to keep children occupied and engaged while the classroom teachers provide intervention in reading and math to our neediest kids. If a teacher has no children





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needing intervention, then she does not need any enrichment classes for her students.

Bonus Library Hours

Did you know the library is open on Wednesdays during lunch for children that did not get a chance to visit that week? Thank you to our library committee for making this possible!!! have TWO balloons on site!!! This is one of our most beloved special events of the year!!! I am so excited!

Details of the arrival time will come out next week. However, be aware there will be special drop off and parking procedures on that day. **The drop-off lane will be closed that day.**

The Balloons Are Coming!

On **<u>Friday, 5 October</u>**, we will have our annual visit by a hot air balloon pilot. Actually this year, we will





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 Julia Rivera-Tapia <u>nmis.riveratapia@gmail.com</u>

This week we will learn the letter "P" and "B" and review syllables with the letter "M". We will continue working on the posters for "Mi servicio comunitario"/ Community service projects, and do the presentations on Friday. (Please lookout for an e-mail from your teacher with specific information for the Friday presentation and an attached high frequency list English words list).

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

- 1. ciudad
- 2. comunidad
- 3. familia
- 4. mama
- 5. yo

In math we will learn odd and even numbers, counting backwards, patterns, sorting and number recognition. Please make sure the students are in uniform at all times. The sweaters that they wear indoors must have the New Mexico International logo. Undershirts as well as tights must be a plain color. Thank you for your help with keeping us all uniform.

Please click on the following links to review videos of el Mono Silabo. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v</u> <u>=TTCVAWc7qXw</u> & <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v</u> <u>=o6axPDGbCdo</u>

Kinder Violin News:

HALLOWEEN CONCERT! Click here!

This week all kinder classes went through a mock test of basic skills needed in order to earn a real violin! As a preliminary assessment, all classes are doing really well! These are three main skills that could use





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some extra practice at home (especially since we'll only have one class next week!): Arm scrubs and making sure students start each rhythm downwards, Belly Button bows making sure the elbow opens/closes without the upper arm moving and bowholds! You can view the relevant YouTube practice videos <u>HERE!</u> You can also use the recordings to practice the Twinkle rhythms and the new song, "Bob is a Noisy Bird" <u>HERE!</u>

First Grade

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

This week marks the beginning of our second IB Unit of Inquiry. Our transdisciplinary theme is **How We Organize Ourselves**, with lines of inquiry that focus on how we classify plants and animals, how changes in the environment may relate to human activity, and the adaptations of animals according to their environments. The central idea of this unit is "Natural laws impact methods of human organization," and we will use our background knowledge of the needs and rules that we explored in our previous unit to learn more about patterns that govern nature.

Over the next two weeks, we will investigate the distinguishing characteristics of plants and animals. This week, we will begin with plants. With a variety of books

as a point of reference, we will read fiction and non-fiction texts about plants in both English and Spanish to enrich our vocabularies and understand what different parts of the plant do. We will start listening and/or dancing to songs like "Cada semilla," and "<u>Watermelon</u>." We'll also revisit edible plant parts with José Luis Orozco's "Plátanos y *manzanas.*" If you or someone close to you has a garden, this week and next would be an excellent time for you to look closely at the variety of plants and to find similarities and differences among them. Our Spanish vocabulary words are: raiz, tallo, hoja, flor, fruta, semilla. Our English spelling words are: **his**, dig, pat, sun, put, have.

In math, we will work on number models and number stories earlier





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in the week and then take our Unit 2 assessment. By the end of the week, we will start with Unit 3, which focuses on visual patterns, number patterns, and counting. We will practice making patterns with a stencil, and then move on to even and odd numbers and how they can be identified. If you are looking for a website that can help reinforce first grade math skills in English, you might want to take a look at Adapted Mind. And you can also find additional activities from our current unit here, as well as at this Everyday Mathematics page.

<u>1st Grade Violin News:</u>

HALLOWEEN CONCERT PLAYING OPORTUNITY! Click here!

We've been doing a lot of review of how to handle the violins and bows in class. Please stress our 3rd Essential Agreement, "Use materials and equipment appropriately". We're also reviewing using all 3 fingers on the A string for "Lightly Row". I recommend the following practice at home: Warming Up, Finger Jumping and Lightly Row videos on YouTube HERE, singing with, doing violin fingers along with the recording <u>HERE</u> and using the Lightly Row worksheet here. I also added a new playlist on SoundCloud for warming up (A Monkey song) here. We don't want to lose all their hard work from Kinder!

Second Grade

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

In IB we are beginning a new unit of study "Where we are in time and place". Our second graders will begin learning about Pueblo Indians. This week we will learn about Zuni and Isleta Pueblo. Our focus will be on culture, language and traditions.

This week in Math, the students will continue working on fact families

and addition/subtraction strategies. They will test on Unit 2. We will begin Unit 3 which focuses on fact families, data tables, time and money.

In Social Studies, our students will learn about the Rio Grande. We will learn about the Cottonwood tree and the kangaroo rat. We will also study maps on where Native American



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Reservations are located in New Mexico.

The students will continue improving their spelling, penmanship, and writing skills through dictation. The dictado this week will be: Pueblo is the Spanish word for town or village. In New Mexico there are 19 Pueblos. Each Pueblo has its own culture and traditions.

Spelling Words for the Week: **2nd Grade Violin News:**

HALLOWEEN CONCERT PLAYING OPPORTUNITY! Click here!

We've been having a lot of discussion on appropriate behavior in violin class and reviewing the safety tips they came up with last

- 1. Town (Pueblo)
- 2. Rio Grande (Rio Grande)
- 3. Zuni (Zuni)
- 4. Isleta (Isleta)
- 5. Tradition(Tradición)
- 6. Culture (Cultura)
- 7. Language (Lenguaje)
- 8. Spanish (Español)
- 9. New Mexico (Nuevo México)
- 10. Reservation (Reservación)

year in 1st grade. Students are encouraged to listen to "Go Tell Aunt Rhody" and their new song "Buenos Dias" <u>HERE</u>, drill the 2nd line of "Go Tell" and watch the new YouTube Video <u>HERE</u>. There's also a new playlist on <u>SoundCloud</u> to help your children get warmed up if they have instruments at home.

Third Grade

Maestra Yvonne Martini Maestra Monica Saenz

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IB: Students will finalize Stage 2 of their board game and *possibly* move on to Stage 3 where they will:

- Take a formative assessment on push and pull factors of migration.
- Be given specific jobs within their groups AND begin design of their gameboard.

Math: We will use basic facts to solve extended fact problems with partial-sums algorithm and make ballpark estimates as a check for







reasonableness of answers. Students begin working on multiplications tables of 3.

Grammar: We will learn about the subject and predicate of a sentence, more specifically *subject*. Students will learn that the subject of a sentence is the person, place, or idea that is doing or being something.

Science: Students will give (voluntary) bird presentations.

Spelling:

- 1. important
- 2. impossible
- 3. information
- 4. instead
- 5. interesting
- 6. island
- 7. its
- 8. it's
- 9. knew
- 10. know
- 1. equipo

Fourth Grade

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

We are finishing up our final week on our first unit, and busy at work completing our end of unit projects. Your child has been given the option to complete an oral presentation, a brochure with visuals or a poster





- 2. discutir
- 3. queja
- 4. suceso
- 5. compartir
- 6. amable
- 7. tolerancia
- 8. respeto
- 9. resolver
- 10. solucion

<u>3rd Grade Violin News:</u>

HALLOWEEN CONCERT PLAYING OPPORTUNITY! Click here!

Students are still working on "Perpetual Motion", please be focusing on Part C of the song. We also are working on the doubles variation! This week I did an experiment with the students to see how well they could watch my fingers and bow to pick up what I was playing. We figured out 90% of the new fiddle tune, "Old Joe Clark" this way. YouTube practice videos are <u>HERE</u>, listening <u>HERE</u>.



with visuals about how they want to change a habit that is negatively affecting our planet. Maestra Jill and Maestra Kraft have heard many creative ideas and solutions to make our planet a healthier and more sustainable place. Class projects are completed in class. We have brochure templates and plenty of butcher paper for posters. If students are making something like edible plates or recycling puppets, they may do so at home, and then complete the writing and visuals in class.

Camilla, director of the Rio Grande chapter of the Sierra Club is visiting our classrooms next Wednesday to present on how students can take action to help our environment here in town!

Our goal is to have presentations next Thursday and Friday. Remember, no school on Monday! In math we have been reviewing carrying in addition and borrowing in subtraction. We have been comparing measurements in head circumference and family size to help us learn how to graph data sets.

Our Spanish verb of the week was poder: to be able to. Our spelling words of the week are:

- 1. Choose
- 2. Kitchen
- 3. Touch
- 4. Chance



- 5. Sketched
- 6. Ketchup
- 7. Snatch
- 8. Stretching
- 9. Pitcher
- 10. Chef
- 11. Rush
- 12. Thirty
- 13. Northern
- 14. Graph
- 15. Photo
- 16. Whole
- 17. Fifth
- 18. Headphone
- 19. Whirl
- 20. width

Our first field trip is to the Islamic Center of New Mexico on Friday, October 5th at 9:00am. Please pay field trip fees if you have not done so already. We will begin our second unit on Who We Are-The 6 Major World Religions the week of October 1st.

Website for field trip fees: http://osp.osmsinc.com/NMI S

4th Grade Violin News:

HALLOWEEN CONCERT PLAYIN OPPORTUNITY! Click here!

New fiddle tune is up on YouTube <u>HERE</u> and recording is <u>HERE</u>.



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Please have your child continue to practice "Andantino" at home as well as we're polishing up to performance mode. There's also a

new playlist on SoundCloud for warm ups if you have a violin at home.

Fifth Grade

Maestra Ivonné Bouché nmis.bouche@gmail.com

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Dear Families, It is now Fall! September Equinox 2018 will be at 7:54 PM on Saturday, September 22! Hello Balloons, autumn leaves, baking time and pumpkin spice! Hope you are as happy about the new season as many of us are.

Many things are happening in FIFTH GRADE. We are getting ready to finalize our unit this week. Your child will be building their casita, church or pueblo building for their designated pueblos. The students will be designing replicas of their pueblo buildings this coming week. Feel free to send in an extra old shirt for them to wear while they are working and an old shoe box or a piece of recycled cardboard to build their replica on. Students will also be creating time limes representing all that was studied in the unit.

In **Math** we will be moving into Unit 3 with Geometry Explorations. We

will be learning about our angles, triangles and the geometric template for the next couple of weeks. IXL practice can be done at home using the homework sheet I sent last week. These activities will change according to the skills they have practiced. They may do IXL practice 30 minutes per night for now, Monday-Thursday.

In Language Arts we will be practicing our letter writing skills and persuasive writing to influence our local legislators. If there is a topic or problem in this world that your child is concerned with, please send me a short email with what that is if you can. I would like to have additional resources available for their writing activity for their topic if possible.

Reminders:

• Please send in a recycled shoe box or piece of cardboard 18x18 or a bit smaller by Tuesday.



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- Students will need an old t-shirt for them to wear during their clay activity.
- IXL practice should be done Monday-Thursday for about 30 minutes with their homework sheet.
- There is no school on Monday. See you Tuesday!

Have a great Friday!

5th Grade Violin News:

HALLOWEEN CONCERT PLAYING OPPORTUNITY! Click here!

We've done some really great work on "Etude" this week. It's quite a feat to be comfortable playing on all 4 strings! We'll be working on the doubles variation so continue practice with the YouTube videos <u>HERE</u> and listening <u>HERE</u>.

NM International School Foundation (NMISF)

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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 Development Committee:





New Mexico International School A K-5 Dual Language Immersion International Baccalaureate World School www.nmis.org / nmis.attendance@gmail.org Page 11 **Meeting Info** - Volunteers are always needed! Our next *GENERAL MEETING is Tuesday, September 25th* at 6pm, La Plaza and every 3rd Tuesday after that. *SPECIAL GOLF EVENT MEETING is Tuesday, October 2nd* at 6pm, La Plaza. Bring a friend, your meal, even the kiddo(s)!

Golf Classic - FINAL *DEADLINE* for team and sponsorship registration is Tuesday, September 24th!!!

\$400-team

\$100-tee sponsorship

Contact Puja Shah at 505-414-9094

Chipotle Fundraiser Night - *SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, October 2nd from 4-8pm -8120 San Pedro Drive NE (off Paseo del Norte).* While dining at Chipotle mention when placing your order you are there for the New Mexico International School fundraiser and our school will receive 33% of the proceeds!

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!

Pledge Drive Gift Pickup - If you contributed to last years Annual Pledge Drive, please stop by our table at ABQ Balloon Aloft event in our parking lot Friday, October 5th to pick up your gift!

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	<u>chfurst@gmail.com</u>	Kindergarten	World Poetry Day (21 March) Kinder graduation (21 May) <i>All Aboard!</i> Breakfast (2019)
Claudia Randolph	<u>cllr0305@gmail.com</u>	1st Grade	Liaison to Library Committee <i>All Aboard!</i> 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	<u>beautybybeck@comcast.net</u>	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	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) <i>Bienvenidos</i> 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 <u>http://nmis.org/ee/governance/sac</u>

- 23 August 2018
- at <u>http://nmis.org/ee/governance</u>
- 3 October 2018
- 28 November 2018
- 6 March 2019

- 30 January 2019
- 1 May 2019

News from SAC



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https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bWBHMOanFj4vQrvEBjRI3OFeOxLno KmgfNZAO8zphf0/edit?usp=sharing

If you have any questions, contact Stacey Fernandez who has generously volunteered to coordinate this special event. stacey.rose@gmail.com

Balloon Aloft is also October 5th! Every year balloons launch from elementary schools all over the city which marks the beginning of the annual Balloon Fiesta. Mark your calendars and plan on being at school at 7am that day to see the launch and enjoy fiesta staples of coffee, bagels and donuts! This committee is looking for volunteers to help serve the food and drinks, donations of donuts and or muffins, and a clean up crew. Click here to sign up:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EkxKqqrmNWAoWK8G25KcK1ghuFQg BHPXy0OPWTmbKOs/edit?usp=sharing

Library updates:

Our book review contest is back!

Our book review contest is underway. Who will win? Here's how it works: your child reads a book and writes a review in English or Spanish. They turn the book reviews in to the library either on their library day or by placing them in the folders on the wall behind the library door. Each well written review earns points for your child's clan. This year, we'll have prizes for the best review each trimester. The prize is...you guessed it...a book! Get started now with the review forms that are attached to the newsletter this week.

Join our reading challenge to earn books for your kids and the library

Our first Reach for the Stars Reading Challenge is underway. Your child should have a packet containing a reading log and pledge sheet to keep track of their reading minutes and sponsors. This is a two-week, voluntary read-a-thon style program sponsored by Usborne Books & More where students and





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teachers can earn a lot of books! Please see the packet or the Families of NMIS Facebook page for more information.

Fill in your family contribution logs by volunteering with us You need volunteer hours, we need volunteers. Let's connect! Our volunteers help during class visits and beyond. Email caram99@gmail.com or nmkatecunningham@gmail.com for information. A reminder that volunteers and visitors should not bring snacks to the library at any time, including snacks with nuts.





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Visit our website at <u>www.nmis.org</u>

- 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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Connect with our parent community by joining the <u>closed</u> Facebook group "Families of NMIS." Loggin to Facebook, search "Families of NMIS" and then <u>ask to join</u>. NOTE that this closed group is not managed or directly affiliated with NMIS.

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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%40g roup.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics

<u>Also....</u>





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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



International Baccalaureate Baccalauréat International Bachillerato Internacional 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.

<u>School Hours</u> M, T, Th, Fr: 8:30-3:00 W: 8:30-2:00

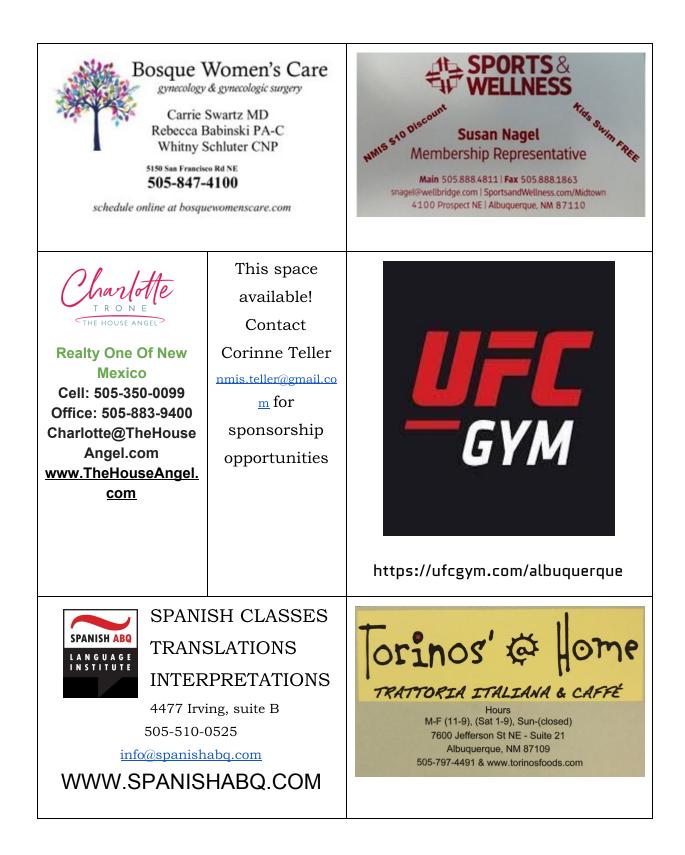
> <u>Office Hours</u> M-F: 8:00-3:30

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