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Knouse Knews

“All the Knews You Kneed to Know”

By Todd Knouse, Head of School

Got NMIS Books?

Do you have NMIS library materials at home? Please remember to send them to school ASAP. Books must be turned in by **Friday, 11 May 2018**.

In order to participate in any end-of-year activities, a student must not be on the library “missing books” list.

VIVA CARNIVAL!!!

Carnival and Silent Auction
Saturday **5 May at NMIS**. Loads of

fun to be had and super-high-quality items at our silent auction. Please come!!!

Have you Registered?

Registration packets for 2018-2019 are due by **11 May 2018 at 3:30 pm**. You can download all necessary forms from www.nmis.org/ee/admissions. From there, you will find a link for “new students” or “current students.”

Please get these turned in on time. Incomplete packets are not accepted. If you don't get these



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turned in on time, or if you turn in an incomplete packet, you will have forfeited your child’s enrollment spot for 2018-2019. Yikes! Don’t let this happen to you!

Curriculum Nights

Last year we did our first ever “end of year curriculum night.” This was a chance for parents to come and get a summary of what was covered this year and a “farewell” from your child’s current teacher. Plus, parents will hear from teachers from the subsequent grade level on what to expect next year, and ideas on what you can do over the summer with your child to stay sharp!

This event was really well received, and so we are doing it again this year! Below is the schedule.

Time	Monday 7 May	Tuesday 8 May
4:00	3rd to 4th	
4:30	4th to 5th	K to 1st
5:00	1st to 2nd	
5:30	2nd to 3rd	Incoming K (group 1)
6:00		Incoming K (group 2)

Letters went out last week with more information. Note that there is a change in location for these meetings: meetings will be held

downstairs in the **Martial Arts room** (room 102). Only incoming kinder students are part of this evening’s events.

Teacher Surveys

We collect surveys on our teachers each year.

In grades **K-2nd** these surveys are completed by **parents** of the students. These will be done **at the conclusion of curriculum night** on either 7 May or 8 May.

In grades **3rd-5th**, these surveys are completed by the **students** themselves. These have already been completed.

Spring Violin Concert

Our amazing students will perform for you at our annual Spring Violin Concert on **Friday, 11 May 2018**. As always, our show will be at Hope in the Desert Church. Here is the schedule of performances for that day:

Morning Show 10:15-11:00	Afternoon Show 12:00-12:45
Pedrotty Cooper de Uribe Delilla Saenz Sayer (group A)	Salley Arvizu Pell-Schaver Martini Sayer (group B) Bouche

Thank you to Maestra Hunter for putting this show together and SAC



member Nancy Abyeta for supporting!

Book Fair

Our final book fair is this week, ending **Friday, 11 May**. Just happens to be the same day as the due date for library books, registration packets as well as the Violin Concert. Coincidence??? Not at all.

Modifying the Deployment of our Grade Level Expansion

Hopefully by now you know that we are only doing two of our three prongs of expansion next year. We will:

- Add third kindergarten
- Add second 4th grade

Our third prong was to add our first 6th grade next year. However, our Governing Council voted to delay the launch of 6th grade until we get to our new facility in the 2019-2020 school year. This will give us a full year to explore curriculum development as well as search out the perfect 6th grade teacher to join our community.

Fundraiser Rewards

A letter was sent last week with details on the Foundation's Spring

Pledge Drive. Here are the reward events we have coming up:

9 May: *Stuffed Animal Day*. Kids bring a medium sized stuffed animal to school!

16 May: *Lunch time DANCE!* Music played on the playground at all lunch periods. Get your boogie on!

17 May or 18 May: *Super-sized AM recess*: Depending on grade level, kids get a super sized AM recess on one of these days.

End of Year Testing

We wrap up our PARCC Testing (grades 3-5) and End-of Year Istation Testing (grades K-2) this week. Only remaining will be Art and Music assessments for our 4th & 5th graders next week.

Fifth Grade Exposition

All students in an IB program complete an independent inquiry project in place of their last IB unit. This personalized study amounts to a sort of "elementary school senior project" where the children investigate somewhat meaty topics. They then present their work at what is called the *Exposition*. NMIS is holding its Exposition in conjunction with other IB schools in the Albuquerque area on **Thursday, 17 May 2018**. The event is at the APS City Center at 6400 Uptown Blvd. from **5:30-7:00 pm**. Please



come support our kids and see their incredible work!

This Week's Grade-by-Grade Update

Kindergarten

Maestra Jill Salley nmis.salley@gmail.com

Maestra Cynthia Pedrotty nmis.pedrotty@gmail.com

Students will continue exploring the invention process. They will be planning and building their inventions. Students will do a science activity that will deepen their exploration of the sun's energy.

This week in Language Arts, students will work with syllables with "u" and do various reading comprehension exercises.

In Everyday Math, the kids will practice addition in activity that uses popsicle sticks to represent

sums in many different ways. They will play an addition game called the "plus/minus" game. Students will also practice tens and be introduced to the term "decade" in an activity that counts decades.

The Students will take their spring Istation (reading) tests this Thursday.

The spring violin concert will be this Friday. We can't wait to hear how far the kids have come!

First Grade

Maestra Alisa Cooper de Uribe nmis.cooperdeuribe@gmail.com

Maestra Ana Arvizu nmis.arvizu@gmail.com

This week, we will continue with our final line of inquiry on the features of maps and timelines. Our focus will be on different types of maps, culminating in the creation of

individual books inspired by the title "Yo en el mapa" by Joan Sweeney, which uses the concentric circle concept of home, neighborhood, city, state, country, continent, and world. We will also use read aloud



time to learn more about how to use map keys and directions to locate places and reach destinations. We will also introduce the kids to a scavenger hunt so they can get hands-on practice! Our vocabulary words are: *mapa, clave, rosa, calle, continente, y mundo.*

In math, we will review geometry, as well as thermometers and reading temperature. For home support, you can click [here](#) and [here](#).

Second Grade

Maestra Iracema Pell-Schaver nmis.pellschaver@gmail.com

Maestra Julia DeLilla nmis.delilla@gmail.com

We embark ourselves into a very busy, but exciting week! We hope to see you on Monday May 7th for curriculum night. Our 3rd grade teachers will be giving you a synopsis of what is coming next school year. Also, don't forget that our spring violin concert is on Friday May 11, see you there!

In the classroom this week we will continue with our IB Unit How We Organize Ourselves. As the students learn more about communities around the world and transportation systems they will be taking an adventure around the world on paper. One of the activities this week will be documenting a fictional journey on a personal diary that will include a surprise transportation system. We will be also using our leveled readers booklets to learn about the different rules and safety procedures when they are walking

on the street, riding a bike, a car, a bus, and a skateboard

For social studies students will be reading about the ways that goods from other countries get to the United States and vice versa. Our informational article for the week will be "Los países comercian y transportan bienes"

In science we will continue with the energy unit. We will keep exploring the concept that energy makes heat is. Students will be working with special pieces of paper that have some "mysterious" properties. These "mysterious" properties will react different at the exposure of any type of heat.

In math we will start teaching the basics of the concept of division. Students will practice how to solve division number stories. We will also review and practice multiplying by 2, 5 and 10. Finally, this week in



math we will introduce 1s and 0s multiplication facts and we will guide our second graders to discover patterns in multiplication facts.

Third Grade

Maestra Yvonne Martini nmis.martini@gmail.com

Maestra Monica Saenz nmis.saenz@gmail.com

IB: Students have begun their focused research on a U.S. city. They have seen examples of brochures and know what elements should be included. Things like: popular attractions, local cuisine, climate, general history, etc.

Math: Students will wrap up Unit 9 with an assessment. In Unit 10, we will learn and practice solving 2-digit by 2-digit multiplication. Students will be introduced to the concept of volume.

Science: Students will learn about Mohs Hardness Scale and how its used to determine a mineral's relative hardness. Students may bring in a rock sample or two (please not too many all at once) to share with the class. They should be able to tell other what each rock is.

Spelling: The root words for this week are *lingu* (language), *loc* (place),

log (word), *lum* (light), and *man* (hand).

1. bilingual
2. linguist
3. multilingual
4. location
5. relocate
6. local
7. analogy
8. dialogue
9. apology
10. illuminate
11. luminous
12. bioluminescent
13. emancipate
14. manipulate
15. management

Fourth Grade

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IB: The students have started working on their scientific method projects, pertaining to the energy of their choosing.

Science: The students have started their research on their projects. By the end of the week the students will be presenting to the class, as well as other grade levels. They may get materials from home, work on experiments at home too, but the work needs to be done by the student.

Social Studies: The students will learn about the history of all the types of energy and how they “came to be.” Be sure to ask them all about it!

Math: Entering into Unit 10-11. Unit 10 pertains to lines and reflections, and Unit 11 is all about weights and the measurement of:

volume. As always, please review multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, and percentage facts at home!

Literacy: The students will use the same vocabulary from last week, and then they will take the higher of the 2 scores. The English “regular” words for this week are: *vary, trial, data, method, theory, analysis, variable, procedure, independent, dependent, evaluate, overview, scientist, experiment, and conclusion.* The English “bonus” words for this week are: *qualitative, quantitative, inference, extraneous, and scientific.*

The Spanish words/phrases for the week are: *cambiar, prueba experimental, datos, estilo, análisis, variable, procedimiento, científico/a, y conclusión.*

Fifth Grade

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Dear Families,

Our final weeks are upon us. We are working so hard to meet our deadlines. We have our exhibition coming up very soon. Thank you for helping guide your child as best you

can throughout this process! It is our first year doing this and we are working through all of it.

L.A. Our ADELA Spanish written projects are being drafted every day. Please send in the photos by



Monday. Pictures were due this Friday. Thank you!

Please know our final spelling quizzes might be moved to Mondays instead of Fridays. The final four quizzes were emailed out and students should have them in their composition notebooks.

Math practice. Students will continue working on IXL for a few more weeks. Sixth grade math skills are being taught this coming week. Students are excited!

Assessments:

PARCC: Our final PARCC assessment will be this Tuesday from 8:45am-10:45pm. Please have them eat a complete breakfast if possible. They will be testing right through their lunch. We will go to lunch at 12:45pm.

ART EOC: May 14th

MUSIC EOC: May 15th

Exhibition Practice: May 10th @ NMIS. 8:30-3:30. Students will practice in front of students and parents. You are welcome to attend during the day. There is still so much left to do, but we will have them practice what they have as of then.

Tri-Ib Schools Exhibition: May 17th @ APS City Center. 5:30-7pm, 6400 Uptown Blvd. NE. Please carpool. Parking is limited. Please bring a dish to potluck by 5pm on that day to the APS City Center.

Carnival: May 5th here at NMIS. Please see Susan Martinez with any questions.

Graduation: May 23rd at 1pm. The invitation was sent out today. Please see the invitation for more details.

Last day of school: May 24th.

Gratitude Corner: Thank you to Ms. Parisa. She will be helping guide the parent volunteers for Exhibition. She may reach out to you as early as this weekend to sign up for specific slots. Thank you in advance for helping support this. Thank you to Susan Martinez and everyone involved with the carnival. Thank you to all our EXHIBITION MENTORS! Students are on FIRE!! Thank you for your support.



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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

Please SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, and CO-WORKERS in person and on your social media the **Spring Carnival will be held at NMIS May 5 11am-2pm**. It will be tons of fun! With help from our teachers and families, we are planning many fun booths, music, bouncies, food trucks, and a **Silent Auction**. We have generous donations (over \$7,000 in value!) from local and national organizations including **Disneyland, Sandia Tramway, Robertson's Violins, Embassy Suites, Icon Cinemas, Albuquerque Isotopes, Trader Joes's, Hinkle** and many more! Outbid your friends for **mother's day gifts, teacher's gifts, or date night experiences**. We will be offering a "Buy It Now!" option on many items that guarantee you win AND a discount off the face value.

Thank you to everyone who contributed or asked others to contribute for our Spring Pledge Drive!

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:



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Member	email	Represents	Oversees organization of these events/programs
Claudia Randolph	cklservices@me.com	Kindergarten	Winter Violin Concert (8 Dec) Spring Photo Day (15 March) Kinder graduation (23 May)
Andrea Sewell	ajdoterra@gmail.com	1st Grade	Liaison to Library Committee UN Day (24 Oct) World Poetry Day (21 March)
Joanna Cosbey	joannacosbey@hotmail.com	2nd Grade	Liaison to Afterschool Programs Earth Day (20 Apr) Talent Show (18 May)
Stacey Adams	stacey.smaphotography@gmail.com	3rd Grade	Liaison to Yearbook Bienvenidos Picnic (27 Aug) Fall Picture Day (19 Sept) Int'l Day of Tolerance (16 Nov)
Nancy Abeyta	nancy.abeyta@yahoo.com	4th Grade	Liaison to Catered Lunch Program BioVan visit (5 or 11 Apr) Spring Violin Concert (11 May)
Gary Newell	by_coincidence@gmail.com	5th Grade	Liaison to Uniform Program School Choice Week (22-26 Jan) Teacher Appreciation Week (2 Oct - 6 Oct) 5th Grade Graduation (23 May)
Amanda Sayer	nmis.sayer@gmail.com	Faculty	Liaison to Sunshine Committee Parent Volunteer Celebration (late May)

SAC Regular Meeting Schedule

All SAC meetings are at 5:30 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>

- ~~● 24 August 2017~~
- ~~● 29 November 2017~~
- ~~● 7 March 2018~~
- ~~● 5 October 2017~~
- ~~● 24 January 2018~~
- ~~● 2 May 2018~~

News from SAC

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Subscribe to our text message alert system by texting “@nmis” to (253)299-2128 for last minute updates/reminders.

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):

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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 or by following them at www.facebook.com/nmisf



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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 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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