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# Knouse Knews

“All the Knews You Kneed to Know”

By Todd Knouse, Head of School

## **Last Day of School Events**

Thank you to parent volunteers (lead by Bridget Chaves) for coordinating our last day of school events. We will have our amazing WATER DAY with loads of fun, wet things.

On the last day of school, **Thursday 24 May 2018**, send your child with a bathing suit, towel, CLOSED TOE SHOES that you don't mind getting soaked, and plenty of SUNSCREEN, and possibly a hat.

Remember **school dismisses at 11:30** on this last day with no lunch period.

If you are interested in helping, contact Bridget at [bridget@yourinfinityrealty.com](mailto:bridget@yourinfinityrealty.com) or check out her card in the sponsorship portion of this newsletter.

## **Yearbooks**

Yearbooks will be distributed to students that purchased on one **Wednesday, 23 May 2018**.



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## Library Books

All library books were due last Friday. There are still 26 kids with books checked out. These kids will not be permitted to participate in

end of the year activities. This includes Water Day and Graduations and Yearbook Signings. Please make sure your child has books returned or paid for.

# This Week's Grade-by-Grade Update

## Kindergarten

Maestra Jill Salley [nmis.salley@gmail.com](mailto:nmis.salley@gmail.com)

Maestra Cynthia Pedrotty [nmis.pedrotty@gmail.com](mailto:nmis.pedrotty@gmail.com)

This week the kindergarteners will finish up their last IB unit, "How the World Works." They will practice presenting their inventions and will think about how they help improve people's way of life or help the environment. We will explore different types of materials and the way things move in science. At the end of the week, the students will present their inventions and we will host an in-class "Invention Convention."

In Language Arts, the students will continue practicing reading comprehension and will work with all syllables.

In math, students will play a dice game that explores double digit numbers, they will play "What's my rule?" with patterns, and continue to work with time.

We look forward to another great week!

### Message from Maestra Thompson

This week I will be taking down and sending home all art that is left. Kindergarten students have been working in centers so there isn't much to send home. They did make some cute little clay sock monkey faces. They could be used as an ornament or anything they would like to use them for.



I have enjoyed working with your little ones. Have a wonderful Summer!

**Kinder Violin News:** I'm so proud of the kinder classes on their performances today!

**Summer Violin Info:** [here](#)

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## First Grade

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

This week, we will finish our unit on Where We Are in Place and Time. It is mind-blowing to think about how far we have come this year! Our classes' summative assessments will incorporate our three lines of inquiry on societies, marking time, and maps. Students will create their own fantasy world, complete with details about its society and important moments in history, and what it looks like in map form. We look forward to seeing what the kids develop from their imaginations! Our vocabulary words will be *ficción*, *fantasía*, *mágico*, *imaginar*, *crear*, and *dibujar*.

In math, we will finish Unit 10 by reviewing place value, number scrolls, and number grids, and we will take our final assessment. For extra support at home, you can click [here](#) and [here](#).

We are so proud of our students this year, and are deeply grateful to you

all for your support and enthusiasm. Thank you!

### Message from Maestra Thompson

I will be sending home the rest of the art this week. However, I would like to hold back a few pieces to hang at the beginning of the next school year. You will get most everything your child has created now and the rest in the Fall. Please let me know if your child is not returning so that I can make sure not to hold back any of their art.

Thank you for sharing your precious children with us. I have enjoyed working with them this year.

### First Grade Violin News:

Congratulations to the first graders on their performances today!!

**Summer Violin Info:** [here](#)



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## Second Grade

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We hope you have a great Mother's Day! Welcome to the last full week of the school year! We know that our second graders are very excited about starting summer break and becoming 3rd graders. We are a little sad to see them go, but we are also extremely proud of all the accomplishments and academic goals they reached this year.

In math we continue to review all the material and concepts reserved for second grade. This week we will practice additional basic multiplication and division skills. We will multiply and divide by 2s, 5s, 10s, 1s and 0s. We will finish unit 11 in math and then our second graders will take their last end of the unit assessment of the of year!

During this week we will finish up our last IB unit. If you recall, the main emphasis was that communities adapt their transportation systems according to their location, beliefs, and available resources. The summative assessment IB project will consist in creating a pop up informational

card that will focus in one transportation system only. Students will demonstrate the knowledge by writing facts that they know including, but not limited to the terrain where is used, the reason behind why people will use it, the way it functions, when, where and why it was invented etc. We are looking forward to see what amazing creations they will make!

This week students will be also spending time in the classroom writing compliments about each of their classmates. The last day of school, every student in second grade will be taking home an envelope full of compliments from their classmate and their teacher. We believe this is a great way to end our amazing 2nd grade journey.

### **Message from Maestra Thompson**

I will taking down and sending home all artwork this week. However, I would like to keep a few pieces to hang in the hall at the beginning of next school year. If your child will not be returning to NMIS next year, please let me know. I will make sure to return everything. Thanks for another great year! Your kids are the best!



## Second Grade Violin News:

Fantastic job on your performances today, second grade! Thank you for being brave and playing with TWO different classes!

Summer Violin Info: [here](#)

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## Third Grade

Maestra Yvonne Martini [nmis.martini@gmail.com](mailto:nmis.martini@gmail.com)

Maestra Monica Saenz [nmis.saenz@gmail.com](mailto:nmis.saenz@gmail.com)

**IB:** Students will continue working on their brochures and be ready to present early next week. As part of our unit on How The World Works, we will be visiting the Sandia Tram on **Friday, May 18th**. If your child has not returned his/her permission slip, please do so by Tuesday. While on our trip to the Sandia's, we will learn about the geology of the mountains and a brief history of the Kiwanis cabin. As a reminder, if your child normally orders a school lunch, it is a good idea to cancel it before Friday. Things your child will need for the field trip:

- backpack
- hat
- sack lunch
- water bottle
- wear sunscreen
- wear comfortable walking shoes
- dress in layers

We are super excited and looking forward to a an exciting experience!

**Math:** Students have learned how to measure in linear units (cm, in, yd, and m). In our next unit they will learn capacity, the measurement of liquids.

**Science:** Students will learn about the formation of different landforms and the minerals and rocks found in the such landforms and how they help us develop new technologies and are used in our everyday lives.

**Spelling:** The root words for this week are *mar* (sea), *max* (greatest), *mech* (machine), *mem* (mind), and *merge* (dive).

1. marine
2. marina
3. aquamarine
4. climax
5. maximum



6. maximize
7. mechanic
8. mechanical
9. mechanism
10. memoir
11. memorial
12. memorable
13. merge
14. emerge
15. submerge

### **Message from Maestra Thompson**

I will be sending home all artwork this week. This includes a ceramic project that is pretty fragile. I hope they make it home in one piece.

I would like to hold back a few of the students art pieces to hang at the beginning of next school year. Please let me know if your child won't be returning so I can be sure to send home everything.

Your kids are the best! I had a wonderful time working with them.

**Third Grade Violin News:** Thanks to the third grade classes for kicking off the violin concerts today. Great job!

**Summer Violin Info:** [here](#)

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## **Fourth Grade**

Maestra Amanda Sayer [nmis.sayer@gmail.com](mailto:nmis.sayer@gmail.com)

**IB:** The students have worked super hard on their energy projects. Presenting starts Monday.

**Science:** The students will be presenting their projects on energy this week! If you would like, I will take photos and videos. Just message you ahead of time so I can get those to you!

**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:** Still working with Units 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 type up a report on their projects, what they would like to change to their projects, and things they would do



differently in the future. We will peer edit, then make a final draft. Working on our typing/computer skills!!!

### **Message from Maestra Thompson**

I will be sending all your child's art home this week. However, I would like to hold back a few pieces to hang in the hall at the beginning of next school year. Please let me know if your child isn't returning next

year. I can then be sure to return everything now.

Have a great Summer!

### **Fourth Grade Violin News:**

Awesome job to the fourth graders today on their performances. They'll be taking their Music EOC course at the beginning of next week!

**Summer Violin Info:** [here](#)

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## **Fifth Grade**

Maestra Ivonné Bouché [nmis.bouche@gmail.com](mailto:nmis.bouche@gmail.com)

Dear Parents,

Thank you for coming to our violin concert today. It was truly a moving moment when our fifth graders played their final concert as elementary school children. Of course we still have graduation coming up with more performances, but this was truly special. Thank you for coming.

As we get closer to our final days of school I would like to remind our parents to please remind your child that we still have work to complete.

Final Assessments to be completed this final full week of school. May 14<sup>th</sup>-May 17<sup>th</sup>.

EOCs will be taken Monday/Tuesday.

Exhibition Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Exhibition reflection May 18<sup>th</sup>-May 23<sup>rd</sup>

ADELA project to be completed May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Our last day of school will be Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to sign each other's year books.

This is our final weekend prior to our exhibition on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please help guide and support your child in modifying, adding or correcting their assigned piece of the project. They still have one full week to better



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their overall verbal and aesthetic presentation. You will receive information regarding their mentors so that final changes or modifications can be made in support of the project.

Next week students will be taking their end of year exams in both music and art. Please make sure your child is here on time especially this last full week. We appreciate all you do to support us finishing off this great year.

Exhibition night: Please have your child at the APS CITY CENTER by 4:45pm. Students will be allowed some time to eat and mingle prior to their final rehearsal. Opening ceremonies begin at 5pm.

Potluck items may be dropped off as early as 2:30-4:30.

Gratitude corner: Thank you mentors, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Pell-Shaver, Ms. Martini, Ms. Sara Granados, Mrs. Arvizu, Mrs. Lobue, Ms. Corinne, Mrs. Alisa Cooper de Uribe, and Ms. Hunter. Thank you for your guidance and support.

### **Message from Maestra Thompson**

I am sending home all remaining art home this week. The students have worked so hard on their ceramic projects. I know you will love what they created.

I will be so sad to say goodbye to our 5th graders. Your students have been such a joy and I have loved being their art teacher for the last six years. I wish them the best as they move on. I know they will do great things!

Have a wonderful Summer Break!

**Fifth Grade Violin News:** What a great final performance to our Fifth graders! We'll be doing our final preparations for their graduation ceremony next week!

**Summer Violin Info:** [here](#)





# 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

**Thank you to everyone who came and joined us for the Carnival and Silent Auction.** We hope everyone had an awesome time! We raised a lot of money for the Foundation and sold all our silent auction items! If you won something and haven't yet picked it up, please email [cswartz@nmisf.org](mailto:cswartz@nmisf.org) to find out who to contact. There are so many people who contributed so much to make it a success, but the biggest thanks go out to Puja Shah, Lydia Goldfine, and all the teachers! If you have suggestions for next year or things that you loved this year, please let us know.

This summer, we will be planning **used uniform sales** and continuing with concessions at **Isotopes games**. As school starts again in the fall, we are hoping to have **bulk school supply purchasing** and a **Golf Tournament**.

We still need help with ALL of this, so if you interested in getting involved, email us ([cswartz@nmisf.org](mailto:cswartz@nmisf.org)) and we will get you connected with the group. Every little bit helps!

## 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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email

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these events/programs			
Claudia Randolph	<a href="mailto:cklservices@me.com">cklservices@me.com</a>	Kindergarten	Winter Violin Concert (8 Dec) Spring Photo Day (15 March) Kinder graduation (23 May)
Andrea Sewell	<a href="mailto:ajdoterra@gmail.com">ajdoterra@gmail.com</a>	1st Grade	Liaison to Library Committee UN Day (24 Oct) World Poetry Day (21 March)
Joanna Cosbey	<a href="mailto:joannacosbey@hotmail.com">joannacosbey@hotmail.com</a>	2nd Grade	Liaison to Afterschool Programs Earth Day (20 Apr) Talent Show (18 May)
Stacey Adams	<a href="mailto:stacey.smaphotography@gmail.com">stacey.smaphotography@gmail.com</a>	3rd Grade	Liaison to Yearbook Bienvenidos Picnic (27 Aug) Fall Picture Day (19 Sept) Int'l Day of Tolerance (16 Nov)
Nancy Abeyta	<a href="mailto:nancy.abeyta@yahoo.com">nancy.abeyta@yahoo.com</a>	4th Grade	Liaison to Catered Lunch Program BioVan visit (5 or 11 Apr) Spring Violin Concert (11 May)
Gary Newell	<a href="mailto:by_coincidence@gmail.com">by_coincidence@gmail.com</a>	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	<a href="mailto:nmis.sayer@gmail.com">nmis.sayer@gmail.com</a>	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>*

## News from SAC

**MISSED THE YEARBOOK DEADLINE?** You can still order and customize an NMIS yearbook. Late orders will incur an additional shipping charge. Visit <https://www.treering.com/validate?PassCode=1013189598373429> and enter passcode **1013189598373429**.

### **LIBRARY NEWS:**

#### **Return your books!**

26 NMIS students still have 32 books checked out.



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We're in the process of closing down the library for the year. As such, we're sending overdue notices so we can get everything returned. Please return all books to your child's teacher and don't leave books in the hallway.

If your child lost a book, you may pay a \$20 replacement fee OR buy the same book. Contact Corinne at [nmis.teller@gmail.com](mailto:nmis.teller@gmail.com) to make payment arrangements, or leave a new book at the front desk with your child's name and class. **This should be done by May 11.**

If you have concerns about lost books, please email [nmislibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:nmislibrarian@gmail.com) with your child's information.

### **We need more volunteers!**

#### **Our library simply can't operate without the parents who run it.**

Several of our volunteers have students who are graduating this year, so we are in the process of recruiting more help for the library. This is a rewarding "job" that is flexible around your schedule. You set the pace, and choose the times you can help (maybe even when your kid visits the library.) We provide training for this fun way to check your volunteer hours off your family contribution log. Come see how much students get out of access to books! Email [nmkatecunningham@gmail.com](mailto:nmkatecunningham@gmail.com) for information.

### **¡Ganaron los Osos!**

Members of Clan Osos wrote 35 book reviews for the spring trimester. Bien hecho, Osos!

Here's the final score:

Osos: 35

Pumas: 14

Víboras: 8

Coyotes: 6

We'd love to see your book reviews in the fall. You can get the review sheets on the school's website.

### **After School Program:**



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We are working to get our fall line up of classes ready to go and need your help! Are you interested in **teaching** a class for the fall? We'd love for you to share your hobbies, skills, and knowledge with us--cooking, crafting, coding, science projects, humanitarian projects, dance classes, board games, sports, and more! Anything you are interested in could make a great class for our children. You can tell us what day you are available, how large or small you want your class to be, and how much you want to charge (if anything). We need you!

We also want to hear from you--what classes would you **like for us to offer**? Is there something your child would love to do? Let us know and we will see if we can find someone to offer that class. You can contact us at [nmis.afterschool@gmail.com](mailto:nmis.afterschool@gmail.com) to share your ideas.



# Stay Informed!

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- 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.

**Follow** us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NewMexicoInternationalSchool](http://www.facebook.com/NewMexicoInternationalSchool)

**Connect** with our parent community by joining the closed Facebook group “Families of NMIS.” Loggin to Facebook, search “Families of NMIS” and then *ask to join*. NOTE that this closed group is not managed or directly affiliated with NMIS.

**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):

<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](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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