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“All the Knews You Kneed to Know”

By Todd Knouse, Head of School

Balloon Aloft!!!!

This Friday we will host our annual ABQ Aloft event! But this year, we are kicking it up a notch: we will have **two** visiting balloons and their pilots!

This kicks off bright and early at 7:00 am. There will be special parking directions for this event. These are included on an attachment to this newsletter, but briefly:

- There will be no vehicular access to any on-site parking lot.
- There will be no drop off lane (Because it will be filled with a balloon!!!)
- To access the event you can park and walk to campus from:
 - The dirt parking lot indicated on the attachment - park at your own risk!
 - Curbside on any public street not marked as “no parking”



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Thank you for helping to make this amazing annual event safe and fun!

October 5 is World Teacher Day!!!

Please celebrate our amazing staff by thanking your child's teacher this Friday, 5 October. NMIS will be celebrating World Teacher Day. We have an incredible staff, and perhaps the hardest working teachers, in Albuquerque!

Spend a moment or two and send your child's teachers (classroom, art, music, Arabic...there are a lot) a short note of thanks for all her hard work.

Global information on World Teacher Day:

<https://en.unesco.org/events/world-teachers-day-2018-right-education-means-right-qualified-teacher>

Lovin' the Morning!

I hope that our new extended AM hours are helping you in your commute to NMIS. Remember we open the playground 15 minutes earlier now - **opening at 8:00.**

There are no crossing guards until 8:15, so the playground is open at 8:00 *only to children using the drop-off lane.*

Take advantage of this awesomeness and try leaving to NMIS just 5

minutes earlier. The best time to arrive is before 8:15.

The drop off lane is now closing at 8:25 so vehicles entering will have time to get through the drop off in time.

Hallway Access for Pick Up

After intensive discussions with the faculty and the SAC, the school has decided to continue to do pick up by having parents park and enter the building to pick up students. Despite its shortcomings, it is the best and safest alternative.

One modification we will make is that **we will not open the hallways until the dismissal bell.** Parents will wait in the lobby or outside until being permitted down the halls.

“When does School Start?”

Students must be in their classroom at 8:30. If you drop them off really close to that time, and they do not make it into their room by the tardy bell, they are marked absent. When teachers take attendance they only have the option to mark a student “present” or “absent” and they do so at 8:30 am.

Thus, if your child is delaying in the halls, or you drop him/her at the curb at 8:29 and do not sign



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him/her in, you can expect a notice from the Registrar that day.

Library Open Hours

The NMIS library is open for students every other Wednesday during lunch hours. Thank you library volunteers!!!!

Family Contribution Log Reminder

Don't forget to be working on your *Family Contribution Log* to keep track of how you support your child's school. This was sent at the beginning of the year, but is attached again to this newsletter.

This log will be turned in to the school at the Winter Violin Concert

on 14 December where we will do a brief thank you and recognition of our parent volunteers.

Thank you to everyone for doing so much to make this school awesome!

The Move Cometh....

I know it is some time out, but remember we will be moving our entire campus at the end of this school year. I am still working on hammering out specific dates, but the move will be happening early to mid-June. I will be needing a lot of parent volunteers in the months preceding this move, as well as during the actual move. Thank you in advance to all of you that will be helping us out!

This Week's Grade-by-Grade Update

Kindergarten

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This week we will begin the IB unit "Where we are in place and time". Students will make graphic representations to help them understand where we are in time and place and we will do a science unit that will tie the

night sky. Students will also be learning about their personal stories. We will learn the letter S and R this week and do activities tied to them. In math we will be skip counting, learning about weight and balancing, measurement, probability and estimation.



Last week we took our first formal assessment on the initial sounds. 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>

Zona de los archivos adjuntos

[Vista previa del vídeo Sonidos iniciales de YouTube](#)

Please click on the following links to review videos of el Mono Silabo.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxitaGjPJag&t=63s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTCVAWc7qXw&t=111s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RonNmMPLP4&t=255s>

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

1. el
2. ella
3. ellos
4. soy
5. papá

First Grade

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For this IB Unit theme of How We Organize Ourselves, we will delve further into the distinguishing characteristics of plants and animals. It may seem strange that we are studying animals and plants in a unit theme named How We Organize Ourselves. There are different ways of approaching that topic, and in first grade, our focus is on an inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities. Plants and animals are such an integral part of our lives and we have the

tendency to categorize and classify them, learning about them and how humans may organize them according to their similarities and differences lays an important foundation of knowledge for the kids.

We enjoyed the presentation from Petland this week, and we now have another special event lined up that ties in with this inquiry: both classes will be going to the Aquarium and Botanic Garden together on Thursday, the 4th, and we will be touring both places on



scavenger hunts that help us focus on the characteristics of plants and animals, and also some of their adaptations.

Last week, we took a look at a number of objects in science and tried to determine if they would grow or not. In small groups this week, we will also cultivate our own seeds and create posters that diagram the basic parts of a plant. In language arts, we will journal about what we read during read-aloud times, focusing as always on capitalization at the beginning of a sentence and getting a more intuitive feel for punctuation at the end. We will do reading comprehension to find the

main idea in texts about plants and animals, and our Spanish vocabulary are: **espina, pétalo, tronco, rama, penca, maceta**. Our English spelling words are: **not, on, dog, got, the, draw**.

In math, we will work on visual patterns, patterns on number grids, and patterns in even and odd numbers. We will also continue practicing counting on the number line to reinforce number sense during addition and subtraction.

Second Grade

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In IB we are beginning a new unit of study “Where we are in time and place”. Our second graders will continue learning about Pueblo Indians. This week we will learn about Acoma and Taos Pueblo. Our focus will be on culture, language and traditions.

This week in Math, the students will continue working on fact families, place value, time and money. They will also be working with geoboards.

In Social Studies, our students will learn about the Three Sisters, plant a bean seed, make a clay pot and learn the parts of a plant.

The students will continue improving their spelling, penmanship, and writing skills through dictation. The dictado this week will be: El Rio Grande inicia en las montañas de Colorado. Es el rio más grande de Nuevo México. En México se llama el Rio Bravo.

Spelling Words for the Week:



1. Begins (inicia)
2. Colorado (Colorado)
3. Rio Bravo (Rio Bravo)
4. Taos (Taos)
5. Acoma(Acoma)

6. Squash (Calabaza)
7. Corn (Maíz)
8. Bean (Frijol)
9. Community (Comunidad)
10. Clay (Arcilla)

Third Grade

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IB: We are wrapping up our Migration Unit and have started our Peace Unit. The central idea is: *Communication acts as a vehicle for conflict resolution.*

Math: Students will practice estimating and measuring length. Students need to memorize multiplication facts: 1's, 2's, 3's.

Science: We will be talking about the basic form and function of the human brain. Specifically, we will investigate how it can help us with our emotions.

Language Arts: Third graders will read *Siete madejas de hilo* (Seven Skeins of Yarn). This story demonstrates the power of collaboration and understanding among seven, formerly quarrelsome brothers.

Art: Thanks to very kind parent volunteers who premade Papier-mâché shapes, students will start decorating their 'hot air balloon.'

Spelling:

1. laugh
2. laughed
3. learn
4. light
5. listen
6. little
7. many
8. material
9. metal
10. might

1. alma
2. amar
3. amistad
4. colaborar
5. colaboración
6. conflicto
7. escuchar
8. hablar
9. llevarse bien
10. pacífico



Fourth Grade

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This past week we completed our personal action plans and projects on how to positively impact the planet. We saw so many creative, out-of-the-box solutions and carefully crafted posters and presentations. I feel more positive about our future when I see what your children can accomplish!

Thank you to all the families who helped at home.

Next week we begin our second IB unit: How culture is affected by religion. We will be focusing on one major world religion per week: Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism. We would love to enrich our classroom curriculum with parent presentations around Religious traditions. Please email Jill or Amanda if you would like to do so. Our Spelling Words for the week are:

1. shed
2. Through
3. Sprout
4. Sprawl
5. Split
6. Throb

7. throat
8. Shrink
9. screw
10. shrimp
11. screech
12. straighten
13. Sprang
14. Shriek
15. Splashing
16. Straps
17. Strand
18. Script
19. Thrill
20. Throne

Please keep up the reading at home in English and Spanish. Let us know how you are liking Raz-Kids! Just a reminder to please send a photo of a dearly departed family member in a frame on Monday, October 1st to contribute to our Dia de los Muertos art installation. Shoe boxes, tissue paper, glitter, and pipe cleaners are also appreciated. Have a great weekend!

Fifth Grade



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This week we will begin our next unit...How We Organize Ourselves.

The central idea for our unit is about how Human-made systems facilitate local, national, and global communication.

The following are our lines of inquiry.

- How emergency response systems work

- How decisions affect communication between individuals and the community
- Responsibilities of emergency response systems

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 Board

We are pleased to announce that Simon Goldfine and Joanna Cosbey have been elected to the Board of the NM International School Foundation. Thank you for your service!

Officer elections were held at the last meeting and the 2018-19 officers are:

President: Carrie Swartz

Vice-president/President Elect: Simon Goldfine

Treasurer: Chris Henderson

At-large member: Dan Hill

In addition, a new Committee has been formed -- the **Community Partnerships Committee**. This committee will work closely with the Board and



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the Development Committee to continue to reach out within Albuquerque and beyond to build community partnerships to support NMIS -- financially and otherwise! If you are interested in participating, please email cswartz@nmisf.org.

News from NMISF Development Committee

Meeting Info - Volunteers are always needed! Our next *GENERAL MEETING is Tuesday, October 16th* at 6pm, La Plaza and every 3rd Tuesday after that. *SPECIAL GOLF EVENT PREP MEETING is Wednesday October 3rd* at 6pm, La Plaza. Bring a friend, your meal, even the kiddo(s)!

Golf Classic - *EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE!!!* Have you purchased your *50/50 RAFFLE* tickets yet?!?!? Don't wait! 1 ticket = \$10. The pot is over \$400 - you could win half of that. Click to enter and purchase online: <https://bit.ly/2OfeUjZ>. COPY & PASTE the link to SHARE with your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues now!

Chipotle Fundraiser Night - *SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, October 2nd from 4-8pm - 8120 San Pedro Drive NE (off Paseo del Norte)*. While placing your dine-in or to-go order, remember to mention NMIS or show them the flier (this is important!), and we'll receive 33% of the proceeds!

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!

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:



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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) <i>All Aboard!</i> Breakfast (2019)
Claudia Randolph	cllr0305@gmail.com	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	beautybybeck@comcast.net	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 <http://nmis.org/ee/governance/sac>

- 23 August 2018
- 28 November 2018
- 6 March 2019
- 3 October 2018
- 30 January 2019
- 1 May 2019

News from SAC



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The next meeting of the SAC is October 3rd. Please contact your SAC representative with any issues or concerns you'd like added to the Agenda. We want to hear from the community!

World Teacher Day is NEXT FRIDAY October 5th

Let's show our teachers how much we appreciate all that they do for our children by serving them up a delicious taco lunch, provide k-cups or coffee for the year and give them some gift cards! Sign up through the link [here](#) or see Stacey Fernandez before or after school (by the gate and picnic tables).

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/1EkxKqqrnNWAoWK8G25KcK1ghuFQgBHPXy0OPWTmbKO/edit?usp=sharing>



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- Under the “Governance” section you can stay informed about:
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 - The Audit and Finance Committee
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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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Thank you to our school sponsors. Want to sponsor the school? Contact our Finance Director, Corinne Teller, at nmis.teller@gmail.com for pricing and options.



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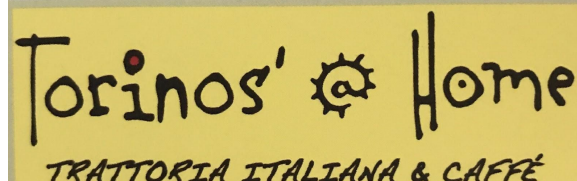


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