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Let there be...SIXTH GRADE!

It's happening. It's a "thing." **NMIS will have 6th grade next year.**

Most of our current 5th graders will be returning to NMIS as our inaugural class. They will be our student leaders and role models for our younger grades for the next few years! This is so exciting.

However, to make sure our program is financially viable, we want more 6th graders to join us next year. That's where you come in.

Since we opened our doors almost 8 years ago, **our NMIS community has been our number one advertising tool.** When we hold our annual Prospective Parent Nights every spring, no matter how much advertising we have done in the metro area, most of our attendees are friends and coworkers of our current families. You love this school, and that snowballs every year into an ever-growing student body.

So I need you now. I need you to help get the word to prospective sixth graders for 2019-2020.



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Encourage them to call the school to sign up for a Prospective Parent Night and learn about the school. I will have special focus on these evenings to our 6th grade program.

Our Prospective Parent Nights are:

- 1 March
- 5 March
- 20 March
- 29 March

All are at 6:00pm at our current NMIS campus. We ask for parents to call and sign up in advance, just so we have an estimated number for attendance.



Mid Year School Supplies

You should have received your second and final school supply list. These are the supplies we ask all kids to bring to school for the second half of the year. You'll notice it is a much smaller list than the list you received in the fall.

If you misplaced that list, it is attached to this newsletter.

Even easier - if you'd like the Foundation to order your supplies for you - click on the link below.

They will order and deliver your supplies to your child's teacher

on your behalf! It can't get any easier!

<https://fs26.formsite.com/nmisf/winter2018/index.html>

Third grade families: you can even pay your "craft fee" at this site - it is a mere \$4.50. This goes to pay for smaller items specific to 3rd grade that would be too cumbersome to include on supply lists.

Place your orders ASAP - but by 4 January at the latest.



Mill Levy Special "Mail In" Special Election in January -

VOTE YES!

If you live in the APS attendance boundary, you will be receiving a "mail in special election ballot" in January. It is due by **5 February 2019.**



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This ballot is for a property tax levy to cover school capital improvements and construction for APS schools. However, even though NMIS is NOT an APS school, **NMIS will have access to these funds because APS is the authorizer of our charter.**

As such, **NMIS urges you to vote in favor of this mill levy increase.** Monies we receive will go towards lease and improvements to our new campus on Montgomery.

For more information on this mill levy, visit the below website.

<http://www.aps.edu/community/mail-in-election>

This election, if approved, will give 53 APS-authorized charter schools over \$106 million over 6 years. **For NMIS alone, this means we will receive over \$260,000 per year for 6 years! And because it is a “per student” amount - our allocation will increase each of these 6 years, as we have more and more students join our school.**

Please, **vote yes**, and urge your friends to do the same.

See attached flier regarding this election.

Uniform Reminder

As we get near an upcoming vacation, it’s important for us to “keep focused” and not allow the children to mentally check out too early. This is important to help keep us on-task and not becoming a setting from *Lord of the Flies* or *Children of the Corn*.

As such, I wanted to give a quick reminder about student uniforms. **All children must be in uniform at all times.**

Tops:

- Uniform polo with logo.
- Undershirts optional but in plain colored sleeves.
- Sweaters, sweatshirts and hoodies are only permitted indoors if they have school logo.
- Logoed items are only available at <https://customoutfitters.com/nmis>

Bottoms

- “School uniform” pants, shorts or skorts in khaki or navy.
- Shorts and skorts must be an appropriate length. No skirts or jumpers.
- Leggings optional but must be in plain color.



- No cargo pants/shorts, corduroy, or capris, even if they come from the school uniform section.

Jackets/Sweaters

- Only jackets and sweaters with school logo from our uniform provider are allowed indoors.

Morning Drop Off

Morning drop off is awesome!
Thank you everyone for:

- Keeping the handicap parking spaces clear if you are using the drop-off lane.
- Having your kids ready to exit your car from the driver side *before* you enter the drop-off zone.
- Moving your car out of the drop-off zone to make room for the next batch of cars.

Working together, we are making this a fine-tuned machine!

Food and Drink Only Allowed in La Plaza and El Patio

With the exception of water only - all food and drink may only be consumed in La Plaza and El Patio. This includes snacks, lunches and any holiday festivities.

Updated Front Office Volunteer Sign-In

We have an upgrade with RaptorWare, our volunteer sign-in screening tool. This will help keep our school secure by not allowing authorized people on campus with your students.

Unfortunately, however, this upgrade will require any of our previously authorized volunteers to re-submit your drivers license. This means that, if you are a volunteer, please plan on a little extra time when you arrive for the first time to go through the upgrade process.

Unattended Young Children Left in Vehicles



We have had a couple independent reports of young children being left in unattended vehicles in the NMIS parking lot in the morning. Do not do this. If NMIS staff finds a vehicle at any time of day with an unattended child on NMIS property, they have been instructed to immediately call 911 and report the license plate of the vehicle. Leaving an unattended child in a vehicle may be considered child abuse.



This Week's Grade-by-Grade Update

Kindergarten

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Maestra Marina Cortés Nuñez nmiscortesnunez@gmail.com

Maestra Martha Pacheco nmis.pacheco@gmail.com

This week our students will practice presenting their family trees and are graded on Wednesday Dec 19th. Our students will learn what family values are, what family traditions mean and celebrations around the world. Students will do their acronym last name on a class book including their family traditions and what makes their family unique. Students will finalize making their family trees. This Thursday 20 at 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM is our family traditions celebration. Parents are welcome to attend and bring a holiday food item or a typical dress item from your country of origin or your ancestors. All 3 kinder will join in this special holiday celebration! Our students will perform Christmas songs that they have been learning in class during this time.

We will review the letter f, letter v and do activities tied to the letters.

In math we will review addition and shapes.

Please make sure that the children hear the initial sounds every day for at least fifteen minutes. Here is the new link to listen at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8MIEtSdJx0>

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

Mono sílabo va ve vi vo vu

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6COQ7mRfZk>

Mono sílabo fa fe fi fo fu

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lr9TiSZL59Y&t=17s>

frutas

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Frmt_JNbNyQ Frutas

Juanito baila



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bNwIp5lw-s>

Pin Pon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHc8ZYMgn7c>

First Grade

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

Maestra Ana Karen Arvizu nmis.arvizu@gmail.com

This week, we will spend time learning about the Winter Solstice and Kwanzaa, and traditions related to those celebrations. During read-aloud time, we will read books like *The Shortest Day* by Wendy Pfeffer and *K is for Kwanzaa* by Juwanda G. Ford. We especially look forward to another special guest who will teach us about Solstice celebrations in Irán! Our classes will continue to compare and contrast these events with those we've learned about in previous weeks. Students will also spend time making a number of different

crafts related to these events. Our Spanish vocabulary words are: *año, corto, día, luz, regalo, nuevo*. Our English spelling words are we, me, he, be, see, need, tree, sheep, eat. In math, we will review our work from unit 5 and focus on solidifying our ability to identify number patterns in the "What's My Rule?" game.

We hope that you have a fantastic Winter Break!

Second Grade

Maestra Julia DeLilla nmis.delilla@gmail.com

Maestra Bárbara López nmis.lopezb@gmail.com

In IB we are continuing in our unit of study "Who we are". Our second graders will be learning about New Mexico and traditions. They will

also learn about the human body its function and how to stay healthy.

This week in Math, the students continue working on Unit 5. This



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unit focuses on geometry.
Vocabulary will be learned and attributes of both 2d and 3d shapes.

In Social Studies, our students will learn about the Respiratory system. We will learn about the state flower, the yucca. We will also learn about Ana Baca and read some of her books.

The students will continue improving their spelling, penmanship, and writing skills through dictation. The students will continue working with the same dictado this week: Saludo a la bandera del estado de Nuevo México. Es el símbolo zía de amistad perfecta entre culturas unidas.

Spelling Words for the Week:

1. cut (cortar)
2. dark (oscuro)
3. dear (querido)
4. deep (ondo)
5. didn't (no hacerlo)
6. does (hacerlo)
7. dog (perro)
8. done (hecho, completo)

9. don't (no lo hagas)
10. door (puerta)

In February we will be taking a Spanish test (AVANT) to indicate your child's Spanish proficiency. The test will include a typing portion. We ask that you have your child practice at home. There are several typing sites that can be used to help your child become more familiar with the keyboard.

<https://www.typing.com/>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/z3c6tfr>

This is the link to the Avant testing website where your child can practice taking the test:

<https://app.avantassessment.com/dashboard>

Parents remember to use RazKids at home. Students can read in both Spanish and in English with this program.

Third Grade

Maestra Yvonne Martini nmis.martini@gmail.com

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IB: Next week, students will learn to argue. I know, you're thinking "But my child already knows how to argue!" :D We will not practicing

quarreling. We will be giving reasons or citing evidence in support of an idea, action, or theory The ultimate



aim will be to try to persuade others to share one's view.

between fractions, percentages, and decimals.

Math: Students will take their timed multiplication test on 7s. We will also work on the relationship

Spelling: **THERE WILL BE NO SPELLING TEST THIS WEEK!**

Fourth Grade

Maestra Jill Salley nmis.salley@gmail.com

Maestra Amanda Kraft nmis.kraft@gmail.com

The students are working hard in their current IB unit “Where We are in Place and Time”. Next week, students will continue learning about the Chinese immigrants who helped to build the Transcontinental Railroad. They will also explore how Native Americans all over the country were affected by America’s expansion westward. Students will compare a map of U.S. westward expansion to a map that shows where the different Native American tribes lived. In science, students will continue to investigate how different animals adapt to their environments by completing a research project on a self-selected desert animal.

We will wrap up Everyday Math unit 5 and give the assessment this week.

Your children completed a sewing project last week for some little

wooden people. This week, in Spanish, students will write about their little people.

We look forward to our mug exchange!

Fourth Grade Arabic Update

In the Arabic language for 4th grade we will continue the Ib unit “Where We are in Place and Time” I will talk to them about the Arab migration in the past. I will continue reading a story about house and family and I will ask them questions and assign a worksheet related to the story, Beside this the students will continue learning about parts of the body and the clothes in Arabic.

Please encourage your students to use the alefbata site; it’s a very effective program with a lot of educational game. The school pays for the site, and your kids will use it for free. Every student has an



account. Your kids will love it and they will learn the language in a fun way.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fifth Grade

Maestra Ivonné Bouché nmis.bouche@gmail.com

Dear Parents,

We had a fabulous field trip to the Pueblo of Pojoaque. As I had mentioned in an email to you our students were very well behaved.

The students, chaperones and I had a beautiful experience at the Pueblo of Pojoaque. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day and to be with such a welcoming group of people at the pueblo. Other schools from the community were also in attendance as well as the general public. Our students were very well behaved and understood how our adapted behavior and conduct with respect to the sacredness of a feast day at a pueblo was so very

important. Our students were so well behaved that we were invited back to celebrate with them the upcoming feast days on January 6th and in July. They were very excited to have us visit their home and share a meal with them. The meal we had included 2 of the three sisters, beans and corn. Other dishes in the menu were pasta, red or green pozole with beef/chicken, white posole, potato salad and many desserts. I am very proud of the students' good behavior on such an important day at a local pueblo and pueblo home. Thank you for allowing your child to attend a pueblo feast day at Pojoaque.



Thank you to our chaperones who attended the field trip with us. Gracias Susan , Peggy and Kara!

Next week will be our last week prior to our Winter break. The students will be working on a few things prior to winter break.

L.A. In language arts students will be working on weekday workouts up to week 16. Students will also be finalizing the letter to President Trump in our media classroom. Their first draft was written this past week which was due today, Friday, December 14th. Please send in a stamp and envelope so that your child mails it no later than Tuesday.

Math. In math students will be practicing their skills with measurement and data.

IB Science. In science, students are excited about a mini project which involves science and art. An art exhibit type object is what they will create. It will be an object in motion which must include different forces of energy to function. Students will identify forces in nature such as gravity, magnetism, electricity and friction

and use these in their art exhibit. Students will also create a simple machines mini book to help them along the way as a reference.

This will be my last week as your child's fifth grade teacher. I wanted to thank NMIS, Mr. Todd Knouse and all the staff, teachers, parents and all volunteers here for allowing me this opportunity to be a part of this community since 2014. I am grateful for the many experiences I have learned from and look forward to hearing the success NMIS will go through in the coming years. I wanted to take this time to thank you, the PARENTS of my dear students. I am thankful to you for the opportunity to have taught your child this year. I was called to another community a couple of months ago and feel it has come as a message from my spiritual calling. I will be working at a local high school helping students prepare for a successful future, just as I have here for these few years. I am also thankful to all the professionals that have helped me along the way help support our student population here in order



for student success. I will leave you with a quote from one of my favorite children's films...

"Embrace your awesomeness"...



"Your real strength comes from being the BEST YOU you can be.

**Who are you?
What are you good at?
WHAT MAKES YOU, YOU?"**

the songs about occupations, shape, animals, and the winter.

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Fifth Grade Arabic Update

Arabic language for fifth grade: In Arabic the students will continue learning about the unit "How We Express Ourselves", we will also discuss Arabic culture. Most of the students did a great job in reading a story about five senses and completing the associated worksheet. Next week they will start the story "Me and My Father" and they will do a worksheet for this story. Also they will learn how the verb changes with different pronouns. Lastly, they will review

New Teacher Up Update

As you know, your child will have a new teacher when he/she returns from winter break. We are thrilled for a passionate and excited this new educator to join NMIS. Her name is Jessica Castro-Buelna. She will go by '**Maestra Jessica**' with the students. You should have received a "Letter of Introduction" from her.

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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) <i>All Aboard!</i> Breakfast (2019)
Claudia Randolph	cldr0305@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
- 3 October 2018
- 4 December 2018
- 30 January 2019
- 6 March 2019
- 1 May 2019

News from SAC

No updates at this time.

Library Updates

Help us help your kids

Parents, did you know? A handful of volunteer parents run the NMIS library. We have no paid staff. This dedicated team is what allows your students to check out books and use the computer on their library day. However, we need your help to keep the library doors open. Please consider helping twice a month. Flexible scheduling and training provided. Level two clearance required.

Update from the Computer Coding Enrichment Class

With more than 600,000 computing jobs open nationwide and only 50,000 computer science students graduating each year, educating students in computer science is imperative.

In our Computer Coding Enrichment Class, students are learning the foundations of computer science like algorithms, loops, and functions and using these foundations to create their own games, art, and digital stories that they can share – all while developing problem-solving, collaboration, persistence, and computational thinking skills that will be useful



in any discipline.

Learning to code is just like learning a new language and requires immersion on a regular basis.

Because of this, we encourage students to learn and explore coding at home.

The website,

code.org has fantastic courses and hour of code lessons that will help concepts sink in faster. It

also contains programming labs and in which kids can get creative and build their own games

and apps!

In just the first trimester of our Computer Coding enrichment class, we have managed to

collectively write over 60,000 lines of code. Let's get excited about coding!

Want to help your child learn code but not sure where to start?

Help your child learn more about coding by trying a free online activity as part of the Hour of Code celebration the week of Dec. 3. The code.org website (the same one your children use already during their weekly coding classes at the library) even includes offline, analog projects you can do with younger children to help them visualize how code works. All for free. Learn more:

<https://hourofcode.com/us>

We also recommend the Girls Who Code series of fiction books, which has a variety of books for K-5 students and helps them learn the importance of code and how it's entwined in our daily lives. (The books are not just for girls!)

<https://girlswhocode.com/books/>

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Visit our website at www.nmis.org

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 - Review our *Family Handbook*



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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



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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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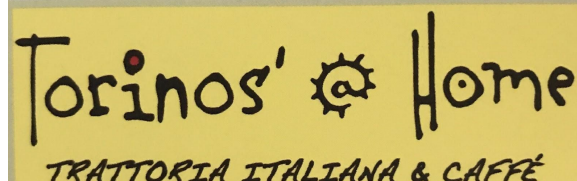


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