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Knouse Knews & the Tapia Times

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No School Next Monday

School is closed on **Monday, 21 January** for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Second Semester Supply Lists



Supply lists were distribute on 3 December, but I'm re-attaching them to this newsletter. Supplies are due to the school by this Friday, **18 January 2019**.

As always, families may choose to provide these supplies *either* by shopping on their own and bringing them in OR by purchasing them via NMISF and letting them do the shopping for you. Note there is a nominal fee for this service, and it serves as a fundraiser for NMISF.

However, at this point NMISF has *stopped taking supply* orders. Their deadline was 4 January 2019. So at this point if you have not ordered supplies, you'll need to shop on your own and deliver the supplies directly to your child(ren)'s teacher(s).



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Special note to **fifth grade families:** if you placed your order with NMISF, you will receive an email with the updated cost and instructions to pay. Further, due to the classroom teacher change you can still order fifth grade supplies via NMISF. Click below to place your order.

<https://fs26.formsite.com/NMISF/winter3and5/index.html>

Choose NMIS for Next Year!!!

Attached to today's newsletter is the *Letter of Commitment for Re-Enrollment* for 2019-2020. This is the form parents/guardians complete to commit their child to return to NMIS next year. This form is due to the front office by **Friday, 1 February at 3:30 pm.**

If you do not turn this *Letter of Commitment* in by this date, you will forfeit your enrollment for next year.

Incoming Siblings: If you have a sibling of a returning student, you can indicate this on this same form. The registrar will contact you to verify the child is a sibling and then provide you an *Offer of Admission* for this new student.

NMIS to Receive “Bilingual Program Recognition Award” at State Legislature

We are so proud to be recognized by the PED for our amazing bilingual program. We will join several other schools at the Rotuna in the Round House on **15 February 2019** for Bilingual Day for this special honor. We will send a small student delegation to accept the award. However, this is a public event, so if you would like to come and share your support for quality bilingual programs in our state, come join us and cheer us on!

Public Education Department approves NMIS Lease Purchase Agreement

NMIS received formal approval from the PED for our Lease Purchase Agreement for our new campus. This is the last major approval required for our campus move!

Special Election - What a “Yes!” Vote Means



If you live in the APS attendance area, you will be receiving a Special Election Ballot via US mail any day now.



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Your “yes” vote on the January 2019 Mail-in Election for a Mill-Levy increase **will bring over a quarter million dollars per year for the next six years just to NMIS** for use on campus improvements.

Please take a moment and complete your ballot and send it in via US mail. Encourage your friends, co-workers, and family members to do the same! A “yes” vote means more money for NMIS to improve our new campus!

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.



Fall Photo Update

All print orders were delivered to the school today. If you want photos

but have not yet ordered, the photo galleries are still open; the last date to order is January 18. New orders will be delivered by February 1st. You can access your photos at <http://www.katoswald.com/nmis>

For those who left reviews online, please consider updating your review to reflect that the photos were delivered in the end, even though they were late. Thank you!



Volunteer Appreciation Raffle Tickets

Thank you to the very many of you that completed and turned in your *Family Contribution Logs* for the fall semester. These were due at the Winter Violin Concert. If you have not done so, please turn them in to the front office. Your work for NMIS helps us to make this school the awesome community it is. Remember when you came to your Prospective Parent Night when we stressed how important your contributions are.

For this second half of the school year, we are slightly modifying this log. While the volunteer



expectations are the same, the log-sheet will become a raffle ticket sheet. You can turn these sheets in anytime at NMIS, and ***you can turn in as many as you want!*** They will be due by the date of our next violin concert: **10 May 2019**.

After the concert, NMIS staff will cut the ticket sheets into individual tickets and put into a **Volunteer Appreciation Raffle**. Thus, *the more you volunteer and contribute, the more entries you have into our raffle*. Prizes for the raffle will include items like:

- **Priority parking spaces** for parents at the new campus
- **“Lunch with the Principal”** for your child.
- **Uniform-free day** for your child.

- Other cool prizes yet to be determined.

Attached is a copy of the raffle tickets sheet. In order to participate in the raffle, you must turn in *at least*:

- **8 tickets** if you have one NMIS student
- **14 tickets** if you have two NMIS students
- **18 tickets** if you have three or more NMIS students.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to NMIS on behalf of your child.



This Week's Grade-by-Grade Update

Kindergarten

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Maestra Martha Pacheco nmis.pacheco@gmail.com

This week in IB our students will continue to dive deep into the inquiry of how we express ourselves by exploring how inquirers and thinkers express themselves. Students will share about an animal they have inquired at home during their show-and-tell time (see below for more details on this activity) and we will read books where students will do character analysis identifying inquirer and thinker attributes in each of the characters in the stories. We will also do posters and a class book for each IB attribute of thinker and inquirers. Students will also learn a song for each attribute this week.

In Language Arts, students will continue working on our unit 7 of Tesoros and will learn the letter Y and words that begin with this letter. Students will also read short stories and write simple sentences with words that begin with y.

In Math, students will be introduced to the concept of probability by doing a variety of hands-on inquiry

activities where they have to “guess” what they believe is probable or improbable in each bucket. They will learn vocabulary related to probability in Spanish and will continue to review addition this week.

In science, students will be introduced to the five senses in Spanish. Students will make drawings and other activities related to the five senses to learn the new vocabulary and be introduced to what each sense does to help us learn about the world around us.

Please don't forget to send with your students this week their signed field trip forms and make the payment online before Jan 25th.

As a team, we have made a few changes to our show-and-tell schedule please see below for detailed information of what your students needs to bring next week.

Jan 14-18 IB attribute: Thinker & Inquirer



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Show-and-Tell Theme: Students will bring pictures of an animal they decided to inquire over the weekend. The pictures must represent what the animal eats, where it lives and another special fact that the student learned about the animal. Students

will put these pictures into a small poster in the classroom and will present it in class.

First Grade

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This week, we will begin investigating our new IB unit on How the World Works. The central idea of this unit is: The sun may cause change on Earth. Our first line of inquiry will take a look at how the sun affects conditions on Earth, so we will spend this week thinking and sharing about what we already know about the sun and what we want to learn.

We will track shadows with sun dials to help us become more aware of the sun's position in the sky. Our classes will also learn a new poem about the sun. By the end of the week, you might ask your child what the sun is made of! During read-alouds, we will also learn about how the sun plays a part in day and night, as well as the seasons. Students will practice their dictation skills before creating their own

books about the sun to reinforce concepts of print, the main idea, and sentence structure. Our Spanish vocabulary words will be **sol, estrella, gas, plasma, día, noche**. English spelling words are: **late, gave, cone, line, snake, feet, jeep, use, soon**.

In math, we will learn how to use fact triangles to practice simple addition and subtraction and to see the relationship between numbers in fact families. We will also introduce the centimeter and explore geometric shapes with pattern blocks. For supplementary materials that you can use at home, please click [here](#).



Second Grade

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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.

2. eyes (ojos)
3. face (cara)
4. fall (otoño, caer)
5. far (lejos)
6. fast (rápido)
7. field (campo)
8. find (encontrar)
9. fine (bien, fino)
10. fire (fuego)

This week in Math, students will begin Unit 6. This unit focuses on solving word problems, 3 digit addition, estimating, and data graphs. We will begin multiplication and division problems with this unit.

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.

In Social Studies, our students will learn about the Circulatory system. We will learn about the state animal, the black bear. We will also continue learning about Ana Baca and read some of her books.

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

The students will continue improving their spelling, penmanship, and writing skills through dictation. The students will continue will work with the following dictado this week: Jack scored 13 points. Jack scored 6 more points than

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

[This is the link to the Avant testing website where your child can practice taking the test:](#)

Eli. How many points did Eli score?

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

Spelling Words for the Week:

1. every (cada uno)



Third Grade

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IB: Our students are ready to use their persuasion and communication skills. Students will engage in a debate over an issue. They will support (in written form and orally) their stance with facts and examples. This activity will be the summative assessment of our unit on Justice.

Math: We are starting one of our most comprehensive and detailed units. The unit is intense and covers very important Geometry skills. This week we'll begin with *lines, line segments, rays, and quadrangles.*

Spelling: The Greek/Latin root words for this week are **cand** (*shine, white*), **cap** (*head, seize, hold*) **cede** (*go, yield*), **ceed** (*go, yield*) **ceive** (*take*):

1. candle
2. candidate
3. candor
4. captain
5. captivity
6. captivate
7. concede
8. precede

9. recede
10. exceed
11. proceed
12. succeed
13. perceive
14. deceive
15. receive

Spanish:

1. oferta
2. demanda
3. gastar
4. ganar
5. ahorrar

Special note regarding third grade "craft supply fee."

This is a **\$4.50 fee** collected by NMISF so they can buy certain craft supplies for teachers. There are still a couple of kiddos that have not paid this fee.

You have until this **Friday, 18**

January to pay this fee. You can pay it at the link below:

<https://fs26.formsite.com/NMISF/winter3and5/index.html>

Fourth Grade

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Maestra Amanda Kraft nmis.kraft@gmail.com

We wrapped up our third unit on Westward Expansion this week. Students wrote a realistic fiction essay accompanied by a map to demonstrate movement and physical orientation.

Next week we are delighted to begin our 4th unit on How We Express Ourselves: Analysis of Literature leads to better understanding of oneself. Students will be writing five different forms of poetry in English, and scripting a play in Spanish, as well as engaging in daily journaling for one's self.

In mathematics we continue to work on long division and long multiplication, as well as review measuring angles, graphing and addition and subtraction. Our expectation is that all students have their 0-10 times tables memorized

as they are the foundation of higher math, so if your child does not know them by heart, please support them with extra practice at home.

In science we are studying the rock cycle, how to make crystals, and how to analyze and characterize types of rocks.

Thank you to all the families who have been bringing in school supplies. We look forward to a literary and creative Spring semester. We will make the most out of the art supplies, and will begin a whole class reading of El Gran Gigante Bonachon by Roald Dahl as a stand-alone unit on Literature Circles as the semester progresses.

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Fifth Grade

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Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fabulous break. I am very glad to say this has been a very positive week in our classroom. While time is flying by please remember Exhibitions are coming faster than expected. Letters will be sent home with students or will be posted here with more information.

In IB we will be introducing our unit about "Who We Are" (Nature of self and adolescence). We will be talking about different aspects of life and how we change within time.

In mathematics we are revisiting fractions and how to make a story sentence into a fraction.



Exhibitions – we will be working on invitations for their mentors to choose time and place where they will be meeting them.

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

Meeting Info - We need your help! Interested in volunteering for New Student Recruitment or the 2nd Annual Spring Carnival? Join us at our next [GENERAL MEETING on Tuesday, January 29th](#) at 6pm, La Plaza and every 3rd Tuesday after that.

Blaze Pizza Fundraiser Night - DINE FOR NMIS on [Tuesday, January 15th from 4-8pm](#) at the Blaze Pizza on Paseo Del Norte and San Pedro (6400 Holly Ave NE).



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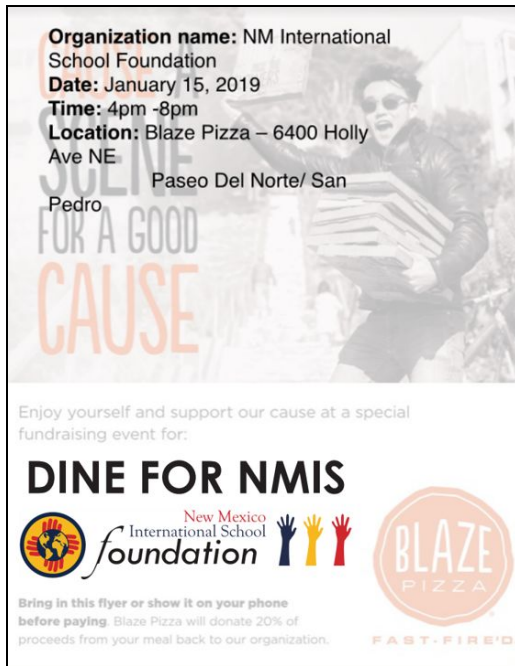
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Present this flyer (paper or digital is fine) before paying:



Thank You - to everyone (volunteers, supporters, families, admin staff, teachers, donors and sponsors) for everything that you do! Your continued support for/at any of our events (such as the Panda Express Night, Goodwill Purge of Closets, School Supply Drive and the Boxed Violin fundraiser) helps to make a difference for our school and its students. Every time our community comes together is a proud moment! Get involved, share your ideas, or let us know how we're doing by emailing Puja Shah at presdevcom@nmisf.org.

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
- 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



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Read a good book over break? Send us a review!

We've got a neat prize in store for the author of the best book review. Keep your child's reading comprehension skills sharp by reading a book and writing a review. This activity also helps your child earn points for his or her clan. Find the review forms on the library door, on our Facebook Page or in past newsletters. We look forward to seeing your reviews!

Help us help your kids

Parents, did you know that a handful of volunteer parents run the NMIS library? We have no paid staff. The work of this dedicated team 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 once or twice a month. Flexible scheduling and training provided. Level two clearance required. Email caram99@gmail.com or nmkatecunningham@gmail.com.



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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.



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<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/o45nr4cv9lcl6ihod60eukcga0%40groupp.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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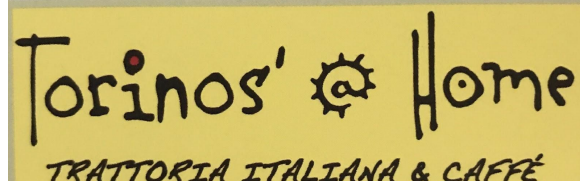


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