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## Knouse Knews & the Tapia Times

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### Celebrating School Choice!

We continue the celebration of National School Choice week this week at NMIS with Spirit Week! Show your school spirit by participating in the following events:

- **Monday** - Pajama Day
- **Tuesday** - Crazy Hair/Hat Day
- **Wednesday** - International Day
- **Thursday** - Sports Day
- **Friday** - School Choice Day & Mob Dance

Come be our audience for our Mob-Dance at **2:00 on Friday 1 February** on the playground. The kids have been working hard!

If you want to practice the dance, click on this link:

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

See attached flier for more details on the events. (**NOTE:** It's a uniform FREE week if you participate in the Spirit Days. If you are not participating, you are required to be in regular school uniform.)



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## Choose NMIS for Next Year!!!

Thank you for those of you that have turned in your *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. Mrs. Rivera-Tapia will be out with a box during drop off, or you can bring this into the lobby at any time. This form is due to the front office by this 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 GC Invites you to a Town Hall to Celebrate School Choice!

This Thursday, we will have our annual Town Hall where community members can come to school and talk with members of our Governing Council. These members are our “school board” of our school, and serve as volunteers to guide our

school and provide programmatic and fiscal oversight.

Our School Choice Town Hall will be Thursday, **31 January at 6:00 pm.** We will be in La Plaza.

Come celebrate our past and share your hopes for our future with our Governing Council!

## Welcome our New Health Assistant!



Our previous Health Assistant returned to her native North Carolina rather abruptly. We are fortunate to have **Marlene Torres Quinones** in this role. Check out her bio on our school website.

## Interim Testing Begins this Week



We begin our interim testing this week. Students take the below assessments:

	reading	math
K-2	Istation	MAP-Math
3-5	MAP-Reading	MAP Math



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The data from these assessments are used to identify which students will receive additional academic supports (oddly referred to as “tier II interventions”) for the subsequent weeks.

Assessments will conclude by 15 February, and you will receive the testing data shortly thereafter.

For specific dates and times for your child’s assessments, contact your teacher. It is critical that he/she be present for regular scheduled testing. Make-up testing may result in your child being pulled from art/music or recesses to complete.

You will receive a letter your child qualifies for the additional academic support, Such support will begin on 25 February and continue through 29 April.

### **Please use the crosswalk**



Thank you all for following the rules before and after school at drop off and pick up. Please make sure that anyone who picks up your children knows how to use the assigned crosswalks and the traffic flow. We have these assigned spaces to keep everyone safe. Remember that your children are always learning from you.



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### **IB Corner**

The Attribute for the month is being **reflective**. Ask your child about their learning experience. Assess their strengths and limitations to support their personal learning and development.

### **“Comfortable Cafeteria” Program coming to NMIS**

We are super excited to have a tailor-made version of the “Comfortable Cafeteria” come to NMIS, through our work with an OT Graduate Student from Mary Baldwin University. Her name is **Ashley Ingram**, and she will be helping us with this work over the next few weeks. Stay tuned for an introduction from Ms. Ingram and details of the Comfortable Cafeteria program in the weeks ahead!

### **Talent Show!**

Thank you to Shasta Leonhardt for working to find a coordinator our student Talent Show! Dates and details coming soon. **See page 11.**



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# This Week's Grade-by-Grade Update

## Kindergarten

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This week in IB our students will continue to dive deep into the inquiry of how we express ourselves by exploring the IB attribute of being “Balanced.” During our show-and-tell time students will bring a picture/drawing of what makes your student feels “just right” this can be a place, activity, food, etc. What your student brings will be added to a call collage about what it means to be “balanced.” We will read books about being equilibrados (balances) where students will do character analysis identifying “balanced attributes and activities” in each of the characters in the stories. We will also do posters and a class book for this IB attribute.

Students will also learn a song for being balanced and will learn emotions vocabulary in Spanish and an introduction to conflict resolution using a conflict resolution wheel. Students will learn how applying conflict resolution strategies can

help them be balanced and happy and they develop healthy and positive relationships with others.

In Language Arts, students will begin our unit 8 of Tesoros and will learn the letter “ch” and words that begin with this letter. We will also read stories with words that begin with ch and write sentences in our notebooks with letter ch.

In Math, students will review patterns in geometric shapes counting sides and angles in different shapes. They will continue to review addition this week.

In science, students will continue to explore the five senses by focusing on the sense of touch. Students will do a variety of activities to help them understand how we use this sense to learn more about the world around us.

Let's have a great last week on January! :)



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## First Grade

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This week, we will continue exploring aspects of the moon. During read-alouds we will keep reading both fiction and non-fiction books about the moon, such as the bilingual title *Beautiful Moon-Bella Luna*. Students will then create their own books about what they have learned so far. Our Spanish vocabulary words will continue to be **luz, cielo, luna, espacio, reflejar, Tierra**. Our English spelling words

are: **went, sent, ant, bend, find, mind, kind, want, out**.

In math, we will introduce quarters and continue to provide experience showing money amounts with coins. Students will also be introduced to digital time and will continue to practice telling the time in an analog clock.

**New Violin Practice Videos** [HERE!!](#)

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## Second Grade

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In IB we will continue “How do we express ourselves”. Our second graders will be learning about different ways people have expressed themselves through poetry, song, music, plays, art and dance.

This week in Math, students will begin Unit 7. This unit focuses on fractions and measurement. We will

continue doing multiplication and division problems in this unit.

In Social Studies, our students will learn about how people express themselves through music. We will learn Celia Cruz and Jose Marti. We will also slavery and civil rights and songs that were used to communicate during this time.



In science we will learn about the scientific method. We will conduct an experiment following the scientific method.

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: Martin Luther King Jr. fue un líder muy importante en la historia de Estados Unidos. El luchó por los derechos civiles y lo hizo de una manera pacífica. Él es reconocido por su liderazgo, valentía y fortaleza.

Spelling Words for the Week:

1. funny (chistoso)
2. gave (dio)
3. get (recibir)
4. girl (niña)
5. give (dar)
6. goes (va)
7. going (irá)
8. gone (fue)
9. good (bueno)

10. got (obtuvo)

In March we will be taking a Spanish test (AVANT) to indicate your child's Spanish proficiency. The date was changed from February to March. 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>

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

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**IB:** Students in 3rd grade will visit a local restaurant, **The Grove**, to engage in an economic activity. The objective is to take into consideration material and labor costs, profits, and expenditures

when running a business. The field trip will be on **Thursday, 1/31/19**. Please be sure to pay **\$4.50** online for the field trip. This was not included in the mid-year supplies fee.



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**Math:** Students will develop their knowledge of angles by using protractors. They will learn how to measure acute, obtuse, and right angles. As always, students need to **memorize their multiplication facts**. Please continue assisting your child with **facts up to 9**.

**Spelling:** The root words for this week are **clar** (*clear*), **clin/cline** (*lean*), **clud** (*shut*), **cogn** (*know*), **commun** (*common*):

1. declaration
2. clarify
3. clarity
4. decline

5. recliner
6. inclination
7. conclude
8. exclude
9. include
10. recognize
11. cognizant
12. incognito
13. communication
14. community
15. communicate

**Spanish:**

1. empresa (*business*)
2. fábrica (*factory*)
3. mercado (*market*)
4. pagar (*to pay*)
5. precio (*price*)

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## Fourth Grade

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*In three words I can*

*Sum up everything about life  
It goes on. -Robert Frost*

This past week our students reviewed their knowledge of syllables and learned about the Japanese poetry form: haiku. They all wrote haiku poems about nature around them, and we talked about the goal of the haiku is to find beauty in the mundane. We also learned about the 5 necessary elements to any

good story: characters, plot, conflict, setting, and solution.

In Math we finished up unit 6, and continued adding to our knowledge of multiplying and dividing large numbers. We completed our unit exam this week, and will begin unit 7, next week. Students enjoyed learning a bit about the coordinate plane, and understanding and locating points by using the X and Y axis.



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In Science we conducted research on the rock cycle and the life of ants. Our ants have arrived and we will be observing them daily.

We have observed students become so excited to share their poetry, ideas and feelings. It's been a joy to witness how open-minded and reflective they have been during this unit.

### **Coming Up:**

Field trip to Bookworks bookstore & Flying Star cafe off Rio

Grande ave on the morning of Friday, February 8th.

### **MAPS Reading Testing:**

Salley: Thursday, 1/31

Kraft: Monday, 02/04

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## **Fifth Grade**

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In IB we will be continuing 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. We will be talking about how the world has an impact on each individual and how history makes us who we are. We will be including lessons about ourselves and how we should take care of ourselves.

In mathematics we have begun a new unit of finding a percent of a number. We will be working on multiple ways of finding the percentages and will be taking an assessment at the end of our percentage unit.

In science/history we will begin looking at the anatomy of a butterfly and obtain different keywords from our readings. We will be looking at images online of different types of butterflies and will do research on them.

Exhibitions – students will continue to work in their groups finding research about their topic they have chosen. Students will be working with their mentors to find information as well as using resources throughout the school such as our library and computers.





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# NM International School Foundation (NMISF)

[info@nmisf.org](mailto:info@nmisf.org)

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** - THANK YOU to all of the families who came out to dine for NMIS!

**Spring Carnival** - We need your help! DevCom is now looking for donated items for this years Silent Auction. Gift cards, event tickets, memberships and so much more. Email Puja Shah at [presdevcom@nmisf.org](mailto:presdevcom@nmisf.org) if you or someone you know has items or if you'd like to help us contact local businesses.

**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:

Member	email	Represents	Oversees organization of these events/programs
Christina Herrera Furst	<a href="mailto:chfurst@gmail.com">chfurst@gmail.com</a>	Kindergarten	World Poetry Day (21 March) Kinder graduation (21 May) <i>All Aboard!</i> Breakfast (2019)
Claudia Randolph	<a href="mailto:cllr0305@gmail.com">cllr0305@gmail.com</a>	1st Grade	Liaison to Library Committee <i>All Aboard!</i> Breakfast (9 Aug) UN Day (24 Oct) World Poetry Day (21 March)
Shasta Leonhardt	<a href="mailto:shasta.leonhardt@gmail.com">shasta.leonhardt@gmail.com</a>	2nd Grade	Liaison to After School Programs (Daycare and After School Classes) Earth Day (22 Apr) Talent Show (22 Feb)
Shari Beck	<a href="mailto:beautybybeck@comcast.net">beautybybeck@comcast.net</a>	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	<a href="mailto:davidvigil@gmail.com">davidvigil@gmail.com</a>	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	<a href="mailto:nancy.abeyta@yahoo.com">nancy.abeyta@yahoo.com</a>	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	<a href="mailto:nmis.cooperdeuribe@gmail.com">nmis.cooperdeuribe@gmail.com</a>	Staff	

## SAC Regular Meeting Schedule

*All SAC meetings are at 6:00 pm in NMIS Conference Room and are open public meetings.*



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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

### Talent Show:

Volunteers are needed to help put on this years talent show. The talent show is Friday February the 22nd. If you are interested in coordinating this event please let Shasta Leonhardt know at 505.550.6744 or email at [Shasta.leonhardt@gmail.com](mailto:Shasta.leonhardt@gmail.com).

**World Poetry Day** is March 21. We need help with two specific items. Please email Christina Herrera Furst at [chfurst@gmail.com](mailto:chfurst@gmail.com) if you can help us out. Thank you for helping us make this event happen for the students.

1. **Emcee needed** to introduce students and their poems.
2. **Help setting up on the day of the event.** (We will have a seating plan/layout ready; we just need folks who can be there to make it happen)

## Library News

Bring back those overdue books

Did you know your kiddos can't check out new books until they return the ones they have? Help them get new reading material by bringing in your overdue books. We don't charge late fees, but a library hold at the end of the year means your kids can miss fun activities like water day. Email [nmislibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:nmislibrarian@gmail.com) if you have questions about your account.

Send in your book reviews and help your clan

We've got a neat prize in store for the author of the best book review! Be sure you keep your child's reading comprehension skills sharp over break 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!



# 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
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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](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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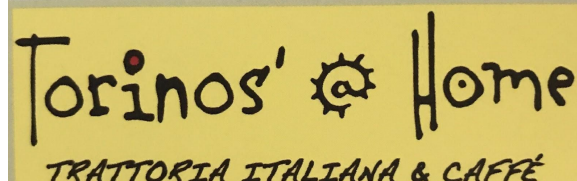


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