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Knouse Knews

“All the Knews You Kneed to Know”

By Todd Knouse, Head of School

Meet the Teacher This Week

Come on campus this **Wednesday, 8 August** from **1:30-3:30** for Meet the Teacher day. Class rosters will be posted on campus at that time. Come see who your child’s teacher is, and then visit the classroom to meet the teacher. This is a great time to drop off supplies as well.

If you are unable to make it, class lists will remain posted on campus when your child arrives for his/her first day of school.

First Day of School

The first day of school is **Thursday, 9 August**. The campus playground is supervised at 8:15 am, and that is when you can drop you child off.

Traffic and Pedestrian Flow

Drop off and pick up logistics are important for the safety of our students - and the sanity of those adults getting the children to and from school. Please take a moment to review the traffic flow diagram attachment with this newsletter. Some points to remember:



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1. Chill out. This is the most important thing. We are all on the same team of getting the kids on and off campus in a safe and orderly way.
2. Traffic flow is ALWAYS entering campus via Signal Avenue and exiting via Alameda Blvd.
3. If you are parking your car, park in the western lot before looking for spaces in the eastern “overflow” lot. If you end up parking in the western lot, follow the pedestrian route indicated on the map. This will keep you out of traffic lanes.
4. The drop-off lane is only available in the morning. In the afternoon, you need to park and enter the building to pick up your child.

Picnic in a Pickle!

The Special Event chair for the upcoming **8th Annual Bienvenidos Picnic** has had to step away from these duties, leaving this event ***in need of a chairperson.*** If you are able to take on this role, please contact the SAC member responsible for this event: Joanna Cosbey at joannacosbey@hotmail.com

The event is scheduled for Sunday, 26 August from noon - 2pm at

Hartness Park in Los Ranchos (note I spelled the name of the park wrong in the last newsletter - it's Hartness Park on Osuna and Rio Grande Blvd in Los Ranchos).

Uniform Orders

If you are newly registered, your child may wear a plain navy or red or yellow polo in place of the uniform polo until your uniform order arrives.

The Foundation will have a last-minute used uniform top sale on 8 August at 1:30-3:30 on campus. However, supplies of used uniforms are really limited.

La Guardaria Update

Thank you for your sign-ups for La Guarderia

We will extend the “early bird” price for August until we get the After School class schedule established.

I am happy to announce that we have been tweaking our registration website to allow for sign ups by the week, starting in September. Beginning the first week of September, **you can register by day, within a week.** So, for example you can sign up for “Week 5 Afternoons” for whatever days you need, just for that week! The same will be true for morning day care.

If you’ve already registered for days in September, your registrations



have been migrated to this new set up. **No action is needed on your part.**

The hours and prices will remain the same:

- Morning care will be offered from 7:00 am until the start of school at \$10/day.
- Afternoon care will be offered from school dismissal until 6:00pm at \$15/day (\$20/day for Wed).

Sign up at:

<https://app.simplyafterschool.com/NewMexicoInternationalSchool>

If you have questions about the program, contact our La Guardia coordinator, Susan Nagael at nmis.nagal@gmail.com

After School Classes Update

Our after school classes (which are separate from our after school daycare - La Guardia) will likely begin after Labor Day. Stay tuned for sign up instructions.

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) Needs YOU!

If you are looking for a meaningful way to be involved with NMIS, consider running for election to the School Advisory Committee (SAC). The SAC meets about 5-6 times per year and discusses matters going on at the school. They share input to school administration and also help with oversight of school programs and events. The SAC has a parent member from each grade level and one member from the faculty.

SAC members serve for **two years**. This fall we are electing parents to represent the following grade levels

- Kindergarten
- Second grade
- Fourth grade

In addition, there is a special election for a **one year** term for:

- Third grade

If you are a parent in this grade, and you would like to run for election, **send a short bio** (like a paragraph) to nmis.knouse@gmail.com. Your bio will be put on the ballot.

Elections are held during the week of 13 August - 17 August. The first meeting is Thursday, 23 August.



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Volunteer for Special Events!

Want to be involved with some *fun*? Sign up to chair or support planning of one of our many **School Special Events!** School events are separate from Foundation events. Whereas Foundation events are geared towards fundraising, the School's Special Events are geared toward *fun*-raising!

Sign ups are located at the entrance to the school, in the foyer.

The school's special events for 2018-2019 are:

- All Aboard! Picnic - 9 Aug
- Bienvendios Picnic - 26 Aug
- Fall Picture Day - 17&18 Sept
- World Teacher Day - 5 Oct
- United Nations Day - 24 Oct
- Int'l Day of Tolerance - 16 Nov
- Winter Violin Concert - 14 Dec
- School Choice Week - 28 Jan-1 Feb
- Talent Show - 15 Feb
- Spring Picture Day - 4&5 Mar

Library committee update

Hello from the library committee!

We're a group of parents just like you. Our library is completely run by parents and we hope you'll help. Volunteers do everything from helping check out books during during class times to repairing books in their spare time. We need people to help enter and sort new books and to do other general library work. We need you. Contact Cara Morris at caram99@gmail.com or Kate Cunningham at nmkatecunningham@gmail.com for more info.

- World Poetry Day - 21 Mar
- Earth Day - 22 Apr
- Spring Violin Concert - 10 May
- Kinder Graduation - 21 May
- Fifth Grade Grad - 21 May
- Water Day/Last Day - 22 May

Each of these events needs a chair and a committee for the event to occur. Consider signing up to make these events a reality!!!

Hot Lunch Catering Service

The August menu is available for you to order!

<https://rhubarbandelliott.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>

Orders must be placed by 9:00 am. Your child's lunch will be delivered directly to school that day. ***Don't forget to "check out" when you use the online order system, or your child's order will not be placed.***




Join us Aug. 10 at 3 pm. for the back to school book exchange!

Come meet other parents and kiddos and trade in some of your old books for something new (to you). Bring in school age appropriate books or movies and take home something different. This is a fun way to keep your kids reading without spending money! Meet in the library: it's at the west end of the first floor hallway, so hang a left when you come in the front doors.

How does the library work?

Your child will get a library account in the next week or so. He or she checks out books each week for which your family is responsible. We'll stay in touch with you via email on what your child has checked out, so be on the lookout for emails from nmislibrarian@gmail.com. You may need to add us to your contacts so the email doesn't go to spam.

Here's a look at some of the other rules to know about the library.



NMIS Library 101

Good news! Your child gets a library account when they start at NMIS. This is automatic and free.

Here are the rules to know about.

- 1.** Kinder and first grade students may check out one book a week during their weekly class library time. Second - fifth graders may check out two books a week.
- 2.** Each time your child checks out a book, you'll get an email from nmislibrarian@gmail.com. This is how you know what your child checked out -- and what you are responsible for. Please be sure you are getting our emails at the start of the year to avoid end of the year surprises.
- 3.** Your child should bring books back on their library day. Books go back to the library with your child's class. Don't leave books at the library door or in the hallway.
- 4.** If your child forgets his/her book, he or she may browse books during library time, but may not borrow any more books until checked out books are returned.
- 5.** If you lose a book (or drop one in the bathtub,) you can buy a new version of the same book or pay a \$20 replacement fee. Not replacing a book means your child can't participate in end of the year activities including graduation!

Questions? Contact our volunteer librarians at nmislibrarian@gmail.com.



Stay Informed!

Visit our website at www.nmis.org

- 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

Connect with our parent community by joining the closed Facebook group “Families of NMIS.” Login 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/o45nr4cv91cl6ihod60eukcga0%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>



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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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New Mexico International School (NMIS) is an International Baccalaureate **World School** offering the **Primary Years Programme (PYP)**. We share a common philosophy with other World Schools across the globe – a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that New



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

NMIS Sponsors

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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