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School-Wide Updates

NMISF Annual Campaign Fundraising Results

Our Foundation reports they have raised just over **\$20,000** from their Annual Campaign. While this is off from our target, it is still a sizable amount for a school of our size.

Thank you to everyone who has participated. If, by chance, you have not made a donation to the Foundation, you still can outside of this fundraiser. In fact, **you can make a donation at any time.** Simply visit www.nmisf.org and click on their donation link. Or drop a check off in their drop box in the school's office.

The school relies on everyone making some sort of financial contribution to the school. Some can donate the suggested \$250/child, some can donate much more, and some can donate much less. What is important is that everyone does something. This is how we provide for our music program, our Arabic program, our computer coding program, and how we will seek to add additional enrichment classes next year.

Please be sure you have done your part - no matter how big or small.



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Annual Campaign Student Rewards

We have several fun events on campus are rewards for the total money raised from the NMISF Annual Campaign.

Stuffed Animal Day - for making the \$10,000 mark, all kids may bring a stuffed animal to school as their special friend on **Friday, 29 March**. This stuffed animal needs to be a reasonable size - generally [“no bigger than a bread box.”](#)

Super-sized AM Recess - for making the \$20,000 mark, all children will get a “super-sized” morning recess of 30 minutes! This will take place over two days. For First and Second grades, this mega-recess will be on **Thursday, 21 March**. For Kindergarten, Third, Fourth and Fifth, it will be on **Friday, 22 March**.

AVANT Language Acquisition Tests: 22 March - 19 April

K-5th: All students will shortly be taking the AVANT Spanish assessment. This test is designed for students learning Spanish as a second language and measures their progress in up to four areas.

- Kinder: Listening and Speaking
- First Grade: Listening, Speaking and Reading

- Second through 5th Grade: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

It is important your child is present for these exams. Your teacher can give you the specific dates and times.

Here is a link to take a [practice AVANT Spanish test](#):

4th & 5th: Students in these grade levels will take the AVANT Arabic assessment. This is similar to the Spanish version, but measures their Arabic development in Listening and Reading. It is important your child is present for these exams. Your teacher can give you the specific dates and times.

Here is a link to take a [practice AVANT Arabic test](#).



Spring Break

New Mexico International School will not be in session from March 7-15th. Enjoy time with your families!

When Does School Start Next Fall?

By now you’ve had access to the NMIS GC-approved calendar for next year. Recall that, due solely to the impending campus move, we have included a delayed student start. The current calendar has a



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student-start date of **Thursday, 22 August 2019**. This is to allow for reasonable to have the various structural improvements to the building and necessary inspections and permits issued.

However, there is some movement in the legislature currently that *might* impact our calendar. I will keep everyone posted if there are changes in calendar requirements that impact our locally approved calendar.

An absence is an absence is an absence

Children are required to attend school by state statute. As a student of NMIS your child is expected to be here everyday and ON TIME. Of course, we know that we are human, and we do get sick. Please report absences to the school registrar at 503-7670 state the name of student and teacher, date, and reason. You can also send an e-mail to

nmis.attendance@gmail.com

Remember that an absence is an absence- no matter what the reason. Also, as per our NMIS Family handbook- **any combination** of five tardies/or early dismissals will constitute a **half-day absence**. Any combination of two half day absences (or equivalent) will constitute a **full-day absence**.

IB Corner

During the next few weeks we will be focusing on being **communicators**. Students will understand and express their ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one languages and in a variety of modes of communication. Ask your student this month how they have been a communicator.

Check out this super [short video](#) on what it means to be an IB communicator!

What's An "Exhibition?"

As an IB World School in the Primary Years' Programme, we teach our kids through six transdisciplinary themes throughout the school year. In fifth grade, we "swap out" of one those units for a purely-student driven investigation called *The Exhibition*. This is an amazing part of an IB education. Children actually create their own units of inquiry around a self-selected topic within their theme. It's kind of like an elementary-school version of a "senior project," the capstone of our Primary Years Programme. This is important for our entire school community to understand, as



eventually your child will do this massive project.

This year the Exhibition is taking the place of the unit on *Sharing the Planet*, and the theme is “An investigation into access to equal opportunities.” The central ideas the children are investigating in this theme is diverse. Some are looking at how learning disabilities impact people and their access to opportunities. Others are investigating the neurological effects of drugs and how this impacts people’s futures.

These children will synthesize their research into projects to present. This will happen on **Wednesday, 10 April at 6:00pm** at the APS building

at 6400 Uptown Blvd. The entire NMIS community is invited to this event. Please come and be prepared to be impressed by our kids!

Spring Photo Day

Spring photo day was moved to **Friday, 5 April**. On that day, children may come to school in super-cute spring outfits. We have a new photographer that will be taking these pictures.

Spring Town hall

Our Spring Town Hall was moved to **Friday, 12 April** at 6:00 pm.

This Week’s Grade-by-Grade Update

Kindergarten

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This week, we will begin our IB unit on “How the Word Works” by reviewing our central idea of how technical inventions have changed

people's way of life. Students will learn what an *invention* is and will learn about recent inventions that they use in their daily lives.

Students will make a class collage of



their favorite recent inventions and will discuss how inventions help improve our lives.

Students will watch the following educational videos as part of our IB discussion:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DENG7Q7VRgo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Hr8LDM2cLLA>

In Language Arts, students will begin our unit 3 of Tesoros focusing on transportation. They will learn the letter / l / and words that begin with this letter. We will also read stories with words that begin with /l/ and write sentences in our notebooks with letter /l/.

We will continue preparing our students for the AVANT test by doing different listening and speaking practices in class. Don't forget to practice Raz Kids at home, especially reading Spanish books (levels AA-B) to help prepare your student for our Spanish test AVANT coming up in April!

In math we will be learning about sequence of daily events, and tools for measuring time. Students will learn the clock and its corresponding tool for measuring time and will explain their basic functions. Students will be able to tell time for the hour and half-hour by the end of this week.

In science, students will learn the ladybug's life cycle through observations of the "Ladybug Growing kit."

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

1. Veo
2. Tiene

Reminders:

AVANT Practice Test:

<https://app.avantassessment.com/sample?username=samplelogin-sp&password=samplesample&loginId=1000006195>. Only practice **speaking** and **listening**, as these are the only two parts of the test kinders take.

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>

Sílabas la-le-li-lo-lu - El Mono
Sílabo - Videos Infantiles -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhVIIKpB2y4>

A song on how to tell time in Spanish: Aprender la hora:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BJeYFcx0iU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0azH56EjKQ>



The Ladybug Cycle-La Mariquita:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QfW7U6R-s0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SaAWTWBBFo>

First Grade

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This week, we will keep moving through our first line of inquiry in Sharing the Planet: How the development of tools and the use of resources have changed over time.

Now that the kids are more familiar with tools old and new, we will start looking more closely at the materials used to make all kinds of tools and learn about the natural resources needed to make those materials.

Our read-aloud books will include *How to Make a Cherry Pie and See the United States* and a *The Pot that Juan Built*. Our Spanish vocabulary

words are **recurso, natural, material, herramienta, uso, antes, después, ahora**. Our English spelling words are **funny, bunny, puppy, penny, happy, kitten, mitten, little, happen**.

In math, we will begin dividing shapes and coins into equal parts to explore the concepts of division and fractions. If you'd like to reinforce our work at home, you can take a look at resources [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

Second Grade

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In IB we will begin a new unit "Sharing the Planet". Our second graders will be learning about planets, habitats, nature's recyclers and how we can take care of our planet.

As part of our IB unit, in Social Studies our students will learn about the rainforest, forests and the savannahs.



In science we will learn about Mercury, Venus and Earth. Students will choose a planet to research and complete a Bloom Ball. During this unit students will also work on a project to research an animal of their choice.

The students will continue improving their spelling, penmanship, and writing skills through dictation. Here is the diction selection for this week:

Nuestro sistema solar incluye ocho planetas. Los planetas giran alrededor del Sol. Los planetas más cercanos al Sol son los más pequeños. Esos planetas se llaman Mercurio, Venus, Tierra y Marte y están compuestos de roca y metal. Los planetas gigantes son Júpiter, Saturno, Urano y Neptuno. Estos planetas están compuestos de hielo y gases.

This week in Math, students will continue in Unit 9. This unit focuses on measurement and weights. Students will be working on area and perimeter. We will continue to work on multiplication facts.

Spelling Words for the Week:

1. made (hizo)
2. main (principal)
3. make (hacer)
4. man (hombre)
5. many (muchos)
6. matter (materia, importancia)
7. men (hombre)
8. might (tal vez)
9. miss (extrañar, fallar, perder)
10. money (dinero)

This month we will be taking a Spanish test (AVANT) to indicate your child's Spanish proficiency. **Be sure to read the front section of this newsletter for how to do a practice test at home.**

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>

Third Grade

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This newsletter should reach you before Spring Break. We suggest that students continue fine-tuning

their skills over the break if possible. Some suggestions are:

- Continue reading **RAZ** books



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- Write a book review for our library
- Practice typing on typing.com
- Researching ambassador countries
- Keep memorizing multiplication

9. infraction
10. fragile
11. fragility
12. fragment
13. generation
14. genetic
15. generate

1. marco
2. dibujar
3. pintar
4. lápiz
5. madera

Spelling: The root words are: **flex** (*bend*), **form** (*shape*), **fract** (*break*), **frag** (*break, piece*), **gen** (*birth, origin*)

1. flexibility
2. inflexible
3. reflex
4. format
5. formula
6. perform
7. fraction
8. fracture

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Fourth Grade

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In Spanish Language Arts: we continue reading the El Gran Gigante Bonochon, and analyzing the literature through the 6 Literature Circle jobs: Discussion Director, Word Finder, Passage Picker, Summarizer, Artful Artist and Connector. If your child is new to Spanish, we recommend reading the BFG by Roald Dahl to them at home in English.

In English Language Arts: we are focusing on grammar, spelling and

editing skills. We also are learning how to write details using facts and details from artifacts, illustrations, and text.

In Matemáticas: We will begin Unit 8 of Everyday Math after Spring Break. We will be focusing on Area and Perimeter and all of their everyday applications. Please continue to drill and practice long division and long multiplication at home.



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In Science: Students continue reading about and conducting experiments on the various systems of the human body. **We still would like a parent volunteer who works in the medical profession to come share about their work!**

In IB: The Archeologist's Trunk from the Maxwell Museum at UNM is arriving with docents on March 18th to help support student inquiry in our current geography unit. If anyone has large pieces of cardboard lying around, please donate them to us. We need them to

construct our clay civilizations after Spring Break.

Be sure to read the front section of this newsletter for how to practice our upcoming AVANT assessments in both Spanish and Arabic!

We hope everyone has a safe and happy Spring break! Nos vemos el 18 de marzo!

Fifth Grade

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Welcome back! This week we will be putting our major focus on Exhibition! We will be doing most of our research in class and during media time.

In math we will be finishing up with graphs using mean, median, mode, and range. There will be a short assessment at the end.

In science we will look at the water system and start looking into other ecosystems in our dialysis lives.

Be sure to read the front section of this newsletter for how to practice our upcoming AVANT assessments in both Spanish and Arabic!

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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

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. If you have questions or concerns about your grade level, or programs or events at the school, contact your SAC member. 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	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
- 4 December 2018
- 6 March 2019
- 3 October 2018
- 30 January 2019
- 1 May 2019



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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

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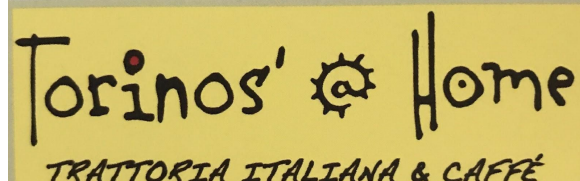


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