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School-Wide Updates

Foundation News



¡Órale Pumas!

Every year our four school teams engage in friendly competitions throughout the year to earn points for their team. The team with the most points at the end of each school year wins the **Copa de Campeones** and has their team name added to the trophy base.

Congratulations to the 2023 winners:
Team Puma who had **12,936 points!**
Puma Team Captain **Rosilee**

Grade Level Updates

Rodriguez had the honor to receive the Cup on behalf of her teammates and return the Cup to its shelf in the school's *Galeria*.



Lost and Found Purge

The Lost and Found will be purged on **Tuesday May 23 at 3:30 PM.** Please take



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a moment to review the items there before then.

Vaya con Dios, Ms. Eliza!

Our beloved receptionist, Eliza Gutierrez, is retiring at the end of this year. She's been an integral part of NMIS for 8 years! Please come by this week to say goodbye to her! Stop by the main lobby.

Water Day - May 24

On the last day of school, May 24, we will be having a "Water Day" activity for the students. We are planning to bring back water activities from last year including a giant water slide! As such, parents, we would like to ask for your help in donating **your time** and/or the following **materials** for the success of this event:

- Bubble Soap
- Bubble Machines/Wands
- Beach Balls
- Sprinkler Hoses
- Extra Long Hoses
- 5-Gallon Buckets
- Water Balls

To volunteer or donate, **please contact** Coach J at ledres@nmis.org.

The **Water Day event on May 24** will be as follows:

- 9:00-10:00 – K-2nd grade
- 10:15-11:15 – 3-8th grade

On the day of the event, send your child with:

- *Required* to participate:

- Bathing suit (wearing it underneath his/her clothes). There are no private places to change, so the child needs to be wearing the bathing suit under clothes. Students will shed their dry clothes before the event and then put these dry clothes back on afterwards.
- Closed-toe shoes *that can get wet* (water shoes, crocs, etc.)
- Dry shoes/socks to put on after the event.
- Towel and sunscreen
- Optional
 - Hat
 - Snack (there is no lunch period this day)

PLEASE do not let your children bring water balloons for this day as the waste will get under our playground wood chips and be very difficult to clean up. Also do not bring squirt guns, as we will have enough squirter toys provided.

Students MUST have zero library fines in order to participate in the Water Day activities.

Remember that **school dismisses before lunch at 11:30 on the last day of school.**

Yearbook Distribution

Yearbooks that have been shipped to the school will be distributed **in the**



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morning of the last day of school (before the water day event). No yearbooks will be distributed before then.

Yearbooks that have been shipped to the child's home may not be brought on campus until the last day of school.

Any uncollected yearbooks on the last day of school will be available for pick up through June 9, and then again after July 26.

Student Council 2023-2024 Voting Results

[Click here to view the Student Council 2023-2024 Roster based on voting results.](#)

Teachers have been given the percentage results, if you'd like to know more specifics about the results reach out to your classroom teacher or pedrotty@nmis.org.

If your student is in the roster above your student **MUST** sign and turn in [this, the Student and Parent Acceptance and Commitment Form](#) to Maestra Pedrotty **by Wednesday, May 24th. Failure to do so will forfeit your student's position in the council** and the position will be given to another student for next year.

If you have any questions please contact pedrotty@nmis.org

Spanish Resources for Summer!

As summer approaches we know many of you are looking for places and things you can do to help your students retain the

Spanish they have learned this year and be ready for next school year!

Enrolling students in Spanish Immersion camps over the summer offers great opportunities for your students to improve their listening comprehension skills and be encouraged to speak the language with native speakers. Below is a list of local summer Spanish camps/classes that I recommend where many NMIS students have participated and parents have given good reviews throughout the years:

- [Instituto Cervantes](#) offers fun Spanish classes during the summer.
- [Disney Spanish Immersion Musical Camp](#) offers a fun, engaging, and affordable summer camp for NMIS students ONLY all summer long. They offer great siblings discounts!
- [SpanishABQ](#) offers Spanish classes over the summer.

[Click here to view a list of activities, summer camps, and tips of things you can do](#) to help your bilingual student not only retain the level of Spanish they have gained this year, but hopefully improve their Spanish listening comprehension and speaking skills during the summer! Happy Summer Break Everyone!

Summer Opportunity for NMIS Families

Sports and Wellness offers a special deal to families of NMIS! You can sign up for \$19 and your **children can have free**



membership for the summer! [Click here for more details.](#)

NMIS kinder music teacher **Erica Lovato** is hosting a **violin music workshop** this summer for students ages 3-6. [Click here for more details.](#)

Noticias Me Inspiran
A Magazine from the
NMIS Middle School Journalism Class
Volume 5



Mandatory New Parent Orientation

All parents new to NMIS for 2023-2024 must attend one New Parent Orientation. The options are:

- Thursday, May 25 at 6:00pm
- Thursday, July 27 at 6:00pm.

Uniform Orders for 2023-2024

The ordering window for new uniforms for next school year will open shortly, and it will **end on July 1, 2023**. After the ordering window closes, families will still be able to order new uniforms, but there will be a **significant price increase on all items ordered outside the window**.

So, stay tuned this summer for emails notifying that the order window has opened.

Uniform Exchange!

Going to need a larger uniform next school year? NMIS Equity Council is hosting a **free uniform** exchange for all of our families, you do not have to donate in order to participate however it is encouraged. Please join us in this sustainable effort to save resources, time, and money. Drop off laundered uniforms into donation receptacles in front of school on **May 19th and 22nd** during **drop-off/pick-up hours**. The uniform exchange will take place in the NMIS Gym on **May 23rd from 3:30-5:30PM**. **Students are not required to wear uniforms the last week of school!**



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Uniforms + School Supplies

Uniform and School supply sales will begin May 25th! We also have some exciting opportunities coming up to buy uniforms in person. Watch your email for updates next week.

Local Businesses!

Do you own a local restaurant? A local business? Know someone who does? We have some exciting new projects coming up and would love to collaborate with local businesses. Email us at info@nmisf.org to discuss a partnership opportunity.

New Parent Orientation

May 25th is one of two new parent orientation sessions. The Foundation will be helping parents to purchase uniforms for the next school year. We could use your help with uniform sales from 6-7pm Thursday May 25th. Email us at info@nmisf.org if you are able to help.

Sports and Wellness Offer

Check out page 14 of the newsletter for a generous offer for NMIS families from New Mexico Sports and Wellness!



Grade Level Updates

Team Kindergarten

Maestra Liz Olguin olguin@nmis.org

Maestra Edelmira Leal leal@nmis.org

Maestra Alheli Ortiz ortiz@nmis.org

Hard to believe it is the end of the school year. Thank you to all for such a wonderful year!

This week we will wrap up all studies and send home any workbooks and materials that we were using in class.

Please don't forget about our promotion ceremony the 22nd. Students must wear their uniforms, however Tuesday and Wednesday are uniform free.

Report cards will go out the last day of school. We wish you a fantastic summer.

Team First Grade

Maestra Alisa Cooper de Uribe cooperdeuribe@nmis.org

Maestra Silvia Hernández hernandezs@nmis.org

Maestra Maritza Rodríguez rodriguez@nmis.org

Congratulations! We are so grateful to our first grade families for joining us in our year's learning adventure. Your support and collaboration are a testament to the power of education in community. THANK YOU and ¡GRACIAS!

This last week, we will finish our summative projects of Where We Are in Place and Time (***Dónde nos encontramos en el tiempo y el espacio***).

We will spend time being **Reflective** as we reminisce about all we have done, and how we can expand on

our goals for what we want to learn more about in 2nd grade.

And we are looking forward to celebratory fun!

Monday: Pizza & Piñata Party in Novella Park from 1:30-2:45.

Tuesday: Farewell Speeches in classrooms from 2:00-3:00.

Wednesday: Movie & Water day from 8:20-11:30.

We are so proud of our students and wish everyone a summer of joyful moments!



Team Second Grade

Maestra Maria Herrera herrera@nmis.org

Maestra Rosemary Espinosa espinosar@nmis.org

Maestra Alejandra Escobedo escobedo@nmis.org

In the unit "Sharing the Planet. The students learned about biomes, habitats, and ecosystems and how they can be transformed by natural disasters and by humans exploiting natural resources based on their wants and needs. The students were able to use exploratory, descriptive, causal, and technological resources to develop their research in each of the areas of this unit, working individually as well as in teams, having the opportunity to make comparisons and contrasts between the different habitats, recognizing the importance of caring for our planet and also put into practice the attribute of this month to see the importance of balance in personal life as well as how this is directly related to our environment.

The students worked organized, allowing them to do an excellent job in their final presentation. In

addition, the students were able to develop their presentations in Spanish.

This week in Math, students will finish Unit 8 about geometry fractions, multiplication concepts.

In Science and Social studies, students will present their posters of an animal in danger of extinction, and the research they did on their findings.

It was an excellent year full of learning. It was very gratifying to see the development of our students, and creating individually their criteria in each of the units. Thank you very much to all of you for your collaboration to make this year exceptional.

Have a wonderful summer!

Team Third Grade -

Maestra Ana Karen Arvizu arvizu@nmis.org

Maestra Rose Martinez martinezr@nmis.org

Maestra Julia De Lilla delilla@nmis.org

We have completed our peace leader biography project. This was an intense project and we are happy with the students' effort to complete it. This week we will focus on

finishing our unit reflection. We have some end of the school year fun activities planned and we will also send home all our student's personal materials.



On Tuesday May 23rd, all 3rd grade classes will be going to the park for an end of the year celebration at lunchtime. Please make sure you turn in the [permission slip](#) no later than Monday.

It's hard to believe that we have completed another successful school year! It has been a pleasure having

the opportunity to be part of your child's educational journey this year. We've enjoyed and learned so much from each and every one of them. We appreciate your support and collaboration throughout this school year. We wish you all a happy and joyful summer.

♥¡GRACIAS! ♥

Team Fourth Grade

Maestra Joely Morales Villela morales-villela@nmis.org

Maestra Andrea Whitlock whitlock@nmis.org

Maestra Yolanda Espejo-Barron espejo-barron@nmis.org

¡Felicidades!

¡Terminó el año!

It was an amazing journey with all of our 4th graders! We have greatly enjoyed watching our students grow throughout the year. Thank you, *familias*, for all of your support and cooperation during this year.

This last week we are going to take our time to reflect about our learning experiences and strengthen our relationships before summer break. Students will be completing any unfinished projects and sharing their work with classmates.

Students will participate in end of the year activities including board games and farewell speeches. And

don't forget Wednesday will be Movie & Water day from 8:20-11:30.

Please see the information at the top of the Correcaminos for more specific information.

We are so proud of our students and wish everyone a wonderful summer!

Thank you! ¡Gracias!

4th Grade Arabic Iman Babaa

babaa@nmis.org

The students will practice how to present about favorite food and drink. I am very proud of my students, they did an amazing job in Arabic spelling bee. I wish everyone a nice summer break.

Team Fifth Grade

Maestra Christina Valverde valverde@nmis.org

Maestra Nicole Morison morrison@nmis.org

We are SO PROUD of the fifth graders and all they have

accomplished this year and for presenting such strong exhibition



projects! Thank you to their families for supporting them this year!

This week, we are going to do some reflective activities as we come to the end of our elementary school career.

On Tuesday, May 23, we will be having a game day. If your student would like to bring some school-appropriate games to play with their peers, please do so! On that day, we will also have time for students to sign shirts. This is optional, but you may send your student with a white shirt or other piece of clothing to be signed by their classmates.

Thank you again for all of your support this year! We know the students are going to do great things in middle school and beyond!

Sixth Grade Update

6th Grade Homeroom *Maestra Lauren Gutierrez* gutierrez@nmis.org

Uniforms are not required the last three days of school. [Here is the dress code for non-uniform days](#). Wednesday is water day! Please make sure your student is dressed appropriately so they can participate!

6th Grade Language Arts *Maestra Lauren Gutierrez* gutierrez@nmis.org

Students will complete their poems this week and share them with the class. We have been trying out “found poetry”, writing our own poems from words and phrases taken from our novel, *El Soñador* (Pam Muñoz Ryan). Students have been translating questions from Pablo

5th Grade Arabic *Iman Babaa*
babaa@nmis.org

The students will learn how to present about favorite animals.. I am proud of my 5th grade students in Arabic spelling bee. I wish you all the best in middle school, and have a nice summer break.

5th Grade Violin
Maestra Eugenia Kuajara
kuajara@nmis.org

There will be no optional after school violin practices this week. Students did a wonderful job at the Exhibition and I could not be more proud of them!

Neruda’s Book of Questions (*El libro de preguntas*), which has been a valuable exposure to the interpretation involved in translation. We are comparing the subtle differences that word choice makes and the impact it can have on meaning, tone and mood.

6th Grade Mathematics
Maestra Eva Ornelas
ornelas@nmis.org

We are working on our Statistics project that will involve creating box and whisker plots and dot plots from the results of statistical questions. I will also be sending out information to families regarding the use of the Mathletics program over



the summer to help retain the skills they have learned during the course of the year.

6th Grade Science/Social Studies

Maestra Amanda Kraft

kraft@nmis.org

6th graders will synthesize the five philosophies from ancient Asia that we studied, and write their own personal philosophy that they will chalk mural on Monday.

6th Grade String Orchestra

Maestra Eugenia Kuajara

kuajara@nmis.org

The last day of orchestra will be on Monday. Students started to work

on the song Believer, by Imagine Dragons, this past week and they will continue to work on it next semester.

If your student is passionate about music, check the Hummingbird Music Camp website. It would be a wonderful opportunity to be fully immersed in music for one week at the Jemez Mountains. Please let me know if you have any questions about it.

6th Grade Arabic Reda Elkomy

elkomy@nmis.org

This week, students will learn to compare the two countries, Lebanon and Egypt, in terms of food, area, and currency

Seventh Grade Update

7th Grade Homeroom Maestra Eva

Ornelas ornelas@nmis.org

We are finishing up our group paintings. They are looking great. The 7th graders are also helping to create a photo booth for the 8th grade graduation.

7th Grade Language Arts Maestra

Lauren Gutierrez gutierrez@nmis.org

Students will write their final posts for their "Padlet feeds" in imitation of our book *La Casa en Mango Street* (Sandra Cisneros).

We will close our unit by discussing the themes presented in our book.

7th Grade Mathematics

Maestra Eva Ornelas

ornelas@nmis.org

We are continuing with Compound Probability problems using tables, Tree Diagrams and lists. I will also be sending out information to families regarding the use of the Mathletics program over the summer to help retain the skills they have learned during the course of the year.



7th Grade Science/Social Studies

Maestra Amanda Kraft

kraft@nmis.org

On Monday, 7th graders will complete an in class case scenario which will show their understanding of our justice system.

7th Grade Art

Maestra Shasta Leonhardt

leonhardt@nmis.org

The 7th graders finished up their art canvases. Many of them have

beautiful pieces to take home and share. I look forward to seeing the kids next year as 8th graders.

7th Grade Arabic *Reda Elkomy*

elkomy@nmis.org

This week, students will learn to compare the two countries, Lebanon and Egypt, in terms of food, area, and currency

Eighth Grade Update

8th Grade Homeroom *Maestra*

Amanda Kraft kraft@nmis.org

The 8th grade graduation ceremony is on Tuesday, May 23rd from 10am-12pm in the PAC. After the ceremony, the 8th grade parent's are organizing a celebration at Main Event.

No uniforms are required for the last 3 days of school. Please have your child dress up for the graduation ceremony. I feel so fortunate to have been able to be with this group for so many years. I'll see you Tuesday!

8th Grade Language Arts *Maestra*

Lauren Gutierrez gutierrez@nmis.org

Students are making final revisions to their poems and rehearsing presenting them to the class. We will complete our year by discussing themes in our book *Fernanda y los mundos secretos* (Ricardo Chávez Castañeda).

8th Grade Mathematics

Maestra Eva Ornelas

ornelas@nmis.org

To celebrate the upcoming graduation of the 8th grade students, we will be watching a PG rated movie, "Stand and Deliver" in math class. I will also be sending out information to families regarding the use of the Mathletics program over the summer to help retain the skills they have learned during the course of the year.



8th Grade Science/Social Studies

Maestra Amanda Kraft

kraft@nmis.org

Students will be rehearsing their poems and speeches on Monday. The teachers are treating them to pizza and Arabic food on Monday. They do NOT need to bring a lunch!

8th Grade Health

Maestro Jabez Ledres

ledres@nmis.org

Type health update here (1 paragraph max)

8th Grade Arabic *Reda Elkomy*

elkomy@nmis.org

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Useful Links:

Social Media

Facebook at www.facebook.com/NewMexicoInternationalSchool

YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UCiRUJCVdR8Hg9QfEwd-ei4Q

Volunteering

Volunteer Clearance: How to get an [NMIS Volunteer Clearance](#)

Volunteer Log: Keeping track of the amount of hours you volunteer with the [Volunteer Log](#)

Volunteer Hours Goals: Know the current [goals for volunteerism](#).

Making Payments for Lunches, Field Trips

Online School Payments (OSP): This is used to pay various school fees and extracurriculars (such as field trips, lost library books, etc.). Click [here](#) to make such payments. If you need assistance, [here are detailed instructions](#) on how to use this service.

Rhubarb and Elliott Catered Lunch Service: You can order a hot lunch from Rhubarb and Elliott to be delivered on campus for your child. [Click here](#) for menu and ordering instructions.

Other Resources

Family Handbook is available [here](#). Remember that by voluntarily enrolling your child at NMIS, you are obliged to follow NMIS policies and information in this *Handbook*.

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?cid=bzQ1bnI0Y3Y5bGNsNmlob2Q2MGV1a2NnYTBAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXIuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>

Important Contacts: [Governing Council](#) [School Advisory Committee](#) [Equity Council](#)



Also....

Don't forget to keep up to date with the **New Mexico International School Foundation (NMISF)** (a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports NMIS) by visiting their website at www.nmisf.org or by following them at www.facebook.com/nmisf

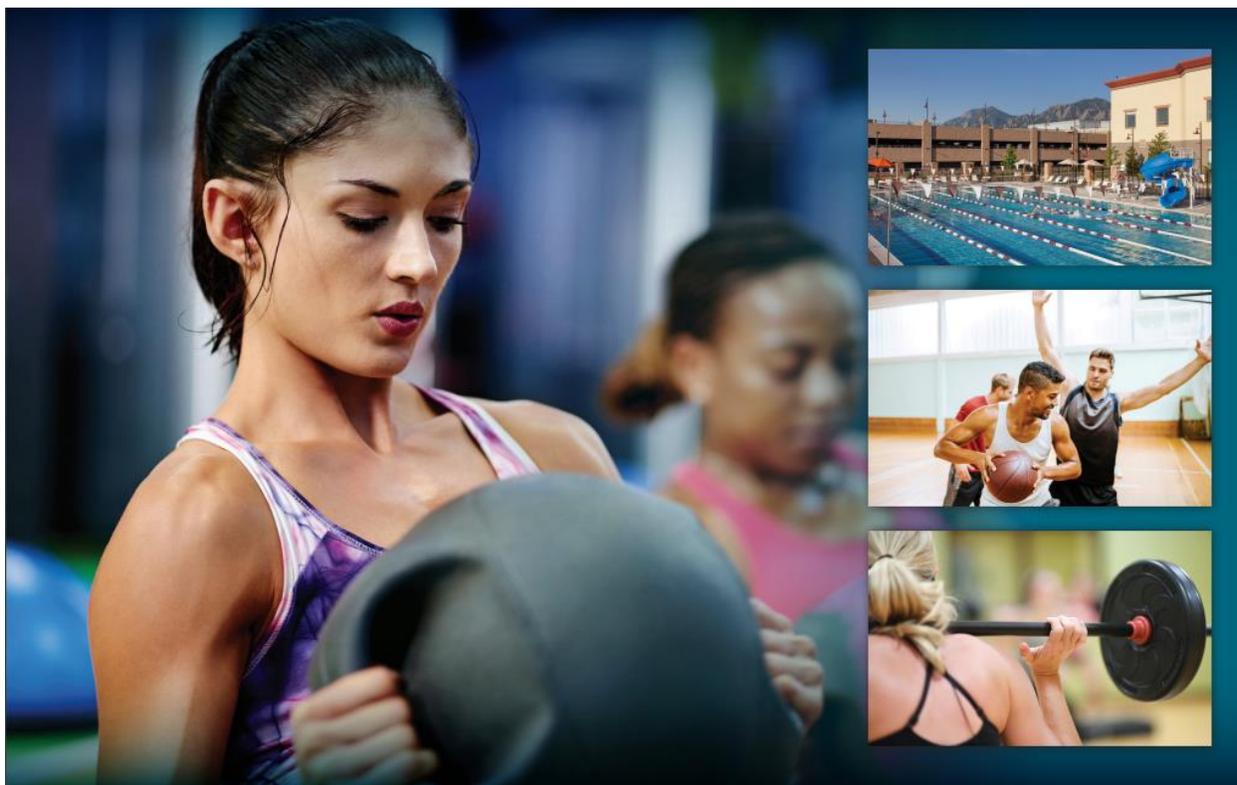


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To arrange a tour or get started: call, text or email George Paul today! (505) 321-1430, gpaul@wellbridge.com

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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 a **Language Immersion school**. We immerse our students into a Spanish language environment beginning in kindergarten and add Arabic as a third language beginning in 4th grade with the goal of making our students multilingual in Spanish and English and Arabic by grade 8.



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Our Mission: New Mexico International School (NMIS) provides K-8 students an educational program focused on:

- inquiry-based teaching and learning,
- the acquisition of languages,
- and the development of social, emotional, and rigorous academic skills necessary to function in our local, national, and international community.

Our Vision: Multilingual students who have respect for themselves, their community, and the larger diverse world in which they live, and have developed a moral consciousness that helps them build integrity into their lives.

School Hours

	Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	Wednesdays
Elementary grades (K-5)	8:20am - 3:00pm	8:20am - 1:00pm
Middle Grades (6-8)	8:10am - 3:20pm	8:10am - 1:00pm

Office Hours

M-F: 8:00-3:30



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