



# PISD WEEKLY UPDATE

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## CALENDAR

### Monday:

3:00: Home Baseball vs Cimarron

4:30: Art Club

### Tuesday

4:30: Guitar Club

### Wednesday

3:00: Yoga Club

4:30: Podcast Club

### Thursday

1:30: Chess Club

2:30: 3D Printer Club

### Friday

Extended Learning Day

## REGISTER FOR THE 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Register your children for next school year!

Elementary school registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/PESRegForm>

MS/HS registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/PenMidHiReg>

# CONGRATULATIONS BASKETBALL ALL-LEAGUE PLAYERS!

Congratulations to David Lucero, Elias Archibeque, Maricela MacAuley and Analise MacAuley for making the 5AA All-District Team!



## SUMMER PAID INTERNSHIP PROGRAM: HIGH SCHOOL

Peñasco is working with Taos County on an internship program this summer. PISD students who will be in high school next year could do a paid internship with the school. The program would last six weeks, with students working 20 hours/week and getting paid \$10.50 an hour. Students would work directly with school staff to learn skills and work on projects to benefit the school and community. This is a proposed project. It is not finalized. Any student interested should contact Michael Noll at 575-779-1466 or at [mnoll@penascoisd.com](mailto:mnoll@penascoisd.com).

## PEÑASCO HIGH SCHOOL AWARDED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLANNING GRANT

PISD has been awarded a \$50,000 Community Schools Planning Grant for the 21-22 school year. This grant's focus is on career and vocational education and will fund a part-time Community Schools. It will also allow Peñasco High School to apply for a \$150,000 Implementation Grant for the 22-23 school year.



## Peñasco High School Baseball 2021

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Departure
Mon 5/10	Cimarron	Home	3:00pm	
Thurs 5/13	Santa Rosa	Away	4:00/6:00pm	12:15pm
Mon 5/17	Pecos	Away	3:00/5:00pm	12:15pm
Thurs 5/20	Cimarron	Away	3:00pm	12:00pm
Tues 6/1	McCurdy	Away	3:00/5:00pm	1:15pm
Thurs 6/3	Estancia	Home	1:00/3:00pm	
Fri 6/4	Questa	Away	3:00/5:00pm	12:45pm
Tues 6/8	Mora	Home	3:00/5:00pm	
Fri 6/11	McCurdy	Home	3:00/5:00pm	
Tues 6/15	Questa	Home	3:00/5:00pm	
Fri 6/18	Mora	Away	3:00/5:00pm	1:00pm
6/21-6/26	State Baseball	TBA	TBA	



## **CONGRATULATIONS ENVIROTHON TEAM!**

Congratulations to Peñasco High's Envirothon team "Camo crocodilus" placed 2nd in Forestry, 3rd in Oral Scenario Presentations and 3rd Team Overall at the 2021 State Envirothon competition this weekend. The team included Jolene Archuleta, David Lucero, and Ashley Zamora. They were coached by Mercella Córdova.

## **WANT TO WORK AT THE PISD SUMMER CAMP?**

PISD Community Schools is hiring for several positions for June's summer camp. The camp will run from June 7-June 30. Contact Community Schools Coordinator Michael Noll for more information.

### **Summer Camp Coordinator**

The camp coordinator will help create the schedule for the Peñasco Community Schools Summer Camp and help plan all logistics of the camp, working directly with Community Schools Coordinator Michael Noll. Work period includes camp days (June 7-30, Monday-Thursday, 10-5, which includes time for set-up and clean-up) and 10 hours/week for two weeks leading up to the camp.

### **Camp Counselor**

Camp counselors will help with arrival and dismissal from camp (including temp checks), moving students from activity to activity, and behavior management. They will also help assist students with activities as needed.

### **Activity Providers**

Activity Providers will lead activities in arts, cooking, fishing, gardening, or any other activity that may be of interest.

## **DON'T FORGET: SUMMER CAMP INTEREST FORM**

Community Schools is planning a summer camp at the schools for the month of June! Activities may include arts, guitar, sports, games, podcast robotics, gardening, yoga, circus arts, hiking, camping, fishing, chess, horseback riding, Nurturing Center activities, field trips, summer reading program and activities, and more! Let us know if your children are interested and what activities you'd like to see at the camp! Fill out this survey: <https://forms.gle/uoGFdpdntcJDclIA9>



# HOME CARE AIDES NEEDED IN PEÑASCO AREA

Amber Care in Taos has a high need for home care aides in the Peñasco area. Pay rate is \$10.50/hour. To apply, visit this website:  
[https://www.addusjobs.com/job/home-care-aide-caregiver-taos-nm-4451-4451\\_hca\\_-d1ef01b4/](https://www.addusjobs.com/job/home-care-aide-caregiver-taos-nm-4451-4451_hca_-d1ef01b4/).

You can also call 575-737-5539 for more information.

## THIRD COMMUNITY MEETING WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDYCE O'DONNELL

**Monday, May 10, 2021 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (MDT)**

Login:  
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/573024061>

You can also dial in using your phone. (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 573-024-061

### IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

#### **PISD Superintendent**

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#### **MS/HS Principal**

Nicaea Chavez  
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nchavez@penascoisd.com

#### **Elementary Principal**

Aaron Mitchell  
(575) 587-2502 ext 2101  
cell: (505) 692-4591  
amitchell@penascoisd.com

#### **Community Schools Coordinator**

Michael Noll  
575-779-1466  
mnoll@penascoisd.com

**PISD has access to limited funding to help families in need with their electric bills and rent. To learn more, please contact Michael Noll: [mnoll@penascoisd.com](mailto:mnoll@penascoisd.com), 575-779-1466**

## DISTRICT JOB OPENINGS

**PISD Employment Opportunities 2020-2021 School Year:  
Bus Aid, Cafeteria Worker, Special Education Teacher, Third Grade Teacher, Elementary School Counselor, Teachers, and Executive Assistant.**

For inquiries email [agarcia@penascoisd.com](mailto:agarcia@penascoisd.com) Licensed staff positions will apply on the NMREAP website <http://www.nmreap.net/>

Vadito YDI:

Apply for the fall at one of the locations below.



**Head Start Pre-School  
NOW Accepting Applications  
for the 2021 Program Year**



Center-based or  
Virtual Learning  
options available

HEAD START serves eligible children ages 3 to 5 who reside in the Rio Arriba/Taos County Areas. Children with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Head Start offers full-day program options. Applications may be completed by contacting any one of the following Head Start Centers:

**PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT!**

**Rio Arriba County:**

Espanola Head Start Center  
340 N. Railroad Ave.  
(505) 747-1456  
\*\*Also enrolling toddlers  
(18 months to 3 yrs old)

**Taos County:**

Llano Quemado Head Start  
State Rd. 382, Bldg. 68  
(575) 758-3425  
\*\*Also enrolling infants  
and toddlers  
(6 weeks to 3 yrs old)

**Taos County:**

Enos Garcia Head Start  
305 Don Fernando St.  
(575) 758-4556  
\*\*Also enrolling toddlers  
(18 months to 3 yrs old)

**PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:**

- Proof of income for 12 months (2020 Tax returns, check stubs from previous month, etc.)
- Birth Certificate
- Up-to-date Immunization Record
- Medicaid or insurance card
- Name, address and telephone number for 3 Emergency Contact Persons (over the age of 18)
- Physician's and/or Clinic name, address, and telephone number and hospital preference.
- Name, address, and phone number of child's dentist.
- Copies of child's current physical and dental examinations

**YDI HEAD START ESPANOLA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE –  
(505) 747-1456, (505) 747-0502**





# Introduction to Education

## EDUC 1120 / Teacher Pathways

**STOP PLAYING  
AND DO IT!**



**Interested in teaching  
Elementary, Middle or  
High School. Take this  
summer class and  
plan your future.**

### DESCRIPTION

An exploration of contemporary issues around diversity, culture, and education in New Mexico. The course is of special interest to students considering a teaching career. Engaging in school and/or community projects is a requirement.

- An 8 week synchronous course (Wednesday, 5-7pm zoom class)
- June and July 2021
- 30 Hours of Fieldwork (Due to Covid, hours will be supplemented in alternative manners)

Instructor: Pam Remstein: [Remstein@unm.edu](mailto:Remstein@unm.edu), 575-737-6266 (Leave a Message)

# Get a library card!

## Complete this form and return it to your teacher!

### Embudo Valley Library

#### New Card Application

Please PRINT clearly below:

For official use only:

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ID shown? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Card Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if this is a Child's Application ☐ Child's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Children 5 and up are eligible for their own library card. A parent or guardian's signature is required for a library card holder under the age of 17.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

As a library card holder I understand that the Embudo Valley Library is a rural non-profit public library, with limited resources and a small but vital collection of circulating materials. Returning books, movies and other materials by their due date helps the library remain current and active, with more choices available for all patrons at any given time.

**I will do my part to insure that all my items are returned on time.**

Signature of Responsibility: \_\_\_\_\_



## FAREWELL AND THANK YOU!

I wanted to take this time to say goodbye and to thank you all for the privilege of being your Superintendent these past 2 years. It has been an incredible journey with many successes as well as challenges.



PEÑASCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

THANK YOU

When I started the district had a low cash balance and experienced budget cuts to state operational funds. I made it a priority to seek and receive additional grant funds to improve education and student support services.

I placed an on emphasis on the needs of the whole child. Social and Emotional Curriculum professional development was provided to educators. Additional student support services are now available to PISD students through the expansion of existing partners such as El Centro Family Health and the Nurturing Center and by forging relationships with new partners such as Taos Behavioral Health. Parental Involvement and shared leadership has also increased. The Community Schools Planning grant made this possible.

Collaboration and planning opportunities with the Picuris Pueblo Education Committee has increased from 2-3 meetings annually to monthly meetings. Grant funds have also increased. As a result we have added positions that support Indian Education, Student and Family Engagement, and in SY 21-22, the Tiwa Language Program.

I worked hard to improve the district and I have succeeded. I hope these improvements will serve the basis for better things to come now and in the future!

### INCREASED CASH BALANCE TO 1.1 MILLION

When I started the cash balance was about \$330,000.

I made it a priority to improve the cash balance of the district to improve education and to have reserves in case of emergencies.

Two years later I am leaving the district with a cash balance of over 1.1 million dollars.



### OVER \$480,000 IN GRANT FUNDS

PISD has been awarded additional funds through competitive grants to provide the Community Schools program, afterschool, tutoring, integrated student support services, computer science programming, college and career readiness, attendance incentives, and community based leadership opportunities.

### CHROMEBOOKS FOR ALL STUDENTS

All PISD students grades PreK - 12 have a chromebook to use for their education!



### COVID 19 PANDEMIC

Who would have imagined that the COVID 19 Pandemic would happen and that it would have such a dramatic impact on our lives for the past 14 months. There were so many problems to solve and everyone played an important part. We all went the extra mile to ensure that everyone was fed, safe, connected, and educated! Thank you all!

"Success isn't just what you have accomplished it is about what you inspire others to do. Everyone has done so much more than ever before. I hope that I have inspired others to continue to improve the district and to place students first."