



PISD SUMMER UPDATE

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 12

First day of school!

Check the district's website for school updates or contact principals for information

REGISTER FOR THE 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Register for next school year! Elementary form: <https://tinyurl.com/PESRegForm>. MS/HS form: <https://tinyurl.com/PenMidHiReg>.

HIRING FOR DISTRICT JOBS

PISD has various positions available for employment. If interested, contact Amy Garcia through email or phone: agarcia@penascoisd.com, 587-2502 ext. 2200

NEW CONTACT INFO

Please welcome our new superintendent, Melissa Sandoval, and new elementary principal, Michelle Gonzales. More info about new staff coming soon!

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THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SUMMER CAMP!

Thank you so much to everyone who made the camp a success. Every single one of these people played an integral part in the success of the camp, a reflection of the strength of our community:

- Our camp coordinator: Taylor Harrison.
- Our counselors: Jennifer Aguilar, Michael Casados, Clara Lopez, Anthony Naranjo, Annette Parker, Ashley Pyne, Destiney Rodriguez, and Kaitlyn Romero.
- The Taos Behavioral Staff: Racheal Pyne, Dominic Garcia, Alexandra Trujillo, and Rosie Dominguez.
- The Nurturing Center's Enselma Vasquez.
- Our basketball coaches: Elijah Lucero, Maricela MacAuley, Alexuis Romero, and Martina Tafoya.
- Our volleyball coaches: Alyssa Atencio, Sylvia Brown, Cheyenne Martinez, Haylie Martinez, and Madison Rael
- Our guitar and chess teacher: Dylan Fragua.
- Our stilts teachers: Alessandra Ogren and Nancy Tafoya.
- Our Envirothon coach: Mercella Cordova.
- Our gardening leaders: Donne, Edward, and Ignacio Gonzales.
- Our bus drivers who have picked up both our elementary students and high school counselors: Helen Romero, James Sanchez, Anthony Sandoval, and Ray Pino.
- Our librarian, who keeps the library clean, organized, and stocked with great books so that kids can sit and read (which they do, every day!): Lulu Arguello.
- Our grandparent volunteer: Shirley Romero.
- Our cafeteria staff for making delicious meals and creating a safe place for our children to eat: Sheila Rodriguez, Joleen Gonzales-Romero Julia Romero, and Kasandra Velarde.
- Our elementary custodians Sheila Sanchez and Anthony Mondragon.
- Our maintenance crew: Ray Pino and Anthony Sandoval.
- Elementary PE teacher Maxine Abeyta for digging out so much great PE gear.
- Elementary secretary Shannon Cordova for finding games and supplies.
- District office staff: Janice Duran, Amy Garcia, and Veronica Gonzales.
- The Embudo Valley Library for their partnership on the petting zoo and summer reading program.
- Twirl for bringing their cardboard art activities to Peñasco.
- The Peñasco Theater Collective staff Alessandra Ogren and rafa tarin and their Circus Camp staff: Nancy, Nicole, Gaibi, Roxy, Ana, Cleobe, Nico, Elaine, Ahmia, Damian, and Jose.
- Picuris tribal leadership for their continued partnership with the district and year-long efforts to keep our community safe.
- Finally, thank you to our families and the wonderful students that they entrust to us at camp and school. It is a privilege to work with them.

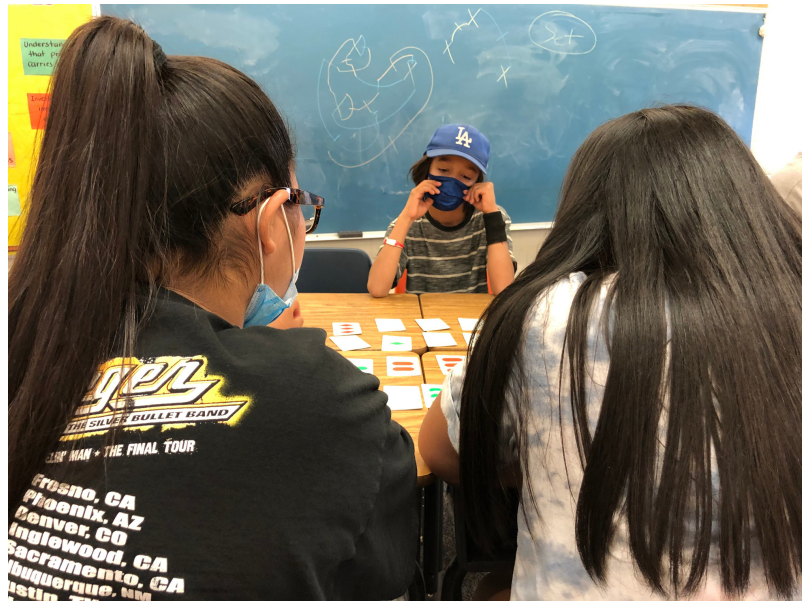
HIGHLIGHTS FROM SUMMER CAMP!



From top, clockwise: animal presentation from Embudo Valley Library, coloring, stilts, and a field trip to the New Mexico Wildlife Center.



From top, clockwise: chess, guitar, acting out "The Three Little Pigs" with three wolves in grandma's bed instead one one!, library time, and the Nurturing Center.,



From top, clockwise: Candyland, Math Circles games

SUMMER CAMP: CONTINUING IN JULY!

Summer Program
July 6th - July 29th, 2021
11am - 3pm

FREE

Activities: Arts & Crafts, Games, Swimming, Movies, Bowling etc.

If you are interested in your child attending or need more information contact:

Racheal Pyne @ 575-779-9664 or tbhccssrp@gmail.com

ATHLETICS UPDATE

Congratulations to our track runners that medaled in the 2021 2A State Track Meet!

3200m relay girls 4th place

Analise MacAuley

Haylie Martinez

Maricela MacAuley

Tristanee Lucero

3200m

Gilbert Valdez 2nd place

1600m

Gilbert Valdez 1st place

Jude Martinez 6th place

800m

Gilbert Valdez 1st place



NATURAL HELPERS

Congratulations to the students from grades 6-8 who participated in our Natural Helpers program this year and our year-end retreat at Sipapu: Nicholas Lopez, Rochelle Lopez, Tristanee Lucero, Ashley Madrid, Jessica Mermejo, Amy Munoz, Jaden Pacheco, Jeremy Rodriguez, Logan Romero, Michael Romero, and Walter Trujillo. This fine group of students has been trained in peer helping, leadership, and suicide prevention. The photo below is from our retreat.



SUMMER INTERNSHIP UPDATE

If you will be in high school next year (or if you graduated this spring) and have not yet applied for the paid summer internship offered by Taos County and hosted at PSD, there is still time. Applications can be found at the PSD website (<https://5il.co/tz1s>) and at local post offices. All students who will be in high school next year are eligible.

CHILD TAX CREDIT

Thanks to the new 2021 Child Tax Credit, for every child 6-17 years old, parents and caregivers will get \$250 each month, and for every child under 6 years old, families will get \$300 each month.

If you filed taxes for 2019 or 2020 and you meet the eligibility criteria for that year, your payment will process automatically.

Didn't file taxes in 2020 or 2019 or register for Economic Impact Payments? You can still sign up to get the Child Tax Credit at this new IRS website: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool>

These payments do not count as income, are not taxable, and do not affect WIC and SNAP benefits.

ZOOM EVENT: TUE-FRI, JULY 6-9: 12pm-1pm CST: FREE

Arts Exponential

Join Bridges to Science in an adventure to discover the wonders of origami and perspective drawing! Learn to make stars, shapes, draw a city, and more (6th grade +).



ONLINE ORIGAMI WORKSHOP

Summer fun with origami and perspective drawing!

No experience is required! Register @ <https://lu.ma/arts>

Expertly taught by origami artist Deanna Kwan.

Don't miss out!. Sign up today @ <https://lu.ma/arts> or <https://linktr.ee/bridgestoscience>!

For students in grades 6th and above.