



PISD UPDATE

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Thursday, October 7, 5:00

Volleyball at Mora

Friday, October 8

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Saturday, September 9, 5:00.

Volleyball: Home vs McCurdy

Thursday, October 14, 4:30

Volleyball: Home vs Escalante

Saturday, October 16, 4:00

Volleyball at Mesa Vista

Saturday, October 16

Cross Country: Pre-State Meet

PLEASE: TALK TO YOUR STUDENTS ABOUT TIK TOK

The Tik Tok video app has started a "Devious Licks" trend, encouraging students to do inappropriate things at school. All of these activities are disrespectful and against school policies. Some are even illegal. Currently, students at the MS/HS are limited in their use of the restrooms due to property damage caused by a few students following this trend.

Please talk to your students about appropriate behavior at school. This is our school, and when anyone damages it or treats staff and students disrespectfully, they harm all of us.

There will be consequences, following district policy, for any student caught damaging property or treating students and staff inappropriately.





OPPORTUNITY: RETURN TO IN- PERSON LEARNING

We're now one quarter of the way through the school year. Students who have been remote can choose to return to campus for in-person learning. Please contact Shannon Cordova at the Elementary or Elberta Rodriguez at the MS/HS.

EXTENDED LEARNING DAY

This Friday, October 8, is an Extended Learning Day for all grades. Your children should attend school according to their normal schedule.

Note: After-school programs will **not** be held on Extended Learning Days.

EXTENDED LEARNING DAY ABSENCES

Students who are quarantining due to exposure or a positive COVID test and who are participating in remote or online instruction are NOT considered absent. If a student does not log in to classes, they WILL BE considered absent. In order for students to be placed in remote learning for 10 days due to quarantine, parents or guardians MUST call the principal and submit a COVID test.

All Extended Learning Days are considered "regular" school days. Absences on these days are considered "regular" absences. Students missing more than 5% of school days, regardless of excused or unexcused absences, may require interventions, attendance contracts or referrals to external partners due to chronic absences

THANK YOU, FAMILIES!

Dear families, thank you for your patience and flexibility during last week's transportation issues. As you may have noticed, we're back to full capacity with bus routes!

Tah ah chen, aho!

Gracias!

Thank you!



Thank you to all of our custodial staff:

Sheila Sanchez, Anthony Mondragon, Angela Tafoya, Devin Tafoya, and Hannah Fernandez!

PISD JOB FAIR

PISD will hold a job fair on Friday, October 8, 9:00-2:00 in the Jicarita Gym.

THE PEÑASCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
IS SEEKING THE FOLLOWING:



<u>Elementary</u> Counselor/Supervisor Teacher	<u>MS Special Education</u> Teacher Spanish Teacher Nurse's Aid
<u>District</u> Bus Driver, Supper Program Cook, Substitutes,	

Please submit electronic applications at
www.penascoisd.com

**Job Fair: October 8th at the Jicarita
Gym from 9am - 12 pm**

**For more information call 575-587-2502 or visit
SR 75, 13 School Road, Penasco, NM 87553.**

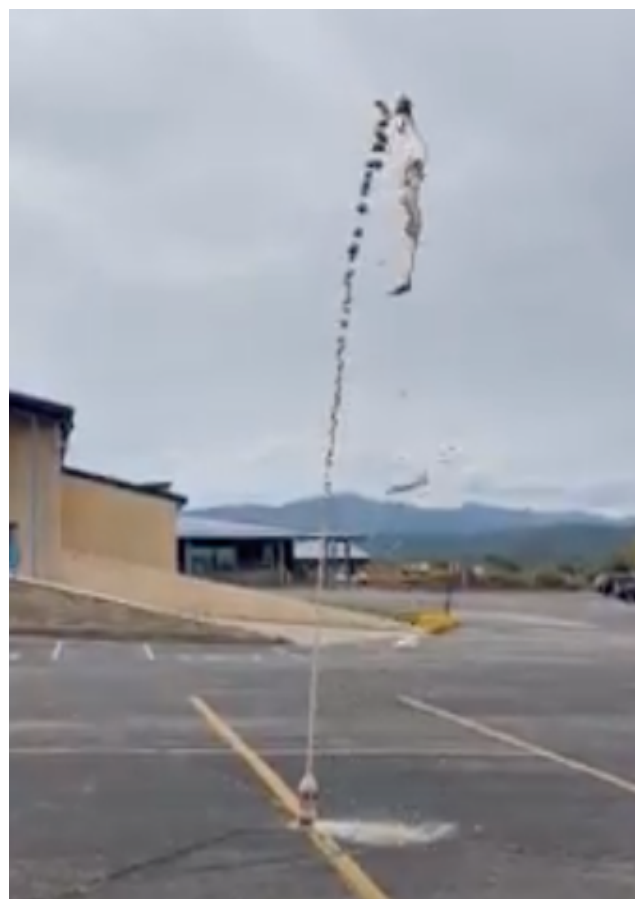
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providing equal educational and employment opportunity
regardless of sex, marital or parental status,
race, color, religion, or national origin



SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: 7TH/8TH SCIENCE



Mrs. Esquibel's 8th grade science classes did experiments with Mentos and Coke. You can watch the explosive results below. Click on each photo for the video link.



SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: 7TH/8TH SCIENCE



Mrs. Esquibel's 7th grade science classes did experiments with paper airplanes. You can watch the soaring results below. Click the bottom two photos for the video link.



SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: SUCCESS FOR ALL

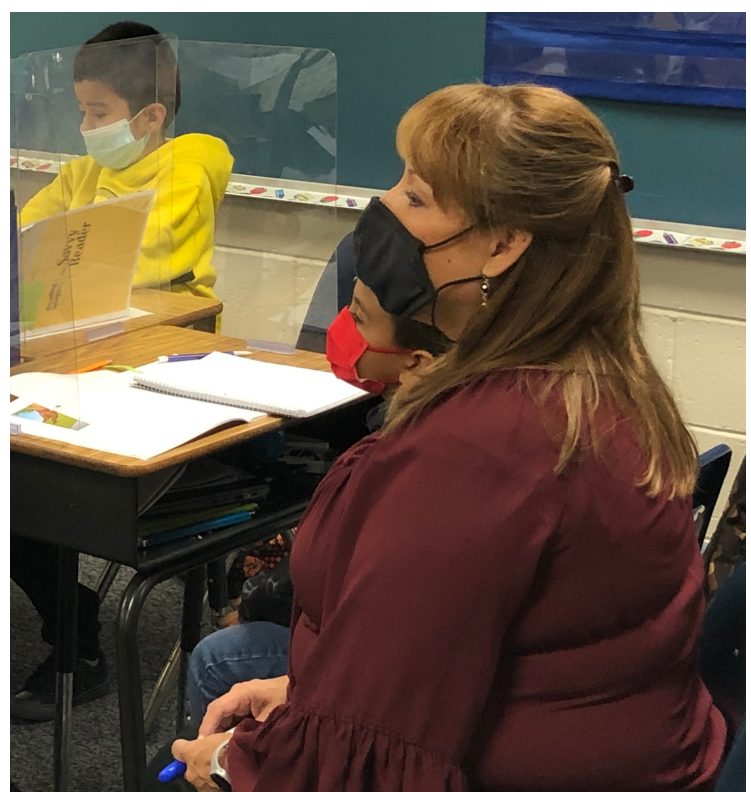
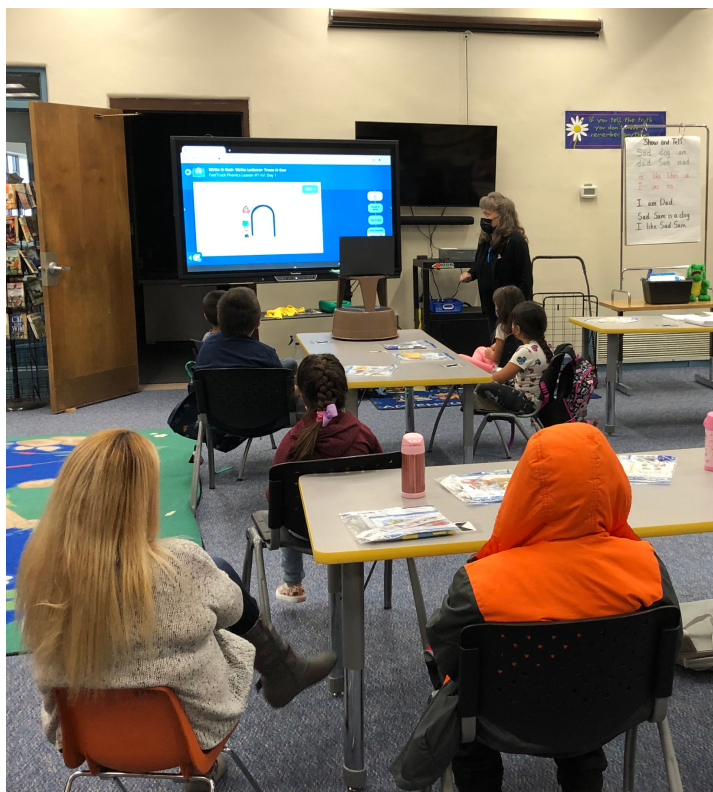
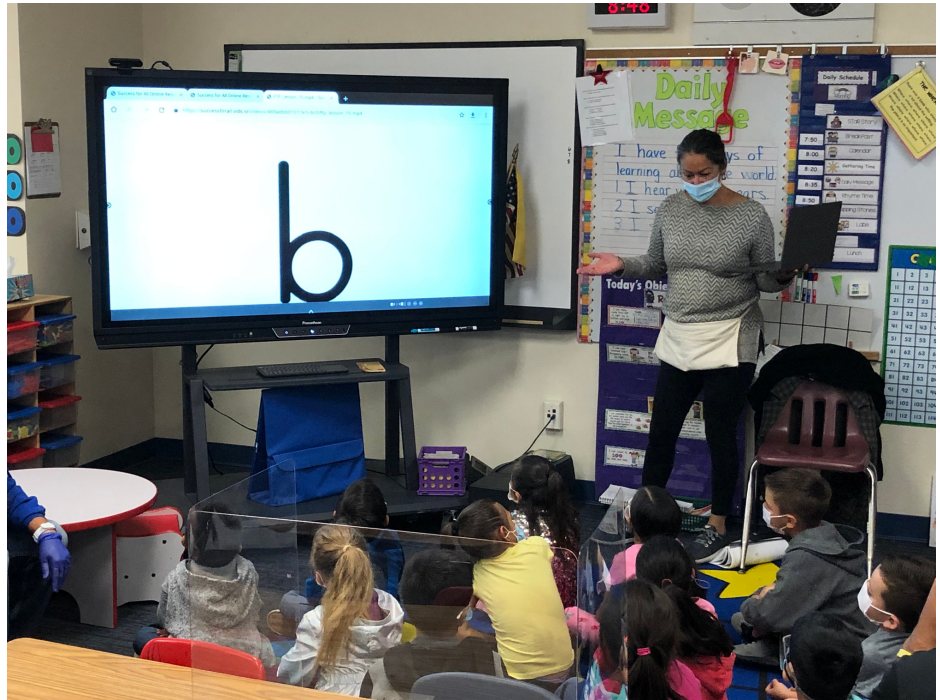


Peñasco Elementary is excited for the return of one its most successful programs ever: Success for All. Many parents may have experienced the program when they were students. SFA teaches literacy and social-emotional skills. Students' reading levels are assessed so that their lessons are tailored to their needs. When PES had the program in the past, our school was considered a model for the entire program, and our students' reading scores were some of the highest in the state.

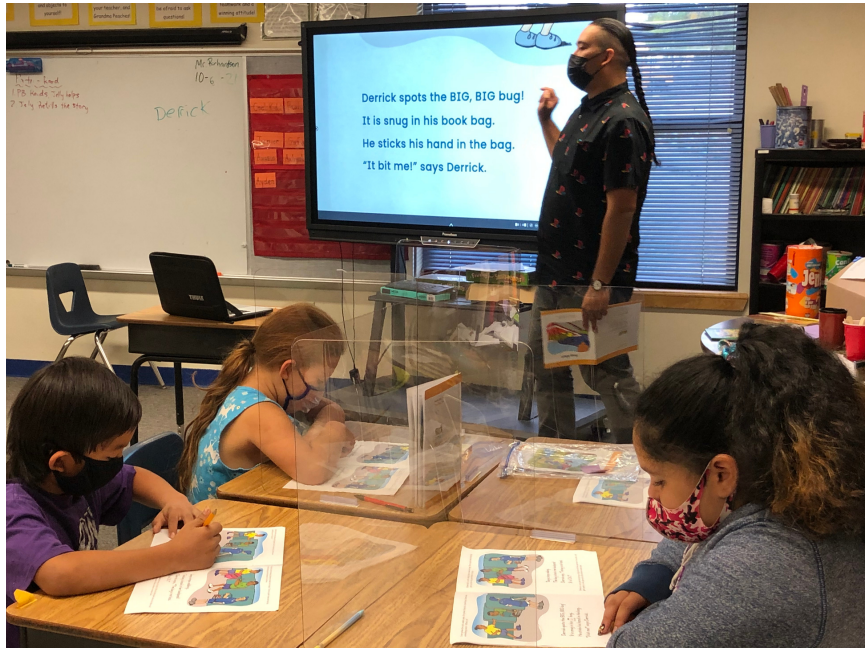
Our SFA Coordinator and Facilitator Michelle Esquibel has been working hard with our teachers to implement the program.

Students in lower grades are building their reading roots.

Photos (clockwise): Mrs. Visarraga uses SFA materials to teach letter recognition and sounds. Mrs. Esquibel works with students in third grade. Mrs. Vigil works on letter recognition.

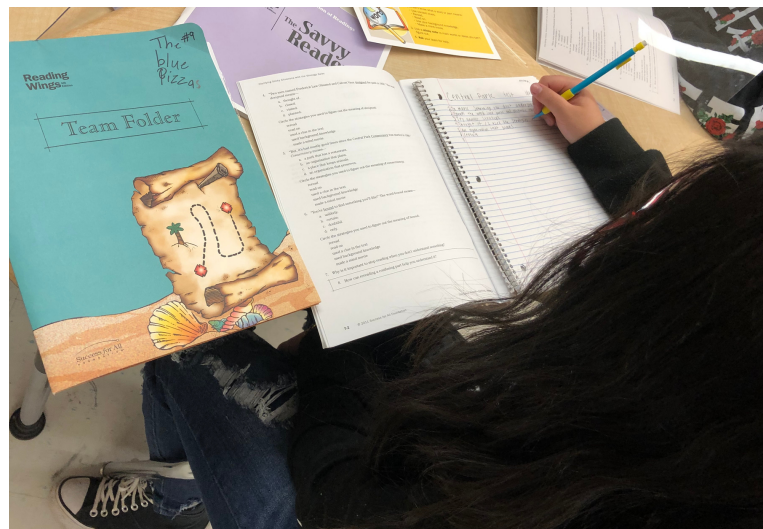
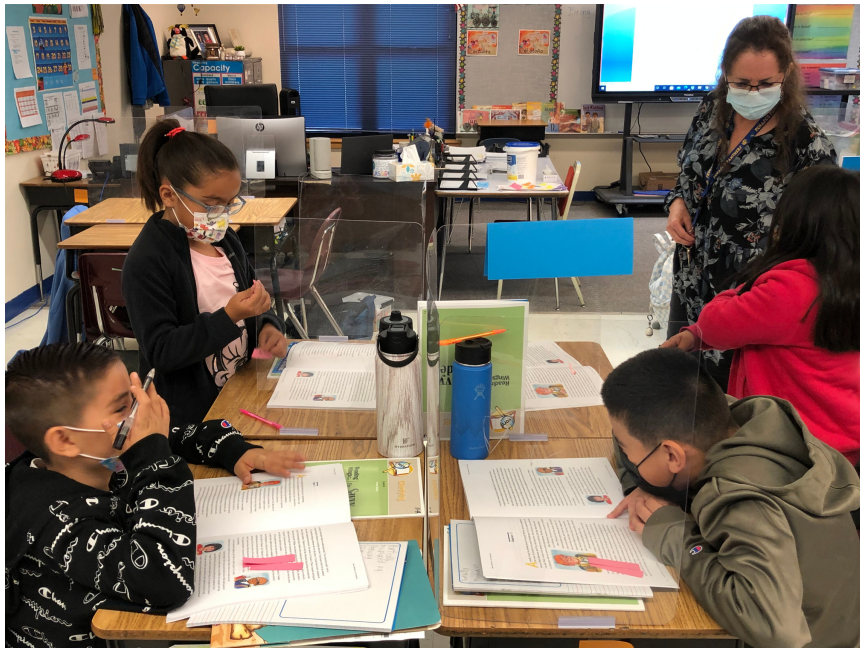


SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: SUCCESS FOR ALL



Students learn reading skills at increasingly higher levels.

Photos (clockwise): Mr. Richardson's students reading paragraphs aloud, both on the screen and in their books. Students doing reading and writing activities. Mrs. López helping students with their work.





Your child's school will be implementing Success for All.

What can you expect for your child?

Active and engaging instruction based on research-proven strategies

- The entire school will have a 90-minute reading block during which students are grouped according to their current reading levels.
- Children who are struggling will receive tutoring to help them catch up quickly.
- Children will be assessed at the end of each grading period on individual progress and then regrouped accordingly.

What will you be asked to do?

The Success for All reading program is designed to help parents and family members play active roles in their children's education.

- You will be invited to participate with reading homework.
- You will receive more contact from your child's teacher about his or her progress in school.
- You might be asked to volunteer at school or attend special events.

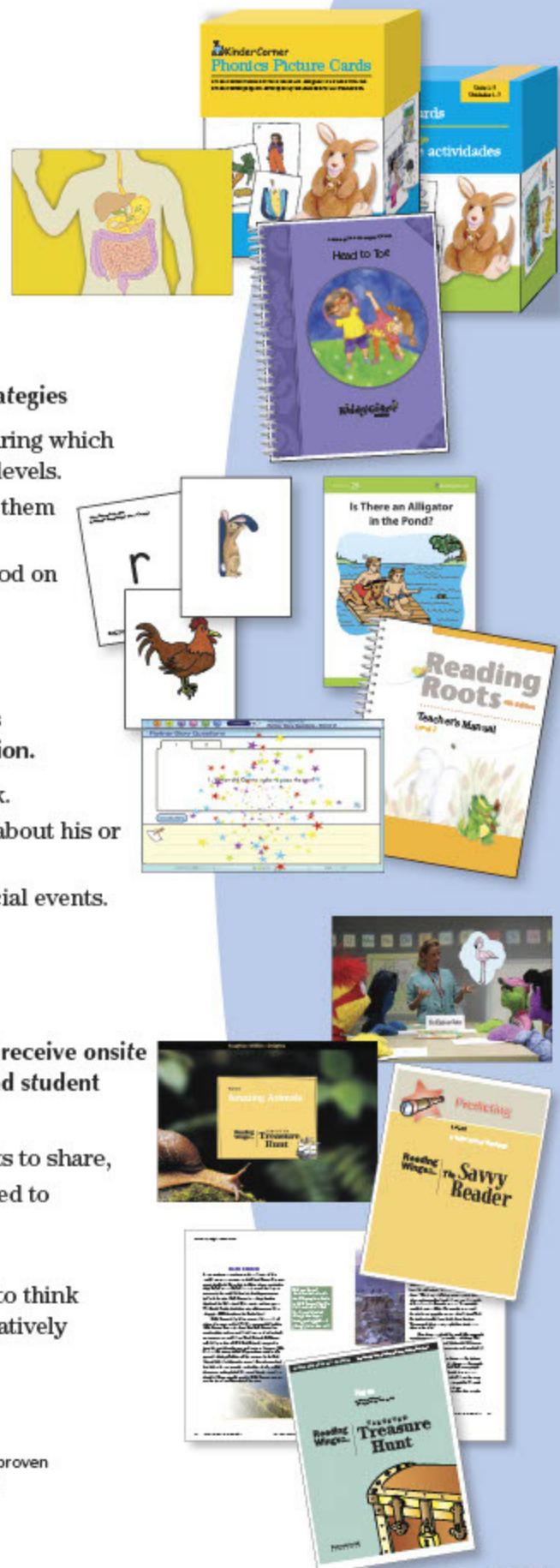
What can you expect from teachers and school leaders?

To facilitate student success, teachers and school leaders will receive onsite coaching and assistance with goal setting, action planning, and student progress monitoring. You can expect:

- engaging and interactive classroom materials for students to share,
- early recognition of how your child needs to be challenged to succeed in school,
- frequent classroom grades and assessment results, and
- a behavior management approach that teaches children to think critically, solve problems productively, and work cooperatively in teams.

The mission of the Success for All Foundation is to develop and disseminate research-proven educational programs to ensure that all students, from all backgrounds, achieve at the highest academic levels.

These programs were originally developed at Johns Hopkins University.





SEND US PHOTOS OF YOUR WOOD PILES AND STOVES!

PISD has received a grant from the Library of Congress to create primary historical sources from our communities. The first project is a short film about wood gathering: getting, splitting, and burning wood, plus features on thinning projects, leñero programs, ecology, and the history of getting wood in this area.

To help our students with this project, please take photos of your wood piles, stoves, chainsaws, wood trucks, and anything else wood related. You can send the photos to Michael Noll, mnoll@penascoisd.com, 575-779-1466.

For each photo, please include this info:

- Family/students involved (whose wood is it?)
- Location (village or approximate area)

Your photos may be used in the film (which may end up being broadcast on PBS!) and will be archived in the Library of Congress.

Important: By sending photos to Mr. Noll, you are giving permission for them to be used for these purposes.

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