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CALENDAR

Monday, November 15, 4:00

MS basketball at Mora

Tuesday, November 16, 6:00

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 4:00

MS basketball home vs. McCurdy

Saturday, November 20, 4:

MS basketball home vs Escalante

Monday, November 22, 4:00

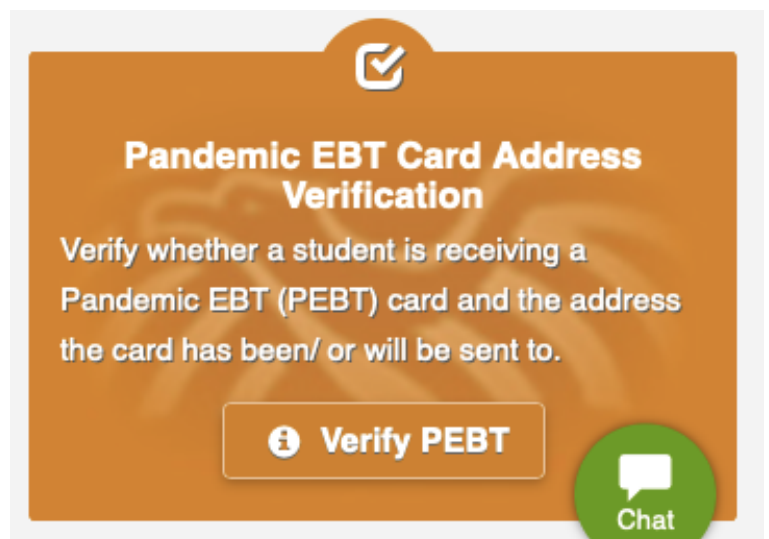
MS basketball at Mesa Vista

P-EBT CARD UPDATE

The state is sending out P-EBT cards. Some families may receive one card that contains all of their students' funds. Other families may receive multiple cards.

To check your child's eligibility and the address that the cards are sent to, go to

<https://www.yes.state.nm.us/yesnm/home/index>. Scroll down until you see this orange box. You will need your student's school ID, which is on their report card. You can also call the school to get the number. If your student is not recognized, try entering their grade from last year.





COVID VACCINE FOR AGES 5-11

The Department of Health will host a virtual town hall at noon Friday, Nov. 12, featuring a panel of pediatricians to answer questions about childhood COVID vaccinations and address parent fears. The event will be livestreamed on the department's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/nmdoh>

We will keep you posted about upcoming vaccine clinics for kids.

COMMUNITY COVID UPDATE: PLEASE BE SAFE

Taos County is in the midst of a rapid increase in COVID spread. This includes communities within the Peñasco area. Please continue to follow COVID-safe strategies: wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. Testing is available at both the Peñasco and school-based El Centro clinics.

Our schools will continue to implement COVID-safe practices at all times.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The next regular school board meeting is Tuesday, November 16, 6:00.

Meeting will be held in person but can be accessed online

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8929346135?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8929346135?pwd=c25wYjIwQnlQOG1mdE1Ubms3dDhwUT09)
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Passcode is PISD



CONGRATULATIONS PEÑASCO XC TEAMS!

The Peñasco Boys Cross Country Team placed 3rd overall, with Gilly Valdez taking 1st place with a time of 16:00.88 and Jude Martinez taking 9th with a time of 17:43.81.

The Girls Cross County Team placed 1st overall, with Rochelle Lopez taking 3rd place with a time of 21:07.92 and Charnelle Gonzales taking 7th place with a time of 21:39.20.

Congratulations to all of our coaches and athletes who competed in the state championships:

- Coaches Ben Sanchez and Tori Vasquez.
- Boys runners Lucien Badash-Dyer, Jeremiah Martinez, Jude Martinez, Angel Romero, Logan Romero, Gilly Valdez, and Matias Vigil.
- Girls runners Charnelle Gonzales, Rochelle Lopez, Tristanee Lucero, Analise MacAuley, Maricela MacAuley, Elaine Mitchell, Feliciana Mitchell, and Rhyen Vigil.





BASKETBALL SCHEDULES



Peñasco Middle School

Boys/Girls Basketball 2021-2022

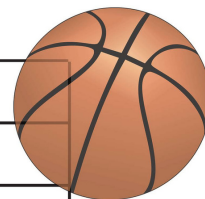


Date	Opponent	Teams	Location	Time
Mon, Nov. 15	Mora	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/ 8	Away	4:00pm
Wed, Nov. 17	McCurdy	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/8	Home	4:00pm
Sat, Nov. 20	Escalante	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/8	Home	4:00pm
Mon, Nov 22	Mesa Vista	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/ 8	Away	4:00pm
Mon, Nov. 29	Questa	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/8	Home	4:00pm
Wed, Dec. 1	Mora	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/8	Home	4:00pm
Mon, Dec. 6	McCurdy	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/ 8	Away	4:00pm
Wed, Dec. 8	Escalante	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/ 8	Away	4:00pm
Mon, Dec. 13	Mesa Vista	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/8	Home	4:00pm
Wed, Dec. 15	Questa	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/ 8	Away	4:00pm
Mon, Dec. 20	Mora	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/ 8	Away	4:00pm
Wed, Dec. 22	McCurdy	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/8	Home	4:00pm
Mon, Jan. 3	Escalante	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/8	Home	4:00pm
Wed, Jan. 5	Mesa Vista	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/ 8	Away	4:00pm
Mon, Jan. 10	Questa	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/8	Home	4:00pm
Jan. 13-15	NRG Tournament	Girls 7/8, Boys 7/ 8	Escalante	TBA

*Boys game immediately following the girls



Peñasco High School Boys/Girls Basketball 2021-2022



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sat. 11/27	Rehoboth (Girls)	Home	2:00/3:30
Sat. 11/27	Santa Rosa (Boys)	Away	2:00/3:30
Tues. 11/30	ATC (Boys)	Home	5:00/6:30
Dec 2-4	West Las Vegas Tourney	Away	TBA
Tues. 12/7	Coronado (Boys)	Home	5:00/6:30
Thurs. 12/9	Dulce	Home	4:00/5:30/7:00
Sat. 12/11	Santa Rosa (Girls)	Home	2:00/3:30
Thurs. 12/16	Santa Fe Indian School (Girls)	Away	5:30/7:00
Dec. 17-18	Ben Lujan Tourney (Boys)	Pojoaque	TBA
Tues. 12/21	Pojoaque (Girls)	Away	4:30/6:00
Dec. 28-30	St. Mikes Tourney (Girls)	Away	TBA
Thurs. 12/30	Laguna Acoma (Boys)	Away	5:00/6:30
Jan. 6-8	NRG Tourney	Espanola High	TBA
Tues. 1/11	Santa Fe Indian School (Boys)	Away	5:30/7:00
Fri. 1/14	Los Alamos (Girls)	Away	4:30/6:00
Tues. 1/18	Pecos	Home	4:00/5:30/7:00
Thurs. 1/20	Mora	Away	4:00/5:30/7:00
Sat. 1/22	McCurdy	Home	3:00/4:30/6:00
Mon. 1/24	Cimarron (Boys)	Home	5:00/6:30
Thurs. 1/27	Escalante	Home	4:00/5:30/7:00
Sat. 1/29	Mesa Vista	Away	1:00/2:30/4:00/5:30
Thurs. 2/3	Questa	Home	4:00/5:30/7:00
Sat. 2/5	Mora	Home	4:00/5:30/7:00
Thurs. 2/10	McCurdy	Away	3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30
Sat. 2/12	Escalante	Away	1:00/2:30/4:00/5:30
Thurs. 2/17	Mesa Vista	Home	4:00/5:30/7:00
Sat. 2/19	Questa	Away	1:00/2:30/4:00/5:30
Feb 21-26	District Tournament	TBA	TBA
Mar. 4-12	State Tournament	TBA	TBA



Peñasco Halloween Carnival Brings Our Community Together

Article by Ms. Noll's 6th period journalism students:

Kalista Duran, Jerome Espinoza, Dylan Lopez, Romeo Lopez, Jared Lujan, Lyrik Moya, Anthony Naranjo, and Kaitlyn Romero

On Thursday, October 28th, there was a Halloween carnival located in the middle school gym. There were two events--one from 9-12:30 during the school day and then in the afternoon from 5:30-7:30. The freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and members of the student council organized the event that was enjoyed by students, families, and community members. The purpose of the carnival was to fundraise, but it ended up becoming a good time for those who hosted the event as well as those who attended.

The freshmen class ran the haunted house, which made a lot of money. The inspiration for this came from the fact that Mr. Tafoya usually decorates his hallway for Halloween. Ms. Ogren and Mr. Tafoya, the freshmen class sponsors, felt very proud of the class and how it all came together. Mr. Tafoya agreed that the class worked well together, and there was a lot of good student participation. For example, freshman Karizma Saenz created the red

paint handprints on the paper in the hallway and helped decorate the water fountain with fake blood. Alicia Abeyta also helped by creating spiders for the spider room. It was a popular attraction, and many people went back multiple times. Ms. Ogren added that next time they would like to have better lighting, and Mr. Tafoya shared that he would like the hallway to be darker and have more obstacles. Freshman Alyssa Atencio said she thought the haunted house would make about two hundred dollars; however, it made \$868, which surprised the freshmen class and led Mr. Tafoya to share that it was a big success.

The sophomore class also participated by having two booths--one that was Tic-Tac-Toe with Demarcus Lopez and a Pumpkin Pop booth where people could throw darts at balloons. These booths were popular as well, and the sophomore class raised over six hundred dollars for this work. Sophomore class sponsors Ms. Peña and Ms. Noll said that it took about a month to plan, with



Preschool students line up to play tic-tac-toe with Sophomore Demarcus Lopez.



most of the work happening over the course of a week. The sponsors also said that the carnival was a way to get students and families involved. Sophomore class secretary Cheyenne Martinez says that next time, the class should plan in advance and put in more effort. Ms. Noll agrees, adding that the sophomores need to have more booths, get more students involved, and consider selling wristbands ahead of time so that tickets are the only thing sold at the door. Class president Anthony Naranjo believes that the carnival was a success because it raised more money than we imagined. In the future, Naranjo would like to see more booths with different activities, such as a basketball shot. Also, he agrees with Ms. Noll that we need more participation to have people man the booths.

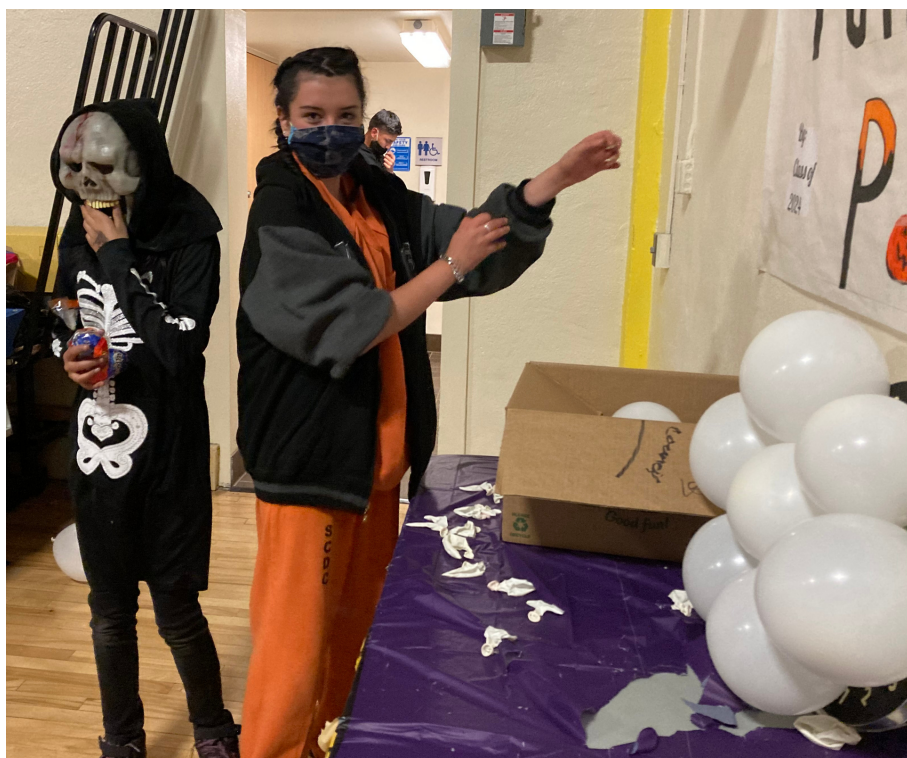
The carnival would not have happened if not for the junior class, led by class sponsors Mr. Sandoval and Mr. Duran. The junior class initiated the carnival as a fundraiser for prom, and they successfully raised an estimate around \$1,250 dollars.

Of the three booths that they ran--the egg toss, pie in the face, and concessions, the pie in the face was most popular. Jared Lujan, junior class treasurer, says that the pie in the face probably brought in the best money. Lujan says that the egg toss was a very messy game, and he thinks that all the people that entered in the game enjoyed themselves. Mr Duran said it was nice to see the junior class work together, just like the freshmen and sophomore.

"Everything came out to the planning, and it was nice to see that everyone came out to support the classes in their fundraisers," said Mr. Duran.

Mr. Sandoval says he was surprised by the turn out and thinks that 200-300 people showed up in the evening. Mr. Duran and Mr. Sandoval said they would do the carnival again.

Mr. Sandoval said, "Yes, I would do it again so stay tuned for something similar." Juniors Jared Lujan, Adam Archuleta, and Nehemiah Romero were asked why they put so much effort into the carnival.



Sophomore Italia Aguilar sets up the Pumpkin Pop while her sister, 5th grader Persaus Aguilar, watches from inside her mask.





Lujan said, "I didn't want it to be a waste of time or money for everyone, and I wanted it to be a good time for us and for the community to come together."

Archuleta said he wanted people to come out and have fun, and on the plus side it helped the junior class raise some funds, while Romero said he helped so that he could get free prom tickets. He also wanted to help out his class because he saw that not too many people were helping, so he stepped up. Lujan, Archuleta, and Romero were also asked if they would help with a carnival again or something similar.

Lujan said, "Yes, I would because it will help out with class funding."

Archuleta agreed. Lujan and Archuleta also were asked if they would get pied again.

Lujan said "If it was for something like this, yes because it was cool to see little kids enjoy themselves and have some fun."

Archuleta agreed, saying he would because it seemed like little kids were having fun with it and people would like to

watch others get pied. Lujan and Archuleta were also asked why they volunteered to get pied, and Lujan said he didn't volunteer, but no one else wanted to do it, so he just stepped up. Archuleta also volunteered because he did not want the booth to get closed down. Finally, one of the highlights of the night occurred when junior Jeremiah sang karaoke with Anthony Naranjo. Martinez says he wanted to help out and raise money for the carnival; also, he shared that he liked to show off his voice and had a good time entertaining everyone.

Finally, the student council participated by hosting a ring toss booth. The booth and the Halloween grams that were sold the day before the carnival raised over \$400. According to Kaitlyn Romero, money from the booth and the Halloween grams will help fund homecoming events in early 2022, and they also helped to raise school spirit.

All in all, there are some aspects of the Halloween carnival that could be improved upon, but mostly it was a splendid event with a great turnout.



Left: 3rd grader Tommy Martinez prepares to throw a pie. Bottom: Juniors Diego Ortiz, Donni Aguilar, and Elias Archibeque are covered in pie.



THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY!



On behalf of the class of 2023, I would like to extend a great thank you to Peñasco and surrounding communities for supporting our class fundraiser/halloween carnival. We appreciate everyone very much, as the funds are going towards our prom, graduation etc. Your participation and support has helped us a lot in raising money for these activities. You all have never let us down.

Sincerely,
Class President of 2023
Mireya Arellano

On behalf of the Junior and Sophomore class, I want to thank everyone for their generous donations and financial support during our Halloween Carnival. It was encouraging to see all the bags of candy that were donated as these were our free prizes. Similarly, it was amazing to see how many people attended the evening session. I estimate about 200 community members attended and partook of the festivities. We look forward to providing more festive opportunities this school year.

Junior Sponsor
Matt Sandoval

On behalf of the Class Of 2024, I would like to thank the students and staff that participated in the Halloween carnival. You guys really brought the community together again after Covid-19 struck family, friends, and students. Thank you for everything.

Sincerely, Class President 2024
Anthony Naranjo.

Tah ah chen, aho!

Gracias!

Thank you!



College and Career Representatives Visit With Peñasco Students

Article by Alicia Abeyta, Dazlyn Gonzales, Analise MacAuley, Marisela MacAuley, Cheyenne Martinez, Jeremiah Martinez, and Karizma Saenz

Photos by Kaitlyn Romero

On Friday, November 5, several representatives from colleges and employers across the state gathered in the middle school gym to meet with students and discuss future educational and career opportunities. Organized by middle and high school counselor Mrs. Laumbach and Student and Family Engagement Coordinator Dr. MacCallum (Dr. "Q"), the event was attended by all middle and high school students. Employers such as Sipapu and Taos Ski Resorts, Nusenda Credit Union, and Del Norte Credit Union, as well as colleges such as Northern New Mexico College, New Mexico State University, Highlands University, and UNM Taos, Los Alamos, and the main campus were there to give information to students and talk about future opportunities. Sophomores Analise MacAuley and Cheyenne Martinez felt that they engaged the most with representatives from UNM-Taos, while freshman Alicia Abeyta felt that the representative from UNM-Los Alamos was very persuasive. Several seniors took the opportunity to apply to colleges, and others applied for jobs with the ski resorts.



From top: Senior Makayla Kroshus speaks to a representative from the University of New Mexico-main campus. Junior Nehemiah Romero talks to a representative from Luna Community College. Seniors Marisela MacAuley, Gilbert Valdez, and Lucian Badash-Dyer fill out college applications with the help of Mrs. Laumbach.



MS/HS CELEBRATE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Students in Mr. Sanchez's MS/HS Spanish classes created ofrendas for Dia de los Muertos. They were displayed in the commons.



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