



PISD UPDATE

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Wednesday, March 30, 5:00

SAFE Night

March 30-31

NM-ASR Testing: Middle School

March 31-April 2

Santa Rosa Baseball Tournament

Saturday, April 2

West Las Vegas Track Invite

Tuesday, April 5, 5:30

Budget Input Meeting

Wednesday, April 6

MS West Las Vegas Track Invite

Friday, April 8

Extended Learning Day

Friday, April 8, 1:00 and 3:00

Baseball home vs. Santa Rosa

Saturday, April 9

Peñasco Track Invitational

Monday, April 11, 4:00

Baseball at Mora

Tuesday, April 12, 6:00

Special Board Meeting

Monday, April 18

Spring Break II



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES: THE SPOT/MAS COMUNIDAD IS PARTNERING WITH PISD

PISD will be partnering with MAS Comunidad/The SPOT for service navigation and needs assessment work. This partnership will help with two main areas:

1. Helping families learn about and apply for programs and services
2. Helping the district learn about our families' needs.

PISD is applying for many grants, and knowing what our community and families need is crucial to developing programs that will meet those needs. This year alone, PISD has received nearly \$750,000 in funding for Community Schools, After-school Programs, Tutoring/Mentoring, Gardening, Community History, Supper Programs, and more. The district also benefits from partnerships with El Centro Family Health and Taos Behavioral Health.

All of these programs and funding sources will benefit from a comprehensive needs assessment.

If you do not want Community Health Workers from The SPOT/MAS Comunidad to contact you for a needs assessment, please contact Community Schools Coordinator Michael Noll: mnoll@penascoisd.com, 575-779-1466.

All info gathered during the needs assessment process will be confidential and will only be used to determine overall community and family needs.

HELP NM: ON CAMPUS, FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Help NM's local representative, Crystal Sanchez, will be helping families apply for rental and utility assistance and other financial assistance programs. Bring the following: photo ID, proof of income, SNAP and LIHEAP proof, utility bills, disconnect notices, other outstanding bills.

Friday, April 8
Nurturing Center
(Elementary building, next to the nurse's office)

See the flyer on the next page

WHEN IT MATTERS MOST HELPMNM IS HERE

For over five decades in over 25 locations across the state, HELP New Mexico, Inc. has been serving the community. Through assistance, advocacy and education, we are changing the lives of individuals, families and our communities.

Pop-up Housing/Rental Assistance | Migrant | Training | Education

Past Due Utilities Assistance Application Event
Penasco!!!

**HELPMNM IS COMING
TO YOUR COMMUNITY**

When: Friday April 8, 2022
8:30 am to 3pm

Where: PISD Nurturing Center
(Elementary next to nurse's office)

Please provide:

- ☐ Photo IDs (adults 18+)
- ☐ Income (March pay date check stubs, 2022 SSA/SSI Award letters)
- ☐ SNAP (previous month) and LiHeap proof (Oct 2021 to present)
- ☐ Utility Bills/Disconnect notices (most recent)

Contact:
Crystal Sanchez
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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 12, 6:00 pm.

Location: Jicarita Gym

For public comment please access form at www.penascoisd.com (click on Administration for a link to the form) or call 575-587-2502 ext. 2205

DISTRICT TESTING DATES

March 29-31: NM-ASR Middle School Students

April 1: Elementary IStation K-2nd

April 13: MS takes the NM MSSA

April 13: SAT for Juniors

April 12-14: Elementary 3-5 NM MSSA

April 19-20: Elementary AVANT testing K-2

April 13-14: SAT Test School Day

April 13: NM MSSA 7th-8th Grade Students

April 12-14: NM MSSA 3rd-5th Grade Students

April 26: SAT Make-ups Middle School Students

May 2nd-5th: End Of Year

- IMSSA 3rd-8th

- MAPS 9th-11th

- Istation K-2nd

MONEY FOR INTERNET BILLS

All families at PISD are eligible for funding to pay \$35-75/month toward their Internet bills. Many people previously received the Emergency Broadband Benefit. That program has ended, and now you must apply for a new program, the Affordable Connectivity Benefit.

You will need the following:

- The Internet account holder's date of birth
- Account holder's address (physical and mailing)
- Account holder's last four digits of social security #
- One student's date of birth
- One student's last four digits of social security number
- You will likely be asked to attach written proof of your child's enrollment.

For detailed instructions, see the next two pages of this newsletter.

MIDDLEL & HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE

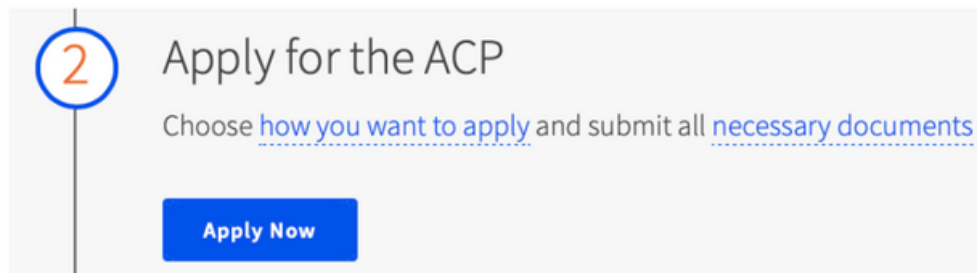
Any student with 3 or less absences for the 4th 9-weeks will go on a field trip to see the Albuquerque Isotopes.

KINDER MEET AND GREET

April 20: Upcoming Kinder students Meet and Greet night, 5:30-6:30

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (FORMERLY THE EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT)

All families in the district qualify for a federal program that will pay \$35/month toward your Internet bills (\$75/month for families living on tribal land). To apply, click here: <https://acpbenefit.org>. Scroll down the page until you see this:



2 Apply for the ACP

Choose [how you want to apply](#) and submit all [necessary documents](#)

[Apply Now](#)

You will need the DOB of the parent and child and the last 4 digits of the parent's SS# and child's SS#.

Once you create your account, you'll start the application. Select "Enrollment at USDA Community Eligibility Provision (CEO) School" as the qualifying factor.

Is your child or dependent in any of these?

Check all that apply.

- ☐ SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or Food Stamps [?](#)
- ☐ Medicaid
- ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ☐ Federal Public Housing Assistance
- ☐ Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs
- ☐ Federal Pell Grant in the current award year
- ☐ Free and Reduced Price School Lunch or Breakfast Program in the 2019-20, 2020-21, or 2021-22 school year
- ☒ Enrollment at USDA Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) School
- ☐ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- ☐ Tribal Specific Program (only choose if you live on Tribal lands)

Be sure to write down the child and address that you submit.

Submit the application. You will receive an email from Lifeline Support with the subject line "You Qualify for the Affordable Connectivity Program." If you have Kit Carson Internet, forward the email to nvarela@kitcarson.com along with this exact info:

- Your Name, Address, Phone #, Date of Birth, Last four of SSN.
- Your Child's Full name, Date of Birth and Last 4 SSN.

If you use another Internet Provider, you will need to call them to find out where to send the qualification email. Questions: Contact the Nurturing Center: 575-587-2502 ext. 2102

PROOF OF STUDENT ENROLLMENT AT PISD USE FOR ACP APPLICATION

During the application process (either during enrollment or in a follow-up email), you may be asked for proof of enrollment. Use this form. Add your student's name and your name where it says "Student" and "Guardian."



**Home of the
Panthers**

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Date: August 26, 2021

Subject: Community Eligibility Provision

Dear Parent / Guardian

Peñasco Independent School District is participating in a Universal Lunch and School Breakfast Program for the 2021-2022 school years. If your children attend Peñasco Independent Schools, breakfast and lunch will be available to them at no charge. All students enrolled at this school may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge to them.

Studies have shown that children who are hungry perform better in school. By providing breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge, we are hoping to create a better learning environment for our students.

The school breakfast and lunches that we serve follow U.S Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals. The School Breakfast and Lunch Programs cannot succeed without your support; please encourage your children to participate in the school meal programs.

Meals will be served to all students at no charge regardless of the eligibility status.

Students:

Guardians:

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact us at (575)-587-2502 ext. 2107.

Sincerely,

Shiela Rodriguez

Cafeteria Manager
2021-2022

FALL/WINTER SPORTS



ALL-STATE ATHLETES

Cross Country: (Boys) Gilly Valdez and Jude Martinez, (Girls) Rochelle Lopez and Charnelle Gonzales

2nd Team All-State Girls Basketball: Maricela MacAuley and Analise MacAuley

WINTER SPORTS STAFF APPRECIATION

Thank you to our coaches and staff!

- Girls Basketball Coaches: Mandy Montoya, Anelisia Peña, Maxine Abeyta, Guillermo Atencio.
- Boys Basketball Coaches: Brandon Gurule, Ryan Martinez, and Dominic Garcia.
- Athletic Director Nicaea Chavez and Athletic Coordinator Mandy Montoya

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES



BASEBALL

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Departure
Wed. 3/16	Espanola JV	Away	3:00/5:00	1:00
Thurs. 3/24	Pecos	Home	4:00/6:00	
Sat. 3/26	Estancia	Home	10:00/12:00	
Mon. 3/28	Cimarron	Away	3:00	11:00
3/31-4/2	Santa Rosa Tourney	Away	TBA	TBA
Fri. 4/8	Santa Rosa	Home	1:00/3:00	
Mon. 4/11	Mora	Away	4:00/6:00	2:00
Th. 4/14	McCurdy	Home	3:00/5:00	
Tues 4/19	Questa	Home	4:00/6:00	
Fri. 4/22	Mora	Home	3:00/5:00	
Tues. 4/26	McCurdy	Away	4:00/6:00	2:00
Sat. 4/30	Questa	Away	3:00/5:00	12:45



TRACK AND FIELD

Date	Meet	Location	Time	Departure
Sat. 3/12	Jemez Valley Invitational	Jemez Valley		TBA
Sat. 3/19	Rattler Relays	Tucumcari		TBA
Fri. 3/25	Wildcat Invitational	Questa		TBA
Sat 3/26	Robertson MS Invite**	Robertson		TBA
Sat. 4/2	West Las Vegas Invite	West Las Vegas		TBA
Wed. 4/6	West Las Vegas MS**	West Las Vegas		TBA
Sat. 4/9	Peñasco Invitational	Peñasco		
Sat. 4/16	Fox/Vixen Relays	Ft. Sumner		TBA
Wed. 4/20	Peñasco MS Invite**	Peñasco		
Sat. 4/23	NRG's	Espanola		TBA
Fri. 4/29	Districts	Peñasco		
5/6-5/7	State	TBA		

** Middle School meets

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

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Certified Positions

(Application link located beneath listing)

Secondary Spanish Teacher

- https://www.nmreap.net/job_postings/18215/NM01/NM01#.YP8x-uhKi70

Secondary Vocational Teacher

- https://www.nmreap.net/job_postings/20343/NM01/NM01#.YYKpO2DMK70

Elementary School Counselor/Elementary School Supervisor

- https://www.nmreap.net/job_postings/19757/NM01/NM01#.YkJEx-fMK70

Non-Certified Positions

Apply online.

- Afterschool Counselor
- Maintenance/Bus Driver
- Educator Fellowship Educational Assistants (3 Vacancies)
- SFA Reading Tutors (2 Vacancies)
- Boys Varsity Basketball Coach
- Boys 4th & 5th Grade Elementary Basketball Coach
- Girls 4th & 5th Grade Elementary Basketball Coach
- Community Historian - Tiwa Language
- Substitute Cooks: Pay \$12/hr.
- Substitute Teachers: Starting pay \$12/hr. agarcia@penascoisd.com
- Substitute Custodians: Pay \$12/hr.
- Substitute Bus Drivers

Find the certified position application here:

<https://www.penascoisd.com/page/certified-employment-application>

Find the non-certified position application here:

<https://www.penascoisd.com/page/non-certified-application>

For questions, email Amy Garcia at agarcia@penascoisd.com.



NURTURING CENTER AT PISD



The Nurturing Center is a community and TBH joint program to provide support for students who need additional social and emotional support during the school day. The Nurturing Center works closely with the Community School to meet the needs of families and their children.

Taos Behavioral Health (TBH) provides comprehensive behavioral health services to individuals, families and groups to support them in developing positive behaviors and making life-affirming choices.

PISD ELEMENTARY
8-5
MONDAY-THURSDAY

575-587-2502
EXT 2102



Nurturing Center Family Navigators

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Mr. Michael Noll Community School Coordinator



Goal

Work with the community school efforts to create a strong tie between the community and the school by developing programs that celebrate the communities history and culture.

Services

- Connect families to financial and community resources to assist with utility bills, internet connection, and rent.
- Support grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.
- School based services- SEL Afterschool program.
- Care Clothing Essential Closet and Food Pantry.



ELEMENTARY EXTENDED LEARNING PHOTOS



Top to bottom: Fifth graders work together to walk fire hoses across the commons. Second graders work together to transport a tennis ball across the room. Another group of second graders prepare to blindfold each other for a communication game.



Top to bottom: N'Faly Drame from Santa Fe teaches African drumming to 6th graders. Fourth graders compete in tug of war. Fifth graders prepare to be blindfolded for a communication activity.



ELEMENTARY AFTERSCHOOL BASKETBALL



7th graders Alyssa Calabaza, Jessica Mermejo, and Michael Romero coaching third and fourth graders on rebounding, shooting, and teamwork.

ELEMENTARY CIRCUS PERFORMANCE



The circus came to
Peñasco Elementary!





Juniors and Seniors at Peñasco High School took a field trip to UNM Taos to learn about their health sciences programs! Thank you to Mr. Sandoval and Dr. Q for chaperoning and organizing the trip!