



PISD UPDATE

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Monday, April 18

Spring Break II

Thursday, April 14, 3:00 and 5:00

Baseball home vs. McCurdy

Tuesday, April 19, 4:00 and 6:00

Baseball home vs. Questa

Wednesday, April 20, 3:00

MS Peñasco Invite

Friday, April 22, 3:00 and 5:00

Baseball home vs. Mora

Saturday, April 23

Track: NRG's, Escalante

Friday, April 29, 9:00

Track: Districts

SUMMER CAMP SIGN UP

The Peñasco Elementary Summer Camp is now open for registration to all currently enrolled students (or students who intend to enroll next year). The camp will be held June 6-23, 9:00-3:00, on campus. To help us hire sufficient staff and plan transportation and activities, please register your children by next Thursday. You can always choose not to send your children to camp, but if you think that you might send them, please register. Find the registration link here: <https://forms.gle/jympxkw9iGFiDdsQA>

ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Join our PAC Team for Penasco Elementary! You can reach out to the front office and they will direct you to the person overseeing the PAC team.



KINDER MEET AND GREET

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

Please come join us for the "Meet and Greet Night" we will have early registration, child find and dinner will be served. Take this opportunity to come meet your child teacher for next year and get questions/concerns answered. We look forward to meeting your child and you on April 20th.

FAMILY NEEDS SURVEY

PISD is doing a needs assessment to guide our grant writing and program development. We invite students' families (immediate and extended) to fill out the survey below. All responses will be anonymous (unless you would like to talk to someone about your responses and add your name to the last question). Your feedback will help PISD communicate with county, state, and federal agencies about programs and services that our community needs. Thank you!

Find the survey link here: <https://forms.gle/HWW6jDxtlZSUZhNSA>

NEW DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP: GET ONE-ON-ONE HELP WITH BILLS, SERVICES, AND OTHER NEEDS

PISD is partnering with the SPOT in Peñasco to provide personalized, one-on-one help navigating services, bill payments, and other needs of our families and community.

The Spot hours will be Mondays 10-5, Wednesdays 10-6, and Fridays 10-5, we are also finalizing workshops that will take place once a month. The spot office number is (575)425-1677 and the email is spot@mascomunidad.org.

DISTRICT TESTING DAYS

April 19-20: Elementary AVANT testing K-2

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

April 25-26: Elementary AVANT

April 26: SAT Make-ups Middle School Students

May 2nd-5th: End Of Year

- IMSSA 3rd-8th
- MAPS 9th-11th
- Istation K-2nd



Certified Positions

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.



Juniors and Seniors at Peñasco High School braved wind, smoke, and dust to take a field trip to Luna Community College and New Mexico Highlands University to learn about their engineering, nursing, welding, automotive, media arts, and other programs! Thank you to Ms. Geffroy, Ms. Medina, and Mr. Noll for chaperoning and organizing the trip!

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SIXTH GRADERS CHANGE IN SENIORITY

By Alicia Abeyta and Kalista Duran

It has been four months since the sixth graders joined the middle school from elementary. The reason for this was due to the teacher leaving in the middle of the year. Without any sort of warning, the sixth graders were put in an unfamiliar environment as soon as winter break ended. Due to this change, there was a school wide schedule change for everyone in the Middle/High school. Not only the students were affected by this, but the staff as well.

Middle/High school math teacher Ms. Rendon says she doesn't think they were ready since it happened too fast to adjust to everything. Also, it was kind of thrown at her before she was prepared to teach all 26 sixth graders in one class. One positive for her is that she'll be able to teach them from 6th ,7th ,8th and hopefully 9th grade math. 6th/8th grade history and MS Special Education teacher Ms. Lopez says the pros of having the sixth graders here are that she has more time with the students in middle school, and "we are more like the other middle schools in the state." But the cons are having to teach all 26 sixth graders in one class. "It gets hard to help struggling students when there are a bunch of students in one group." Her entire position changed from teaching ELA and history to her current position 6th/8th grade history and MS Special Education. After two years of remote learning, students weren't as prepared as they could be.

School counselor Ms. Laumbach says that this was the best option since they could either learn from multiple teachers for the rest of the year, or, be stuck with a sub probably not learning as much as they should. This change had been discussed before but was never put in place since they wanted to see what effect this would have on all of the students including high school students. The biggest challenge for Laumbach was trying to get the teachers to accept this change, but staff and other classmen as well were also apprehensive to change.

The incoming sixth graders were affected the most by this change. They went from being the oldest in the elementary to the youngest in middle school. Sixth grader Natalia Duran says that this new experience has a lot of responsibility, and she's learned you have to be more mature but overall likes it. Duran never thought she would be in middle school this quickly since she thought she had another year to prepare herself. Sixth grader Daniel Martinez says he was excited and nervous to be in middle school because it would be new but different. He had no problem with the teachers and students and thinks it's better than he thought it would be. All sixth graders must feel this way since they were used to the elementary environment and had to get used to the difficulty of switching classes, getting to know the teachers, knowing the locker, and being with older kids.

6th graders continued.

Overall, the bringing up of the sixth graders to the middle school can hopefully help them mature faster. From some points others think that they still have their immature elementary behavior while others think they aren't as bad as they thought. This change will stay in place for incoming sixth graders. The fact that you have a lot more freedom and you don't have to deal with one teacher the whole day proves that it's a big stepping stone to becoming more independent. With all the hardships that happened with moving up a grade level, it may be easier to plan the next year.

THE BATMAN ADDS ANOTHER VERSION OF THIS DC CLASSIC

By Maricela MacAuley and Jeremiah Martinez

Watching a movie in the theaters is a special experience. Walking in and smelling the popcorn as you wait in line to get your tickets, the excitement and anticipation fills you with wonder about the movie you're about to see—especially an action movie like the 2022 release, *The Batman*.

Overall this film was great. This 2 hour and 56 minute movie included thrilling build ups and plot twists. The villain, The Riddler, along with the compelling plot, kept the audience on their toes throughout this long movie.

This movie was different from many superhero movies because the audience did not see another backstory. The audience did not have to sit through Bruce Wayne's orphan origin. It seemed that many fans were glad to get straight into the plot. This was important for the long movie to keep the audience engaged. The movie did have callbacks to the story's origin which contributed to the movie's overall storyline.

The movie starred Robert Pattinson, who is a very talented actor to watch. He is best known for his role in *Twilight*, and it was fun to see him portray the caped crusader. This was a really fitting role to see him play. Many fans enjoyed watching Robert Pattinson's *Batman* because of his iconic chin. Some fans were upset that Robert Pattinson did not do the "sore throat" voice to disguise Bruce Wayne. Instead, he used a lower tone which was a nice touch. Paul Dano, who played the Riddler, also had a really great performance. His dedication to the character really added to the appeal of the movie.

Finally, the movie had a thrilling ending with a great learning experience for the audience as well as the characters in the movie. This left the audience wanting to walk outside in the rain with the song "Something in the Way" by Nirvana. In fact, this movie inspired a TikTok trend that includes the final song. In general this movie was awesome, and I recommend that more people go and watch it.

Meet and Greet



- Where: *Penasco Elementary Commons Area*

- Date: *04/20/2022*

- From: *5:30-7:00 pm*

*3yr - 4yr old
Kindergarten*



Get information

Tour the classroom Dinner Provided

Meet the teachers and classmates

*** Pre-registration ***

Parent Support April Presentations

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**April 14, 2022 Cyberbullying/Cyber Safety
@ 6:30 pm**

**April 28, 2022 Teen Dating
@ 6:30 pm**

Parent Support is offering a 2 part series presentation
by Angelique Sedillo and Katherine Trujillo
from the NM Office of the Attorney General



Cyberbullying/Cyber Safety: April 14, 2022 @ 6:30 pm
Teen Dating: April 28, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

Both presentations are free to anyone and are via the
following zoom link :

<http://nmhu.zoom.us/j/97941171999>

We would love everyone to join us for these important
topics,
even if you cannot make both and just one!

For any questions or more information, please email
smcprevention@nmhu.edu



SUPPORT THE BASEBALL TEAM: BUY SOME GEAR!

Get your hot Peñasco gear and support the baseball team!

<https://fancloth.shop/WLFXU>



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 proof of your child's enrollment. **You must type your names on the form or ask the Nurturing Center to add your names**

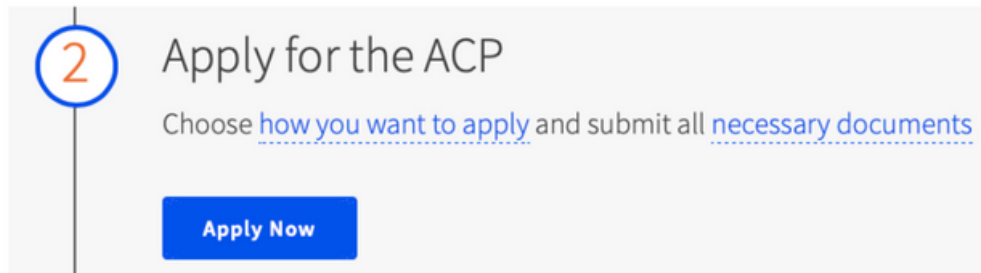
For detailed instructions, see the next two pages of this newsletter.

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." **You must type your name or ask the Nurturing Center to do so for you.**

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



**Home of the
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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



IT'S TIME TO FILE!

TAX DAY IS APRIL 18

Thanks to changes signed into law by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, **the New Mexico Working Families Tax Credit and Low Income Comprehensive Tax Rebate** are worth more than ever -- and are available to more filers than ever.

More than 500,000 New Mexicans may be eligible for one or both, **but you must file an income tax return to be eligible.**

The credit and the rebate are both refundable, meaning you may get money back even if your income tax liability is zero.

WORKING FAMILIES TAX CREDIT

The Working Families Tax Credit is worth 20% of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit this year and is available to families with as much as \$57,000 in earned income.

Based on earned income and family size, the credit can be **worth as much as \$1,345**, on top of whatever federal EITC you may qualify for.

This year's expansion made Working Families available to young workers between 18 and 25 with or without children and to people who don't have a Social Security number but who file using an ITIN. So, even if you don't qualify for the EITC, you may still qualify for New Mexico's Working Families Tax Credit.

LOW INCOME COMPREHENSIVE TAX REBATE

The Low Income Comprehensive Tax Rebate is now available to people with as much as \$36,000 in modified gross income.

The rebate can be **as much as \$730**, depending on your income and the number of dependents you claim.



Need help filing? Help is available!

Find more information at tax.newmexico.gov or 866-285-2996.

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HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mental/Behavioral/Health Authority

Forestry Crew Member (3)

Administrative Assistant/Forestry Coordinator

Tiwa Instructor

Tiwa Assistant

Boys & Girls Club Activities Coordinator

Boy & Girls Club Program Aide

LEAD Project Manager

Transportation Crew Member

CHR Generalist Secretary/Driver

CHR Home Care Provider/Driver

CHR Information Technology Educator

Certified Diabetes Educator

For a copy of position descriptions or more information please contact Karen Arpan,
Human Resources Department:
hr.specialist@picurispueblo.org
or call (575) 587-2519 ext. 411

All positions are open until filled