



PISD UPDATE

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Saturday, September 3

Cross Country @ Jemez

Monday, September 5

NO SCHOOL—Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6, 4:30

Volleyball HOME vs. Pecos

Wednesday, September 6

MS Volleyball @ Escalante

Friday, September 9

Cross Country @ Laguna Acoma

September 9-10

Volleyball @ Cimarron Tournament

Monday, September 12

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MS Volleyball @ SF Waldorf

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Cross Country @ Rio Rancho

Tuesday, September 20

Regular Board Meeting

SCHOOL PHONES

Peñasco ISD's phone system has been updated. Please call 575-587-2502 to contact us. Thank you!

MS/HS DROP-OFF

The morning drop-off location for the MS/HS has changed to the MS/HS library (same as last year). If you are only dropping off MS/HS students, please enter at the top gate and drive directly to the library. This will help shorten lines.



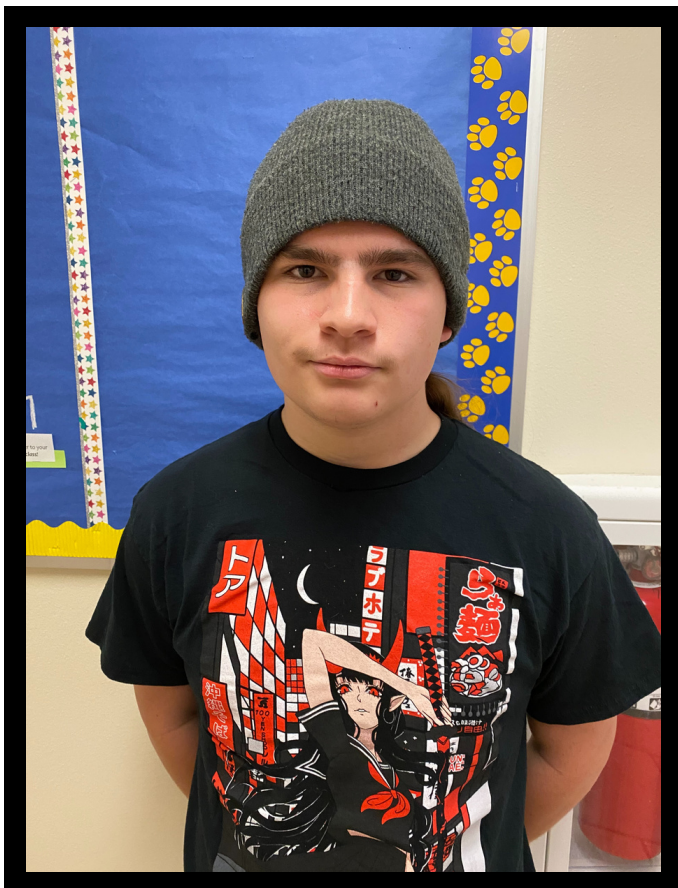
Introducing: A new section devoted to recognizing the excellent work of everyone involved in the successes of PISD. Parents and community: if you have staff or students you'd like us to recognize please contact Michael Noll (575-779-1466, mnoll@penascoisd.com) or Maryam Bordbari (mbordbari@penascoisd.com)



Italia Aguilar, 11th Grade

"Italia is one of our many excellent near-peer tutors. She is a great support for our younger elementary students!"

-Mr. Noll, Elementary Community Schools Coordinator



Isaiah Brown, 10th Grade

"Isaiah was a huge help on our first day of the Afterschool program. He always stays until every student has left for home."

-Ms. Maryam, High School Community Schools Coordinator



Kyle Sturtz, 11th Grade

"Kyle has perfect attendance so far this school year and is consistently attending class prepared and ready to learn."

-Ms. Noll, High School ELA Teacher



Xavier Romero, 4th Grade

"Xavier has set a great example during After-School during homework time by reading aloud to the near-peer helpers."

-Mr. Noll, Elementary Community Schools Coordinator



Norman Rodriguez and Cody Carrasco, Security Guards.

"We had to move offices, including tables and desks. Thank you to Norman and Cody for helping us move our stuff around to get situated in our new spaces!"

-Ms. Shannon, social worker;
Ms. Maryam, HS Community
Schools Coordinator



Anthony Mondragon (not pictured), Sheila Sanchez, Anthony Sandoval, Maintenance & Custodial

"Thank you to the maintenance and custodial staff for making the playground grass look great and for getting us ice for our teachers' lounge!"

-Mrs. Gonzales, Elementary Principal

MUSIC FROM ANGEL FIRE!

Four musicians from NYC brought their sting quartet to Peñasco Elementary on Tuesday, August 30. In addition to playing, they talked to students how to listen to music and about their instruments.





AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM: ALL SCHOOLS

Elementary Program: 3:15-5:30, Monday-Thursday.

- Elementary Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/MhEg8bBUs1WWz5e19>

MS/HS Program: 3:50-5:30, Monday-Thursday (3:50-4:20 for in-season student-athletes)

- MS/HS Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/hoendwQCgWQ3vuDR9>

A snack and supper will be served to all participating students. Bussing home is currently provided to drop-off locations in each village.

Questions? Contact After-School Coordinator Taylor Harrison:
tharrison@penascoisd.com, 575-201-9651 ext. 2005.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Community Schools Coordinators Michael Noll (mnoll@penascoisd.com, 575-779-1466) or Maryam Bordbari (mbordbari@penascoisd.com).

PEÑASCO ELEMENTARY AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday, 3:15-5:30			
Every Day			
Homework Help/Tutoring Recess Physical Activity Art Snack Supper			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Gardening Nurturing Center 3D Printing	Circus Arts Chess Nurturing Center Violin	Media Arts Math games Guitar	Circus Arts Library Guitar
5:25-5:30: Departure			
Special Activities			
Wednesday, Sept 14 Wednesday, Sept. 28	Math Circles Math Circles		



AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM: MS/HS



PEÑASCO MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM SCHEDULE*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3:45-4:25	<u>Guitar</u> (Chris Duran-Band Room) <u>Art Club</u> (Alessandra Ogren -Art Room) <u>Media Art</u> (Michael Casados-Computer Lab) <u>Games</u> (Matilda Trujillo- Outside/SAFE Room) <u>Tutoring w/ Teachers</u>	<u>Violin</u> (Rachel Penn-Music Room) <u>Media Art</u> (Michael Casados-Computer Lab) <u>3-D Printing</u> (Alex Simeti -Library/Computer Lab) <u>CrossFit</u> (Matilda Trujillo-Gym/Outside) <u>Student Counsel</u> (Stephanie Noll -Classroom) <u>Homework Help</u> (Maryam Bordbari -Commons)	<u>Guitar</u> (Chris Duran-Band Room) <u>Drama Club</u> (Alessandra Ogren -Art Room) <u>Gardening</u> (Roxy Sanchez-Outside/Library) <u>Natural Helpers</u> (Michael Noll -Community Room) <u>Honors Society</u> (Stephanie Noll-Classroom) <u>Tutoring w/ Teachers</u>	<u>Media Art</u> (Michael Casados-Computer Lab) <u>Reading Club</u> (Michael Noll-Library) <u>Chess Club</u> (Nik Trujillo-Mr. Trujillo's office) <u>CrossFit</u> (Matilda Trujillo-Gym/Outside) <u>Homework Help</u> (Maryam Bordbari - Commons)
4:25-4:35	Snack and Movement Break			
4:40-5:20	<u>Media Art</u> (Michael Casados-Computer Lab) <u>DIY</u> (Maryam Bordbari -Serenity garden/SAFE Room) <u>Physical Activities</u> (Matilda Trujillo & Michael Noll-Gym/Outside)	<u>Media Art</u> (Michael Casados-Computer Lab) <u>3-D Printing</u> (Alex Simeti -Computer Lab) <u>Physical Activities</u> (Matilda Trujillo & Michael Noll -Gym/Outside)	<u>Reading Club</u> (Michael Noll-Ms. Noll's room) <u>Gardening</u> (Roxy Sanchez-Outside/Library) <u>Physical Activities</u> (Matilda Trujillo & Maryam Bordbari-Gym/Outside)	<u>Media Art</u> (Michael Casados-Computer Lab) <u>Chess Club</u> (Nik Trujillo-Mr. Trujillo's office) <u>Dance</u> (Maryam Bordbari-Serenity Garden/SAFE Room) <u>Physical Activities</u> (Matilda Trujillo & Michael Noll-Gym/Outside)
5:20-5:30	Clean Up and Pack Up			

Please note: students are in charge of making their own choice for the activity they would like to participate in, including tutoring and homework. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Maryam Bordbari at mbordbari@penascoisd.com.

*Subject to change



Penasco Independent Schools hosts

Skilled Trades Day Fair

NWREC #2
Supporting Education in Northwest New Mexico
Northwest Regional Education Cooperative



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Save the Date
Thursday
September 15, 2022



Culinary Arts

Like cooking and eating delicious food?
Learn more about developing your cooking
skills and starting your own restaurant.



Construction

Love creating things and working with your
hands? Learn more about woodworking
and starting your own small business



CDL

Interested in obtaining a Certified Driver's
License? Want to learn how to drive a semi
truck or bus? Learn more about the CDL
process



Dental Assisting

Interesting in helping dentists with patient
care, take x rays, keep records, and schedule
appointments?



Electrical & Pipe Trades

Interested in electrical, plumbing or pipe
fitter trade? Learn more from the Union
workers!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:00 - 9:15 am** ***Presentation of Skilled Trades
videos of interviews by students
Middle/High School Gym***
- 9:15 am - 12:15 pm** ***Skilled Trades Demonstrations:
CDL, Construction, Culinary,
Dental Assisting, Forestry,
Pipe trades, PNM linemen
Vocational Building & Multipurpose***
- 1:00 - 4:00 pm** ***Skilled Trades Fair
Meet with Unions, Employers and
Training Programs- Jicarita Gym***

Dr. Bonavita MacCallum 575- 201-9651 Ext. 4004 or bmaccallum@penascoisd.com
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Peñasco Independent School District

Melissa Sandoval, Superintendent

Date: August 29, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Attendance is one of the most powerful predictors of academic achievement and having your student in their seat, ready to learn for the entire school day will benefit them, their classmates, and our whole school community. Let's work together to make sure your child has great attendance and can get the most out of their learning opportunities this school year.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We know that there are a wide variety of reasons that students are absent from school, from health concerns to transportation challenges. There are many people in our building prepared to help you if you or your student face challenges in getting to school regularly or on time.

- We promise to track attendance daily, to notice when your student is missing from class.
- Communicate with you to understand why they were absent.
- To identify barriers and supports available to overcome challenges you may face in helping your student attend school.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

We miss your student when they are not at school as we value their contributions to our school community. If your student is going to be absent, please contact the school in advance. If an absence was unplanned, please contact the school within two school days of your student's return.

HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER

- Send your child to school unless they are truly sick, such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or a contagious rash.
- Avoid appointments and travel when school is in session and utilize Fridays for appointments and travel when possible.
- Keep track of your child's attendance using **PowerSchool**. **If you need assistance with PowerSchool, do not hesitate to contact us and we are happy to coach you through the system.**
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine (including limiting how late your child may use any electronic devices) and finish homework and pack backpacks the night before.
- Have a back-up plan for transportation for your student to school in case something comes up (this could be alternative bus routes, roads, or a plan with family members, neighbors, or other parents). **If you need assistance in transporting your student, please contact us as soon as possible. We will assist you in finding some options.**
- Communicate with the school about how we can work together to support your child's attendance.

OUR DUTIES UPON A STUDENT'S ABSENCES

- Peñasco Independent School District has identified a District Attendance Success Team at both the Elementary and Middle High School sites. The goal for each team is to provide support and intervention for students and families to promote attendance. This team will focus on intervention and assistance, not punishment of the student(s).
- We will be contacting parents/guardians with a letter from the Site Attendance Success Team each time the student is absent for 3, 5, 7 and 10 days. After three consecutive absences without any communication

from the parent/guardian, policy requires we schedule a conference with you and your child. Our goal for the conference is to see how we can help you with your child's attendance.

- After 10 consecutive absences without any communication from the student, (even after the school has numerous attempts of contacting parent(s)/guardian(s), the student will be dropped from school.

For your information and reference, we have included a copy of the main compulsory education laws in New Mexico. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact us, we are happy to connect with you via telephone, online (Google Meets) or in person.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the following individuals:

Please feel free to email attendance concerns to elm-attendance@penascoisd.com

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scordova@penascoisd.com

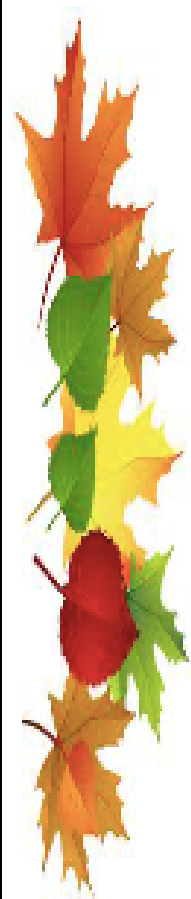
Katherine M. Duran M.A
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Thank you and have a great school year!

PENASCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Breakfast, Lunch, & Snack

Sep-22

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	9/1/22	9/2/22		9/1/22	9/2/22
Breakfast				Granola Yogurt/Fruit/Milk	CLOSED
Lunch				Frito Pie Cheese/Garnish Fruit/Milk	
Snack				Animal Crackers/Go-Gurt	
Breakfast				Sausage & Biscuit Fruit/Milk	
	9/6/22	9/6/22	9/7/22	9/8/22	9/9/22
Breakfast	LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	Waffles/Syrup Yogurt/Fruit/Milk	Fatima Toast/Fruit/Milk		CLOSED
Lunch		Nacho Supreme Refried Beans/Beef/Tomatoes Fruit/Milk	Cheeseburger Tater Tot/Lettuce/Tomato Fruit/Milk	Chicken Fajitas Spanish Rice/Salsa Fruit/Milk	
Snack		Nutri-Grain Bar/Milk	Dino Bites/Apple	Boybutta & Grape/Milk	
		9/13/22	9/14/22	9/15/22	
Breakfast	Bagel Cream Cheese/Jelly/Fruit/Milk	Breakfast Pizza Fruit/Milk	Boiled Eggs Toast/Applesauce/Milk	French Toast/Syrup Yogurt/Fruit/Milk	Dry Cereal String Cheese/Fruit/Milk
Lunch	Grilled Cheese Tater Tot Fruit/Milk	Beef Taco Green Beans/Garnish/Cheese Fruit/Milk	Chili Cheese Fries Broccoli/Roll Fruit/Milk	Chicken Sandwich Potato Wedge/Lettuce/Tomato Fruit/Milk	Hot Dog Pork & Beans/Carrots Fruit/Milk
Snack	Honey Graham/Milk	Fruit Cup/Beer Grahams	W.G Brownie/Milk	Goldfish/Oranges	Banana Loaf/Milk
	9/19/22	9/20/22	9/21/22	9/22/22	9/23/22
Breakfast	Breakfast Strok Syrup/Fruit/Milk	Hash Brown Tortilla/Fruit/Milk	Breakfast Burrito w/ Sausage Fruit/Milk	Oatmeal Toast/Fruit/Milk	CLOSED
Lunch	Toastada Green Beans/Salsa Fruit/Milk	Chicken Fried Steak Corn/Gravy/Roll Fruit/Milk	Red Chili & Cheese Enchilada Pinto Beans/Tortilla/Garnish Fruit/Milk	Pizza Salad Fruit/Milk	
Snack	Applesauce/Cheez-It	Cookies/Milk	Popcorn/Juice	Crackers/Banana	
	9/26/22	9/27/22	9/28/22	9/29/22	
Breakfast	Muffin String Cheese/Fruit/Milk	Scrambled Eggs W.G Tortilla/Fruit/Milk	Pancakes String Cheese/Fruit/Milk	Sausage Tortilla/Fruit/Milk	CLOSED
Lunch	Chicken Nuggets Mao & Cheese/Fries/Carrots Fruit/Milk	Bean & Cheese Burrito Green Chile/Stewed Carrots/Lettuce/Tomato/Cheese/Chips Fruit/Milk	Turkey Sub Sandwich Fruit/Milk	Spaghetti Peas/Breadsticks Fruit/Milk	
Snack	Rice Kriples/Milk	Fruit Snack/Tiger Bites	Snack Mix/Milk	Bug Bites/Apple	

UPDATED: MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE



Peñasco Middle School Volleyball 2022



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Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Departure
Sat. 8/27	Cimarron	Away	2pm	10:30am
Mon. 8/29	Escalante	Home	4pm	
Th. 9/1	Coronado	Away	5pm	1:45pm
Wed. 9/7	Escalante	Away	4pm	1:30pm
Tues. 9/13	Coronado	Home	5pm	
Fri. 9/16	SF Waldorf	Away	4:30pm	2:00pm
Sat. 9/24	Cimarron Tournament	Away	TBA	
Th. 10/6	Mora	Home	4pm	
Sat. 10/8	McCurdy	Away	4pm	2:30pm
Th. 10/20	Questa	Away	4pm	2:15pm
Th. 10/27	McCurdy	Home	4pm	
Sat. 11/5	Questa	Home	4pm	



Certified Positions

(Application link located beneath listing)

Elementary Teacher

- https://www.nmreap.net/job_postings/20343/NM01/NM01#.Yp9fwXbMK70

Non-Certified Positions

Apply with links below.

- Bus Driver/Activity Bus Driver/Substitute Bus Driver
- Educator Fellowship Educational Assistants
- Educational Assistant
- SFA Reading Tutors
- Drill Team Coach
- Elementary Girls Basketball Coach
- Elementary Boys Basketball Coach
- Substitute Cooks
- Substitute Teachers
- Substitute Custodians

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.



Introducing: A special section of the newsletter dedicated to the High School journalism class taught by Ms. Alessandra and Ms. Noll. The Panther Post will appear in each newsletter, with articles and photographs by high school journalism students.



Luxury Lunch Boys Present: Tasty Food Stories Around Peñasco

By Lyrik Montoya & Alejandro Rodriguez

Peñasco is a small town that used to not have that much food experience before 2022. That changed when school started back up, and it was announced a new Culinary Arts class is coming to Peñasco. It is now being offered to students here at Peñasco High School. Student Alyssa Atencio said: "I'm learning how to do things I didn't know before."

The new Culinary Arts teacher, Adonis "Nite" Marquez AKA Chef Nite, stated that he never knew about Peñasco nor that they had food places or not, just that they needed a new Culinary Arts teacher. When asked what he wants to bring to Peñasco, he said that he wants to have a little school cafe run by students and also take Peñasco nationally in food competitions. As of right now he stated that Peñasco has a lot of potential. As a student of Chef's 2nd period class Lyrik Montoya likes food and thinks that Chef Nite is a really good teacher (he is also a Ram's fan, and so is the student). Alejandro Rodriguez, a student of 6th period culinary arts class, stated that he likes food and that he loves the new culinary arts class, he is excited to start cooking.

Stay tuned for more Luxury Lunch Boys stories about food in Peñasco.

Staff Appreciation for PISD MS/HS's Newest Teachers

By: Sierra Atencio, Savannah Browne, and Rochelle Lopez

This year we received new staff members here at PISD MS/HS: Adonais Marquez (Chef) and Thomas Sanchez (English/Spanish teacher). Both new teachers have exciting plans for the 2022-2023 school year, not just for their students but for the school as a whole. People in our school and our community are excited about new programs including our new culinary arts program. There are new opportunities for school, and these two new teachers are a part of it all.

Mr. Thomas Sanchez stepped up to the plate and replaced long-term Spanish substitute teacher, Ben Sanchez. He not only teaches Spanish, but he also has an English class. He's been in education for twenty-two years with seven years of being a principal. There is a big difference between being a principal and a teacher. Sanchez says, "as a teacher I was everyone's friend and was giving out high fives and even candy. As a principal, everyone feels intimidated because I had more authority." Before coming to teach at PISD, he taught in Las Vegas. He decided to come to Peñasco because he saw the job opening for a new Spanish teacher and jumped on it right away. Sanchez wanted a job close to home; he says the drive is very long but doesn't complain about it because it gives him time to decompress and clear his mind and go home to his children clear-minded. Mr. Sanchez is excited to continue here at PISD and for the three-day weekend!

Adonais Marquez, A.K.A Chef, mentored in Taos for ten years and also taught college-level culinary for four years before coming to PISD. At first, Chef wanted to go into engineering but decided to become a chef because of his mother. Chef said, "I was very skeptical about coming here, I was worried I had made the wrong choice. From when I started till now I realized this is where I want to be, and I am very happy with the kids here." Chef wants to start what is called a pro-start program which is a two-year program to compete at a state level with other schools. Chef is really excited to start this new culinary program, but he has to be patient and try to make it work with the little number of resources he has. Chef isn't the only one excited about this new program; the students and other staff are as well. Chef is ready and has recipes ready for his 'students!



Photo credits: Rochelle Lopez & Sierra Atencio. (Left: Thomas Sanchez, Right: Adonais Marquez)

Peñasco Students Win Big at County Fair

By: Alicia Abeyta

On August 19-21, the 4-H County Fair returned to the Juan I. Gonzales Agricultural Center. Exhibitors from all ages up to 18 brought in their livestock and indoor exhibits. 4-H isn't just about animals; back in June, members were able to compete in shooting sports at the Whittington Center. The kids participated in showmanship with their animals that Friday. The following clubs participated in this year's fair: Silver Spurs 4-H, Jicarita 4-H etc. All 4-H members helped set up the day before regardless of chosen activity this year.

Not only were people able to compete with animals, but they could turn in any indoor exhibits such as baking, woodworking, photography, baking ect. The best of show for baking went to Peñasco student Mariana Romero from the Jicarita 4-H club and her brownies.

Poultry was the first to get judged that Friday, and rabbits followed shortly after. The smaller kids had gone in as a group, while the older kids went in individually. The animals were judged in the morning alongside their owner and later that evening judged while in their cages without the public. The grand champion poultry went to Sarah Martinez with, while the reserved grand champion went to Peñasco student Alicia Abeyta with her Old English Game. The grand champion for rabbit went to Raymond Romero.

The following day, the kids were able to participate in the auction to sell their animals. Before that, the goat/sheep dressing contest began. As that ended, the grand champions and reserved grand champions received their belt buckles at the awards presentation. The animals began to sell, starting off with the grand champions and the rest following. Later that night, all 4-H members stayed for the buyers' dinner.

On the final day, the public was able to enjoy many events. First was the elk and turkey calling contest, and the cake walk followed shortly after. There was live entertainment all throughout the day until 4:00 pm. Also, there was the watermelon eating contest and pet parade as the final events. All the animals were able to be released later that evening once everything was cleaned.



Photo credit: Alicia Abeyta
Reserved Grand Champion Poultry

Fires and Floods: Changing the Land

By: Kaileb Atencio and Angel Romero

Around two weeks ago, much of northern New Mexico was hit with heavy rainfall which caused floods. This event followed after the harsh wildfire, which was the largest in NM history. This fire didn't only affect the beautiful Land of Enchantment, but the flooding did as well.

Here are some things we found out from local Peñasco staff, as well as Mora staff, who were affected by this in their education.

Pauline Laumbach, a counselor here at Peñasco Independent School District, shares some of her hardships from the fires and flooding in an interview conducted by Kaileb Atencio. When Atencio interviewed Ms. Laumbach by a voice recording, he asked her what were the hardships of going to work? Ms. Laumbach answered, "What ended up happening is that they closed 518, I had to evacuate my house and I had to go live with my son who lives in Pecos, which was almost a two hour drive to work. At times I had to stay with my brother in Rio Rancho which to me Rio Rancho was a little bit closer than Pecos was. I would only travel two days a week to work and then the other two days I worked remote from home." She also says that it doesn't affect her job because all of the students look happy and she is doing a great job as a counselor, creating students' schedules and helping our school's environment.

Marvin Macauley, the superintendent at Mora Independent Schools, shared how the fires affected Mora's school year. Mr. MacAuley answered through email saying, "Some families have lost their homes and others have lost their livelihood as the fire destroyed their agricultural based business. In addition to mitigating the immediate effects of the fire, we have had to implement safety protocols to keep students and staff safe during flash floods, which are a direct result of the fire. We also have a flood safety plan that we adhere to in the event of imminent floods. Our school is also an evacuation site and we are prepared to house students and families in the event there is severe flooding in the area." He also mentions how many days Mora has to avoid other severe weather, which is a 175-day calendar.

When asked how these events have impacted staff and students, Mr. MacAuley replied, "Teachers and students have at times had to stay late in school until the floods recede and we have also had to dismiss school early due to imminent floods. We have also incorporated social emotional learning to address trauma. Resources are also available to staff and students if they need them. We are also incorporating expeditionary learning off site coupled with social work support for students. We are also addressing any specific needs that they may have such as school supply needs." This was a beautiful message from Mr. MacAuley and he is doing a great job keeping Mora's school safe and under control.

Fire and Floods, cont.

When asked what support is needed by the Mora school and community, Mr. MacAuley stated, "At the moment, we have aligned enough resources for our families, but we are noticing families are beginning to express a need for firewood and most people in our school district lost their fuel wood sources in the fire and the local forests have been closed. We need people as a whole to contact their political leaders to express their concerns with the USDA Forest Service caused disaster and the rather slow response by the federal government."

MacAuley sets a great example for the kids in Mora and is doing a great job. After all these natural disasters impacting Mora and surrounding communities, many are hopeful that northern New Mexico will get a break from these challenges and tragedies.



Photo credit: PISD
graduate Elijah
Lucero
Flooding in Mora
county after severe
rainfall

Athletes and Coaches Start the Fall Season Sports Strong and Positive

By: Mireya Arellano, Alyssa Atencio, Tristanee Lucero,
Cheyenne Martinez, Alexis Romero

The fall sports season at Peñasco High School has begun, with the volleyball team playing hard but losing against Cimarron in their first game. The Cross Country team will have their first meet on September 3, 2022 at Jemez.

Starting off with the volleyball season, coach Monique Visarraga's ambition is to bring passion back to the game, teaching each player how to play their roles and running new offense and defense rotations. She also wants to instill confidence in her players and do well in districts. Coach Visarraga believes that the team's biggest competitor is themselves, and district-wide it is the Escalante Lobos. According to Coach Visarraga, the team's biggest strength is that they know the importance of being a team. The team doesn't have the numbers that they would like, so to make up for that the team has learned how to be versatile and trust each other.

Volleyball player Analise MacAuley feels nervous about the upcoming season because this group of girls has never played together before, and only some of the team has varsity experience, but she remains hopeful. MacAuley's personal goals for this season are to do her best and get at least one kill a game. MacAuley is most excited about hitting and being able to bond with the team.

Senior volleyball player Sylvia Brown gives herself a 7/10 on her confidence for this season. Brown believes that the team is going to accomplish a lot, and there is also room for improvement. Brown's personal goals for this season are to play good games with a positive attitude. The most exciting part about her season is that it's her senior year.

Starting off the cross country season, coach Ben Sanchez wants to continue with getting the fourth state championship from the girls and the first from the boys. Coach Sanchez thinks the biggest competition this season would be ATC, Pecos, and Oak Grove. Coach Sanchez states that the team's biggest strength is that most runners have state experience.

Cross Country runner Rochelle Lopez is really confident about the upcoming cross country season. Lopez's main goal is to win state as a team, not just individually. Lopez also states that another personal goal is to be able to push everyone to their best abilities. Lopez is getting ready for this season and is most excited about just being able to run because it's her first year in high school running; however, even though Lopez ran varsity last year, she says this year is different.

Cross Country runner Jude Martinez feels very confident but also scared. Martinez's goals for this cross country season are to be undefeated and win state. Martinez is most excited to beat a big competitor from Jemez at this upcoming meet. He also is most excited to win state.

Fall sports cont.

Here is your upcoming varsity rosters for both Volleyball and Cross Country

The High School Roster for the 2022 Volleyball season is:

- Sylvia Brown
- Sierra Atencio
- Analise MacAuley
- Cheyenne Martinez
- Haylie Martinez
- Destiney Rodriguez
- Alicia Abeyta
- Alyssa Atencio
- Madison Rael
- Alexius Romero
- Alyssa Calabaza



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Volleyball practice in the Jicarita Gym.

The High School Roster for the 2022 Cross Country season is:

- Rhyen Vigil
- Analise MacAuley
- Charnelle Gonzales
- Matias Vigil
- Tristane Lucero
- Jude Martinez
- Madison Rael
- Logan Romero
- Kaileb Atencio
- Rochelle Lopez
- Jeremiah Martinez
- Walter Trujillo
- Alyssa Calabaza
- Ashley Madrid
- Amy Munoz
- Maddisyn Rodriguez
- Xavier Noll



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Cross Country team huddles to end practice.

Monthly Music

By: Jalyssa Knitter and Jayleni Medina

This is Jalyssa Knitter & Jayleni Medina bringing you the monthly music updates, the concerts in town, and how the people experience it along with seeing all the different genres of music. We have two different people today that saw different concerts this month; first, we have Savannah Browne who attended the \$b concert, and Alicia Abeyta who attended the Big Time Rush concert.

On August 12th at Isleta Amphitheater, Big Time Rush was performing and Alicia said she would definitely go again. Alicia says the opening act was her favorite part of the concert because it prepared her for the show.

Savannah says the concert was amazing and would go again in October. She liked Ski Mask but she liked the \$b better. She didn't see any violence but a lady fell and security called an ambulance on August 10 at Isleta as well.



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The venue is packed at the \$b concert.