

THE LITTLE RAM NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December brings us to the end of the 2nd nine weeks and the 1st semester. We are bringing back the elementary's Winter Program, which will be held on December 15 Prek-2nd from 9:00-10:00 and 3-5 from 10:00-11:00 at the high school cafeteria. Students and teachers are working hard to put on a spectacular show.

Please ensure that your student is in class or attending remotely everyday. All students are taking the Middle of the Year Galileo assessment this week. Ensure your child is well rested and encourage them to do their best.



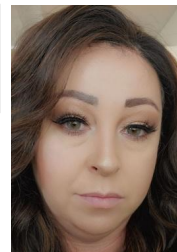
CULTURAL FRIENDSGIVING

On November 17 we had a beautiful evening celebrating different cultures. We had school employees share Filipino food and dress, Indian food and dress, Native American dress, games, and blue corn mush. Dr. Peter Nuguit provided karaoke for parents to join in and sing and Alejandro Ortega set up the photo booth. It was a fun evening and we are thankful for the people that came to share their culture with all of us.



NEW STAFF

Esperanza Cordova Social Worker



Hello! My name is Esperanza Cordova, originally from small town Gallina, I have lived and worked in the Cuba Community for over 20 years. I have been blessed with one son Lucas, 5 years old, who is in kindergarten.

I received both Associates and Bachelor's degrees from Ashford University. I look forward to my time here at Cuba Elementary School.

LITTLE RAM FAMILY MEETING

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

- Meet once a month
- Games to entertain children
- Food provided
- Opportunity to give input

We would love for you to join us!

Next Meeting

January Date To Come!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

12/5 - Remote Monday
12/6 - 12/9 Galileo Testing
12/12 - Remote Monday
12/15 Winter Program
12/16 Half Day of School
12/17 - 1/2 - Winter Break

NEW DESKS IN 2ND GRADE BY PAM CHAVEZ



I was allowed to order new desks for my classroom for this new school year and when looking into ordering desks, I did not want to order plain old school desks, so I researched and found dry-erase desks to be just what my students needed. Using dry-erase markers on the desks! They love it! Something about graffitiing a desk makes learning exciting! I always give students 1-2 minutes of doodle time before each lesson, so they're not tempted to draw while I'm teaching or should be working out a problem.*If they doodle after doodle time, they lose their privilege of using dry-erase markers for that day. We use our dry-erase desk for math everyday-they love working out their problems on their desks! It's way more fun to do addition and subtraction on a desk than on lined paper! As a management tool, it's very quick for me to walk around the room to assess their learning. My students work with shoulder partners and coach each other through their thinking to solve problems too. It's much easier for them to see each other's work on their neighbor's desk. We use it for addition and subtraction facts, vocabulary review, spelling, writing, timelines, life cycles, and reminders in the corner of our desks, ANYWAY we can find a way to write on our desks! They use whiteboard erasers. They keep their dry-erase markers, erasers, and other supplies in their tubs at the center of their groups. They love their new desks and new way of learning and I love how engaged they are when working.



NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Student	Grade
Kalilah Castillo	Pre-K
Arya Morales	Kindergarten
Bianca Chacon	1st Grade
Ryder Griffin	2nd Grade
Tikari Roe	3rd Grade
Amalia Chavez	4th Grade
Jasmine Chiquito	5th Grade

SOCIAL WORKER'S CORNER

Welcome December!

A New Month, New Chapter, New Page & New Wishes. May The Month Give You Courage, Strength, Confidence, Patience, Self-Love & Peace. May Everyday in December Fill Your Days With Hope, Love, Sunshine & Energy. Let There Be Joy, Fun & Laughter.

— Pramod Kumar Sidar



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NEW STAFF CONTINUED

Nicholas Parenteau 5th Grade Teacher

Hello Cuba community, I am Nicholas everyone calls me Nick.



I feel so blessed to be a part of this amazing educational journey this year. My family immigrated to the United States before I was born in 1989. I have two older brothers, and my mother. My father passed away from cancer just two years ago during the early stages of Covid 19. I am the first generation born here. Growing up in a small town was hard, and I was often told by my teachers and peers that I would not go to college.

People like me did not go to college. I struggled with reading, writing, and math. I even took special education classes. It only took one teacher to believe in me (Ms. Zarnecci) 5th grade. Along with the support of my parents, and their faith. By grace alone I became the first in my family to attend University and graduated Magna Cum Lade. I currently serve in the Army National Guard in California, and I'm a 13 year veteran who plans on finishing my Twenty year contract here in New Mexico.

Words cannot not express how thankful I am to have made it to this point. I am experiencing a wonderful first year teaching under the mentorship of Mr. Delgado Daniel. My leadership is extremely supportive, fun, and inclusive. I'm new to living in ABQ but I have been playing drums, and attending revivals here on the reservation for many years. The strength of faith on the reservation saved my life. So I am here giving back, and fulfilling a service of compassion. I love cooking, music, Zumba, dance, reading, writing, gaming, stand up comedy. I love most spending time with my two dogs Milo, and Nina. I enjoy hiking, and doing anything out doors. I'm often playing board games, and talking on the phone with my mother and brothers who live in the East Coast.

MS. KANSAS BEGAY VISITS THE ELEMENTARY



Kansas is a Native American recording artist and motivational speaker. She is Navajo and comes from Waterflow, NM. She attended the University of New Mexico and has her degree in Native American studies with a minor in Women's Studies. She was formerly the Miss Indian World 2013, crowned at the Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow, held annually in Albuquerque, NM. With this crown, she has traveled all over the world, sharing her traditions and culture with people from other countries. She emphasizes the importance of language, culture, education, and the teachings of our elders (parents, grandparents, teachers, etc...) and how they can guide you down a journey that you may never have expected for yourself. Ms Begaye continues her work in sharing her culture and traditions as her next stop after Cuba was New York City, where she was going to attend a screening for a documentary she wrote.

NURSE'S CORNER

Parents, Guardians, & Families,

We hope you have a great holiday season. We do ask that before your student returns to school you look out for the following signs of illness before you send them:

Fever
Coughing
Runny nose
Headache
Body chills

If your student can not come to school, try and get them on zoom classes and notify the front office of your students absence.

CULTURAL FRIENDSGIVING



Winter Break

Students will be dismissed on Friday, December 16th at 12:00 pm. They will have 2 weeks off and will return to school on Tuesday, January 3rd.

We wish you all a safe and restful winter break!

