

# THE LITTLE RAM NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are entering the last quarter of the school year. This is the time to kick it in and finish strong.

We have several opportunities available for students. Basketball will begin when we return from Spring Break on March 21st for 1st and 2nd graders, March 22nd for 3rd and 4th graders and March 23rd for 5th and 6th graders. We also will have tee ball and softball for K-5 beginning in April.

All students in the district will attend the showing of *Peter and the Wolf* on April 22.

Looking ahead to the next school year, K-5 Plus will begin the first week in July.

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The school year is flying by! We are coming to the end of the 3rd Nine Weeks on Friday, March 3rd. Parent Conferences will be:

**Wednesday, March 8th**  
**3:30 - 7:00**

**Thursday March 9th**  
**8:00 - 7:00**

Students will have a regular school day on Wednesday the 8th and no school on Thursday the 9th and Friday the 10th.



## FIND OR CONTACT



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## NEW FACES

### Soledad Vigil 1st Grade Teacher

Hi my name is Sol Vigil. I am from Gallina, New Mexico, I am 23 years old and this is my first year teaching.



# Spring



## KEY DATES

3/3 End of 9 Weeks

3/6 Remote Monday

3/8 Parent Conferences 3:30-7:00

3/9 No School/Parent Conferences 8:00 - 4:00

3/10 No School

3/13 - 3/17 No School/Spring Break

3/20 In-Person Monday

3/27 Remote Monday



Enjoy Your  
**SPRING  
BREAK**

Students will be off  
**March 13 - 17**

## AWESOME AWARDS BY ESPERANZA CORDOVA

Our children need to know that they're doing a good job. They need feedback about their progress. We reward our students all the time and may not even know we're doing it!

Rewards don't have to be tangible objects. They can be words of affirmation, time helping their teacher or spending time with a special person, or even extra time to do a favorite activity.

Rewards celebrate success. They communicate a job well done and motivate students to keep moving forward. As part of making it known to our students at Cuba Elementary we have reactivated the AWESOME AWARDS for our students.

Staff: teachers, custodians, educational assistants, office staff etc., can award these to any of our students who are caught doing something good. After 3 awards a student can choose a reward from our "treasure box". If your child comes home with a little treasure, help us in acknowledging their "Awesome" behavior.

## JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Grade	Student
PreK	Bailey Castillo
Kindergarten	Autumn Beasley
1st Grade	Quinn Trujillo
2nd Grade	Bailey Randall
3rd Grade	TyEllen Johnson
4th Grade	Bruce Pinto
5th Grade	Micah Bahe

## ELEMENTARY SPORTS

### Basketball

Grades 1st - 5th will begin after spring break.

### Tee Ball/Softball

Grades K - 5th will begin in April.



## NATIONAL DANCE INSTITUTE (NDI)

We are excited to announce that the National Dance Institute will be here March 20-24 to work with our 3rd - 5th grade students. This is such a great program and we are excited to see our students learn and perform.

Consent forms will be sent home along with more information.



## NURSES CORNER

Dear Elementary Families,

Here at the nursing department we are always here to support your child if they are not feeling well or just need a person to talk to. We ask that at any point during the year if your child becomes ill please let our staff know and we can see how we can help your child while they are at school. With daylight saving time approaching most people feel fatigued and worn out. Our students will be on spring break but studies encourage to keep your child on their routine to help them adjust to the change. If your student is having a hard time encourage a time to rest or nap. Eating healthy and keeping hydrated will also help. As always contact us at 575-289-3211 ext. 404 for any questions.

# RAM PALS

## BY TRICIA DELGADO

### What is Ram Pals?

This school year one of our active approaches to Social & Emotional Learning (SEL) and improved literacy skills is our district-wide Ram Pals initiative. All students in the district have been paired with another student in the district to become Ram Pals. Ram Pals can result in students being paired with another student outside of their school site. For example, a 3rd grade student may be paired with a 10th grade student.

Our Ram Pal relationships are used to foster new friendships while practicing literacy skills. Students practice social skills by creating new friendships as they learn about their Pal's interests, culture, family and education. Ideally, Ram Pals are strangers whose friendships are based solely on their exchange of handwritten correspondence. Students in grades K through 12 are asked to write to their Ram Pal at least once a month. Homeroom teachers collect the letters each month and they are screened, sorted and delivered.

It didn't take long for the teaching staff to see how much their students were enjoying their Ram Pals and Ram Pals expanded to include teachers. As a result of the teachers enjoying their Ram Pal we began to include everyone from all district offices, not just teachers and students. Adult staff is paired with another adult in the district who does not work at the same work site. We are all enjoying getting to know everyone around us a little bit better.

### RAM PALS - Upcoming Due Dates

**Friday, March 24**

**Friday, April 21**

**Friday, May 5**

If you have any questions or would like to know more about Social & Emotional Learning at Cuba Schools please feel free to contact me.

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## NEW FACES CONTINUED

### Hanna Murphy Educational Assistant

Hello, my name is Hannah Murphy. I am the Kindergarten Educational Assistant. I graduated at Cuba High School, Class of 2020. I am currently going back to school in the fall. I find my passion working with the students because they're always willing to learn in the classroom and determine to challenging themselves in their school work. Being an Educational Assistant for Kindergarten is amazing because you get to see their improvements from writing their names and seeing them write sentences it's exciting and rewarding to see as teachers because you know they enjoy learning from you. I enjoy being able to help students.

