

THE LITTLE RAM NEWSLETTER



Cuba Elementary School



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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

The school year is off to a great start and we are so excited to be back! We have an amazing team and we are all willing to work hard for your children.

We have several family activities scheduled this year, so we hope to have all of you coming to see the great things happening at our school.

We will also be having monthly family meetings so that families can provide input and give feedback. This will assist in making this year successful.

If you have any questions or concerns please call or come by, our doors are always open.



Judy Atencio
Elementary Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/22 Parent Training at 5:00 pm
Come learn about Canvas, Power School, Zoom, and Monday Check-Ins

9/19 - 9/23 - Math Bowl

NEW FACES ON CAMPUS

We are excited to have so many new and talented people join the Cuba Elementary School team. We have new teachers, educational assistants, a custodian, an assistant principal, and a new student success advisor. Over the course of several newsletters we will introduce you to these wonderful people and we hope you come by to meet them in person.

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CHICKENS ON CAMPUS

During the K5+ summer program, the Kindergarten class put fertilized eggs in an incubator as part of their summer project. They colored pictures, read stories, and did several activities about chickens. They were so excited when they were able to witness the hatching of some of the eggs.



The new chickens are located in a chicken coop on campus. Each week a different class signs up to feed, water and check on them. It is a great project that allows students to participate and learn from the care of animals.



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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
Wednesday, October 5 at 5:30 pm

SCIENCE AND PANCAKES BY NICHOLAS PARENTEAU

Our 5th Grade Leaders of Cuba Elementary school are science driven and data centered.

What 5th grade Science LAB is doing with just a few pancakes and some knowledge on matter.

Observations: *chemical* changes of matter, *physical* changes of matter

Experiment: We turned pancake powder mix, from a solid to a liquid solution, Then turned liquid pancake solution to a solid pancake. We observed the gases (pancake bubbles) leaving the pancake as it changed from liquid to solid on the hot grill.

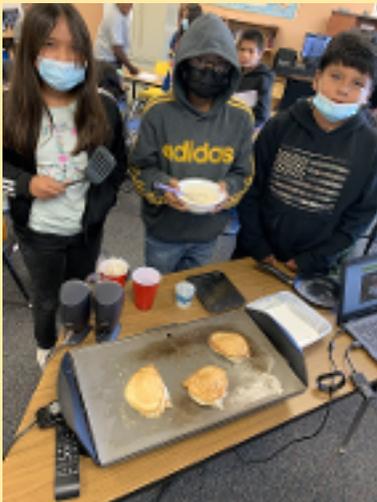
Energy source:Heat, grill at 350 degrees F

Outcome: We learned how to differentiate, or tell the difference between a liquid, solid and a gas.

We learned that matter is *matter* because it has Mass/Weight and takes up space.

We learned that no matter what state the matter is in it always has the same mass, due the law of conservation.

Who knew that **yummy pancakes** could be so **scientific**?



NEW FACES CONTINUED

Jhonnelle Trujillo Dine Language Teacher



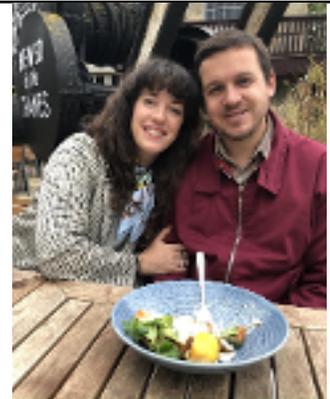
I'm Jhonnelle Trujillo and I am from Torreon. My professional goal has always been to be a Dine language teacher and I am now in that role. It is exciting and drives me to do my very best for our students. I am working on finishing my Bachelors in Linguistics w/ a minor in Navajo from UNM, as well as, a Bachelors in Early Childhood Multicultural Education from NMHU.

I have six children, ranging in ages from 30-12, two young men and four young ladies. I enjoy coffee, logic puzzles, mystery books, Kdramas, music, bookstores, traveling and discovering unique new places to eat.

I am enjoying meeting and getting to know my colleagues. I especially appreciate the camaraderie, knowing we are diverse but not so different in our struggles. Thank you for taking time to read about me!

I am Oceanside, CA, which is near San Diego and right on the beach. I love playing music and spent years in a touring band. My wife Breesa and I own a floral design firm (hers) and a sandwich shop (mine), both in Oceanside. We have been together since we were teenagers (20 years) and we have a 7 year old daughter named Delores. Here's us having a bite in Oxford, England a few years ago.

Keith Haman 4th Grade Teacher



NURSE'S CORNER

Here are some examples of when your child should be kept home:

- Active vomiting
- Active diarrhea (three or more times in six hours)
- Beginning of airway infection (fever/cold/cough/runny nose)
- Extreme tiredness and/or lack of appetite
- Fever with headache, body aches, earache, sore throat
- Undiagnosed or unknown rash
- Untreated skin conditions
- If antibiotics are needed, remain home for the first 24 hours

If you have any questions call Xiomara Moreno at 575-289-3211 ext. 404

GARDENING, LEARNING, AND FUN!

BY RIZALYN FONTANILLA

The K-5 Plus was July 1st to August 5th 2022. Each grade level had their own engaging project that they worked on. For the 2nd graders, they learned about plants.

During the first week of the program, the students prepared the plant boxes for them to plant their own. On July 8, 2022, they started removing the weeds and digging the soil and they really enjoyed working with the preparation of the plant boxes. On July 11, 2022, they went to the greenhouse to get seedlings and the students were excited when they got inside the greenhouse because they learned about different varieties of plants with the help of Mr. Sisneros. On the same date, they planted their seedlings at their designated spot and learned to take good care of them everyday by watering them and removing weeds around their plants.

They have learned a lot on this project like the:

- plant life cycle
- parts of the plant
- explained the jobs/functions of the parts of plant
- observed the changes as the seed grows
- compared human needs to plant needs
- how do plants make their own food

But the most important lesson that they have learned during this entire project is working and helping together as a team for the success of their project.

NEW FACES CONTINUED

My name is Yolanda Mendoza Beyale; I was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. I come from the Mexican People and I am married into the Dine' Nation. My husband and two children have a ranch in Nageezi, NM with 13 horses, 12 goats, 1 sheep, 1 donkey and 9 dogs. We live very close to Chaco Canyon. I have been teaching a total of 22 years, and have a Master's Degree. Before Cuba Schools I taught at two Bureau of Indian Education schools and enjoyed teaching different grade levels. I am happy and feel blessed to be working for Cuba Independent Schools. When I am not teaching I like to: cook for my family, watch my children play sports or spend time with our animals. Thank you!

Yolanda Beyale
Kindergarten Teacher



Stancy Chavez
Educational Assistant



My name is Stancy Chavez and I am a graduate of Cuba High School. After graduating in 2019 I pursued a career in cosmetology. Although I loved it, I still had always wanted to become a teacher and this feeling has never left me. So here I am, back in Cuba, returning to school to pursue this dream also. I hope that my time here will not only benefit myself but also the community that I love so much.

COUNSELORS CORNER

According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, "**Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance.**"

We want your child to be successful! We want to see them grow into beautiful, intelligent, and kind young adults. You can help by talking to them about the importance of education, showing respect for others, and sending them to school everyday.

GARDENING, LEARNING, AND FUN - CONTINUED

BY RIZALYN FONTANILLA



STARGAZING NIGHT



Thank you to all the families that came, you helped make the evening a success!

A FEW REMINDERS

If you are picking up your child after school please stay in your car and go through the parent pick up line. We don't want parents waiting by the door for safety reasons.

If your child is going to change their bus or needs to go to parent pick up for a day or so please send a written note or an email so we can make sure to get them to the right place.