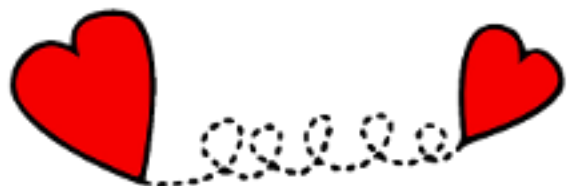




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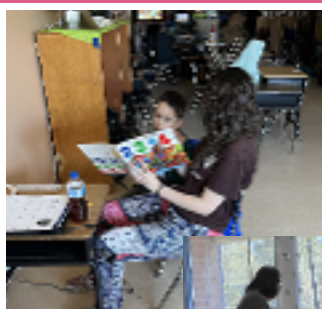
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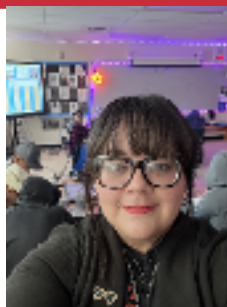
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## HIGH SCHOOL INTERNS WORK WITH OUR STUDENTS



## STEPHANIE ORTEGA GOLDEN APPLE FINALIST

We are proud to announce that our 5th grade teacher, Stephanie Ortega was nominated and selected as one of the finalists for the Golden Apple Award!



Stephanie was born and raised in Cuba, NM and is a class of 2001 Cuba High graduate. She attended the University of New Mexico where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Social Welfare. She then went on to get her Masters in Education with a focus on Curriculum and Assessment from Walden University. She has been teaching for nine years and has taught both 2nd and 5th grade. She lives in Cuba and is happily married with three beautiful girls.

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## NEW FACES

### Paula Hodge Educational Assistant

Hello, my name is Paula Hodge and I am an E.A. at Cuba Elementary School working with 2nd graders.



I was born and raised in Cuba and I come from a ranching family. I graduated from Cuba High School in 1982 and am proud to live and work here in Cuba. This is my 21st year working with students and teachers and I love my job! I was working elsewhere for the last 6 years but I am very happy to be back.



## KEY DATES

- 2/6 - Remote Monday
- 2/8 - Parent University
- 2/12 - Superbowl Sunday
- 2/13 - In-Person Monday
- 2/20 - President's Day/No school
- 2/27 - Remote Monday

## FIND OR CONTACT US



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# LIVING ON ANOTHER PLANET

BY AUBRIANA KNELL

Some people wait their entire lives to achieve the dream of being a published author. Here in Miss Aubriana's class, we get to do it now. Students learned about every planet during the course of the project. Then, they choose one planet to live on. They have to research and write 3 facts about the planet, and 3 sentences about what their life would be like on the planet. Keep an eye out for these authors!



## NURSE'S CORNER

Greetings from the Elementary Health Office!

I would like to remind everyone the importance of remaining up to date with your student's shots. Not only is it a state requirement but being fully vaccinated and boosted can protect your child and family members against illness. Reminders are ongoing from the Health Office.

Hearing and Vision screenings are in process at the Elementary School. Referrals are mailed out right away.

If you need more information or help getting in to see a medical provider, please contact Carol Chase, RN at the Elementary on extension 404 or district cell 505 290 0696.

## DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Grade	Student
PreK	Marcos Sedillo
Kindergarten	Logan Garcia
1st Grade	Aerabella Diaz
2nd Grade	Carleigh Brown
3rd Grade	Qoray Sam
4th Grade	Nyla Morales
5th Grade	Caiden Sandoval

## STEPHANIE ORTEGA - GOLDEN APPLE FINALIST CONTINUED

### HONORING TEACHER EXCELLENCE

### GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS



Seven teachers receive the Golden Apple Excellence in Teaching Award yearly at our Tribute to Teachers Luncheon. Golden Apple Foundation seeks to honor teachers who demonstrate classroom excellence, professional commitment, and a desire to elevate education in New Mexico by contributing to the Golden Apple Academy. Recognition rotates among high school, middle school, and elementary school teachers in a three-year cycle.

The process for recognition includes a comprehensive process that begins with the nomination and application process. Those selected as finalists receive a full day evaluation visit, including interviews with representatives from the school community.

The seven recipients of the Golden Apple award receive a professional development stipend, an interview broadcast with KRQE, and the prestigious Golden Apple statue trophy. Golden Apple Foundation also recognizes Teachers of Distinction, selected from those who have completed the entire evaluation process.

<https://goldenapplenm.org/awards/>



## NEW FACES CONTINUED

### Kevin Sorrow Custodian



Hello my name is Kevin Sorrow and I am a custodian at Cuba Elementary School. I was born and raised in Cuba and graduated from Cuba High in 2006.

This is my first year working for Cuba Schools and I have enjoyed working with everyone and look forward to many more years here.

When I am not at work I enjoy spending time with my four year old daughter and extended family.

## ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL

Elementary basketball is back! Cuba Elementary School is going to begin 3rd - 6th grade basketball. The 5th and 6th graders will begin in early March. The 3rd and 4th graders will begin in early April.

We are still looking for coaches. If a parent or community member would like to coach please apply online for the elementary basketball position on the Cuba Schools web page. The individual will also have to complete and clear a background check.

If you have any questions please contact the Athletic Director, John Sandoval, at 505-362-2872.

## PARTNERING WITH POPEJOY & NM PHILHARMONIC

We are very excited to report that we have begun a partnership with the NM Philharmonic and Popejoy. We will be starting a "young musicians" program in which elementary school and middle school students will have a music teacher both in ZOOM and in person. There is a team who will be leading this with the district.

More information to come!



## 2ND NINE WEEKS A HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

1st Grade - Knell	1st Grade - Vigil	2nd Grade -	4th Grade - Haman	5th grade -
Keith Bridge	Manoah Bahe	Ryder Griffin	Destinee Wilson	Jasmine Chiquito
Maci Castillo	Jayce Begay	Lavinia Thompson	<b>4th Grade - Nuguit</b>	Tyleen Ignacio
Aerabella Diaz	Laila Benally	<b>2nd Grade - Chavez</b>	Amalia Chavez	Bentley Sam
Zanielle Gordo	Bianca Chacon	Eli Charley	Caleb Dominguez	<b>5th Grade - Ortega</b>
Kourteny Landeros	Alyzza Fontanilla	Alonzo Maestas	Quinton Willetto	Micah Bahe
Joshua Lopez	Kathan Gutierrez		Alice Castillo	Amy Gouripaga
Leandra Maestas	Breyner Hidalgo	<b>3rd Grade -</b>	Hugo Hidalgo	Andrew Jamison
Cameron Martinez	Cheyenne Morales	Aubrey Herrera	Wyatt Keetso	Arius Martinez
Analisa Pacheco	Calwina Nelwood	TyEllen Johnson	Nokeeski Lovato	Dylan Yazzie
Nathan Persey	Leia Nez	Brently Mclean	Iliana Ortega	
Casey Teller	Luna Sandoval	Ysabela Moreno		
KC Toledo	Alejandra Ortega	Tikari Roe		
Terance Toledo	Jase Pinto	<b>3rd Grade - Herrera</b>		
Taraq Tsosie	Maximillan Toledo	Hailey Vigil		
Cheryl Yazzie	Quinn Trujillo			
	Jayton Woody			



## 2ND NINE WEEKS A/B HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

1st Grade - Knell	2nd Grade -	3rd Grade -	4th Grade - Haman	5th Grade -
Davion Cayaditto	Lane Begay	Abrianna Gordo	Jade Chavez	Gwen Dominguez
Vitalio Maestas	Dom Castillo	Cameron Dominguez	Hailey Hernandez	Owen Garcia
Kaiden Pinto	Alanzo Chacon	Silas Gonzales	Mathias Hernandez	Samuel Irangan
Lex Billy	Nikolos Henio	Lousarah Lopez	Simarah Jim	Terrell Martinez
Makakhiy Brown	Alexander McClellan	Avery Nelwood	Adelina Maestas	Arrika Pinto
Jose Casas	Bailey Randall	Neveah Garcia	Ailynn McClellan	Layla Romero
Epi Nelwood	Jaynie Toledo	Cordarius Toledo	Nyla Morales	<b>5th Grade - Ortega</b>
Jaxon Sam	Bertalis Trujillo	Malik Yazzie	Gilberto Randall	Rashad Lamone
<b>1st Grade - Vigil</b>	Briahlyn Trujillo	<b>3rd Grade - Herera</b>	Kesha Sandoval	Leona Maestas
Anderson Castillo	Eli Tsosie	Anthony Charley	Trinity Takeo	Elliot Martinez
Zachary Gordo	Lance Morales	Katelina Trujillo	Reynel Trujillo	Jeremiah Montoya
McKayla Morfin	<b>2nd Grade - Chavez</b>	Keyonnah Yazzie	Kaydence Yazzie	Ty Pinto
	Peyton Alonzo	Keyonnah Yazzie	<b>4th Grade - Nuguit</b>	Deziree Sandoval
	Carleigh Brown		Shyla Jim	Bryley Sandoval
	Dante Fischer		Blaize Trujillo	Bryley Sandoval
	Lukas Maestas		Lance Fontanilla	
	Dytaien Navajo		Chloe Ignacio	
	Taylor Randall		Bruce Pinto	
	Wayce Wilson			



### Mr. Gailbert's Chess Club

