

FALCON PRIDE

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2nd Quarter

October 10, 2023 to December 15, 2023



FIRST QUARTER ACADEMIC AWARDS

On Friday, October 13, 2023, we celebrated our Academic Achievements for our first quarter and our state testing results. Students were presented with award certificates to celebrate their academic achievements. Awards were presented for 1st quarter Attendance, Highest GPAs, On-Target/Proficient/Advanced student assessment (BOY, NM-MSSA) results, Citizenship, Class Subject Honors, & Sports Recognitions. Congratulations to our Honor recipients. We hope to present even more honor certificates in January 2024, for our 2nd quarter academic achievements. Keep in mind we offer after-school tutoring for those students who may want more time or help with their classroom assignments. There is also a direct correlation between attending classes every day and high academic achievement.



NEWCOMB MIDDLE SCHOOL
After-School Tutoring
MONDAYS / TUESDAYS / WEDNESDAYS / THURSDAYS
3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.
After-School Snack Available
After-School Activity Buses Available
Sign-Up with Mrs. Marinas Room# 404

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Gather



Tuesday, November 28, 2023 – NMS will host our annual **Mr./Miss Newcomb Middle School Pageant**. ALL Students are welcomed to participate. Talent presentations can be modern/traditional representation of something that you are proud of. Students chosen to represent our school as our ambassadors will be called upon for various public engagement activities for the rest of our school year.



Clanship Buttons – As we celebrate Native American Heritage Month we will honor our heritage by wearing throughout the month a Clanship Button. Buttons are created based on the feedback received by the recipient. A clanship activity is planned based on the buttons, so our students should wear their buttons every day for the month of November.

Interested Students can sign-Up in our front office.

Thankful

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Yá'át'ééh, Hello,

Family

Our young Falcons have been very busy with their classes and their Social Emotional Learning Skills (SEL). In the months of August and September we worked on *Empathy*. Ask your young Falcon what it means to be empathetic. We added *Affirmations* to our SEL skills as well. How does one tell another person what we appreciate about them? We practiced, we wrote, and we talked. Have you heard an affirmation from your young Falcon lately? In October, we worked on *Self-Directed*. How does one become self-directed? When asked, the young Falcons should have some personal goals, home goals and school goals. Lastly, we also talked about "Be Kind To Your Mind, Be Drug Free" for Red Ribbon Week and about why Red Ribbon Week was started. Ask if they remember the story.

Ahe'hee', Amelia Joe-Chandler, Instructor Social Emotional Learning (ISEL)



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

ATTENDANCE

Quarter Word of the Month: GRATITUDE

Gratitude has been shown to increase feelings of happiness, social connection, mental, and physical health, while decreasing feelings of depression. With these amazing benefits, how can we add more gratefulness in our everyday lives?

Consider some of these ideas:

1. **Brief Gratitude Journaling** exercise to write down three things that went well each day or that you are grateful for, and to include a cause for each of the three things reflected upon. *This activity has shown to have a great impact on increase feelings of happiness and decreasing feelings of depression. This could become a dinnertime reflection period as a family.*
2. **Include the family**, implement a "Three Things Thursday" when each family member shares about the three things that went well that day.
3. **Spend time reflecting on someone** who has been especially kind to you and has not been properly thanked. Write a letter or card to that person to express your gratefulness about their kindness.
4. **Take walks as a family** and each member take turns sharing about something they are grateful for while on the walk.



Gratitude Journaling Prompts

What life experience has had the biggest positive impact on you?

What are some things you can be thankful for on your hardest days?

Which stress-relieving items are you grateful for?

What do you find yourself taking for granted?

What's something positive that happened to you today?

What qualities or talents are you thankful you have?



PARENT COMMITTEE



Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.
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Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

NMS Falcons completed the 1st 9 Weeks Attendance Challenge (9/05-29/2023). Our school has a goal of 90% attendance for the school year and has been doing very well so far this year. We had several students who had perfect attendance. "Keep up the good presence in school". We gave out many 90% or more Present In School Certificate Awards to our young Falcons. "Way to go". Thank you parents/guardians for sending and encouraging the importance of your child being in school. A reminder to send a doctor's note when your child is absent for an appointment. Phone calls are verbal which we cannot accept this year so email our Registrar, Jaime Pine (pinej@centralschools.org) or send the notes. Thank you in advance.

The data below will tell the story of how each grade level did with our first attendance challenge.

Grade Level	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
6th	33/4279%	32/42 = 76%	35/42 = 83%	22/42 = 52%
7th	29/49 = 59%	32/50 = 64%	29/50 = 58%	24/51 = 49%
8th	42/70 = 60%	39/70 = 56%	49/70 = 70%	46/73 = 63%
School Wide	65%	64%	70%	56%

NMS OFFICE

REMINDERS:

- No Check-Outs after 2:30 p.m. unless you present a Valid Doctors Appointment Slip.
- ALL Student absences require a **written notice** (Dr.'s Note, Parent/Guardians Note, Etc).
- All MESSAGES for students for after-school routine, like Pickups, ride the bus, change buses, etc. NEED to be requested before 2:30 p.m. This gives us enough time to deliver messages to student(s).
Mon-Fri by 2:30 p.m.
Early Release Days by 12:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BASE HEALTH

Newcomb Middle School participates in School Base Healthcare. Students with permission from parents/guardians are given the opportunity to see a Doctor. Services provided include basic health consultations, vaccination clinic, and sports physicals. Parents/Guardians who are interested in this service can contact our Health Office Team to Schedule an appointment or answer any questions.

(505) 696-3434 Suann Notah, NMS Health Aide

