



1st Quarter
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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Yá'át'ééh Falcon Parents/Guardians:

We are now in the middle of our 1st Quarter already. Students it is a good time to evaluate your grades, talk with your teachers if you need more help. As we move along with our school year, we want to highlight our focus areas. **Student attendance** will be monitored more this school year. We have established a school attendance team who will monitor and follow up on student attendance weekly. **Family engagement**, we will work more at providing more parent/guardian involvement this school year. Participation could be offering your input in our schools activities by attending our Parent Advisory Committee meetings which will be held once every month this year. Participation in our DreamMakers program which was introduced at the end of last school year 2022/2023. Overall, **higher test scores** in **English Language Arts** includes Reading/Writing is an area we can always improve. Reading more and writing more in our daily activities will drastically help in our ELA scores. **Higher test scores** in **Math** is also highly important, ask your math teachers for some practice resources. If you need help, ask your teachers, both content areas can get more support if you sign-up with our after-school tutoring program. *If you are interested in after-school tutoring please see Mrs. Marinas in room #404.*

As you may be aware, all students are currently not assigned to a Chromebook (laptop), this is due to the high number of work ordered laptops we submitted at the end of School Year 22/23. As a result, we did not have enough to assign every student a laptop for this school year. This is only a temporary situation, our goal in the coming days is to get a Chromebook assigned to every student again. When this happens, please help us monitor the handling of this technology, keep in mind, the time is lengthy when we submit a work order, laptops are sent back to their manufacturers and it takes time for them to be returned to us.

School information and activities can always be found on our schools website (www.ccsdnm.org/newcombmiddle), and postings to our Facebook page.

For more information, contact Ms. Ethel M. Manuelito, Principal by calling 505.696.3434. Ahehee'



NMS SAFETY

Morning Student Drop-offs 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

All middle school students will need to go to our cafeteria in the mornings. The designated drop-offs is in from front the NHS building. This is NO drop-offs to be done in front of the Middle School Building before 8:00 a.m.

FRONT OFFICE

All student check-outs require authorized parents/guardians to present a valid identification card. Please keep our front office updated on changes to authorized individuals who are allowed to visit/check-out their child(ren).

FRONT OFFICE

All visitors to the building will need to be checked in by our front office. A valid identification card is required. Visitors will be presented with a visitor's tag which they will need to wear while on the schools premises.

FRONT OFFICE

- No check-outs after 2:30 p.m. unless you present a valid Doctors appointment slip.
 - 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.
- Monday-Friday by 2:30 p.m.**
Early Release Days by 12:30 p.m.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Student school attendance is a focus for our district and school. We have an attendance team that will be monitoring student attendance, with procedures to follow for students who begin to miss school. We need your help as parents/guardians & students to ensure that school is prioritized to cultivate as many seconds, minutes, & hours spent learning in school. This will ultimately benefit the student. Any time a student who is not present for the learning day, will need to be formally excused by parent/guardian with a written note, Doctor Excuses, etc.

These notes can be submitted to our front office and it will be recorded on the students' attendance record for the school year. 3 Days absences will instigate a formal follow up by a letter home/phone call / home visit, by our schools attendance team. Communication is Key, please give us a call if your child will be out of school at (505) 696-3434, verbal notice will need to be followed with a formal written notice, by parent/guardian, Doctors Note, etc.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Meet the School Counselor

Ya'at'eeh! My name is Arlene Nez-Finley and I am the Full-Time School Counselor at Newcomb Middle School this 2023-2024 school year! I can be reached by phone at 505/696-3434 or if you come to NMS, we can meet in person. I will be offering the following services:

- Small Group Counseling
- Individual Counseling
- Crisis Counseling
- Peer Mediation
- College & Career Awareness
- SEL Support



I am happy to let you all know we are off to a great start. We are meeting with each grade level, talking with them about ANTI-BULLYING/Harassment! It is a conversation we will be doing with ALL students for the safety and well-being of everyone.

Some information on BULLYING:

Bullying has been an ongoing issue in many schools over the past decade. Bullying is not only from face-to-face interactions but also through the use of cell phones and the internet. Many students become fearful of going to school due to bullying that may occur on school grounds and off.

So what can the school do to help your child?

CCSD has a No Bullying policy. Students are encouraged to tell an adult if bullying is occurring on or off campus grounds. Teachers are on the lookout for signs that students may be bullied and continue to work on having a safe environment for all.

What can the parents do to help their student?

As a parent, we encourage you to let the school know if you think your child is being bullied or if they have made a report of bullying. We also encourage you to frequently check cell phones and emails that your student may be receiving from others. This will also allow you to know who your child is speaking with for safety measure as well.

How will a parent know if their child is bullied?

If your child has not reported being bullied there may be signs that the child is being bullied. A few of those signs are as follows:

- Unwillingness to go to school
- Becoming withdrawn
- Feeling ill in the morning
- Having nightmares
- Refusing to talk about what's wrong
- Becoming distressed or anxious

If you believe your child is being bullied, please contact the school for ways to help the situation.

Sometimes witnesses can help to stop bullying.

During an attack, bystanders can help change the power by saying a "shutdown statement" to the bully. Doing nothing shows acceptance to the situation. Laughing or smiling makes the bully more powerful.

Shutdown Statements:

- That's not nice
- That's just not cool
- That's mean
- Knock it off

Parent Tips

- Listen carefully to your child and don't minimize the pain.
- Reinforce your love and discuss the lack of respect bullies have for others.
- Think of some quick, humorous responses your child could use and help him/her to role-play (practice) responses.
- Step in and talk to school authorities.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Capturing Kids' Hearts

definition of, "Social Emotional Learning is a process that helps people develop productive behaviors, build and maintain, positive relationships and set and achieve goals."

<https://www.capturingkidshearts.org/>

Advisory Time

Every week there are four 30 minutes sessions set aside per day (2 hours a week) for Social/Emotional Learning Skills for teachers and students.

On **Mondays and Thursdays**, the students will log into PowerSchool to check their grades and attendance. The students will be asked to be proactive with their studies and with their attendance. NMS attendance policy is located in the student planner. We are also asking students to use their planners to help them manage/organize their subjects, homework, and assignments throughout the semester.

On **Tuesday's and Wednesday's** the teachers will be introducing a Capturing Kids Hearts Character Trait of the month. They will be learning these character traits in mini-lessons throughout the week. These lessons include, greeting a person, giving positive affirmations, and more.

Friday's are set aside for Career and College Readiness work. Our Counselor will be working with the teachers and students as they learn about careers and colleges throughout the year.

Creating a safe and positive school environment starts with learning positive behavior traits. These character traits can only move our NMS community forward so that our students can achieve their learning goals as they work side by side with teachers and staff members.

Amelia Joe-Chandler
Instructor Social Emotional Learning
(ISEL)



HP CHROMEBOOKS



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Due to a high number of Laptops being on Work Order. All students currently do not have an assigned laptop. Our supplemental plan includes deployment of laptops in ELA, Math & Keyboarding classes. Shared carts for Science & History Classes.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES



Student Led Conference School Year 2023-2024: Every student should start working on their personal data folders to present for their parents/guardians at the conferences. Students and their parents/guardians are required to attend.

- 1st Student Led Conference – September 14 - 15, 2023**
- 2nd Student Led Conference – February 8-9, 2024**

September 14, 2023
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
September 15, 2023
7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.