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3rd Quarter
January 3, 2024 to March 8, 202



M.J. Salita

On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, we celebrated our Academic Achievements for our second quarter. Students were presented with award certificates to celebrate their academic achievements. Awards were presented for 2nd quarter Attendance, Highest GPAs, On-Target/Proficient/Advanced student assessment Middle of Year Assessment (MOY) results, Citizenship, & Class Subject Honors, Congratulations to our Honor recipients. We hope to present even more honor certificates in March 2024, for our 3rd guarter 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.



SPRING ASSESSMENT SEASON



Greetings! From your counselor's office, 3rd Quarter is when we will have to stay focused on your school work. Testing for our 8th graders will begin on April 3rd, with the 8th Grade Science State Assessment. All students will be testing on April 8th, and 9th, 2024 with the NM-MSSA Summative Math/ELA Assessment.

April 3rd — NM-ASR Summative Science Assessment (8th Grade Only)

April 8th - NM-MSSA Summative MATH Assessment (All Students)

April 9th - NM-MSSA Summative ELA Assessment (ALL Students)

Students should be in school daily to prepare for the upcoming assessments. The day before an assessment, please help your child by getting them to bed early, make sure to have them eat breakfast, be in school on time, attend the designated assessment day.



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING



Ya'at'eeh. Hello.

We are happy to announce the following Capturing Kids Heart Leadworthy Character Traits for the spring semester. January is RESPECT month where students and teachers will be working on activities together that show what it means to "give honor" and value to ourselves and others".

In February, we will be working on KINDNESS by learning appropriate behaviors with friends and how to be compassionate to others. We will be sending out many cards this month.

In March we will be working on COURAGE. Followed by PERSEVERANCE in April. Learning about Perseverance is a challenge for our young Falcons. We will need our parents and guardians help with this character trait. In the month of May we will end the semester with INTEGRITY.

All the CKH Leadworthy Character Traits are introduced on Monday and Tuesday in Advisement class. The students are encouraged to practice these character traits and make it a part of their daily routine. When you see your child showing these traits: empathy, selfdirection, teamwork, responsibility, and all of the above mentioned. Let your child know that you appreciate their efforts and affirm their

We see many students helping one another, holding doors, writing tootles and affirmations to one another. We are proud to see these young Falcons using what they learn to better our school community and we hope it carries on in the home.

Amelia Joe-Chandler



NSELOR'S CORNER



8th Grade Students & Parents/Guardians

The New Mexico Public Education Department realizes the value in the Next Step Plan (NSP) process and how it supports our 8th Grade students' college and career goals. Every spring, we have each 8th grade student do a personal, written plan. The purpose of this plan is to target the students' post-secondary interests, and set forth the studies he or she will complete during high school in order to be on track for graduation. Later this semester, parents/guardians of 8th graders will have an opportunity to review and sign their child's plan. We look forward to working with you on

Upcoming Activities:

National School Counseling Week – February 5 – 9, 2024

Middle School students will be pre-registering for next school year's electives soon. Parents, be on the lookout for your child to bring home the course registration form.

March 21, 2024, Career Expo for 8th graders at San Juan College

Spring Tests/Assessments

April 9th -10th – ALL Students. The BIG Test! NM-MSSA!

The 7 Habits of Happy Kids



Habit 1- Be Proactive: You're In Charge

I am a responsible person.

I take initiative.

I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods.

I do not blame others for my wrong actions.

I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking

Habit 2-Begin with the End in Mind: Have A Plan

I plan ahead and set goals.

I do things that have meaning and make a difference
I am an important part of my classroom and school.



Habit 3- Put First Things First: Work First, Then Play

I spend mytime on things that are most important.
I say no to things I know I should not do.
I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan.
I am self-disciplined and organized.

Habit 4- Think Win-Win: Everyone Can Win

I want everyone to be a success. I don't have to put others down to get what I want. When a conflict happens, I look for a third solution I believe that we all can win!



Habit 5- Seek First to Understand. Then to be Understood:

Listen Before You Talk

isten to other people's ideas and feelings try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I share my opinions and ideas.

Habit 6- Synergize: Together Is Better

I know that everyone is good at something
Everyone needs to get better at something.
We can all learn something from each other
Working in groups helps to create better ideas than what one p



Habit 7-<u>Sharpen the Saw</u>: Balance Feels Best

te care of my body by eating right, ex ercising and getting sleep I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school. I take time to help others.

PARENT COMMITTEE



Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 27, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m. **Parent Advisory Committee Meeting** Tuesday, March 26, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.



We are on our 3rd Attendance Challenge this school year. This 3rd challenge started on January 22, 2024 and will end on February 16, 2024.

Our young FALCONS are making every effort to come to school and do their part to better themselves by doing the academic, elective, work given to them every day by their teachers.

The first incentive treat was given out on Friday, January 26, 2024.

The second week started on 1-29-2024 and ends with a treat on 2-02-2024

We will continue with week 3 and week four.

On February 16, 2024 when the challenge ends we will celebrate all the perfect attendance winners with popcorn and a movie during their Social/Emotional Advisement time.

The first week of the challenge our results were at 78% of the student body came to school at 90% or higher. 127 students did not miss school or missed one day out of the week.

We are looking forward to raising that number as we move forward with weeks 2, 3, and 4.

Thank you parents and guardians for encouraging our Falcons to come to school.

Our teachers and staff appreciate you. The Attendance Team

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.
- 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

Newcomb Middle School participates in School Base Healthcare. Students with permission from parents/quardians 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.

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