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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** is highly important it will be monitored closely this school year. We have established a school attendance team who will monitor and follow up on student attendance. **Family Engagement**, we will work more at providing more parent/guardian involvement this school year. We will introduce PAC Bahane' (PAC News) letters that will highlight school activities and opportunities to get involved. The PAC Bahane' letters will go home every month this school year. **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.*

Get Connected with school information and activities by visiting our schools website www.ccsdnm.org/newcombmiddle, and following our postings on our Facebook page.

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



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

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 front the NHS building. There are 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.

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 for all excuses, Per Policy Doctor Excuses, etc. *Verbal excuses provided over the telephone will not be considered excused absence.* 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 initiate 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 you have any questions at (505) 696-3434,



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Meet the School Counselor

Yá'át'ééh! My name is Arlene Nez-Finley and I am the Full-Time School Counselor at Newcomb Middle School this 2024-2025 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 will be 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.

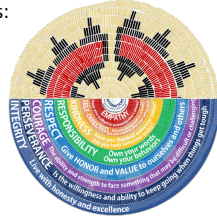
What can the parents do to help their student?

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.



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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."

We're starting strong by building trust and strengthening connections on our campus. The Capturing Kids' Hearts process provides a solid framework for these relationships. The most trusted leaders are those who model this process!

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Yá'át'ééh Parents & Guardians:

NMS is in the process of planning our Open House for the Community School and Parent Engagement Program. We will be inviting all NMS Students, Parents, Guardians, and Community Members for this event. We have designated one of our classrooms for parents, guardians, and students to use for various resources and events. In addition, we are currently working with many community resources who provide food pantry, school clothing, school supplies, and person items needed by families who live with other family members or don't have a place of their own at this time. If you need additional information or have any questions, please let me know by calling Ms. Manuelito, NMS Principal (505) 696-3434

NMS HEALTH ROOM

School Based Health Clinic is available every month. For more information, please contact our Health Room Staff.



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES



Student Led Conference School Year 2024-2025: 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 – October 11, 2024
 - 2nd Student Led Conference – February 14, 2025
- NO SCHOOL**