



NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hope all is well,

My name is Gilbert Dominguez. I am from Cuba, born and raised. I graduated from Cuba High School and stayed in New Mexico for college. I attended New Mexico Highlands University and received my bachelor's degree in Education. Later I returned to complete my degree in Educational Leadership. I have worked at Cuba Independent Schools in the classroom for almost twenty years. I have also had the privilege of coaching many students in football, basketball, and track.

I look forward to working with the faculty, parents, and students of Cuba Middle School.



MONTHLY BOOKS

Cuba Schools has been giving books every month to every student in the district. They are great books recommended by Scholastic that cover age appropriate themes. Please ask your child about the books they have received and encourage them to read.

6th Grade

September - Patina
October - Sunny
November - Front Desk
December - Ghost

7th Grade

September - Esperanza Rising
October - Refugee
November - The Parker Inheritance
December - Black Panther: The Young Prince

8th Grade

September - Rain Was Not My Indian Name
October - The Storm Runner
November - The Crossover
December - Anima's Voice

FREE HAIRCUTS

Cuba Cares is bringing a master barber, Josh Sanchez, to our campus to provide haircuts for students.

Josh will come once a month and set up in the high school gym. He will see six students from the elementary, six from the middle school and six from the high school each month.

Permission slips are required for your child to have their hair cut. The permission slips were mailed home before winter break but can also be picked up in the front office. Please feel free to call the school if you have any questions.



GREENHOUSE BEDS



KEY DATES

February 14: Valentine's Day

A day to celebrate love, friendship, and admiration.

February 16: Haircut Day

With a permission slip students can get a free hair cut by Josh.

February 21: President's Day

No School

NEW FACES ON CAMPUS

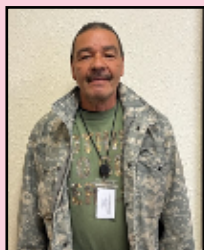
PE and Health Teacher: Josh Adair

Hello, My name is Josh Adair. I was raised in Kirtland, New Mexico and graduated from Kirtland Central High School in 2011. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology and Education from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. I have taught and coached in both Texas and New Mexico since 2014. I am excited to be the Physical Education and Health teacher at Cuba Middle School, where I can help teach students healthy habits. I am happy to be able to work in this wonderful community.



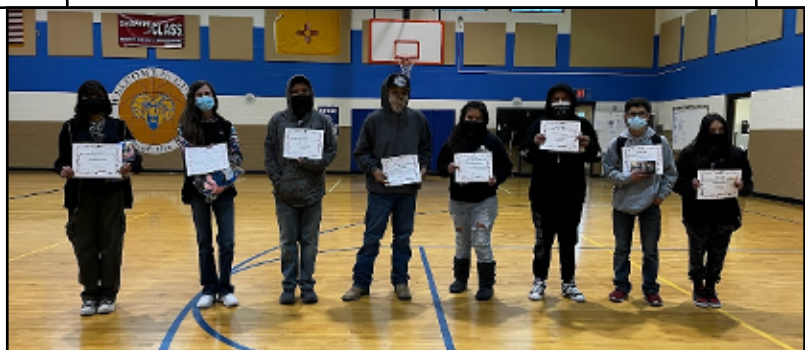
Custodian: Juan Romero

My name is Juan Romero, I was born and raised in Cuba, NM. I went to school here and have lived here my whole life. I have seven daughters and sixteen grandchildren with a new one on the way. I enjoy working at the school and I love my job.



JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

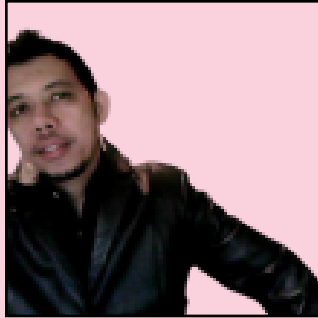
Student	Reason	Recognized
Tatiana Harold	Academically resilient, inquisitive, persistent problem solver	Richard Armentrout
Alycia Herrera	Alycia is a very respectful student in class. She helps her peers artistically and provides friendly support. She praises her friend's work, and gives suggestions to develop artistic skills. She demonstrates respect, friendship and tenacity in	Rainy Begay
Paiden Gordo	For being helpful and friendly.	Olivia Casaus
Samiko Castillo	Samiko displays a genuine intention to complete his studies correctly. He is quiet but has a strong personality, amusing, interesting and will show great respect when he is shown respect as well. He is willing to admit when he needs help and	Cassandra Crespín
Franchesca Montoya	Franchesca is a respectful young woman who is willing to ask for help when she needs it. She is committed to getting her work finished and turned in on time and she pays attention in the classroom.	Grace Graves
Colton Charley	He is respectful and polite. He evidently exert effort to join the online classes and does his work.	Andrea Irangan
Malakai Vandever	He always brightens the classroom with his humor and excellent manners.	Johnelle Trujillo
Marcos Casaus	Very respectful to all	Marcellino Crespín
Adaya Montoya	This student is respectful, a great helper, and has a beautiful spirit.	June Vigil



NEW FACES ON CAMPUS CONTINUED

7th and 8th Science Teacher: Carl Moreno

I am Carl Jhervin Moreno, teaching Science 7 and 8 here in the Middle School. I am a Physiotherapist in the Philippines, I do Sports Rehabilitation for injured athletes. This time I made my way on teaching since NMPED gave me an endorsement to teach science, P.E. and health. Last semester I was teaching in the High school on Social studies at the same institution CISD. I believe that through education and teaching could aid in achieving step by step learning and academic improvement to our students. I want to share my knowledge also in terms of Health and Science.



In doing so I would like to say utmost thanks to all who supported us in getting the right track with very nice people here in Cuba.

Thank you very much.

7th and 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher: Marcellino Crespin

Hello to all residents of Cuba and the surrounding areas.

My name is Marcellino E. Crespin and I am a life-long resident of Cuba. I graduated from Cuba High, taught at the elementary school, and was even a school board member once upon a time. I am so very tickled to be back home. It's been a long adventure, but I'm happy to be teaching the best students in all of New Mexico! You students rock!

Go Rams!!!



Josh the Barber



Picture Courtesy of Victoria Dominguez

COUNSELORS CORNER

The month of February is usually when we think of kindness and compassion. Let's focus on being kind to **ALL** of our elders and peers this month. Some ways to show kindness.

- use kind words
- be helpful
- be polite
- cooperate with others
- listen
- respect the thoughts and feelings of others
- take turn
- be fair
- share
- avoid bad behaviors, or temptations on social media.

I am so proud of our students whose actions and kind spirits make our school a better place! Remember,

Kindness is Contagious!

TOYS FOR STUDENTS

Every Cuba Middle School student received a toy when they returned from winter break, thanks to Victoria Dominguez and the team at Cuba Cares.

Victoria Dominguez, Community Schools Director/Cuba Cares, worked with the office of Dine Youth to get toys for tots for our district. She submitted information to the coordinator in Crownpoint and they were able to get a toy for every student in the district, Prek-12th. Victoria says "It's an awesome program. The kiddos seem to really look forward to it."



MS BASKETBALL TEAMS DO AMAZING!

Striking Eagle Tournament Champions!



Our boys basketball team took 1st place at the Striking Eagle Tournament in Albuquerque. The awards were presented to: 1st Team All-Tourney Richard Lovato, 2nd Team All-Tourney Nolan Elwell, and MVP Dylan Sandoval. They have played some great games all season and are currently undefeated.

Cuba Middle School has some very talented athletes!

Striking Eagle Tournament 2nd Place!



Our girls basketball team took 2nd place at the Striking Eagle Tournament. Even though they did not win 1st they played a very tough game against Bernalillo in the companionship game. The awards were presented to: 1st Team All-Tourney Cera Toledo and 2nd Team All-Tourney Adriana Largo.

MR. SISNEROS IN THE GREEN HOUSE

Mr. Sisneros will be leaving the classroom this semester to focus on getting the green house up and running. He is sad to leave his current students but is excited to get the greenhouse ready so he can use it as his classroom in the

future. Once it is ready students will be busy helping him prep soil, clip, plant, and harvest. Eventually, community members will be able to buy a variety of plants from the Horticulture class which will help support their program.