

CUBA MIDDLE SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds all of you in good health and doing well. The school year is off to a fast start and we are approaching the end of the first 9 weeks. I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your support in educating our students. We understand that the Middle School years can be a challenging time for students. Please know that the Cuba Middle School Staff are here to assist you and your students in any way possible.

If your student is having any issues connecting to the internet or with their laptops, contact us as soon as possible. It is very important they are able to log into their Zoom classes when we are in remote learning.

Attendance is critical to the success of your student's education. I strongly encourage your students to attend school every day, and log in to their Zoom classes when we are in remote learning.

I encourage all of your students to become involved in some kind of activities during their middle school years. If you have any questions regarding what is offered at CMS, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In addition, I would like to invite you to participate in our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings to be held the second Wednesday of the month. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Casaus, Mrs. Montoya or myself.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.
Arsenio Jacquez
Principal

GALILEO



Cuba Independent School District is using Galileo as their short cycle assessment.

This means that students will take a test at the beginning, middle, and end of the year. From the results we will determine if students are making academic growth over the school year.

The beginning of the year assessment took place September 7 - 15 and the results will be used to guide instruction, and help determine who needs additional assistance in math and/or ELA.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, October 20th
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

At the school in person

Thursday, October 21st
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join us on Zoom - the link will be emailed



KEY DATES

October 11 - Monday

Indigenous People's Day - No School

October 13 - Wednesday

Parent Night - Hosted by Indigenous Ed

October 20 - 21

Parent Teacher Conferences

October 22 - Friday

No School

October 31 - Sunday

Halloween

GREENHOUSE

Cuba schools is currently in the process of constructing what is known as a classroom greenhouse. Superintendent Karen Sanchez-Griego, Mrs. Lavern Wagner, and Mr. Ray Sisneros developed a plan to construct the greenhouse as a result of student interest in horticulture during the summer's Three Sisters Gardening program. In conjunction with the greenhouse Cuba Schools is also offering 2 horticulture classes, one at the high school and one at the mid school.



Once the greenhouse is completed in late October students will go to class in the greenhouse and learn various aspects of how to grow, harvest, and propagate all types of plants. Each student will have an individual plot where they can grow a variety of plants. Students will also grow houseplants, fresh vegetables, flowers, shrubs and fruit trees. We are looking forward to bringing back a horticulture program like Cuba had back in the 1970s and early 80s. We will have an open house as soon as the greenhouse is operational.



NEW FACES ON CAMPUS



Custodian: Adrian "Bubba" Montoya

Hello my name is Adrian Montoya, I graduated from Cuba High School in 2012. I was raised in Cuba all my life and my family is my number one priority. My goal is to keep the school district clean and help students with their education.

Educational Assistant: Cathy Romero

Hi! My name is Cathy Romero. I graduated from CHS in 1979. I was born and raised in Cuba. I have two daughters and one son. Family is my #1 priority. I am looking forward to this new chapter of my life at Cuba Schools. My goal is to support the students in their education. I want to help them be ready for the world that awaits them!



Educational Assistant: Jhonnelle Trujillo

I am from Torreon and graduated from Torreon Christian School. I went to college at San Juan an UNM. I have been a Teachers Assistant for over 10 years. I was born in San Francisco and my favorite thing is coffee. I love classic black and white movies, foreign films, and attending plays. I

COUNSELOR'S CORNER - MRS. TRISH DELGADO

Today's young people are living in an exciting time! They are experiencing an increasingly diverse society, ever evolving technological advancements, and exploding opportunities. We want to make sure they are prepared to be the next generation of leaders, earners, citizens and parents. As student's navigate this passage from childhood to adolescence I'm here to help them through their diverse needs; personally, developmentally

and academically. Our goal at Cuba Middle School is to assist students as they achieve optimal personal growth, acquire positive social skills and values, set career goals and work toward their full academic potential as they become contributing members of their world community. Families are encouraged to come by or call anytime. Together we will set the trajectory for a future of success for all our students.

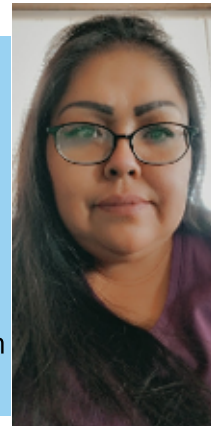
NEW FACES ON CAMPUS CONTINUED

Nurse Aide: Shanell Gordo:

Hello, my name is Shanell Gordo. I am from Rincon Marquis but reside in Torreon. I am Mexican Clan born for Bitter Water Clan and Mud People Clan as maternal and paternal grandparents.

I love sports, basketball (I love my CELTICS), football (I love my RAIDERS), I love to make cakes, I also like to read and binge watch movies on Netflix or Hulu. I like to go camping and fishing

I am your Cuba Middle School Health Aide, my door is always open to all the students and staff. I am new to the mid-school this year, prior I was at the elementary and high school. Stop by, I'm here if you need help.



Physical Education and Health Teacher: Laura Warner

I am Laura Warner, and I am from Albuquerque, New Mexico. I was born in Manhattan, New York. I have a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a bachelor's degree in Psychology. I also have a master's degree in Special Education with Endorsements in Language Arts, Physical Education, and Health. I am a level III teacher and I have been teaching for over 20 years. I played college softball and I love to go to softball tournaments. I have two beautiful children who are now 20 years old. They are Eli and Sydney and yes, they are twins! I am happily married and have been with my spouse for 12 years. We love to travel and hope to one day go to Hawaii. Thank you for welcoming me to Cuba Middle School.



ELA, Reading, and Social Studies Teacher: Andrea Irangan

I am Mrs. Andrea Irangan, ELA 6th /Reading Teacher at Cuba Middle School. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and Master's Degree in Teaching English in the Philippines. I have been teaching for 13 wonderful years. I am passionately teaching my students the important skills and preparing them to be more competitive and successful individuals.

I enjoy spending my time under the moonlight, by the sea shore, and anywhere as long as mother-nature cuddles me while adoring its beauty. Aside from that, baking and cooking are my passions too. Making breads, cakes, and pastries are my stress-reliever and my comforting activity.

I am always interested to know other cultures and given the chance, I want to travel and explore different countries and experience their unique culture and food.



Spanish Teacher: Peggy Meyers

This is my 5th-6th year in New Mexico. I've worked on 6-7 Native American reservations, preferring the Navajo. I have a Navajo loom from the grandmother of the family I was married into, and there is a hogan I can always return to.

Overseas was my home for more than half of my life, 22+ countries lived and worked in. 100+ countries visited. Yes, I like to travel.

I've taught K-12, and adult ESL. There is something I like about every grade. But mostly I like to teach bilingual, dual language or just Spanish. Spanish was learned in Venezuela, and studied in many universities-in Spanish.

It is my goal to have the students learn much vocabulary, phrases; and be reading at whatever level they are comfortable understanding. We all start somewhere.

Thanks for trusting the students to me.



NEW FACES ON CAMPUS CONTINUED



Art Teacher: Rainy Begay

Good Day Families and Friends,
My name is Mrs. Rainy Begay. I am from St. Michaels, Arizona. I attended the University of New Mexico for Psychology with a minor in Business Administration. I have 4 years of experience working with students from 3 months to 12th grade. I will be your students' art teacher this year. I am passionate about working in an educational setting where I am able to influence our creativity. I believe positive-creative thinking will open infinite windows of opportunity for success. Learning and developing creativity, criticism and the understanding of art builds character and confidence in the real world. It is my goal to develop awareness and acceptance of self and others ideas and expressions. Art is a subject as old as humans. We have many lessons to learn from art from different cultures, different time periods, etc. I am blessed to have the opportunity to teach this culturally rich program and enhance fine artistic abilities. These fundamentals are the key to succeed in a college setting and in career development.

Assistant Principal: Olivia Casaus

I moved to Cuba in 2001 and feel blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know so many wonderful students and families. I am from Cimarron, a small town in northeastern New Mexico. I received my Bachelors of Science in Secondary Education from New Mexico State University with an endorsement in science and social studies. I received my Masters of Science Teaching from New Mexico Tech, and completed the Principal Leadership Development program through Cooperative Educational Services. I taught for two years in Las Cruces, NM and ten years in Cuba. I have taught both middle and high school science, coached volleyball and track, sponsored Student Senate, co-sponsored Robotics, and took students on many different field trips. I also received the Teacher of Distinction award from the Golden Apple Foundation. This is my first year as Assistant Principal and I am happy to be working with Mr. Jacquez and the amazing



Student Art Work

