



CUBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ...

Dr Ryan Stewart,
New Mexico Secretary of
Education visiting our
campus



AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Kindergarten through 5th grade

WELCOME BACK!

Hello Families of Cuba's Li'l Rams.

Thank you for all your support, patience and understanding as we get started in our remote classrooms. We are working hard to make this experience a positive one for you and your children. I am confident that our teachers' remote classrooms can support your child in this upcoming school year. It will take us some time to get everything working perfectly and we welcome your feedback.

Safety of your Child

We have implemented many safety measures to keep your children safe when we return to on campus learning. Please see the Cuba Website for the Cuba Independent School's Remote Learning Plan to see our staggered reentry plan.

We have spaced desks and seating areas by 6 feet in our classrooms, our cafeteria and our library. Our hallways have been striped to avoid close contact between students travelling in the hallways.

In order to enter the building you must:

1. Have a mask on
2. Be screened for a fever
3. Maintain social distancing upon entry

Currently, we are getting laptops out to new students. Our district is working on getting internet access to every family.

Remote platforms being used by our K-5 teachers are Google Meets, Google Classroom, Zoom and Facebook.



More Information: Look for Ram Round up via Youtube, Cuba Elementary Facebook, Cuba Independent Schools Facebook, Cuba Schools Twitter, Cuba Elementary Twitter and the Cuba Independent Schools Website.



Other Changes at Cuba Elementary

Besides 6' spacing, temperature screenings, and plexiglass we have made a few other changes.

We are pleased to introduce our new school counselor, Richard Lara. Ms. Victoria Dominguez will still be at Cuba Schools but she will be working as a Community Schools Director and Cuba Cares Manager. Mr. Lara is an experienced social worker and educator and felt called back to the education field.

Mrs. Isabel Jacquez is heading up our First Graders with Ms. Helen Garrett this year. These two lovely ladies have worked together with first graders in the past and are reunited again. Both are amazing teachers.

Mrs. Leslie Escobedo has joined us as a Second Grade teacher this year along with Mrs. Gigi Crespín. The two have a lot to offer our students this year.

Mrs. Stephanie Ortega has moved up to partner with Mrs. Robin Herrera to prepare our 5th graders for their transition to middle school. The duo have many skills and 5th graders will work with both of them during our remote learning environment.

Ms. Christina Jewell has joined Mrs. Judy Atencio with our Third graders. These two have grown up in the teaching profession together and present a strong front for our Third graders.

Mrs. Jewellyn Yazzie is a Ram through and through. With her husband working at the district and her children in each of Cuba's Schools she has a lot to offer our PreK team.

Last year we had some mid-year changes in staffing for open positions. You may have missed it but here are three elementary staff members that joined mid-year in 2019 and remained with us for the 2020-2021 school year.

Ms. Lorraine Skelton is returning to us as our Elementary and Middle School Art Teacher. She has many great ideas and the energy to pull them off!

Last year Mrs. Diana Suazo joined our 4th grade teacher Mrs. Martha Montoya and the two are paired up again.

Ms. Amy Romero joined us mid-year as the Elementary Principal and is back with us for the 2020-21 school year.

Our staff is masked up right now but we can't mask our excitement to teach your children! Go RAMS!

"The secret of change is to focus all your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." - Socrates



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