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A Note from the Director

Dear Parents,

March brings more sunlight and lots of wind for us to enjoy. It is a time of year where we feel the potential of the coming months of warmth and growth. This coming weekend, March 8, we will turn our clocks forward and enjoy more daylight.

Just like us adults, these changes can be hard for kiddos. To help everyone adjust, follow these simple tips and tricks.

- 1. Adjust your bed and wake up time 10-15 minutes later each day this week.
- 2. Keep a routine of calming activities before bedtime.
- 3. Minimize screen time at night (always a good idea!)
- 4. Keep your cool, breath deep for yourself and with your kids and know this too will pass.

All the best,
Directora Beth
bwylie@fuentenueva.org

Running Club takes its first steps in March Fuente Nueva's Running Club – Equipo de Correr – is finally here and ready for a flying start!

The club will be led by coach Pete Ciotti this semester - and Tuesday March 17^{th,} 3:00-4:00pm will be the first practice. After that, practices will be held the same time on Tuesdays and Thursdays, every week up until mid-May (with the exception of the days when there are meets).

In order for your student(s) to be part of the Running Club, you need to fill out a few forms. Ask the office staff and they will provide you with those!

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Fechas

3/2 Deadline for Enrollment Packets for new students enrolling in 20/21 school year.

3/9 New students with incomplete Enrollment Packets will be put last on the waitlist.

3/11 CenterArts field trip, K-5th grades. 9:30am at Arkley Center in Eureka.

3/11 FNCC meeting (Fuente Nueva Charter Council), 5:15pm in the staff lounge.

3/12 Parent University, Character Education, 5:30-6:30pm, room 2.

3/16-3/20 Parent teacher conferences, 1pm dismissal!

3/17 First Running Club practice, 3-4pm. Read more below.

3/21 Fiesta Ball in Leavey Hall, 6-9pm.

3/30-4/3 School Spirit Week

3/31 Cesar Chavez Day

3/31 AFN meeting (Amigos de Fuente Nueva), 5:30pm in the staff lounge.

Character Word

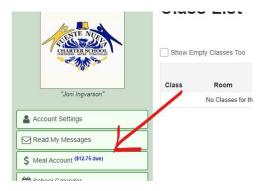
Each week we focus on a character trait which students are encouraged to practice throughout the week. On Friday mornings, teachers select a student who demonstrated the character word to earn an award at reunión.

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You can now pay for school lunches via the Parent Portal



Tired of messing around with checks and cash?
Your frustrated days might be over! New for this month is the ability to pay online for your children's school lunches, through the Parent Portal. Sign in to

the portal, click on "Meal Account" and from there you can set up payment, either via debit/credit card or your bank account. Please note that there is a small processing fee for credit and debit card. If you are more of the old school type, there is still the option to pay via cash or check to the office.

Please let the office staff know if you have any questions!

Hunter and birds inspire the arts classroom

We're setting our sights toward the return of longer days in the specials classroom. In the art studio, we completed our first still life painting project inspired by African-American artist Clementine Hunter. For the month of March, our artwork will focus on our annual Godwit Days projects.



Washday by Clementine Hunter.

In music class, we played around with basic music scales and chord building using our classroom set of instruments and will continue adding complexities to these exercises this month. We wrapped up our super fun unit on basketball, and now we're switching it up by focusing on non-traditional sport physical activities. We're in for a fun month! *Maestra Ortega – arts, music and P.E. teacher*



Character Award Winners

2/7/2020

Self-reliance/autosuficiencia

- K: Théodore
- 1: Maeve
- 2: Sasha
- 3: Coral M
- 4: Ryko
- 5: Gaelen

2/14/2020 Kindness/bondad

- K: Avery
- 1: Stella
- 2: Allison
- 3: Sai
- 4: Juan Diego
- 5: Izaiah

2/28/2020 Courtesy/cortesía

- K: Joshua
- 1: Róisín
- 2: Natan
- 3: Toben
- 4: Emma
- 5: Tasman

Spanish Award

Each week a student from each class is given a Spanish award at our Monday assembly called reunión.

The purpose of the award is to motivate and en courage students while they learn to read, write, listen and speak in Spanish.

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New intern at Fuente Nueva

Fuente Nueva has a new intern counselor. Her name is Isabel Boehms, and she wanted to write a few words to introduce herself to all you parents and guardians:



"Hello! My name is Isabel Boehms and I'm an intern counselor at Fuente Nueva. I'm nearly done with my first year as a graduate student in school counseling at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. I'm so excited to be at Fuente Nueva and am honored to meet all the wonderful students and amazing staff. I've

spent the past four years living and working in Vietnam and Thailand. It's great to be back in the U.S. to be close to my family and in the beautiful Humboldt area!"

New date for Parent University in March

The Parent University on Character Education scheduled at the end of January was postponed. The good news is that we have rescheduled the same workshop for Thursday March 12, 5:30-6:30pm.



The workshop will cover Character Education, something that Directora Beth and Maestra Monica teach the students every week. This is the opportunity to learn all about it!

We will automatically enroll the families that were already signed up for the event in January. If you would like to sign yourself up, you can do so in the front office. Free childcare is available by RSVP (a limited amount). Food is provided for all participants.



Spanish Award Winners

2/3/2020

- K: lan
- 1: Evanni
- 2: Alia
- 3: Paloma
- 4: India
- 5: Hazzard

2/10/2020

- K: Theo
- 1: Sarah
- 2: Sol
- 3: Gage
- 4: Sebastian J
- 5: Henri

2/25/2020

- K: Cayenne
- 1: Celilo
- 2: Annabelle
- 3: Pearl
- 4: Xochi
- 5: Odin



Attend and share the 10th annual Fiesta Ball event on <u>Facebook!</u>

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Amigos de Fuente Nueva

Fiesta Ball is coming up in March – and it's all hands on deck!





Los Dune Bums will play at Fiesta Ball this year!

Fiesta Ball is Saturday, March 21 and it's all hands on deck! We depend entirely on parent volunteers to make this event a success!

Here are ways you can help:

- 1. Volunteer We need help before, during, and after Fiesta Ball. Check out the sign ups at amigosAFN.org or the sandwich board in front of the office to sign up to help.
- Request donations for auction and raffle We still need items! Check out amigosAFN.org or the sandwich board in front of the office to sign up for a business.
- 3. Spread the word and attend the Facebook event Please let friends, family and community know about Fiesta Ball! Attend the <u>Facebook event</u>, invite your friends, and share the event.



Peruvian food is on the menu.

We are unable to offer childcare this year, so make any necessary arrangements now!

- Teacher and Staff Auction Items are out! Start planning now to ensure a winning bid!
- Ticket Drive Folders are due! Please bring in your folders,

whether you sold tickets or not. We will reuse folders and envelopes for our Fall Fundraiser. Tickets are still available online at AmigosAFN.org or at the door.

Amigos de Fuente Nueva (AFN) - Parent Teacher Organization

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Coronavirus Disease Response and Prevention

We have received some questions from parents and staff members about our preparedness and our ability to meet the needs of our students in light of the "community spread" case in Solano County.

We have acted quickly to strengthen our universal precautions and preventive actions, these include: stating and restating to students and staff the importance of washing hands with soap and water, and increasing consistent surface disinfectant and cleaning. Additionally, we ask that you consider supporting these efforts at home through these preventive actions:

- Stay home when sick
- Remain home until fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the use of feverreducing medicines
- Seek immediate medical care if symptoms become more severe, e.g. high fever or difficulty breaking.
- Cover cough and sneeze with a tissue or sleeve
- Provide adequate supplies within reach, including tissues and no-touch trash cans
- Encourage hand washing
- Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces
- Get a seasonal flu shot vaccine to prevent other flues, which are turning out to be intense

5th graders are in the teacher's chair for parent-teacher conferences

Did you know that 5th graders lead their final conference at Fuente Nueva?

While Maestra Naomi helps them review all of their work and identify their strengths and areas of growth, the 5th graders are in the teacher's chair during the conference and are in charge of sharing their progress and their report card.

This is a tough and very rewarding process that leaves parents feeling well informed and proud of the accomplishments of their soon-to-be Fuente Nueva graduates.

HSU Women's Rugby team battle Cal Poly San Luis Obispo



Come out and support HSU Women's Rugby team, led by Fuente Nueva's very own coach Maestra Catalina, when they play against Cal Polu San Luis Obispo on Saturday, March 14th at 11am. The game will be at the College Creek Field (the HSU soccer field).

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FNCC is diving into the charter renewal

This month FNCC, the charter council, will be approving our charter renewal so that we can submit it to the Arcata Elementary School District. This is a process that is completed every 5 years, this being our fourth charter petition. We use the guidance of a legal firm that specializes in charter law and are excited to have a solid petition for the district to consider.

We are also continuing work on our LCAP and will certify our second interim budget as cash positive.

New seasonal veggies are entering the school kitchen

With spring basically upon us comes the prospect of new seasonal veggies, like a variety of green leaves and radishes. We have enjoyed this winter in the kitchen trying to stay creative with novel recipes and ingredients, all with varying success ©

Of course, what makes it the most fun isn't necessarily what you're cooking, but for whom. And here we're lucky to have open-minded students and staff.

The kitchen staff

Wheel Week is coming up in extended care

Our last party in extended care was a success! The three-day event had three different themes. Day one: pizza, day two: bring your own electronic and day 3: movie day. We are currently working on another that will be a whole week of wheels. Wheel Week is when the kids bring their bikes, trikes, skateboards, roller skates, scooters, etcetera - to ride around the playground blacktop during aftercare.

Also, a reminder to parents that parent teacher conferences, March 16-20, means early dismissal at 1pm, and we offer care starting at early dismissal. Please sign up in room 7 or call in to reserve a spot. Space is limited and tends to fill up quickly during that week.

Maestro Josué, - extended care director



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