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A Note from the Director

Dear Families,

The week of the teacher has taken on an entirely new meaning this year. Now more than ever we are partnering as educators. Thank you for all your hard work to support your student to learn in this entirely new way for all of us. For the teachers' part, I have never seen them work harder. They hold themselves to such high standards and are high quality educators, who know how to make magic happen while students learn. I am so grateful to be by their side as we move forward.

As we approach the end of the school year, we are most certainly beginning to plan for next year. There are more questions than answers at this time, but we are going to put together a variety of plans so that we can be ready for whatever the local conditions allow. School will not look the same as we left it, but we will remake ourselves just like a phoenix (our mascot). It could not be more fitting than at this time in our evolution as a school.

With gratitude,
Directora Beth
bwylie@fuentenueva.org

Give the teachers some love on May 5th!



This Tuesday, May 5th, we celebrate National Teachers' Day!

Take a moment to show some appreciation and give some love to Fuente Nueva Charter School's amazing teachers, for all

the hard work and dedication they have put in this school year - in virtual as well as on campus classrooms.

4 de mayo 2020



Fechas

- 5/5** National Teachers' Day and Cinco de mayo.
- 5/5** First meeting for Fuente Nueva's new student newspaper El Fenix. 2:30-3:00pm on Zoom. 3rd-5th graders are welcome!
- 5/13** Fuente Nueva Charter Council (FNCC) meeting on Zoom, 5:15pm.
- 5/25** Memorial Day – no school!

Character Words

Each week we focus on a character trait which students are encouraged to practice throughout the week. These are the Character Words for the next weeks:

Character Words this month:

May 4 – Week 32

Flexibility/Flexibilidad

May 11 – Week 33

Perseverance/Perseverancia

May 18 – Week 34

Cooperation/Cooperación

May 25 – Week 35

Courage/Valor

June 1 – Week 36

Wisdom/Sabiduría



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Y más noticias

New student newspaper El Fénix - for 3rd-5th graders



Learn about journalism and how to write different kinds of articles, in our new student activity that starts on Tuesday May 5th! All 3rd-5th graders are welcome to join the “editorial staff” of Fuente Nueva's new student newspaper **El Fénix**.

The student paper meetings/classes will be held by Joni and Cristian, every Tuesday from 2:30-3:00pm on Zoom.

You can find the Zoom link in the 3rd-5th graders class schedules on [Fuente Nueva's website](#), under Distance Learning.

Want to check out El Fénix's website? [Look here](#).

A letter from our Kindergarten teacher Renee

We are excited to share this letter from our Kindergarten teacher Renee Marrero, who has decided that she will be staying with Fuente Nueva the next school year:

*“Dear Fuente Nueva School Family,
It is with a bubbly heart that I announce that I am going to stay at Fuente Nueva Charter School for years to come. It just was not in the cards to leave somehow, and after pushing and prodding the universe, we gave in and listened. My place is Fuente Nueva and our place is Humboldt. I apologize for any undue stress this has caused and I thank you all for your understanding. Looking forward to a bright future for Fuente Nueva Charter School.
Renee Marrero”*



Renee, Kindergarten teacher.

New schedule for Character Education

There have been some changes to the schedule when it comes to Character Education in Friday's, with Directora Beth and Maestra Monica. These are the new times, starting Friday May 8:

10:00am: **K and 1**

12:30pm: **2nd and 3rd**

1:30pm: **4th and 5th**

Y más noticias

4th graders are expressing their opinions in essays



Saving the rainforest is one of the essay topics.

4th graders are beginning to work on expressing their opinions in a persuasive essay on a topic of their choosing.

The topics are ranging from animal in shelters, the importance of recycling to saving the Amazon rainforest and eating healthy food – and much more!

All the topics are picked by the students themselves.

The show must go on - Reader's Theatre will happen this year!

Shelter in place can't stop the show - Fuente Nueva is doing Readers' Theater this year as well! The school will have its first ever Zoom production of **Wizard of Oz!**

Fourth and fifth graders will be hard at work practicing their lines and meeting in small groups to record their Zoom theater sessions. It is going to be a performance like no other.



Wizard of Oz is the theme of Reader's Theatre 2020 – on Zoom!

We can't wait to see you all for our performance on **June 5th!** Invite your friends! Invite your family! Don't forget to bring popcorn.

A word from our Tech Team

Our fantastic Tech Team (led by Deb from the office) wants everyone to know the following:

If you're having an issue, please contact tech@fuentenueva.org first, as the teachers are busy preparing for their classes, etcetera.

Also, when in doubt please reboot your device or refresh your browser window.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

A message from the Specials Classroom



Happy May from the Specials Classroom,

I am delighted to report many smiles, a few giggles and all kinds of silliness has been happening in our Zoom classroom.

We have come together to do lots of lunges and jumping jacks, to draw silly monsters and slime, and form a musical band of bouncing frogs and yetis. I applaud your student's and your families' efforts in summoning the courage to come to class, or to make the bold decision to step back for self-care.

Our once weekly Specials Zoom is designed to provide a low-pressure, engaging activity where every student has the opportunity to interact with their school community and speak some Spanish.

You are all warmly encouraged to attend Specials class on Tuesdays to engage and stretch your creative bones and muscles. And who knows...we might even make magic happen.

Maestra Ortega - arts, music and P.E. teacher

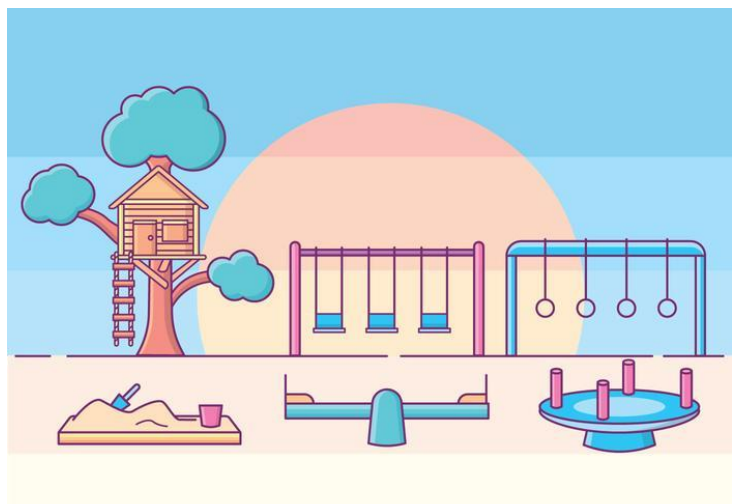
Students can come hang out at Zoom Recess

Students can no longer meet on campus or at the playground, but that doesn't mean they can't hang out with each other!

Recently the school started Fuente Nueva Zoom recess. It is a time for kids to connect informally with each other.

The conversation will be free-flowing and it is of course entirely optional. Just a time to connect! There will be a staff member present just like we had during recess and snack time at school.

The Zoom links are posted on our website under Distance Learning.



Students can meet on the Zoom "playground".

Financial assistance for families from Amigos de Fuente Nueva

We are grateful to have the opportunity to ask families what kind of support you may need at this time, beyond educational support.

Amigos de Fuente Nueva has offered to provide up to \$5,000 of financial assistance for families at Fuente Nueva.

The administrative team is putting together a survey that will launch as soon as possible. The survey will give families a chance to request assistance through this generous fund created by AFN.

P-EBT benefits coming soon in May 2020

Because schools are closed due to COVID-19, children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals can get up to \$365 in food benefits **in addition** to their pick up meals from the schools that serve school meals in Humboldt County.

These food benefits are called Pandemic EBT or P-EBT.



How will families get their P-EBT benefits?

Most families with children who applied for CalFresh or Medi-Cal benefits do not need to apply. They will get their P-EBT card in the mail during the month of May.

Families with children who are eligible for free and reduced priced-price meals and who do not get their P-EBT card in the mail by May 22nd 2020 must apply online before June 30, 2020.

Where can families apply?

Families should look out for a message from the school about how to apply in mid to late May.

Please note that students still can pick up to-go meals if they have P-EBT benefits.

More information to come.

Source: California Department of Education.