

## **Fuente Nueva Charter School**

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### A Note from the Director

Dear Parents,

Each new year of school brings opportunities for us to grow and learn together. As we begin our fifteenth year as a charter school, I can't help but to reflect on just how much we have grown and learned together over the years. We started with 24 K-2 students and have grown to now have 132 TK-5th graders! The program is strong at building student's abilities in Spanish, as each year of graduates are more proficient than the last. As a community, we have built this place together. I look forward to seeing all the possibilities that this year brings.

Directora Beth

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### **School Picture Day**

Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> is School Picture Day. Students may dress up in their finest attire - or come just as they are! Forms for ordering school pictures will be sent home this week.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Day Packets**

All Fuente families have received a 1<sup>st</sup> day packet with information. Please return the forms to our front office by this Friday September 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much!

### **Exciting field trips in September!**

Field trips are an important part of learning about our community and discovering new things. In September we have two exciting field trips (see Fechas at the right corner top of this page). More information to come.



### **Fechas**

**9/11** FNCC Meeting, 5:15pm

**9/12** Back to School Night, 5:30-7:30pm

**9/13** School Picture Day

**9/20** Eureka Downtown Field Trip, 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**9/24** Pumpkin Patch Field Trip, all grades

**9/24** AFN Meeting, 5:30pm

### **Character Word Awards**

Each week we focus on a character trait which students are encouraged to practice throughout the week. On Fridays, teachers select a student who demonstrated the character word to earn an award at reunión. All students will earn this award at some point in the year. You are encouraged to join us by extending the character studies beyond the school day. The first 3 weeks we introduce our "Golden Rules":

- I take care of myself
- I take care of others
- I take care of this place.

After that, we study 7 main traits which educators believe are directly tied to life-long success. The traits are:

- Zest
- Grit
- Gratitude
- Curiosity
- Optimism
- Self-Control
- Social Intelligence

## Y más noticias

### Back to School Night

Please join us for Back to School Night on Thursday, September 12 at 5:30pm. We will begin in Leavey Hall where we plan to share information on exciting happenings at Fuente Nueva.

This is a great time to get important information, so you can engage in your child's school community.

Next, parents will visit both the regular classroom and the English library. There will be information booths on our Disaster and Safety planning, AFN and more. This event is for parents, so we do offer limited child care to our students with advance notice. Sign-ups are available in the main office and the Extended Day room. Younger siblings are welcome to stay with parents as needed.

### Art, Music and Physical Education Program

Vibrant things are happening in Room 8. I am delighted to teach the specials program which offers weekly art, music, and PE classes for all Fuente Nueva students.

We have already begun exploring changes and procedures in the specials room, and are laying groundwork for this new academic year. Over the course of the next several months, we will begin working towards our Winter Concert performance, which will be offered in December.

You can find me on campus five days a week; Monday in the library, Tuesday through Thursday in the specials classroom, and Fridays in first grade. Along with the students, you are welcome to call me Maestra Ortega as I am using my mother's family name in an effort to minimize the multiple Maestra Naomi confusion.

Stay tuned for more updates from the art/music/PE room as the year unfolds, and be sure to stop by on Back to School Night to take a look at our art studio and gallery wall!

-Maestra Ortega



### Character Word Award Winners

8/30/19

**Respect for Myself/Respeto por sí mismo**

K: Zoi  
1: Sophia  
2: Owen  
3: Pearl  
4: Fisher  
5: Andy

### 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 encourage students while they learn to read, write, listen and speak in Spanish. As with the Character Award, every student will receive this award throughout the year.

9/3/19

**Spanish Award Winners**

K: Avery  
1: Roísín  
2: Yamilet  
3: Wes  
4: Mariah  
5: Izaiah

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### A word from our Counselor

Hello Parents/Guardians,

My name is Monica Rivera and I have the pleasure of being the School Counselor at Fuente Nueva this year. I am really enjoying working with your students and the year is off to a great start!! One of my goals is to provide helpful resources for parents/guardians in the newsletters. The website link below is chock full of excellent basics for starting the school year strong, including Back-to-School Advice and Checklists, Easing the Transition, Tech Tips, and Parent Involvement. Browse through it at your pleasure:

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/back-to-school-resources-parents>

### Take a Book, Leave a Book

Outside of our office we have a large book shelf set up for book sharing. Both parents and students can bring gently used books that need a new home and leave them on the shelf. At the same time, the books are available for students and parents to take home. The book shelf is full, so come grab a few books to take home!

### The kitchen is off to a great start!

With seasonal fruits and vegetables abound we have been enjoying making tasty and nutritious meals. As always, the lunches are full of local and organic ingredients. We're so lucky to live in a community with access to great food at affordable prices.

We're always looking for new meal ideas for the lunch program, so if anybody out there wants to volunteer their time or family recipes, especially for "viajes culinarios" at the end of the month, let us know! You can reach us at [abrown@fuentenueva.org](mailto:abrown@fuentenueva.org)

Thanks seasons greetings,

Albert, kitchen manager and Steve, kitchen aide

## Reunión

On Mondays and Fridays at 8:40am, the entire school comes together for what we call reunión.

- Parents are welcome to join us by pulling up a chair or sitting at the end of the class lines.
- At reunión, we set the tone for the week together. Mondays are in Spanish and Fridays are in English. We learn Spanish, sing songs, learn about character and more.
- Please feel free to join us for these precious moments we spend together as a school community.

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### Amigos de Fuente Nueva (Parent Teacher Organization)

Bienvenidos to the 2019-20 school year from Amigos de Fuente Nueva (AFN)! AFN is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit parent-teacher organization that helps to support the mission of Fuente Nueva. AFN coordinates all of the fundraising and hospitality efforts for our school.

Money raised through AFN supports cultural events, field trips, our school garden and lunch program, playground equipment, technology for the classrooms and much more.

If you'd like to know more or want to get involved, visit [www.amigosAFN.org](http://www.amigosAFN.org), contact us at [amigos@fuentenueva.org](mailto:amigos@fuentenueva.org), sign up to volunteer at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4BA5AC28AAF94-parent> or join us at our next meeting happening on Tuesday September 24th at 5:30pm in the staff lounge.

#### Cafe Fuente

Cafe Fuente happens most Friday mornings outside the front office. This is a time to share a warm drink or a treat with the Fuente Nueva community. Classes take turns hosting, and funds raised go towards that class's 4th and 5th grade capstone field trips. AFN also contributes \$200 per class, per year to these funds. 5th grade is hosting for September and October.

Below are the funds raised last year, the end of year balance from last school year and the balance at the beginning of this school year, for each class.

<b>Grad Year - Grade</b>	<b>2018-19 Cafe Fuente Earnings</b>	<b>2018-19 End of Year Balance</b>	<b>2019-20 Starting Balance*</b>
Class 2020 - 5th	\$698.54	\$1,072.00	\$1,272.00
Class 2021 - 4th	\$461.65	\$1,563.66	\$1,763.66
Class 2022 - 3rd	\$628.61	\$1,599.25	\$1,799.25
Class 2023 - 2nd	\$537.57	\$937.57	\$1,137.57
Class 2024 - 1st	**	\$200	\$400
Class 2025 - Kinder	-	-	\$200

\*AFN Contributes \$200 to every class at the beginning of each school year

\*\* Classes do not host Cafe Fuente until first grade