

Fuente Nueva Charter School

1730 Janes Road, Arcata 95521

www.humboldt.k12.ca.us/fuentenueva

Telephone: 707-822-3348 Email: info@fuentenueva.org

A Note from the Director

Dear Families,

These past few months have brought more learning opportunities than I could have imagined. For me personally, the stress of living through a pandemic has stretched into every area of my life. From my family and personal interests to my work, COVID-19 has made a big impact. My story is not different from anyone else's, we have all experienced some type of change since March.

Why do I talk about change now? Because there are two things about change that I am certain of: change is hard, change is constant. Most of us accept that change is constant, but the pace of change has been really hard on most of us. Now is a time to reflect on that change and be compassionate with ourselves and others as many challenges are regularly being faced by all of us.

This week's character word is "Respect for Others." I ask for all of us to show respect by knowing that kids, parents, grandparents, caregivers and educators are working hard to make the most out of this unique moment in time. With this gift of showing respect through compassion we can grow stronger and build resilience for what is yet to come.

Wishing you all the best,
Directora Beth

Every Friday is pick up and drop off day

Fuente Nueva is asking all families to come to the school on Fridays, 11:30am-5:30pm.



Bring the plastic bin of your student(s), including any materials and forms from last week. Please do not return Chromebooks, crayons, or Clever Badges. Thank you!



Fechas

Every Tuesday Tech Support for Parents, 6-7pm on Zoom.

9/3 Coffee with Directora Beth, 8:00-8:45am on Zoom.

9/4 Deadline for 1st day packets on our [Parent Portal](#). Please fill out the information for your family as well as for your student(s).

9/7 Labor Day – no school

9/9 FNCC meeting (Fuente Nueva Charter Council), 5:15pm on Zoom.

9/15 AFN Welcome and Orientation Meeting (Amigos de Fuente Nueva), 5:30pm on Zoom.

Character Word

Each week we focus on a character trait which students are encouraged to practice.

Week 1 – Aug 25

Respect for myself

Respeto por sí mismo

Week 2 – Aug 31

Respect for others

Respeto por otros

Week 3 – Sept 8

Respect for this place

Respeto por este lugar

Week 4 – Sept 14

Respect for the language

Respeto por el lenguaje



Y más noticias

Deadline for 1st day packet is coming up



Fill out the forms on our Parent Portal.

This year - for the first time – parents and guardians will fill out the forms from the First Day Packet online.

Fill out the forms through Fuente Nueva's very own [Parent Portal](#).

To fill out the forms, click on "Online Registration" at the bottom left hand. Please fill out the information at the latest this Friday, September 4th.

We have noticed that some parents and guardians have only partly filled out the forms. Please make sure that you fill out the forms for all your children (should you have several). There is one family part and one part for the individual student(s). ¡Muchas gracias!

Our Tech Team is at your service!

Tech problems? tech@fuentenueva.org is here to help!

Chromebooks: If you are experiencing Chromebook problems or log on issues, please be patient with the laptops. Sometimes they might require a moment or two to fully load the app, site or video. If you are having internet connectivity issues, please try restarting your router/modem, this can also help improve your general internet speed.

Clever Badges: If the badge gets lost, or damaged - no worries! Just let tech know and we'll get you another one.

Parent Portal: Contact us regarding online registration issues, lunch account/payment issues.

Tech support night: Every Tuesday night on Zoom, 6-7pm. See the weekly email from the office for Zoom link.



Character Word cont'd

Week 5: Sept 21

Social intelligence

Inteligencia social

Week 6: Sept 28

Zest

Ánimo

No Excuse Word

Each week the students will receive a new word or phrase that the teachers have agreed is an important part of the language - a word or phrase that there is no excuse for not knowing!

Week 1: Aug 25

Buenos días/buenas

tardes/buenas noches

Week 2 – Aug 31

Necesito.../Ayúdame

Week 3 – Sept 8

Por favor, gracias, de nada

Week 4 – Sept 14

¿Quién?

Week 5 – Sept 21

Hola/adios

Week 6 – Sept 28

¿Cómo te llamas?

Y más noticias

Arts, music and PE on the Specials webpage

Bienvenidos de nuevo! Welcome back to school, Fuente Nueva.

For our first month of online learning, Specials class will be taught asynchronously. This means your students will not be joining me live on Zoom for instruction in art, music, or PE. However, this doesn't mean there aren't fun activities and assignments for them to engage in and complete. These assignments can be found by navigating from your grade class teacher's homepage, to access the Specials webpage.

I'm looking forward to the school year and to see your students engaging in the arts!

Maestra Ortega – Arts, Music and PE teacher



Social Media



She may teach Kinder, but this is something for all of us. Take a look at [Maestra Marreos' Youtube Video](#) to parents.

Grab and go lunches are handed out daily

Fuente Nueva is still serving lunches – even though they currently are handed out as grab and go meals.



For now, you can order lunches last minute, by calling or emailing the office, anytime up until 8:30am the day of.

You can also order lunches [via this form](#).

The grab and go lunches are prepared by the Arcata School District, and handed out at

Fuente Nueva every school day, 11:15am-12:00pm.

The full price for a lunch is \$4.25. The reduced price is 40 cents, and some students will get the lunches for free. For more information about the Free and Reduced priced meals, see page 7 in this newsletter.



Check out [our website!](#)



Like us [on Facebook!](#)

Y más noticias

Amigos de Fuente Nueva

AFN is looking at fundraising in a virtual world – and need you! **Bienvenidos to the 2020-21 school year from Amigos de Fuente Nueva (AFN)!**

AFN is the parent-teacher organization that helps to support the mission of Fuente Nueva. For years, AFN has coordinated all the fundraising and hospitality efforts for our school. We have funded cultural events, field trips, our school garden and custom lunch program, playground equipment, technology for the classrooms and much more.

This year we are looking at fundraising in a mostly virtual world, and we need your help now more than ever! Come share your ideas and skills or develop new ones with us.

AFN is a great way to connect with our community AND we need members!

Do you want to make stronger connections at

Fuente? Do you want to help Fuente become an even better and safer educational and

social experience for all our students? Volunteering with AFN won't just benefit your child, their schoolmates and the community; it will also benefit you! Join our team and be rewarded with the knowledge that you are lifting up everyone's experience at Fuente Nueva! We have a variety of volunteer opportunities, big and small, throughout the year, so please contact us and let us know how you can help!

AFN is also looking for a Secretary and Treasurer to join our Board.

If you are interested in learning more about what these roles entail, visit www.amigosAFN.org for a closer look and then join us at our AFN Welcome and Orientation Meeting happening on Tuesday, September 15th at 5:30pm via Zoom (Zoom info to come)! Or email us at amigos@fuentenueva.org.

Amigos de Fuente Nueva (AFN) – Parent Teacher Organization



AFN has funded playground equipment, among other things.



AFN is looking for a secretary and a treasurer to join the board.

Our School Counselor: “Strengths of distance learning”

I am so glad to be working with all of you as we begin this school year. Educating our children through distance learning has been a challenge for all of us. First and foremost, this new system depends heavily on technology.

Through my experiences working with students, parents and staff beginning in March of last year, through Zoom, Skype, Facetime, emails, text, etc., I have been very impressed by the resilience, adaptability, innovation, and determination of the Fuente Nueva community in adjusting to this new format of learning. As a counselor, I am trained to look for the strengths and assets of those facing challenges.

I would like to share my observations of what I have seen as strengths and assets of distance learning:



Quieter students can more easily join in the discussion.

- The students' command of technology is growing by leaps and bounds, definitely outdistancing many adults. These skills can only serve them well in their futures in navigating day to day life as well as higher education.
- The students' can use their tablets or laptops not only to find homework instructions, read e-books, share important information with their teachers, create and work on independent projects, research topics that interest them, and connect with subject experts. I have reviewed the websites of

the Fuente Nueva teachers and there is a wealth of information, resources, and activities on them.

- Distance learning helps create a personalized learning experience, ensuring that, through a differentiated approach, all students can access information at their own pace and in a way that is best suited to their learning needs. Students can also join the teachers' office hours to get more 1 on 1 attention.
- Distance learning gives students the flexibility to complete coursework and assignments from home or other remote locations, and on their own time.
- Because the classroom and teacher interaction take place online, quieter students can more easily join in the discussion.
- Online learning allows students to concentrate on their studies during classes and then socialize with their friends outside of the learning environment.

Although most of us look forward to getting students back in the classroom, meanwhile, online learners can take advantage of a number of distinctive benefits that come with an online education.

Monica Rivera – School Counselor

Y más noticias

Curious about the Fuente Nueva Charter Council?

The Charter Council acts as the school's Board of Directors. Each officer is elected for a 3-year term in May of each school year.

Last spring, we did not have anyone interested in joining the council. At this time, we would like to put out the call for any further interest in serving on the council. We fortunately have received interest from one parent.



If there may be other parents interested, please submit a letter of interest to info@fuentenueva.org by Friday 9/4 at noon, to be considered by the council at the 9/9/20 FNCC meeting. If there is more than one candidate, the council will consider each applicant and choose the one that in their opinion is the best fit.

This month the council will finalize our intention to either come back to campus with a hybrid learning model or to continue with distance learning.

Additionally, we will be holding a public hearing for the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan that per the state, must be adopted by the end of September. We also will be looking at our Illness and Injury Prevention Policy which has a required addendum due to COVID-19 related concerns.

All are welcome to join the FNCC meeting on 9/9/20 at 5:15pm. Please find the Zoom link on our website and in the weekly emails from Joni.

Come to Coffee with the Director

Have questions, thoughts, or ideas you want to share with Directora Beth?



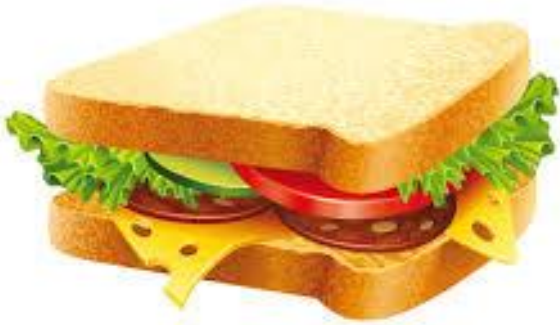
Have any input for the charter council to consider but you can't make it to the upcoming meeting 9/9? Have input into our Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan that will be adopted by the end of September?

Join Directora Beth with Bethany Rizzardi, our Charter Council President, for some coffee over Zoom. Check your weekly email from the office for the Zoom link.

Next Coffee with the director is this Thursday 9/3, 8:00-8:45am.

Free and Reduced Meals – how does it work?

Students who qualify for Free and Reduced Priced Meals will have the opportunity to get school lunches from Fuente Nueva for free, or to a reduced price (40 cents).



The school is currently serving grab and go lunches. See details on page 3.

Who is qualified?

Automatically approved: Some students are automatically approved and will receive a letter from the school. These families do not need to submit a form.

Qualification based on household income: Families can also be qualified [based on their household income](#). If you think that you are qualified, please submit an application to the school (see details below).

30 days grace period for those who were qualified in June:

Please note that families who were qualified at the end of last school year will remain on the free and reduced lunch program for the first 30 school days, regardless of their status now.

How to submit your application:

You can hand in your application in any of the following ways:

1. Fill out the form on [our Parent Portal](#) (please note that you must choose the option NO if you indeed want to fill out the form)
2. Fill out the form (see email called Free and Reduced Lunch Program) and email it to info@fuentenueva.org
3. Fill out the form (see email called Free and Reduced Lunch Program) and mail it to the school
4. Fill out the form (see email called Free and Reduced Lunch Program) and return it during pick up/drop off on Fridays

If you do not believe that you qualify - please do not apply!

Only families whose household income falls [at or below the federal Income Eligibility Guidelines](#) are qualified. Please do not submit a form if you do not believe that you are qualified!

Important info: On our Parent Portal you actually have to choose YES if you do not want to fill out the form. We apologize for the confusion. If you filled out the form incorrectly, we would very much appreciate it if you could go back and edit the form. Thank you so much in advance!

The school is handing out fresh produce – reach out to donate



Fresh vegetables were handed out this Monday at Fuente Nueva.

This week we sent home a bag of vegetables to every family who ordered a school meal.

The goal is to offer this service once a week, based on the generous donations received from families, as well as gleanings from local farmers.

If you have access to fresh produce or other food items that you would like to donate to the cause, please reach out to us at info@fuentenueva.org

Kindergarten: “So nice team-teaching with 1st grade!”

In TK/K we are learning how to mute and unmute our microphones. It feels good to me to let them do it on their own. I told one boy, "Ok it's time to mute your microphone", in a sing-song voice. And he responded, "but I don't want to, I want to talk". It will be nice when we divide into smaller groups then they can talk more. It's so nice team-teaching with Maestra Anna! Together, it is so much relaxing and fun. We're off to a great start!

Maestra Marrero, Kindergarten teacher



5th grade: “It is a steep learning curve as we are all new at this”

It was wonderful to see each and every 5th grader on the first day of school! It is a steep learning curve as we are all new at this, and I enjoyed seeing their smiling faces.

I would much rather have a loud classroom than a silent zoom room and am really looking forward to reopening the school safely.

Maestra Grogan-Hurlich, 5th grade teacher