

Fuente Nueva Charter School

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A Note from the Director

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year at Fuente Nueva. We are thrilled to have new floors in place in the classrooms, with the hall floors coming this month. As we gather together again, I am reminded that at the heart of Fuente, we are a community. The feel on the campus during our first week was filled with joy and excitement to be back with one another. This is a true gift and is a trait that makes Fuente Nueva special. Thank you to each of you who helps to create this inclusive and forgiving environment where we can grow and learn together.

Directora Beth

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Upgrades to the Floor in Leavey Hall

We are very pleased with the new floors in the classrooms. The process was smooth and we are excited that the floors in Leavey Hall are next. On September 19th, the safe removal of the asbestos tiles will commence. The process will take seven days total. The installation process will begin once the air quality tests are received. We are estimating that the entire process will be complete by 10/6. No school operations will be interrupted during this time. Activities that normally occur in the hall will be held in an alternate location. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Directora Beth. She has close contact with the contractors and can answer your questions regarding the process.



Fechas

9/4 Labor Day, No School

9/13 Fuente Nueva Charter Council Meeting 5:15

9/14 Back to School Night 5:30

9/15 Picture Day

9/26 Amigos de Fuente Nueva Meeting 5:30

Character Words

Each week we focus on a character trait. Students are given opportunities to learn how to practice that trait. At the end of the week, teachers select a student who demonstrated the character word to earn an award. All students will earn this award throughout the year. Students receive a certificate at our Friday assembly called *reunión*. Parents 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, others and this place. After that, we study 7 main traits. The rest of the words throughout the year are examples of these 7 traits.

1. Zest
2. Grit
3. Gratitude
4. Curiosity
5. Optimism
6. Self-Control
7. Social Intelligence

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Back to School Night

Please join us for Back to School Night on Thursday, September 14 at 5:30pm. We will begin in the 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. The art and music room will be open, 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 for those who sign up in advance. Younger siblings are welcome to stay with parents as appropriate!

Take a Book, Leave a Book

Outside of our office we have a large book shelf set up for book sharing. The vision is that both parents and students can bring gently used quality books that need a new home and leave them in the shelf. At the same time, all the books there are available for students and parents to take. You will be welcome to bring the books back when you are done with them, but there will not be a check out system. Help us get going by bringing a few books to share. Thanks so much!

Extended Day Program

If you have not done so already, please sign and return a child care contract ASAP. Late fees and No-Notice charges will apply on Tues 9/05. Gold papers are for committed care, please fill out schedule for care on the back. For Drop in only, please fill out the white form. Bills will be put out the first week of October and will include charges for August and September; they will be filed in the black and blue baskets in a folder with your child's name. Any questions or comments, feel free to email me at jvega@fuentenueva.org or call at ext 238. Forms say 237, but that is a typo. If you are unsure if you have an unpaid balance from last year, please check with Josue so your first bill is not a surprise.



Spanish Award Winners

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.

Reunión

On Monday and Friday 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 reunion, 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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Visiting on Campus

Please sign in the main office if you are visiting on the campus during the school day. If you are picking up or dropping off a student during *normal* times, no check-in is required. If you are picking up your student early, please come to the main office to check them out. Adult bathrooms are in the foyer of the hall and student bathrooms are in the south wing.

Emergency and Disaster Planning

Being prepared for a natural disaster or emergency is a top priority for our school. We have a disaster plan that is updated annually and all staff receive training at least once a year. Our teachers are CPR and First Aide certified and each staff member is given a survey to ensure we know about special skills that may help in the event of an emergency. We hold monthly drills to ensure that we are practiced for a variety of events. One thing that parents can do to help us prepare is to ensure that your child's emergency contacts include someone in the school community who could pick up your child. When an event occurs, schools are trained to get students off campus and into the safety of a home. We keep a list of all the emergency contacts of each student so that we can accomplish this as quickly as possible. Consider who is on that list carefully and have a plan to reunite with your children. Stop by our table on Back to School Night to learn more about our emergency and disaster planning. Interested in joining a team to help review the plan? Contact Directora Beth.

School Lunch Ordering

Greetings from the Fuente Kitchen! Thank you for the positive feedback last spring on our lunch program. We cook healthy and scrumptious meals from scratch that use as much organic, grass-fed and locally produced ingredients as possible. We've developed a few new entrées, reached out to more farmers for direct purchasing, and will now mark on the menus 'GF' to indicate gluten free days. We will still offer monthly order forms as our preferred method of receiving your lunch orders in advance, but will also accept lunch orders on a daily basis. Please reserve ordering on *the day of* for those mornings when you have a special circumstance arise. Feedback throughout the year is welcome, and we especially love parent collaboration for our end-of-the month 'Viajes Culinarios' meals when kids get to try out the traditional dishes of a featured country. Come to Back to School Night to find ways that you can volunteer at our school through the lunch program! Thank you, ~Danielle and Albert

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Campus Beautification Team

We have hallway flower beds and planters that desperately need a little love. Parents are always looking for creative ways to get involved and this could be just right for you. If you are inspired to increase the beauty at our school, like to tinker in the dirt and enjoy watching a space transform with a little love, please contact Directora Beth to learn more.

Fuente Nueva Charter Council (FNCC, our School Board)

We are recruiting a parent volunteer to serve on our LCAP leadership team. The LCAP is essentially our strategic plan and it influences all aspects of Fuente Nueva's program. The team will meet once a month for 90 minutes. The purpose of the team is to monitor our progress and help make suggestions for improving/refining our plan. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest to Beth Wylie at bwylie@fuentenueva.org or by dropping it off in the main office. The FNCC is also working on revising our School Wellness Policy and getting our agendas, minutes and policies on our website. Our meetings are open to all of you to attend and are listed on our annual calendar.

Amigos de Fuente Nueva (Parent Teacher Organization)

Bienvenidos to the 2017-18 school year from Amigos de Fuente Nueva (AFN)! AFN provides parents with ways to help our school, including supporting our community events and raising money to fund enrichment experiences for our kids. Money raised through AFN supports cultural events and field trips, our school garden and lunch program, playground equipment, technology for the classrooms and much more. The majority of our funds are raised from the annual Fiesta Ball, which is held in the late Winter/early Spring.

Here's how you can help – sign up during Back to School Night or contact Kim Bonine at kimbonine@mindspring.com!

- Join the Fiesta Ball committee and be a part of this fantastic event!
- Sign up to be your AFN Classroom Representative. The primary role of the Classroom Rep is to communicate with parents via email on an occasional basis, so this is a great option for parents wanting to help outside of normal work hours.
- Join our hospitality committee to help with serving food and drinks during various school events throughout the year. This is a fun way to interact with other families at the school.
- Join the AFN team and participate in monthly AFN meetings. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 26th from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the school library. We invite anyone interested in getting involved with AFN to attend.