

Dear Nicasio Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended our movie night last Saturday evening. I hope you enjoyed the sweet movie, delicious food, shaved ice and most of all the time together as a school community. BIG thank you to our organizers and master chefs... Brett & Meghan Martino, Teale Thompson, Alex Blakey, Laura & Ivan Skapik, Matt Picket & Stephanie Bodnar, Moira Kuhn (and my sincere apologies if I left anyone out). It takes a village to put together these events and I am grateful to the Foundation members who dedicate their time and talents!



Also thank you to all who attended my Principal's Chat on Wednesday. I always enjoy this opportunity to get caught up with parents and share the latest school information. I provided an update on the upcoming parcel tax all-mailed ballot election on May 7th, as well as information about Parent Survey results (included in this week's Cougar Tracks) and our Open House/Talent Show on April 4th. Our next Principal's Chat will be Wednesday, April 17th at 8:30 am in the MPR.



Spring has sprung here in Nicasio and Coach Keli has asked me to remind families to be sure children dress appropriately for PE on Mondays and Thursdays. PE occurs after lunch and as the days warm up, it is a good idea for students to dress in layers. Also, please remember to wear appropriate footwear!

The Bookmobile returns next Thursday morning (March 28th). Please help gather those Marin County Free Library books and return them to the box in the Main Office anytime.

Finally, save the date for our Open House on Thursday, April 4th from 6-7 pm. All families are invited to visit classrooms from 6-6:30 pm, followed by a special talent show in the MPR from 6:30-7 pm.

Have a great weekend,

Barbara





Reminders

- Mar 16: Movie Night, 7:00 pm MPR
- April 4: OPEN HOUSE and TALENT SHOW, 6:00 pm MPR
- April 5: Early Release, 1:30 – NO SHUTTLE
- April 8 – 12: Spring Recess, NO SCHOOL
- April 26: Early Release, 1:30 – NO SHUTTLE

Recordatorios

- Mar 16: Noche de Pelicula 7:00 pm MPR
- April 4: CAS ABIERTA y MUESTRA de TALENTO, 6 pm, MPR
- April 5: 1:30 Salida temprana NO HAY TRANSPORTE al CC SG
- April 8 – 12: Receso de Primavera, NO HAY ESCUELA
- April 26: 1:30 Salida temprana NO HAY TRANSPORTE al CC SG



Spring Movie Night
March 16, 2024





Nicasio School

OPEN HOUSE

FOR FAMILIES

PLEASE JOIN US

Thursday April 4, 6:00 pm

in celebrating our students' academic endeavors and accomplishments under the guidance of our outstanding team of educators! Parents, come tour the campus with your students!

- ♦ *Campus Tours:*
 - ♦ **Classrooms** *Visit all classrooms to view student work!*
 - ♦ **Specialist Programs**
 - ♦ **Library**

PLUS!

- ♦ *Talent Show!!*
 - ♦ **Nicasio School**
 - ♦ **All Grades**
 - 6:30pm MPR



eBlast: Breakfast orders

1 message

Beth Wolf <office@nicasioschool.org>

Wed, Mar 20, 2024 at 1:07 PM

To: All School Families TK-8 <allfamilies@nicasioschool.org>

Nicasio School E-Blast

Dear Families,

Our breakfast routine is changing and will no longer be self-serve. I will bag the breakfasts to be sure that each student receives a complete and balanced meal. ***Students will need to take the whole pre-ordered breakfast every morning so that we can be reimbursed.***

We now provide supervision in the library from 8:00 am and encourage you to bring your student by 8:20 if you want them to have time to eat breakfast. However, please note that any student who reaches the breakfast cart by the first bell will not be marked tardy.

Please confirm whether you want your student to remain on our breakfast list by sending a reply email, note or phone call to the office.

Thank you,
Beth Wolf
District Secretary
415-662-2184

Estimadas Familias,

Nuestra rutina para el desayuno está cambiando y no se llevará a cabo con autoservicio. El desayuno será entregado en un paquete para asegurar que cada estudiante recibe una comida completa y balanceada. ***Su estudiante deberá tomar cada mañana el desayuno completo ya embolsado para que el Distrito pueda recibir el reembolso correspondiente.***

Ahora estamos proporcionando supervisión en la biblioteca desde las 8:00 am y los invitamos a que traigan a su estudiante a mas tardar a las 8:20am para que tenga tiempo de comer su desayuno. También, considere que cualquier estudiante que llegue al carro de desayuno cuando la campana suene, no será maracado como retardo.

Favor de confirmar que usted quiere que su estudiante permanezca en la lista de desayuno respondiendo via correo electrónico, una nota o llamando a la oficina.

Gracias,
Beth Wolf
Secretaria Distrito
415-662-2184



Nicasio School Kindergarten Registration – Fall 2024

Nicasio School District is announcing Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2 school year. Children eligible for Kindergarten registration must be **5 years old on or before September 1, 2024** and reside within the boundaries of the Nicasio School District. A child is eligible for public school Transitional Kindergarten if he/she will turn **five years old between September 2, 2024 – June 2, 2025**.

Registration packets can be picked up from Nicasio School, 5555 Nicasio Valley Road, Nicasio. Please call the office to schedule packet pickup: (415) 662-2184. Registration materials can also be downloaded from the school website: www.nicasioschool.org. For more information, call (415) 662-2184.



la Escuela Nicasio Registro a Jardín de Niños - Otoño 2024

El Distrito Escolar Nicasio anuncia el inicio para el registro a Jardín de Niños para el ciclo escolar 2024-25. Los niños elegibles para su registro deben tener **5 años cumplidos antes de o el día 1 de Septiembre, 2024** y ser residentes dentro de los límites del Distrito Escolar Nicasio. Un niño(a) es elegible para Jardín de Niños en Transición en escuela pública si tiene cinco años entre el 2 de Septiembre del 2024 y el 2 de Junio del 2025.

Los paquetes de Registro pueden recogerse en la Escuela Nicasio, 5555 Nicasio Valley Road, Nicasio. Favor de llamar a la oficina escolar y hacer una cita para recoger su paquete: (415) 662-2184.

Los materiales para el registro también pueden ser adquiridos en la página de Internet de la escuela: www.nicasioschool.org. Para mayor información, call (415) 662-2184.

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January 9, 2024

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Nicasio School Board Establishes Application Period for Interdistrict Transfer Requests into Nicasio School District for 2024-25

Beginning February 1, 2024 requests from non-resident students for interdistrict transfer (IDT) for the 2024-25 school year may be submitted to Nicasio School District. IDT Requests will be processed in accordance with school board policy and administrative regulations (BP/AR 5117). Requests received on or before May 5, 2024, will be considered by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting held in June, 2024.

IDT requests from non-resident students received after May 5, 2024 will be processed and considered at a subsequent Board meeting.

As provided by Education Code section 46600.2(a)(5)(B), notice of the Governing Board's decision on IDT requests for the 2023-24 school year will be given as soon as possible, but no later than 14 calendar days after the commencement of instruction.

Parent and Caregiver Series

February-March



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Tuesday
February 20
3:00-4:30pm

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention **More Than Sad for Parents and Guardians**

This program teaches parents and caregivers how to recognize signs of depression and other mental health problems, initiate a conversation about mental health with their child, and get help.

Thursday
March 14
6:00-7:30pm

Navigating Youth Substance Use, featuring David Sheff

Hear from a panel of experts regarding the current state of youth substance use in Marin.

The panel includes NYT Bestselling Author, David Sheff along with a medical expert, a school representative, a local coalition, a local organization, and a local youth.

Hybrid event (in-person and virtual).

Thursday
March 21
6:00-7:30pm

Social Media and Healthy Tech Use within the LGBTQ+ Youth Community

Join Tasha Colin, LGBTQ+ Affirmative Therapist and Presenter to discuss Social Media and Healthy Tech Use in the LGBTQ+ Community.

Thursday
March 28
6:00-7:30pm

Navigating the Dangers and Opportunities of Adolescent Risk Taking

Join Dr. Aran Watson to deepen your understanding of adolescent development and risk-taking and strategies for protecting adolescents from harm while encouraging their unique strengths.



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West Marin YMCA Program Offerings in 2024-2025

JOIN US IN SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL

In Partnership with the Shoreline School District the YMCA will be offering free care for ELOP families during Spring Break Camp, Summer Camp, and Afterschool for the 2024-2025 school year. Scan the QR code and fill out the survey to indicate interest for your child(ren) to attend any or all of the upcoming programs we will be offering.

West Marin YMCA Programs

- Spring Break Camp: April 8th-12th
*Program and transportation operation based on interest / enrollment
- Summer Camp: July 1st-August 2nd
- 2024-2025 Afterschool Program

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
APPLY!**

WE'LL CONFIRM REGISTRATION VIA
EMAIL



West Marin YMCA, Room 8
11550 Highway 1 Point Reyes Station, CA 94956
(510)697-2921





Rancho Compasión

SUMMER CAMP

- ♥ *Gardening & Cooking*
- ♥ *Animal Enrichment*
- ♥ *Games & Performances*
- ♥ *Arts & Crafts*
- ♥ *Connect with Nature*

JUNE 17-21

JULY 8-12

JULY 22-26

AUGUST 12-16

NICASIO, CA



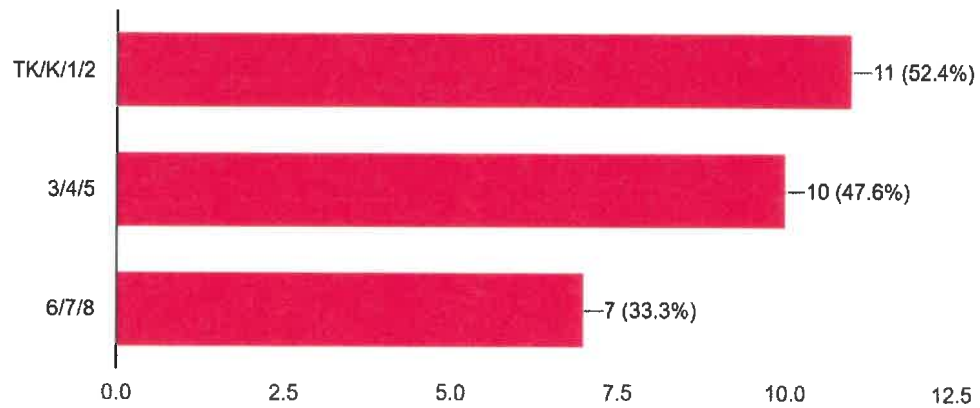
FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER:
WWW.RANCHOCOMPASION.ORG/CAMPS
CONTACT US:
EDUCATION@RANCHOCOMPASION.ORG

Nicasio School Parent Survey Results, February 2024

The following is a summary of the Parent Survey Results, which represents 21 of 26 total households (81% response rate). This includes 3 Spanish language surveys.

In what grade level classroom is your child currently enrolled? Please check all that apply.

21 responses



PART 1, SCHOOL CLIMATE

Our School.....	Strongly Agree/ Agree	Strongly Disagree/ Disagree	Don't Know
1. promotes academic success for all students	100% (21)	--	--
2. treats students with respect	100% (21)	--	--
3. clearly communicates and enforces rules for students	91% (19)	--	--
4. gives students opportunities to make a difference by helping others	95% (20)	--	5% (1)
5. keeps me well-informed about school activities	100% (21)	--	--
6. is a supportive and inviting place for students to learn	95% (20)	5% (1)	--
7. allows input and welcomes parents' contributions	100% (21)	--	--

8. values and respects all cultures, beliefs, and backgrounds	95% (20)	--	--
Our School.....	Strongly Agree/ Agree	Strongly Disagree/ Disagree	Don't Know
9. gives my child opportunities to participate in classroom activities	100% (21)	--	--
10. is a safe place for my child	100% (21)	--	--
11. promptly responds to my phone calls, messages, or emails	100% (21)	--	--
12. encourages me to be an active partner with the school in educating my child	100% (21)	--	--
13. actively seeks input of parents before making important decisions	95% (20)	5% (1)	--
14. has clean and well-maintained facilities	100% (21)	--	--
15. provides high quality instruction to my child	100% (21)	--	--
16. motivates students to learn	95% (20)	--	--
17. has teachers who go out of their way to help students	100% (21)	--	--
18. has adults who really care about students	100% (21)	--	--
19. has high expectations for all students	95% (20)	--	5% (1)
20. helps students resolve conflicts with one another	86% (18)	9% (2)	5% (1)

PART 2, PARENT COMMUNICATION

	Strongly Agree/ Agree	Strongly Disagree/ Disagree	Don't Know
1. Teachers communicate with parents about what students are expected to learn.	100% (21)	--	--
2. Parents feel welcome to participate at school.	100% (21)	--	--
3. School staff treats parents with respect.	100% (21)	--	--
4. School staff take parent concerns seriously	100% (21)	--	--
5. School staff is helpful to parents	100% (21)	--	--

How well has Nicasio School been doing the following this school year?	Well	Not Very Well/ Not at All	Don't Know/NA
1. Communicating between report cards	95% (20)	5% (1)	--
2. Sharing information about how to help your child with homework	72% (15)	14% (3)	14% (3)
3. Communicating information about community events and opportunities	90% (19)	5% (1)	5% (1)
4. Providing information about the school board	90% (19)	5% (1)	5% (1)
5. Providing information about the Foundation and Parent Club	86% (18)	9% (2)	5% (1)

PART 3, PARENT PARTICIPATION

During this school year, has any adult in your household...	Yes	No
1. Attended a general meeting BTSN, Open House	91% (19)	9% (2)
2. Attended a Nicasio School Board Meeting	38% (8)	57% (12)
3. Attended a Nicasio District PTA or Foundation Meeting	38% (8)	62% (13)
4. Attended a Parent Teacher Conference	91% (19)	9% (2)
5. Participated in fundraising at school	76% (16)	24% (5)

Parent comments regarding school climate and school-to-home communications (9)

Comments included positive feedback about the overall climate at Nicasio School, including a focus on academics as well as encouraging students to work well together. School and teacher newsletters were applauded as being informative and timely. Comments about communication included increasing regular communication about how a child is progressing in his/her learning between report cards, including how parents can support. Also, one respondent requested a comment period regarding the annual calendar.

Parent comments, questions or ideas regarding the new universal meals program (6)

Comments were very positive, especially in comparison with previous lunch offerings. Several comments expressed gratitude. One respondent requested less sugar and less fat in meals.

Parent comments regarding Nicasio School Foundation and Parent Club (2)

Comments included gratitude to those in leadership roles and the desire for more parents to join.

Parent comments regarding school facilities (2)

Comments included a positive rating of facilities and a suggestion to purchase a generator for use during power outages to maintain a regular school schedule.

Final parent comments (6)

Comments included gratitude to staff as well as a suggestion for increased training in restorative practices and a request for the return of Spanish as a specialist offering.