



Reminders:

- Nov. 1-8: **Día de los Muertos Altar in the Office** (Everyone is welcome to visit and contribute photos of departed loved ones to this special exhibit)
- Nov. 4-21: **Food Drive** (Benefitting San Geronimo Valley Community Center)
- Nov. 7: **Board Meeting 5pm Library**
- Nov. 11: **SCHOOL CLOSED ~ Veterans Day Holiday**
- Nov. 14: **Principal's Chat 8:20am Library**
- Nov. 15: **Early Dismissal 1:30pm - All Grades K-8**
- Nov. 25-29: **SCHOOL CLOSED ~ Thanksgiving Holiday & Recess**
- Dec 2.-Jan. 17: **Coat Drive** (Benefitting One Warm Coat)
- Dec. 4-6: **Early (12pm NOON) Dismissal Gr. K-8 and Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- Dec. 19: **Holiday Craft Faire**
- Dec. 19: **Winter Holiday Program**
- Dec. 20: **Pajama Day – Spirit Day!**
- Dec. 20: **Early (12pm NOON) Dismissal Gr. K-8**

Recordatorios:

- Nov. 1-8: **Exhibición Día de los Muertos en la Oficina** (Todos están invitados a visitar la oficina y contribuir con fotos de sus seres amados en esta exhibición especial)
- Nov. 4-21: **Colecta de Comida** (A Beneficio de San Geronimo Valley Community Center)
- Nov. 7: **Reunión de la Mesa Directiva 5pm Biblioteca**
- Nov. 11: **ESCUELA CERRADA ~ Día de los Veteranos**
- Nov. 14: **Pláticas con la Directora 8:20am Biblioteca**
- Nov. 15: **Salida Temprana 1:30pm - Todos los Grados K-8**
- Nov. 25-29: **ESCUELA CERRADA ~ Receso y Festividades del Día de Gracias**
- Dic 2.-Enero 17: **Colecta de Abrigo** (A Beneficio de One Warm Coat)
- Dic. 4-6: **NOON Dismissal Gr. K-8 and Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- Dic. 19: **Feria de Manualidades**
- Dic. 19: **Programa Festivo de Invierno**
- Dic. 20: **Día de Pajama!**
- Dic. 20: **Salida Temprana (12p MEDIODÍA) Todos los Grados (K-8)**

November 7, 2019

Dear Nicasio Families,

Thank you for your participation in yesterday's Emergency Student Release drill. It was a valuable opportunity for us all to practice our roles during an event that would require students leave school prior to the end of the school day. Please know that your children's safety is very important to our staff. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with you and practice our procedures and protocols.



Our first year participating in Project Gratitude was a success! Yesterday I delivered three large bags full of donated Halloween candy, which will be included in care packages for troops overseas. Student council would also like to remind you that tomorrow (Friday) is our next spirit day... Patriot's Day (in honor of Veteran's Day). Please remind your child dress in red/white/blue or another creative way to show love for our nation.

This month our Student Council has organized a food drive for the San Geronimo Valley Community Center. Please donate **nonperishable** Thanksgiving side dishes (canned corn, canned beans, cranberry sauce, stuffing) to your child's classroom **by Thursday, November 21st**. Thank you for practicing our November life skill, *gratitude*, and helping to make someone's Thanksgiving a little brighter!

At our staff meeting yesterday, classroom teachers and support staff received training in a program called Signs of Suicide. It is a sad and difficult truth that teen suicide is on the rise in our nation and in Marin County. **Next Tuesday (November 12th)** is the first of two opportunities for parents to learn more about suicide prevention through a workshop offered by the Marin County Office of Education. Please see the flyer included in this week's Cougar Tracks to learn more.

Please join me **next Thursday (November 14th)** for our next Principal's Chat. We will meet at 8:20 am in the library and discuss the upcoming Winter Holiday Program & Dinner as well as the Holiday Craft Faire. Please stop by for coffee, treats and good company!

Finally, a friendly reminder that **school will be closed next Monday, November 11th**, in honor of Veteran's Day. I hope you enjoy the long weekend!

All the best,

Barbara





Nicasio School District

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Board of Trustees

Michelle Rutledge, *Board President* ~ Elaine Doss, *Trustee* ~ Mark Burton, *Trustee*

AGENDA

Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 2019 5pm

Nicasio School Library, 5555 Nicasio Valley Road, California

OPEN SESSION

1. **Call to Order** (*Michelle Rutledge – Board President*)
 - a. Patriotic Moment
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Trustee/Superintendent Announcements (*Trustees and Nancy Neu, Interim Superintendent*)
 - d. Principal Announcements (*Barbara Snekkevik, Principal*)
2. **Approval and Adoption of Agenda** (*Board President Rutledge*)
3. **Public Comment**

Public Comment is only for items not on the agenda. No formal action will be taken. Board members or district staff may, but are not obligated to, briefly respond to statements made or question posed by the public about items not appearing on the agenda. Designated amount of time to address the Board is limited to three minutes per individual. Concerns about individual employees shall not be discussed in public at school board meetings. Please contact the superintendent with specific concerns.
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Minutes: October 10, 2019 (*Interim Supt. Neu*)
 - b. Ratify Warrants Paid: October, 2019 (*CBO Bonardi*)
 - c. IDT New Request Into NSD for 2019-20 (*Interim Supt. Neu*)
5. **Action**
 - a. Report on Parcel Tax Expenditures (*CBO Bonardi*) Discussion
 - b. Overnight Field Trip Proposals Grades 3/4/5 and 6/7/8 (*Principal Snekkevik*) Discussion/Action
 - c. Approve Adoption of English Language Arts Curriculum (Grades 6-8) StudySync, published by McGraw-Hill School Education (c) (*Principal Snekkevik*) Discussion/Action
6. **Correspondence**
 - a. Re: 2018-19 Unaudited Actuals Review, Kate Lane, Assistant Superintendent, MCOE, Oct. 17, 2019
7. **Conclusion**
 - a. Agenda items for upcoming Board Agenda
 - b. Adjournment

If you need assistance to access the Board meeting room or to otherwise participate at the meeting, please submit a written request to Nicasio School District Superintendent at P.O. Box 711, Nicasio, CA 94946 or office@nicasioschool.org. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will better enable the District to make reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

SPIRIT DAY.... PATRIOT'S DAY!

- Friday, November 8th
- Wear red, white and blue
- Dress in a way that shows support to our troops





TALK SAVES LIVES™

A Brief Introduction to Suicide Prevention

Suicide can be prevented. This presentation will cover what we know about this leading cause of death, the most up-to-date research on prevention, and what we can all do to fight suicide.

Participants will learn the common risk factors for suicide, how to spot the warning signs in others, and how to keep ourselves, our loved ones and those in our community safe.

Dates & Times

Nov. 12th 3:30 - 4:30pm (Register [Here](#))

OR

Rescheduled Date:

Nov. 18th 9:00 - 10:00am (Register [Here](#))

Location

Marin County Office of Education 1111
Las Gallinas Ave
San Rafael, CA 94903

For Questions Contact

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Prevention



WILDFIRE EVACUATION CHECKLIST

If evacuation is anticipated and time allows, follow this checklist to give your family and home the best chance of survival. Complete the Family Communication Plan on the opposite side for each family member and keep in your "Go Kit(s)."

ALERT MARIN: Register for emergency notifications at www.alertmarin.org to receive evacuation notices by email, phone, or text. Evacuation notices sent through Alert Marin will use the following terminology:



EVACUATION ORDER

Leave now! Evacuate immediately, do not delay to gather valuables or prepare your home. Follow any directions given in the evacuation order.

EVACUATION WARNING

Evacuate as soon as possible. A short delay to gather your Go Kit and prepare your home (see below) may be ok. Leave if you feel unsafe.

SHELTER IN PLACE

Stay in your current location or the safest nearby building or unburnable area. May be required when evacuation is impossible, too dangerous, or unnecessary.

ON YOUR PERSON

- ☐ Dress all family members in long sleeves and long pants - heavy cotton or wool is preferable no matter how hot it is.
- ☐ Wear leather gloves, head, and eye protection - full coverage goggles are best.
- ☐ Cover your face with a dry bandanna or (cotton or wool) scarf over an N95 respirator.
- ☐ Carry a headlamp and flashlight (even during the day), cell phone, and spare battery.
- ☐ Carry car keys, wallet, and ID on your person.
- ☐ Drink lots of water and stay hydrated.
- ☐ Put your "Go Kit" in your vehicle.

PETS & ANIMALS

- ☐ Locate your pets and place in carriers NOW. You will not be able to catch them when the fire approaches.
- ☐ Be sure your pets wear tags and microchips.
- ☐ Place carriers (with your pets in them) near the front door, with fresh water and extra food.
- ☐ Prepare horses and large animals for transport and consider moving them to a safe location early, before evacuation is ordered.

INSIDE THE HOUSE

- ☐ Shut all windows and doors (interior too) and leave them unlocked.
- ☐ Remove combustible window shades and lightweight curtains; close metal shutters.
- ☐ Move furniture to the center of the room, away from windows.
- ☐ Shut off gas at the meter or propane tank; turn off pilot lights.
- ☐ Leave indoor and outdoor lights on for firefighters.
- ☐ Shut off air conditioning and house fans.

OUTSIDE & IN NEIGHBORHOOD

- ☐ Gather up combustible items outside the house (patio furniture, children's toys, door mats, trash cans, etc) and place in garage or move them at least 30' from structures (optionally: place in your pool).
- ☐ Close propane tank valves. Move small tanks away from structures.
- ☐ Connect garden hoses to outside water valves or spigots for use by firefighters. Attach squeeze-grip nozzles if you have them.

- ☐ Fill water buckets and place them around the outside of house, especially near decks and fences. Don't leave sprinklers on or water running - they are ineffective and can reduce critical water pressure for the entire neighborhood.
- ☐ Hosing your roof down is dangerous and ineffective. Clean your gutters and blow leaves away from house instead (only if time allows).
- ☐ Back your car into the driveway so it is facing out, with vehicle loaded and all doors and windows closed.
- ☐ Unlock and prop open fence and side gates.
- ☐ Place ladder(s) at the corner(s) of structures for firefighters.
- ☐ Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or metal covers.
- ☐ Patrol your property and monitor the fire situation.
- ☐ Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel threatened.
- ☐ Check on or call neighbors and make sure they are aware and preparing to leave.
- ☐ Assist elderly or disabled neighbors.
- ☐ Carpool to reduce traffic when evacuating!

WILDFIRE & EMERGENCY "GO KIT"

Put together an emergency supply kit in advance and keep it easily accessible. Plan to be away from your home for an extended period of time. Each person should have their own Go Kit. Backpacks work great for storing these items.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bandana, N95 respirator, goggles, leather gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of important docs (birth certificates, passports, insurance policies, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottles and food | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet food and water, leashes, pet supplies and medications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Map marked with two evacuation routes (if possible) | <input type="checkbox"/> Spare chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription medications | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitation supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra set of car keys, credit cards, cash | Items to take only if time allows: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Easily carried valuables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight and headlamp with spare batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Family photos and other irreplaceable items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battery-powered radio and extra batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal computer and digital information backups on hard drives and/or disks |



Family Emergency Communication Plan

Write your family's name above

Family Emergency Communication Plan

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Home #:

Address:

Name: Mobile #:

Other # or social media: Email:

Important medical or other information:

Name: Mobile #:

Other # or social media: Email:

Important medical or other information:

Name: Mobile #:

Other # or social media: Email:

Important medical or other information:

Name: Mobile #:

Other # or social media: Email:

Important medical or other information:

SCHOOL, CHILDCARE, CAREGIVER, AND WORKPLACE EMERGENCY PLANS

Name:

Address:

Emergency/Hotline #: Website:

Emergency Plan/Pick-Up:

Name:

Address:

Emergency/Hotline #: Website:

Emergency Plan/Pick-Up:

Name:

Address:

Emergency/Hotline #: Website:

Emergency Plan/Pick-Up:

Name:

Address:

Emergency/Hotline #: Website:

Emergency Plan/Pick-Up:

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (ICE) CONTACT

Name: Mobile #:

Home #: Email:

Address:

OUT-OF-TOWN CONTACT

Name: Mobile #:

Home #: Email:

Address:

EMERGENCY MEETING PLACES

Indoor:

Instructions:

Neighborhood:

Instructions:

Out-of-Neighborhood:

Address:

Instructions:

Out-of-Town:

Address:

Instructions:

IMPORTANT NUMBERS OR INFORMATION

Police: Dial 911 or #:

Fire: Dial 911 or #:

Poison Control: #:

Doctor: #:

Doctor: #:

Pediatrician: #:

Dentist: #:

Medical Insurance: #:

Policy #:

Medical Insurance: #:

Policy #:

Hospital/Clinic: #:

Pharmacy: #:

Homeowner/Rental Insurance: #:

Policy #:

Flood Insurance: #:

Policy #:

Veterinarian: #:

Kennel: #:

Electric Company: #:

Gas Company: #:

Water Company: #:

Alternate/Accessible Transportation: #:

Other:



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Emergency Communication Systems

School Messenger

Nicasio School uses an emergency communication system, School Messenger, to communicate with families in the event of an emergency. This system allows communication via phone call, email, and text message. We will conduct our annual test of this system in October. Please be sure your contact information is up to date in the main office.

Alert Marin

Alert Marin is an emergency communication system from the Marin County Sheriff's Office. Follow this link to register for alerts:

<https://www.marinsheriff.org/services/emergency-services/alert-marin>

Nixle

Nixle is an emergency communication system for residents of an area (determined by zip code) that will immediately notify users during emergency incidents. To register, visit:

<http://www.nixle.com/>

Twitter

Follow organizations such as Marin County Sheriff (@MarinSheriff), CHP Marin (@CHPMarin), and The West Marin Feed (@WestMarinFeed) for up-to-date information during an emergency.