



Reminders:

- Feb. 4: Gr. K-5 Assembly - “AquaSMART” Water Safety Presentation Library 9:30am
- Feb 5: Assembly Library 1:30pm
- Feb. 6: Board Meeting Library 5pm
- Feb. 7: Spirit Day! Dress in sports attire
- Feb. 17-21: SCHOOL CLOSED Mid-Winter Recess
- Feb. 25-26: Gr. 3-5 Overnight Field Trip - Slide Ranch
- Feb. 28: Gr. 6-8 Field Trip - Peer Summit Dominican University
- Mar. 5: Board Meeting Library 5pm
- Mar. 6: Early Dismissal Gr. 1-8 1:30pm
- Mar. 9: NO CLASSES: Professional Development Day
- Mar. 12: Principal’s Chat Library 8:20am
- Mar. 19: Gr 3-5 Field Trip Farm Day
- Mar. 19: BINGO Night! MPR
- Mar. 25: Gr. 6-8 Field Trip Sonoma County Parks

Recordatorios:

- Feb. 4: Gr. K-5 Asamblea - “AquaSMART” Presentación sobre seguridad del agua Biblioteca 9:30am
- Feb. 5: Asamblea Escolar Biblioteca 1:30pm
- Feb. 6: Reunión de la Mesa Directiva Biblioteca 5pm
- Feb. 7: ¡Día de Espíritu Escolar! Viste en ropa deportiva
- Feb. 17-21: ESCUELA CERRADA - Receso a mediados de invierno
- Feb. 25-26: Gr. 3-5 Excursión pasando la noche - Slide Ranch
- Feb. 28: Gr. 6-8 Excursión - Cumbre de pares Dominican University
- Mar. 5: Reunión de la Mesa Directiva Biblioteca 5pm
- Mar. 6: Salida Temprana Gr. 1-8 1:30pm
- Mar. 9: NO HAY CLASES ~ Día de Desarrollo Profesional
- Mar. 12: Pláticas con la Directora Biblioteca 8:20am
- Mar 19: Gr. 3-5 Excursión Farm Day
- Mar 19: Noche de BINGO! MPR
- Mar 25: Gr. 6-8 Excursión Sonoma County Parks

Dear Nicasio Families,

January 23, 2020



This week I have a challenge for you... can you pick out your student's self-portrait (for grades 3-8)? If you have not had a chance to see the beautiful display in the Main Office, please stop by. Thank you, Ms. Janis, and the Nicasio School Foundation for bringing a rich and vibrant visual arts program to our students!

On a similar note, do you believe that Nicasio School provides a high-quality, balanced educational experience to our students? Do you wish to maintain all the wonderful programs and opportunities we offer? Then I hope you will consider joining the Nicasio School Foundation board! Our wonderful NSF President, Kristin Kuzma, is hoping to "pass the baton" to another fearless leader (or co-leaders). If you are interested, please contact Kristin or visit the Main Office.

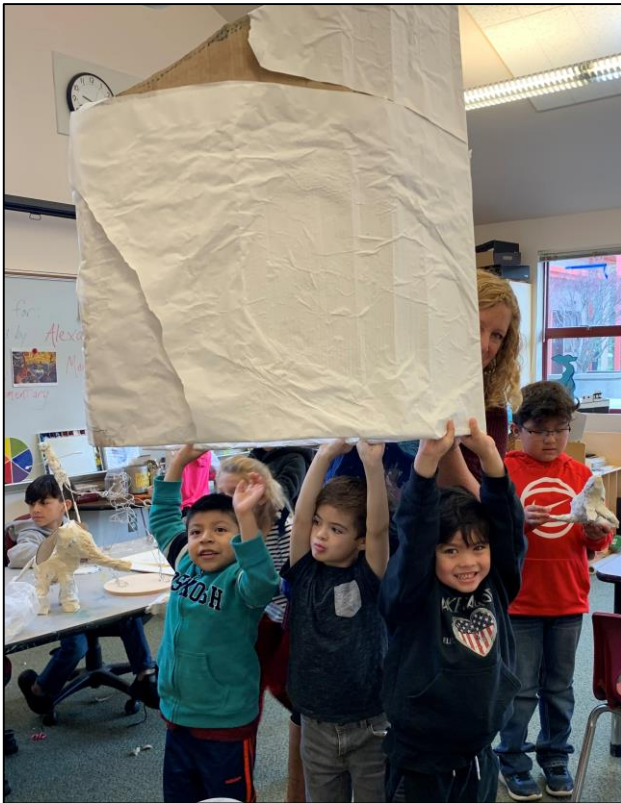
It is hard to believe we are halfway through the school year. Last Friday marked the mid-point of the second trimester. As a reminder, progress reports will be sent home this week *only* for students who are not currently meeting grade-level expectation in one or more subject areas.

Finally, save the date for our next community event, Bingo Night, on March 19th. After a few years off, we are reviving a fun Nicasio School tradition. Mark your calendars now and click [here](#) to volunteer!

All the best,

Barbara





Kindergarten Registration – Fall 2020

Nicasio School District is announcing kindergarten registration for the 2020-21 school year. Children eligible for registration must be **5 years old on or before September 1, 2020** and reside within the boundaries of the Nicasio School District.

Transitional kindergarten for the 2020-21 academic year is available to children residing within Nicasio School District boundaries who will turn **5 years of age on or between September 2, 2020 and December 2, 2020**. Transitional kindergarten is a two-year program. Upon completion of the two-year transitional kindergarten program, students are promoted to first grade.

Registration packets can be picked up from Nicasio School, 5555 Nicasio Valley Road, Nicasio 94946. Registration materials can also be downloaded from the school website: www.nicasioschool.org. For more information, call 662-2184.

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Registro a Jardín de Niños - Otoño 2020

El Distrito Escolar Nicasio anuncia la apertura del registro a Jardín de Niños para el ciclo escolar 2020-21. Los niños elegibles para su registro deben tener **5 años cumplidos antes de o el día 1 de septiembre, 2020** y ser residentes dentro de los límites del Distrito Escolar Nicasio.

Jardín de Niños en Transición para el ciclo escolar 2019-20 está disponible para los niños que tengan su residencia dentro de los límites del Distrito Escolar Nicasio y que cumplan los **5 años de edad desde el 2 de septiembre, 2020 y hasta el 2 de diciembre, 2020**. Jardín de Niños en Transición es un programa de dos años. Al completar 2 años en el programa de Jardín de Niños en Transición, son promovidos a primer grado.

Los paquetes de Registro pueden ser adquiridos en la Escuela Nicasio, 5555 Nicasio Valley Road, Nicasio 94946

Los materiales de Registro también pueden ser adquiridos en la página de Internet de la escuela: www.nicasioschool.org. Para mayor información, call 662-2184.

Nicasio School Board Establishes Application Period and Enrollment Capacity for Interdistrict Transfer Requests into Nicasio School District for 2020-21

Beginning February 3, 2020, requests from non-resident students for interdistrict transfer (IDT) for the 2020-21 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 1, 2020, will be considered by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting held in June, 2020.

IDT requests from non-resident students received after May 1, 2020 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 2020-21 school year will be given as soon as possible, but no later than 14 calendar days after the commencement of instruction.

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La Mesa Directiva de la Escuela Nicasio Establece el Periodo de Aplicación y la Capacidad de Registro para Solicitudes de Transferencia Interdistrital al Distrito Escolar Nicasio para el Ciclo Escolar 2020-21

Iniciando el 3 de febrero, 2020, las solicitudes de estudiantes no residentes para transferencia interdistrital (IDT) para el ciclo escolar 2020-21 debe ser entregada en el Distrito Escolar Nicasio. Las solicitudes serán procesadas de acuerdo a la política de la mesa directiva y las regulaciones administrativas (BP/AR 5117). Las solicitudes recibidas el o antes del 1 de mayo, 2020, serán consideradas por la Mesa Directiva en la reunión regular del mes de junio, 2020.

Las solicitudes IDT de estudiantes no residentes recibidas después del 1 de mayo, 2020 serán procesadas y consideradas en una reunión posterior de la Mesa Directiva.

De acuerdo al Código de Educación sección 46600.2(a)(5)(B), la notificación de la decisión de la Mesa de Gobierno de las solicitudes IDT para el ciclo escolar 2020-21 se dará tan pronto como sea posible, y hasta 14 días calendario después del inicio de instrucción.

Hello Nicasio Families,

1. 8th Grade Pages
2. calling all families to contribute photos

1. 8th grade pages! For 8th Grade families

- It's Yearbook Time! As many of you know all 8th graders will get their own page in the yearbook. I will talk to Mrs. Kristy and set up a quick meeting with them to talk about their page and show them some samples. **It would be helpful if you and your child would look for photos (pages in the past included pictures from babyhood to 8th grade that best describe them).** If you need help scanning in older photos please bring them school and I will scan them in. Ideally the kids have their photos selected and saved on a CD or USB drive, the page should be finished by late January/early February. Traditionally the kids created their page on their own on a computer and then saved them on a usb drive and I uploaded them. Please be assured that you can contact me anytime if you have any questions.

2. I am asking for your help gathering a wide range of photos of the kids in action at school and on field trips this year.

- There are 3 ways you can get me the images that you take:
 - 1) The easiest way is to upload them directly to our online Yearbook site. It's so simple!
 - Go to hjeshare.com
 - Enter the school code, which is: **nicasio**
 - Enter your info
 - Select images you want to share
 - Enter image info
 - Upload! You can upload up to 10 images at a time.
 - 2) If you find that you just cannot use this site, please email your images to imeckfessel@mac.com or text select few images to 415 5188 8050
 - 3) If those methods don't work, you can hand me a CD or thumb drive with your images (or leave them in the office and Mikki will get them to me).

Lucienne Meckfessel,
Yearbook Coordinator

Dear Nicasio School Family and Friends,

We are reaching out in the hope that you can help shower some much needed kindness and support upon our beloved custodian, **Tony Baca**. Tragically, Tony and his wife Lisa experienced a catastrophic fire in their Petaluma home on Christmas Day. While Tony, Lisa and their animals are all safe, they suffered the loss of **all** their possessions and have been displaced from their badly damaged home.

We are now collecting financial donations in the main office for Tony and Lisa. A GoFundMe account has also been established on their behalf: https://www.gofundme.com/f/gnft6z-my-parents-house-caught-on-fire?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=sms&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

If you are interested in contributing, any amount would be appreciated. Tony has been a dedicated member of our school community for over 15 years and loves the students, families and staff of Nicasio School.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Estimados Familias y Amigos de la Escuela Nicasio,

Estamos contactándolos con la esperanza de que ustedes puedan ayudar con la mucha bondad y apoyo que se necesita para nuestro querido custodio, Tony Baca.

Trágicamente, Tony y su esposa Lisa vivieron un incendio catastrófico en su casa en Petaluma el día de Navidad. Mientras que Tony, Lisa y sus mascotas se encuentran a salvo, ellos perdieron **todas** sus posesiones y tuvieron que salir de su casa dañada en gran escala.

Nosotros estamos colectando donaciones económicas en la oficina escolar para Tony y Lisa. También se ha establecido una cuenta en *GoFundMe* a su nombre:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/gnft6z-my-parents-house-caught-on-fire?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=sms&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

Si Ustedes están interesados en contribuir, cualquier cantidad será apreciada. Tony ha sido un miembro dedicado en nuestra comunidad escolar por mas de 15 años y ama a los estudiantes, las familias y al personal de la Escuela Nicasio.

¡por su generosidad y apoyo!



SYNOPSIS

The Deconstructing Race Project Presents A Point Made Films Production I'm Not Racist...Am I?

POINT MADE FILMS PRESENTS "I'M NOT RACIST...AM I?" WRITTEN BY VASHAWN S. GANDHOBI DIRECTED BY RUSSELL E. SANTOS EDITOR DAVID LEE
 PRODUCED BY ANDRE ROBERT LEE DAVID ALPERT PRODUCED BY CATHERINE WISGINTON GREENE
 notracistmovie.com



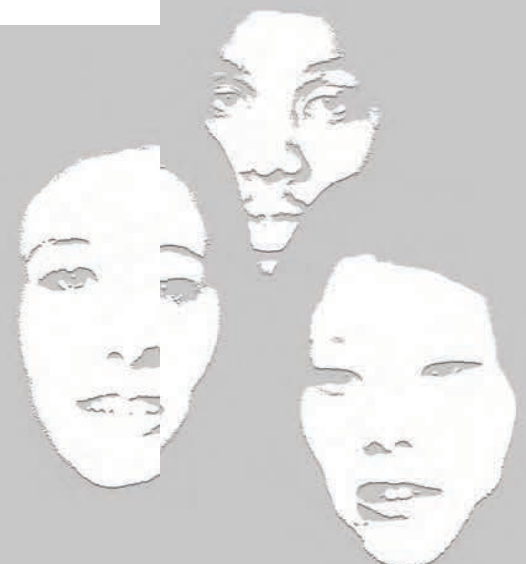
Marin County 2020 Screenings

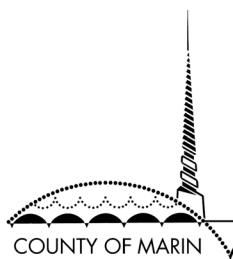
February 11, 2020
 Mill Valley Community Center

April 21, 2020
 Dominican University
 Guzman Hall

*Film to start at 6:30 pm
 Doors open at 6 pm for refreshments*

I'm Not Racist... Am I? is a feature documentary following a diverse group of teens through a yearlong exploration to get at the heart of racism. Through some tense and painful moments, we see how these difficult conversations affect their relationships with friends and parents, and ultimately challenge them to look deep within themselves.





DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.



January 22, 2020
Fentanyl Overdose Risk Health Alert

Dear Parents:

This letter is to inform you about the increased availability of fentanyl as an ongoing threat to public health and safety. In 2019, there were 13 fentanyl-related overdose deaths in Marin County, more than all prior years combined. Similar increases are being seen regionally.

Fentanyl is an opioid drug that is 80 to 100 times more potent than morphine and 40 to 50 times more potent than heroin. Some fentanyl overdoses occur among people who are aware that they are using fentanyl. However, an increasing number of fentanyl overdoses occur among persons using other substances, including cocaine, methamphetamine and counterfeit pills resembling Percocet, Xanax and others.

Overdose victims may have been unaware of the emergence of fentanyl-laced compounds in the Bay Area drug supply and of the powerful potency of fentanyl. In Marin County, most people who died from fentanyl overdoses had ingested multiple substances. Alcohol, cannabis, stimulants and other sedatives are commonly found in toxicology reports related to fentanyl overdose.



Counterfeit Percocet containing fentanyl

How You Can Help

1. Talk with your children and alert them to the current risk. Remind them to only take pharmaceutical pills prescribed by their physician, and only take them as directed. Do not share or sell medicines and do not buy medications not prescribed to them. When in doubt about a pharmaceutical, reach out and ask your doctor.

Benita McLarin, FACHE
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marinhhs.org/public-health

2. If you think a loved one is experiencing challenges with substance misuse and abuse contact the 24/7 Mental Health and Substance Use Access and Assessment Hotline (888-818-1115). Additional resources in different languages can be found at www.MarinHHS.org/Substance-Use-Services.

3. Clean out your medicine cabinet regularly. Dispose of unused and expired medications at one of Marin County's safe disposal locations. Visit www.RxSafeMarin.org to find a location near you.

4. If you're concerned someone in your life may be at risk for an opioid overdose, carry the overdose reversal medication naloxone (Narcan). Narcan is available without a physician prescription at most pharmacies in Marin. In the next couple of months RxSafe Marin will be hosting free community naloxone trainings. Email RxSafeMarin@gmail.com for training updates.

Thank you for joining us to protect our community.

Sincerely,

Matthew Willis, MD, MPH
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MWillis@marincounty.org

Mary Jane Burke
Marin County Superintendent of Schools
mjburke@marinschools.org

THE LATINO FAMILY LITERACY PROJECT

**Family Reading Program for
Parents and Guardians of
PreK-5th grade Students**

**Learn the importance of establishing and
maintaining a family reading routine.**

7 TUESDAYS

DATES:

**January 7, 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 25**

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM (5:45 pm dinner)

**All sessions held at:
Venetia Valley School Library
177 N San Pedro Rd,
San Rafael, CA 94903**

Childcare available



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OFFICE OF EDUCATION**



LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

"BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD"

LEADERS FOR CHANGE

VENETIA VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**177 N SAN PEDRO RD,
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We will provide the appropriate techniques that will help you identify, build and strengthen your skills as a leader in order to better serve the Community and the School, for the benefit of your families.

Supports provided:

- Free training, materials and supplies
- Incentives for participation
- High quality child supervision
- Written materials
- Breakfast & Snacks

Dates on 2020:

February: 29

March: 7, 14, 21 & 28

Time: 8:30 -12:30

To register contact:

Pilar & Roxana/ Family Center

415-424-3778 rguzman@marinheadstart.org



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