



### Reminders:

- Feb. 17-21: SCHOOL CLOSED Mid-Winter Recess
- Feb. 25: Gr. 6-8 Field Trip – CA Academy of Sciences *9a-3p*
- 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. 10: Gr. K-2 Field Trip – Dance Palace *9:30-11:15a*
- Mar. 12: Gr. 3-5 Field Trip – CA Academy of Sciences
- Mar. 12-13: Gr. 6-8 Overnight Field Trip - Sacramento
- Mar. 12: Principal's Chat Library *8:20am*
- Mar. 19: Gr. K-5 Field Trip - Farm Day
- Mar. 19: Gr. 6-8 Field Trip - Año Nuevo State Park
- Mar. 19: BINGO Night! MPR *6-8pm*

### Recordatorios:

- Feb. 17-21: ESCUELA CERRADA - Receso a mediados de invierno
- Feb 25: Gr. 6-8 Excursión - Ca Academy of Sciences *9a-3p*
- 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. 10: Gr. K-2 Excursión – Dance Palace *9:30-11:15a*
- Mar 12: Gr. 3-5 Excursión – CA Academy of Sciences
- Mar. 12-13: Gr. 6-8 Excursión pasando la noche - Sacramento
- Mar. 12: Pláticas con la Directora Biblioteca *8:20am*
- Mar 19: Gr. K-5 Excursión - Farm Day
- Mar. 19: Gr. 6-8 Excursión - Año Nuevo State Park
- Mar 19: Noche de BINGO! MPR *6-8pm*

Dear Nicasio Families,

February 13, 2020

Our students had a great time demonstrating February's life skill over the course of *Kindness Week*. Highlights include making Valentines for West Marin Senior Services, writing kindness postcards, eating lunch with a new buddy and creating sweet bouquets with Ms. Monica. I am very impressed with your children and their enthusiasm for demonstrating kindness here at school and in the greater world. This does not happen by accident... thank you for modeling and fostering kindness in them each and every day!

This week a letter and permission slip were sent home explaining a new and exciting plan in the event of a power outage at Nicasio School. Our community neighbors at Rancho Nicasio have generously offered their large dining room as an alternate location for conducting school. Rancho Nicasio has backup generators and is able to accommodate our small school comfortably. This creative solution will support student learning while eliminating the need to make up lost instructional days at the end of the school year. Please refer to the letter for more information. Thank you for returning a signed permission slip for each student by Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Have you completed the annual parent survey? Don't worry... you have until tomorrow (**Friday**) **February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please complete online (using the links emailed to you) or you may request a hardcopy in the main office. Your voice matters!

Finally, a friendly reminder that school will be closed next week for Mid-Winter Break. Enjoy the time off and I look forward to seeing your children back at school on **Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**.

All the best,

Barbara











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Nicasio School Presents

# Bingo Night

with  
Bingo Caller Extraordinaire  
Mike Duke

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH  
6-8 PM

Nicasio School MPR

\$10 Pasta and Salad Dinner  
Please bring a dessert to share  
\*NO PEANUTS OR TREE NUTS  
Drinks will be provided

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Can you Sing? Dance? Play an Instrument?  
Talent is not only for the stage! Do you have a science project,  
a painting, or something that makes you proud?  
Display your creations for all to enjoy.  
Sign up by contacting: [monicasnell@me.com](mailto:monicasnell@me.com)

ALL AGES WELCOME!

# TALENT SHOW

**6th**  
ANNUAL

**THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 2, 2020 @ 7PM**  
NICASIO SCHOOL 5555 NICASIO VALLEY ROAD





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February 6, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of Marin County Students:

We are writing about an issue that directly impacts the health and safety of our children - gun safety and the prevention of gun-related injuries. According to the Brady Campaign, it is estimated that 4.6 million children live in homes with access to unlocked guns. In addition, in 2018, the Wall Street Journal reported that 75% of guns used in school shootings came from the home. American gun violence continues to be a national health crisis.

Parents and guardians are legally responsible for protecting children by adhering to the guidelines for safe storage of firearms under California Law AB 231, which makes someone criminally liable if they store a loaded firearm where a child is likely to gain access to it.

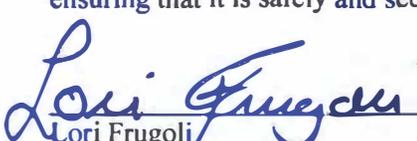
Marin school and law enforcement agencies are working together to keep our children and our schools as safe as possible. We are pleased to share this information to help educate our families about gun safety. We want to raise awareness and stop tragedies before they happen by following the guidelines below:

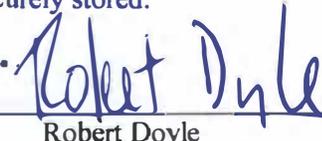
- **Store guns safely** (locked in a safe and not loaded);
- **Ask** about the presence of unsecured guns in other homes (play dates, neighbors); and
- **Recognize** the risk factors and warning signs of suicide and depression and speak up.

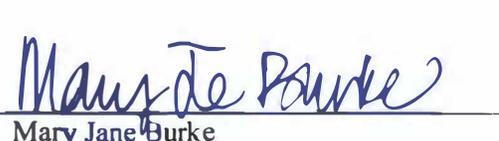
The Marin County Office of Education Gun Safety webpage provides guidelines and resources on gun safety in the home. Information includes:

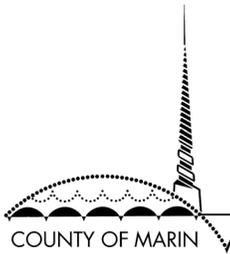
- Gun lock and gun safety resources - Marin County District Attorney Gun Locks and Marin County Sheriff's Office (415) 473-7265.
- Asking Saves Lives – Brady Campaign program helping parents ask questions about gun safety in the homes their children visit.
- Everytown / Moms Demand Action / Be Smart for Kids - Resources, tools and programs helping gun owners with safe gun storage and ownership practices.
- Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) - Information about laws and the process that allowing families and friends to temporarily remove a firearm from a family member in crisis.

Together we can make sure our schools and communities are violence-free. If you have a firearm, thank you for ensuring that it is safely and securely stored.

  
Lori Frugoli  
Marin County District Attorney

  
Robert Doyle  
Marin County Sheriff

  
Mary Jane Burke  
Marin County Superintendent of Schools



DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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



February 4, 2020

Dear Administrators, Teachers, Staff, and Parents:

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This letter is to provide an update on the novel coronavirus outbreak currently centered in China, and local measures to protect our community. Marin County Public Health continues to work closely with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to limit risk to local residents. There are now six confirmed cases in California, and no persons under investigation for possible coronavirus illness in Marin County.

**The CDC and Marin County Public Health recommend that any adult or child traveling from mainland China should be excluded from school for 14 days after they left China. Persons who have arrived from China prior to February 3, 2020 are at lower risk and do not need to be excluded.**

Travelers returning from China are being advised to avoid public activities and gatherings, and self-monitor at home by remaining alert for fever, cough, or difficulty breathing. If someone develops these symptoms, they should contact their healthcare provider immediately by phone, prior to traveling to a healthcare facility. Public Health will be assisting in home monitoring individuals who are at risk for coronavirus.

Schools are advised to work with students who are under home monitoring to arrange supports, to help keep them up to date with their lessons.

The risk of spread of coronavirus locally remains very low. Importantly, influenza continues to circulate in Marin. Students, parents, staff and visitors should take every-day precautions to prevent the spread of infections including the common cold and flu.

- Encourage students and staff to stay home when they are sick.
  - Those who have a fever at school should go home and stay home until fever-free for at least 24 hours.
  - Separate sick students and staff from others until they can be picked up to go home.
- Promote hand hygiene among students and staff through education, scheduled time for handwashing, and availability of soap and water and/or hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face, particularly your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Teach and encourage proper cough etiquette—cough or sneeze into a tissue, sleeve, or arm (do not use hands).

- Perform routine surface cleaning.

For up-to-date information regarding 2019-nCoV, see the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) website](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html) at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> and at <https://www.marinhhs.org/phupdate/ph-advisory-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>.

We understand that this is a rapidly evolving situation that can cause worry and concern. We will continue monitor the situation and share information with our school community as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to call the Public Health Office with any questions or concerns.

Yours in Health,

Matt

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## 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 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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,***  
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