




Reminders:

- Mar. 5: Board Meeting Library 5pm
- Mar. 6: Early Dismissal Gr. 1-8 1:30pm
- Mar. 8: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS – Spring AHEAD 1 Hour
- 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. 17: Spirit Day ~ Celebrate St. Patrick's Day! 
- Mar. 19: Gr. K-5 Field Trip - Farm Day
- Mar. 19: BINGO Night! MPR 6-8pm
- Mar. 30-Apr. 3: Gr. 5-6 Puberty Ed./Gr7-8 Sex Ed.
- Apr. 1: Board Meeting Library 5pm
- Apr. 2: Open House & Talent Show MPR 6pm
- Apr. 3: Early Dismissal Gr. 1-8 1:30pm

Recordatorios:

- Mar. 5: Reunión de la Mesa Directiva Biblioteca 5pm
- Mar. 6: Salida Temprana Gr. 1-8 1:30pm
- Mar. 8: : AHORRO EN LA LUZ DEL DÍA - Primavera POR TIEMPO 1 hora
- 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. 17: Día de Espíritu ~ Viste para celebrar a San Patricio! 
- Mar. 19: Gr. K-5 Excursión – Día de Granja
- Mar. 19: Noche de BINGO! MPR 6-8pm
- Mar. 30-Apr. 3: Gr. 5-6 Ed. Pubertad /Gr. 7-8 Ed. Sexual
- Apr. 1: Reunión de la Mesa Directiva Biblioteca 5pm
- Apr. 2: Casa Abierta & Muestra de Talento MPR 6pm
- Apr. 3: Salida Temprana Gr. 1-8 1:30pm

Dear Nicasio Families,

March 5, 2020

At yesterday's assembly, we celebrated the award winners for our February life skill, *kindness*. Congratulations to **Emma A.**, **Mireya M.** and **Krystal A.!** As the teachers all said, it was difficult to choose just one winner from each class, as so many students demonstrate kindness each and every day. We also honored our teacher of the month, **Ms. Alice.**



Also at the assembly, I reviewed best practices with students about staying healthy during this cold and flu season. We discussed the Coronavirus and that the likelihood of becoming sick is low. I emphasized that we all can take care of ourselves and each other by practicing diligent handwashing, covering coughs/sneezes with elbows, and staying home when feeling sick. Please read the latest

letter from Dr. Matt Willis included in Cougar Tracks. I will continue to provide updated information to families as it becomes available.

On Monday, I had the privilege of visiting each classroom and reading stories aloud to celebrate Read Across America. In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, schools across the country celebrate the joy and importance of reading. In anticipation of Super Tuesday, I read *What Can A Citizen Do?* by Dave Eggers, *Granddaddy's Turn* by Michael S. Bandy and Eric Stein, and *Lillian's Right to Vote* by Jonah Winter and Shane Evans. It was a joy to spend time reading and discussing with your thoughtful children!

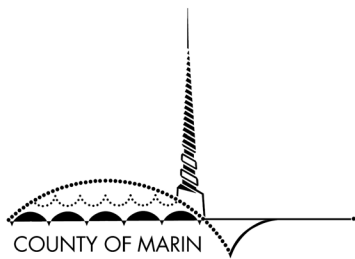
Bingo Night is just around the corner on March 19th and we need your help to make it a success. We are collecting new and gently-used donations for prizes. If you have items to donate, please place them in the bin at school or bring them to the Main Office. Also, please save the date for the Nicasio School Foundation's Mardi Gras fundraiser on Saturday, April 25th. It will be a fun night for the whole community - featuring the **Zydeco Flames!**

Finally, a friendly reminder that this Friday marks the end of Trimester 2. Students will be released at 1:30 pm. Report cards will be mailed home next week. Monday is a **nonstudent** Professional Development Day for staff. Enjoy the long weekend!

All the best,

Barbara





DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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



March 3, 2020

Dear Administrators, Teachers, Staff, and Parents:

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This letter is to provide an update on the novel Coronavirus, COVID-19. Given the confirmed community acquired cases in California and other states, we want to respond to concerns raised by the parent and school community.

To date, there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Marin residents, and still no evidence of spread of the disease in the Marin community. We are continuing to monitor travelers from China, respond to concerns, and working closely with our healthcare partners to prepare for potential disease spread. Public Health has declared a local health emergency as a preparation measure to ensure adequate resources are in place if this occurs. However, right now, the risk for COVID-19 in the U.S. and California is mainly to those in close contact with confirmed cases.

Firstly, spring break is about a month away, and international travel advisories and restrictions are changing regularly. Anyone planning to travel abroad should consult the [CDC website](#) for the latest country-specific guidance. Students and others returning from areas with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 may have limitations on activities, depending on the CDC recommendations at that time.

Secondly, we want to address concerns around school events and closures. We recommend that schools follow the [CDC's guidance](#) for communities that do not have active circulation of COVID-19. There is no current recommendation to cancel school gatherings or field trips. Decisions regarding school closures would be handled case by case, and would likely occur if a confirmed case was an employee or student of the school.

Thirdly, we are working actively with schools to advise on best practices on how to prepare and mitigate disease spread. These strategies include:

- Reviewing and updating emergency operation plans
- Promoting handwashing and good respiratory etiquette
- Reinforcing messages to stay home when sick
- Monitoring absenteeism
- Performing routine environmental cleaning
- Planning for possible school closures

In collaboration with the Marin County Office of Education and Kaiser, we will be offering an update on COVID-19 response on Monday, March 9, 2020, from 6pm-7:30pm at 1111 Las Gallinas Ave in San Rafael. The event is open to the public and translation services will be available. The event will also be on facebook live <https://tinyurl.com/tb2odfx>.

We understand that COVID-19 is causing uncertainty and stress. We are still learning about this disease. While it can cause severe illness, we're seeing that symptoms can also be mild. Young people seem to experience milder symptoms than higher risk groups, which include older adults and those with chronic health conditions. For coping with stress, students are encouraged to access school counseling resources, and parents and families can seek support through Employee Assistance Programs and through their health plan.

Thank you for joining us in a balanced and proactive response to COVID-19. We will continue to offer updates as the situations evolves. Questions or concerns about COVID-19 can be directed to our Communicable Disease Control Unit at 415-473-4163.

Yours in health,

Matt

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More Information

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
[California Department of Public Health](#)
[Marin Health and Human Services](#)

CDC Fact Sheets

[Stop the Spread of Germs-COVID 19](#)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet-sp.pdf>

COMMUNITY MEETING

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

**Please join us for presentations and updates from
The Marin County Department of Public Health and
Kaiser Permanente**

Monday, March 9th, 2020
6:00pm to 7:30pm

MARIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

111 Las Gallinas Avenue San Rafael, CA 94903



TRADUCCIÓN SIMULTÁNEA DISPONIBLE

FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM LINK
MORE INFORMATION: 415-499-5803



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Handwashing: Keeping Your Family Healthy

Handwashing is an easy, cheap, and effective way to prevent the spread of germs and keep kids and adults healthy. When your family is healthy, you don't have to worry about missing school, work, or other activities.

Help your child develop handwashing skills

Parents and caretakers play an important role in teaching children to wash their hands. Handwashing can become a lifelong healthy habit if you start teaching it at an early age. Teach kids the [five easy steps for handwashing](#)—wet, lather, scrub, rinse, and dry—and the key times to wash hands, such as after using the bathroom or before eating. You can find ways to make it fun, like making up your own handwashing song or turning it into a game.

Lead by example

Young children learn by imitating the behaviors of adults in their lives. When you make handwashing part of your routine, you're setting an example for your children to follow.



LIFE IS BETTER WITH

**CLEAN
HANDS**



www.cdc.gov/handwashing

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Handwashing can prevent

1 in 3
cases of diarrhea



1 in 5
respiratory infections,
such as a cold or the flu



Give frequent reminders

Building handwashing skills takes time. At first, your child will need regular reminders of how and when to wash hands. It is especially important to remind children to wash their hands after using the bathroom, before eating, after touching pets, after playing outside, and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing their nose. But once handwashing becomes a habit and a regular part of your child's day, they will practice it throughout their lives.

What if soap and water aren't available?

Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that has at least 60% alcohol.

Did you know?

Baby wipes may make your hands look clean, but they're not designed to remove germs from your hands. CDC recommends washing hands with soap and water when possible.



Remember to make handwashing a healthy habit at home, school, and at play!



**Daylight Saving Time Begins.
Turn Your Clock Forward!**

Nicasio School District

Since 1862

Board of Trustees

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

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Nicasio School District Board of Trustees

Thursday, March 5, 2020 5pm

Nicasio School Library, 5555 Nicasio Valley Road, California

1. OPENING BUSINESS

- a. Call to Order (*Michelle Rutledge – Board President*)
- b. Roll Call
- c. Patriotic Moment
- d. Approval of Closed Session Agenda
- e. Public Comment on Closed Session Topic(s)

2. CLOSED SESSION

- a. The following Closed Session item is listed below in compliance with Government Code 54957.6 of the Brown Act:
 - i) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
- b. Recess to Closed Session to consider and/or take action upon any item on the Closed Session Agenda

3. Reconvene in OPEN SESSION

- a. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session
- b. Report Out Announcement of any reportable action take during Closed Session

4. Approval and Adoption of Open Session Agenda (*Board President Rutledge*)

5. Reports

- a. Trustee/Superintendent Announcements (*Trustees and Nancy Neu, Interim Superintendent*)
- b. Principal Announcements (*Barbara Snekkevik, Principal*)
- c. 2020 Parent Survey Results (*Principal Snekkevik*)

6. 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.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes: February 6, 2020 (*Interim Supt. Neu*)
- b. Ratify Warrants Paid: January-February, 2020 (*CBO Bonardi*)

8. Action

- a. Consider Approval of 2019-20 Second Interim Budget Report (*CBO Bonardi*)
Discussion/Action

9. 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.

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

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

ALL AGES WELCOME!

TALENT SHOW



THURSDAY
APRIL 2, 2020 @ 7PM

NICASIO SCHOOL 5555 NICASIO VALLEY ROAD



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