

Dear Nicasio Families,

June 4, 2020

As we enter the final week of the school year, I want to emphasize my *gratitude* to each of you for all of the love and support you have shown our staff, our support, and me personally during this school year. 2019-20 was one for the books, filled with challenges and loss as well as laughter and joy. It is a truly privilege to be a part of the Nicasio School community.

I would be remiss if I did not share my own feelings of sadness, confusion and anger over the murder of George Floyd and the subsequent protests highlighting the racial injustices in our country. I am not an expert. But I am a concerned citizen, educator, mother and friend. There are many resources for adults and children. In addition to the links I shared in an email on Tuesday, here are a few more that I have turned to personally over the past several days:



- **Common Sense Media: [Helping Kids Process Violence, Trauma, and Race in a World of Nonstop News](#): (A recording of a live webinar - it begins at minute 2:42.)**
- **[Teaching Tolerance provides resources for talking to kids about race and racism](#)**
- **[A Conversation on Race](#) - A series of short films about identity in America**
- **[Trevor Noah \(host of the Daily Show\) breaks down his thoughts on this moment](#) (18 min. video)**

This is a difficult topic to broach for adults and children alike. Please know that our staff continues to educate ourselves on issues of equity, biases and culturally responsive teaching. We are committed to helping the next generation continue the important work of embracing equity and ending injustice.

Now a few “end of year” reminders...

We are organizing a virtual Kite Day for the final week of school. Traditionally, Kite Day is when the entire school ventures into the Nicasio hills to fly kites together. Our staff hopes that you will join us in flying a kite with your children in the open space near your home and then sharing your photos and videos with me ([bsnekkevik@nicasioschool.org](mailto:bsnekkevik@nicasioschool.org)) by Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. We will create a gallery on our school website for all to enjoy!

Our staff and students are working hard to prepare a graduation movie that will be shared with all families on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. While this virtual version will not be the same as gathering together in person, we hope this special tribute to the class of 2020 will be one they can enjoy with friends and family near and far. Please plan to “tune in” and celebrate this special group of Nicasio students!

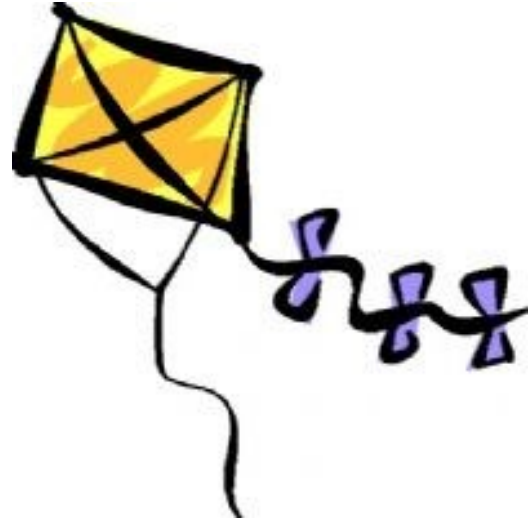
The MPR will be open tomorrow (Friday) for *one member of each family* to drop-off work, return school materials, textbooks and library books, and pick up any final items from campus. Please see the attached schedule and thank you in advance for wearing a face mask and practicing physical distancing while on campus. Students may keep their Chromebooks until Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. On this day, families will either return Chromebooks to campus or “check out” Chromebooks for the summer. Yearbooks will also be distributed on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, I am sure you have many questions about what next school year will look like for your children. Our staff has developed a DRAFT plan for reopening in August. This document will be shared with you, as well as an invitation to a Zoom meeting to ask questions and provide feedback. Please know I am always available to address any questions you may have.

All the best,

Barbara

## Kite Day is Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>!



BACKGROUND: Kite Day is traditionally when our students and staff venture into the Nicasio hills to fly kites together. Even though we can't all be together this year, we hope you will join us in flying a kite with your children in the open space near your home!

PLEASE take photos and/or videos and email them to Barbara (bsnekkevik@nicasioschool.org) by **Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**. A compilation of photos and videos will be put on our website for all to enjoy!

## ¡Día de Papalotes es el miércoles 10 de junio!

HISTORIA: Día de Papalotes tradicionalmente es cuando todos los estudiantes y personal se aventuran juntos en las Colinas de Nicasio. Aún y cuando no podemos estar juntos este año, ¡esperamos que ustedes nos acompañen a volar un papalote con sus niños al aire libre cerca de sus casas!

POR FAVOR tome fotos y/o videos y envíelos por correo electrónico a la dirección escolar: [bsnekkevik@nicasioschool.org](mailto:bsnekkevik@nicasioschool.org) el **miércoles 10 de junio** por la tarde. ¡Las fotos y videos se compilarán en el sitio en la red de la escuela para que las disfruten!

Dear Students,

Only a few short weeks remain before the end of the school year and the arrival of your **2020 Nicasio School YEARBOOK!** (*Be sure to return your order & payment in your Friday Homework Packet!!*) Although county health restrictions related to Covid-19 prohibit gathering yearbook autographs in person this year, you can still “sign” everyone’s book remotely!

Enclosed are 40 Autograph sticky notes, along with a list of all students’ names. Simply sign your name on each sticky note (if you also choose to write a personal message to each friend, **be sure to write his/her name on it!**).

***When you are done signing all the notes, put them back in the envelope and return the envelope to school with your Homework Packet by Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.*** All autograph notes received by that date will be distributed to each student with their yearbooks during the last week of school. Students can arrange the notes in their yearbooks any way they choose. Have fun signing your notes. These will be special keepsakes from you to all of your Nicasio School friends!





# Nicasio School Yearbook 2019-20

It's time to order your child's 2019-20 yearbook!

Please return this form along with payment (***\$25 per book***) by **May 28th**

***Please make checks payable to: NICASIO SCHOOL FOUNDATION***

**Deliver payment and completed form to MPR during  
weekly Homework Drop-Off/Pickup on Fridays**

**OR**

**Mail to:**

**Nicasio School  
PO Box 711  
Nicasio, CA 94946**

*Please complete the following information:*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to contribute towards a yearbook for a student in need \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to contribute towards a yearbook for a staff member \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# NICASIO SCHOOL

## ~ EVERY FRIDAY~

### **FOOD BANK\***

*In collaboration with the **S.F.-Marin Food Bank**, we are offering **FREE GROCERIES** on **Fridays** from **12:15-1pm** to any families with food instability. Parents arriving for groceries can also pick-up & drop-off their children's homework packets at that time.*

### **DISTANCE LEARNING HOMEWORK Pick-up/Drop-off Schedule\***

*~ **BY FAMILY** ~ If you are not utilizing the Food Bank (12:15-1pm), please arrive to the MPR during the following assigned time blocks to pick-up & drop-off homework:*

#### **1-1:30PM**

Ager  
Aguilar  
Alvarado  
Andrews  
Barajas  
Barry  
Burton  
Diaz  
Dixon-Perdomo  
Arndt

#### **1:30-2PM**

Figueroa  
Gorman  
Henderson  
Hernandez  
Klein  
Kuzma  
Loose  
Maloney  
Mata  
Meckfessel

#### **2-2:30PM**

Mercado  
Ramirez  
Remer  
Saldana  
Silva  
Skapik  
Taylor  
Uzri  
Vazquez

***\*MPR Entry limited to 1 Member of each household. For health & safety purposes, please wear a facemask and maintain social distancing of 6 ft. or more while awaiting MPR entry.***

*We appreciate your continued cooperation and support!*



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## **Nicasio School District Announces One Opening on Board of Trustees**

One four-year position on the three-member Nicasio School Board of Trustees will expire in December 2020. Interested persons who live within the boundaries of the Nicasio School District and who are registered voters are eligible to file for candidacy. The district will hold an election on November 3, 2020 to fill this opening.

Information on filing for candidacy can be obtained from the County of Marin Elections Department, located at 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 121, San Rafael, CA 94903, or by calling (415) 473-6437. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all candidates coming to the elections office must do so by appointment. More information is available at [www.marinvotes.org](http://www.marinvotes.org).

Candidates must file their Declaration of Candidacy form with the Marin County Elections Office between July 13 and August 7, 2020 by 5 pm.

# REGISTER NOW!



## FREE4WESTMARIN

Registration is **FREE** for all WMYSL players.  
Go online and register today!

5th Grade and Higher (MISA League):  
Registration Closes **July 30**.

[www.westmarinsoccer.org](http://www.westmarinsoccer.org)





Dear Nicasio School Families,

If you are in need of stronger/faster Wi-Fi access in order for your child to participate in online classes, please contact his/her classroom teacher. We have extended our high-speed Internet to the parking lot to serve families on a “drive-in” basis. Your child’s teacher can schedule an appointment to make the parking lot available to you.



Estimadas Familias de la Escuela Nicasio,

Si usted necesita señal mas fuerte/veloz para el acceso a Internet para que su niño(a) participe en las clases en línea, favor de contactar a su profesora de clase. Hemos hecho una extensión de nuestra conexión de Internet hacia el estacionamiento para ayudar a familias que puedan llegar ahí. Su profesora puede hacer una cita para que el estacionamiento esté disponible para ustedes.



# COVID-19 PANDEMIC MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES COUNTY OF MARIN



## Mental Health Crisis Hotlines 24/7

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255  
Buckelew Suicide Prevention Hotline (Local): 415-499-1100  
California Youth Crisis Line: 1-800-843-5200 - For youth (ages 12-24) and families  
The Trevor Project: 1-866-488-7386 - For LGBTQ youth  
The Friendship Line: 1-800-971-0016 - For seniors and caregivers  
Crisis Text Line: Text MHA to 741741



## Mental Health Support Lines

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Access Line: 1-888-818-1115 - For mental health or substance use assessment  
SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Line: 1-800-985-5990 or text **TalkWithUs** to 66746  
The Peer-Run Warm Line: 1-855-845-7415  
Community Action Marin: 415-459-6330 - Mental Health Warm Line



## Other Resources

HHS COVID-19 Information Line: 415-473-7191  
General Resources: 211  
National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233  
Food Locator website: <https://foodlocator.sfmfoodbank.org/>



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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 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](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.