



September, 2017 Newsletter

Dear Families,

We are off to an awesome start at Del Norte! Students are working very hard in our classrooms and we are very proud of all of them. We continue to celebrate the academic progress we have made and look forward to providing our students with the best education they can possibly receive. We have a very busy upcoming month. Please take some time to read through the below information, reminders, and important dates.

Advisory School Council (ASC) & Indian Education Committee (IEC) Members

Nominations and elections were held for the ASC and IEC in August. We would like to congratulate the following:

Tiffany Plummer: IEC Representative

Monika Crowfoot: ASC Parent Representative

Amanda Wauneka: ASC School Representative

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Retha Riege: ASC School Representative

Marisa Hutchinson: ASC Community Representative

All representatives are invited to attend our weekly Leadership Meetings on Wednesdays at 3:20pm. We look forward to a productive and successful working relationship with all of our stakeholders.

Boys & Girls Club

Del Norte is very lucky to be partners with The Boys & Girls Club on Princeton Avenue. This club offers after-school care, homework assistance, and other fun activities. Del Norte students who attend are escorted by Boys & Girls Club staff from Del Norte every day after school. If you are interested in registering your child, please visit the club and let the Del Norte front office know.

“NORTH FEST” & Del Norte School Grade Celebration

Many of you have received the news of our recent school report cards! To celebrate this tremendous accomplishment, Del Norte is partnering with UNM North Campus to present “North Fest” on **September 15th**. On this day, students and families are invited to participate in many culture-based activities at UNM North Campus, which is just a short walk south of the school. There will be live music, interactive art activities, storytelling, and much more. We would also like to invite our parents to have lunch with us at school on this day in celebration of our academic achievement as well as the diverse cultures of our school community. Please see the below schedule to determine when your child’s class will be attending UNM and having lunch. In order to accommodate lunch for all students and parents, please only bring up to **4** family members with you. We hope that you are also able to attend the activities at UNM at the designated times below.

Grade Levels	At UNM	LUNCH AT DEL NORTE
Kindergarten & First Grade	9am-10am	10am-11am
Second Grade & Third Grade	10am-11am	11am-12pm
Fourth Grade & Fifth Grade	11am-12pm	10am-11am

VIP Diner Tickets

We would like to invite parents to have lunch with your child at Del Norte! We have 50 meal tickets available. The first fifty parents who come in will receive a ticket to have lunch that day with your child. Following lunch, you will be asked to take a short survey about the quality of your lunch and be given the opportunity to make suggestions on how to make our school lunch better. Tickets expire on October 15th so please come in soon!

Del Norte Action Teams

All staff at Del Norte Elementary is a member of an Action Team. These action teams make decisions regarding many areas of the school. Below you will find information about each team and what they are currently working on.

PBIS Action Team

PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. The PBIS team has been working on a series of assemblies that will teach students about our school's core values of respect, integrity, innovation, and perseverance. Our first assembly is scheduled for September 29th. We will introduce the students to all four core values, then focus on each individual core value for the next four assemblies. We are going to hold four school-wide poster contests, one for each of the four core values. Winning posters will be used as a template to create core value posters throughout the school. The PBIS Team is also working on Fun Fridays, where students who have come to school every day on time, completed all of their classwork, and completed all of their homework will have the opportunity to participate in a full hour of fun with their specials teachers and assistants 😊, while the students who need to make up work will stay in their classrooms and catch up.

Systems Action Team

The Systems Action Team is responsible for analyzing and evaluating the current and proposed routes and strategies for movement throughout the school and outside areas. To start, the Systems Action team has been addressing issues in the lunch room on rainy days when students aren't able to go outside and the normal routes out of the cafeteria are not available. Alternative routes were created to alleviate the congestion experienced in the cafeteria on rainy days. This is an important issue to address because the weather is going to continually get worse and students will have to stay inside the school building for recess more often. The Systems Action team has also been focused on streamlining the dismissal process at the end of the school day. The team is addressing issues and is committed to creating an efficient dismissal process to make everyone's day easier!

Student Awards & Recognition Action Team

The Student Awards & Recognition Action Team focuses on recognizing your student/s hard work in academics and attendance. We are in charge of the awards and recognition throughout the school all year long. We are currently working on our "Less Than 5 Campaign." In case you haven't heard, our "Less Than 5 Campaign" encourages students to come to school every day and on time in order to earn an award at the end of each quarter. At the end of the year, students who successfully complete this campaign will participate in a big celebration! The "Less Than 5 Campaign" rewards students who have 4 or less absences the entire school year.

Climate & Culture Action Team

The Climate & Culture Action Team's function is to RECOGNIZE and SUPPORT our Del Norte staff. We are the courtesy team! We recognize and celebrate graduations, promotions, attendance, birthdays, weddings, and new births. We support our staff during transitional times such as moving to other stages in life, being hospitalized, or experiencing the loss of a family member.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are on September 18th. A sign-up sheet is being sent home with your child. Please select your first and second choices for a time to meet with the classroom teacher. **Lunch will be served at the school following your conference(s).** We hope all parents are able to attend! Thank you for supporting your child's academic progress!

Important Dates

- September 11th – 15th: Parent Observation & Support Week
- September 13th: Fall Picture Day
- September 15th: Del Norte School-Wide Celebration and North Fest
- September 18th: No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences (Lunch will be served to families this day)
- September 29th: Student “Buy-Out” Day
- September 29th: PBIS Assembly (times will be announced soon)
- October 12th & 13th: No School – Fall Break
- October 16th: No School for Students – Data Day
- October 16th – October 20th: Parent Observation & Support Week

Reminders

Parking

As many of you have noticed, we are in the process of building our new parking lot. We want to thank parents for being flexible with our temporary parking, pick-up, and drop-off procedures. Just a few reminders in order to ensure the safety of our students and parents:

- Do not park in the new handicap spaces on the east side of the school unless you have a handicap sticker that is visible.
- Do not park your car and leave it unattended in the morning drop-off line. This causes a back-up in traffic.
- Do not park your car and get out in the afternoon pick-up line. This causes a back-up in traffic.
- All transportation changes must be made prior to 2:30 pm on Mondays thru Thursdays and noon on Fridays.

As always, please call the school office if you have any questions or would like to suggest anything to make our school better at 505-721-5200.

Best,

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