



HEMISH EDUCATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY CELEBRATION

On March 17, 2022 Governor Michelle Lujan-Grishman, our tribal leadership and State of New Mexico delegation convened to celebrate our Walatowa Early Childhood Learning Center. "The Center is the Pueblo's top priority infrastructure project, as there is a great need in our community to provide a safe facility for early childhood education and language learning."

–Governor Raymond Loretto, DVM

Pictured Left to Right: Representative Lente, Senator Shendo, Governor Lujan-Grisham, Governor Loretto, and 1st Lt. Governor Gachupin



**Walatowa Head Start students
dressed in traditional butterfly
dance attire.**



NEWLY DESIGNED WALATOWA EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER



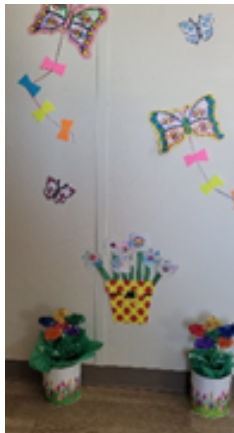
A Jemez Language Immersion Program

- Design created by Jon Anderson Architecture
- The construction project is being manage by Buffalo Design
- Contractor building the facility is PACE Pacific Corporation

Walatowa Child Care News



Walatowa Child Care coloring session



Walatowa Child Care having a painting session and spring art work presented.



After a busy day of exploration and activities, resting time is needed by all children. Nap time starts at 12:30 pm and ends at 1:30 pm.



Child Care children creating colorful pictures with the help of a Child Care provider. Children are learning pre-k skills in our Jemez language.

The Walatowa Child Care children have been learning and celebrating "Spring." The children participate daily in small group activities to enhance their early and traditional learning.

The children explore and strengthen their motor skills and sensory daily by coloring, painting, exploring playdough, scribbling, pasting and crumbling paper. These activities are only a few activities that the children enjoy and participate in.



The Walatowa Child Care is temporarily located at 139-A Modular Building (Youth Center Area) on Bear Head Canyon Road. Our hours of operation are: Monday - Friday, 7:45 am - 3:00pm

For more information on Child Care services, please contact Danielle Sando at 575-834-7678

WALATOWA HEAD START LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

Classroom News

ADOBE, CORN MAIDEN, HEMISH AND KIVA ROOMS

As spring approached, children and teachers were excited to be on site again in their classrooms. The children, with the help of their teachers, learned valuable knowledge in our Jemez language. With the opening of our community, the WHSLIP students celebrated special events & occasions with the community and have had the opportunity to dance the Jemez Butterfly dance. It was a blessing to see our young children learning our traditions and language. Families please continue to speak & teach the language to help our children learn and grow culturally & linguistically.



Butterfly dance performed at the reopening of the Jemez Senior Center . Look at the smiles!



Corn Maiden class Easter egg hunt



WHSLIP student learning with block building. Look at the creativity!

Hemish Pilot Immersion School



Learning the ingredients of bread in Jemez. Math, science, and hands on learning in action!



Melissa Yepa leads a small group in presenting their school work in Jemez. A rich and vibrant cultural environment!

KINDER THROUGH 6TH GRADE

We are happy to announce that our first year as a Hemish Pilot Immersion school has been and continues to be a rewarding one!

Our students are eager to learn and have shown with pride and confidence their knowledge gained in the learning of our Jemez values through our Jemez language and culture curriculum.

For Easter, our students got ready and packaged Easter baskets we made for our home-bound elders. The students did a great job weaving and putting together, about 3 baskets each, with the help of our community library staff.

For our spring units we are working on a butterfly unit, as well as a seed/plant unit while finishing up a major body organ unit.

Hemish Pilot Immersion School

As a new school, we are always reaching out to the Jemez community in helping to collaborate and establish a strong community based, experiential learning atmosphere. Together, we are creating opportunities; while building life-long intergenerational relationships with our students and our community.

We would like to take the time to thank staff from the following departments and programs

- Realty Department: Thurman Loretto and Garret Magdalena
- Community Library: Derek Yepa, Roxanne Vigil and Maureen Wacondo
- Ed Department Creative Team: Olympia Holliday and Helen Tafoya
- Community Wellness: North Bear and Wellness Staff

We are appreciative of the support received with the implementation of our curriculum by working collaboratively with requests made by our school. A big thank you from our staff, students and parents! Together we are strong!



Butterfly Dance at Hyatt Regency Tamaya. How beautiful they are!



Learning about the traditional water system and water cycle in preparation for seasonal farming.

Education Services

CAMPUS VISITS WITH OUR HEMISH STUDENTS

The Jemez Education Services Center in collaboration with campuses on and off the reservation form partnerships to better help our Jemez Students. With the opening of our pueblo, and majority of schools across the state open, we are assisting our Jemez Students by providing educational resources (scholarships, internships, workshops and more to come.) It's important for our students, from Pre-school to Post-Secondary, to reach their individual, academic, and personal career goals. As our school visits continue, we'd like to suggest that parents/guardians please sit down and have your child(ren) share their aspirations and goals with you. Having family support and involvement helps our children to continue to grow, learn and develop.



Walatowa High Charter School students filling out student profiles with academic goals and/or careers of interest.



Rio Rancho High students learning about post- secondary educational opportunities.



Stacey Fisk, Student Programs Coordinator, discussing education benefits available for our Jemez students at Cleveland High School. .



Bernalillo High School Students with Jemez Education Department staff



Dr. Stephanie Mack, Assistant Education Director, speaking with Santa Fe Indian School (SFIS) students about resources available to them, staying in communication with each other and providing educational support.

Jemez Pueblo Community Library & Archives

Events for April & May

The library will be offering afterschool events from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

- **Monday Coloring Projects/Reading Challenge**
- **Hemish Wednesdays**
- **Friday Fun Days**

Please stay tuned for additional summer program offerings!



Reminder

Summer Enrichment Program:

June 6th to July 28th, 2022



For questions, please call the library at (575) 834-9171



NUTRITION PROGRAM



Our kitchen staff, Janet Waquie and Regina Gachupin, are preparing delicious, hearty meals for the Child Care, Head Start, and Immersion Pilot students each day, Monday- Friday. Community members may continue to pick up breakfast and/or lunches during the mealtimes. If members of the community have any questions, please contact Janet Waquie at jan@jemezueblo.org



Hours of Operation:
Breakfast: 8:00 to 9:00 AM
Lunch: 11:30 to 12:30 PM

Location: Creative Learning Center Building (Old Senior Center across the Civic Center)



Please stay tuned for summer lunch hours!

Graduation Dates

—CLASS OF—
2022

HIGH SCHOOL:

MAY 9- CIBOLA @ TINGLEY COLISEUM
MAY 12- SHERMAN INDIAN SCHOOL
MAY 14- JEMEZ VALLEY @ JVHS SPORTS COMPLEX
MAY 14- SANDIA @ TINGLEY COLISEUM
MAY 14- WALATOWA CHARTER @ JEMEZ MONUMENT
MAY 19- BERNALILLO @ BHS FOOTBALL FIELD
MAY 23- CLEVELAND @ RIO RANCHO EVENT CENTER
MAY 24- RIO RANCHO @ RIO RANCHO EVENT CENTER
JUNE 3- SANTA FE INDIAN @ SFIS PAVILION

MIDDLE SCHOOL-PROMOTIONS/CONTINUATIONS:

MAY 21- SAN DIEGO RIVERSIDE CHARTER SCHOOL
JUNE 1- JEMEZ VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE
JUNE 20- SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL 8TH GRADE

ELEMENTARY/ PRE-SCHOOL GRADUATIONS:

MAY 17- T'SIYA DAY SCHOOL
MAY 18- JEMEZ VALLEY PRE-KINDERGARTEN
MAY 20- JEMEZ DAY SCHOOL
MAY 25- WALATOWA HEAD START LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM
JUNE 2- JEMEZ VALLEY ELEMENTARY 5TH GRADE PROMOTION
JUNE 6- JEMEZ VALLEY KINDERGARTEN



NEWS FROM EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION



Creative Team Innovatively, bringing Hemish Culture into the Classrooms!

The Creative Team designs and creates learning materials for all Jemez schools & programs integrating language & culture based instruction. If you are interested in joining our staff, please call 575-834-9102.

Upcoming Events with Education Services Center

Resume Workshop (open to all community members)- June 9th, 2022

GED/HiSET Classes- May 9th, 2022 (please contact Stacey Fisk)

Newsletter Volume 2 will be distributed in July, our "Back to School Edition"!

Reminders

Fall 2022 Jemez Scholarship
Deadline is July 1st.

<https://www.jemezpuablo.org/government/education/education-services-center/>

For More Information

Please call our office Monday to
Friday 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. at

575.834.9102



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **Administration**

- Kevin Shendo, Director
- Dr. Stephanie Mack, Assistant Director
- Imogene Shendo, Admin Assistant/ Bus Driver

- **Early Childhood Program**

- Lana Garcia, Manager
- Danielle Sando, Child Care Supervisor

Walatowa Head Start Staff:

- Marie Armijo, Education & Disabilities Coordinator
- Cheryl Chinana, Family Services Coordinator
- Amanda Tsosie, Health Services Coordinator
- Shawn Romero, Transportation & Facility Coordinator
- Andrea Chinana, Teacher
- Shirley Chinana, Teacher
- Shalana Gachupin, Teacher
- Jacqueline Magdalena, Teacher
- Gloria Tsosie, Teacher
- Pauline Armijo, Teacher
- Bertha Gachupin, Teacher
- Joslin Sandia, Teacher
- Lawrence Toya, Language & Culture Support Staff
- Bertilla Toya, Administrative Assistant
- Eugene Toledo, Custodian

- **Child Care Staff:**

- Leandra Baca, Child Care Provider
- Dorina Chinana, Child Care Provider
- Amanda Madalena, Child Care Provider
- Jacquelyn Shendo, Child Care Provider

- **Hemish Pilot Immersion School**

- Melissa Yepa, Lead Teacher
- Alfreda Fragua, Education Assistant

- **Education Services Center**

- Aaron Cajero Sr., Manager
- Stacey Fisk, Student Programs Coordinator
- Lenora Loretto, Support Specialist

- **Jemez Language Program**

- Vacant, Manager
- Olympia Holliday, Creative Team Member
- Helen Tafoya, Creative Team Member

- **Jemez Community Library**

- Maureen Wacondo, Interim Librarian
- Roxanne Vigil, Library Assistant
- Derek Yepa, Library Assistant

- **School Operations**

Nutrition Program:

- Janet Waquie, Nutrition Coordinator
- Regina Gachupin, Assistant Cook

- **Transportation Program:**

- Imogene Shendo, Bus Driver & Coordination Services

Thank you for allowing us to
serve this community.
Come see us!

