



HEMISH EDUCATION

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2023

Graduation Edition



GRADUATES

The Education Department supported the various schools around the community at commencement ceremonies, where staff presented Hawaiian leis to students and their families.

SCHOOL UPDATES

We have updates on the completion of the new Walatowa Early Childhood Learning Center, Headstart, Childcare and Hemish Language Immersion school. We are ready for the upcoming school year.



ED DEPT TRAVELS TO HAWAII

The Education Department teachers, staff and support team traveled to Hilo, Hawaii to learn from language experts on their efforts to strengthen the Hawaiian language through full language immersion schools and programs. Please come to our next community meeting to learn more!



Jemez Education Department

2023 POST- SECONDARY EDUCATION GRADUTES

Masters Degree

Pima Medical Institute

Tenise Toya

Masters of Science

**Organizational Leadership-
Public Health**

University of New Mexico

Carmen Winter Julian Vigil

Masters of Science-

**Health Education with
concentration in Com
Health**

Bachelors Degree

Benedictine College

Alicia Kiersten Armijo

**Bachelor of Arts in Exercise
Science**

University of Arizona

Tiana K. Aspaas

**Bachelor of Science in Animal
Science**

New Mexico Highlands

University

Perfilia Madalena

**Bachelor of Business Admin
with a concentration in
Management**

Caitlan Tafoya

Bachelor of Social Work

University of New Mexico

Eldrick Toya

Bachelor of Arts in English

Fort Lewis College

Kayla Toledo

**Bachelor of Science with a
concertration in Accounting**

Haskell Indian Nations

University

Antonia Chinana

Business Administration

Associates Degree

Haskell Indian Nations University

D'yanni A. Medina

**AS -Health, Sports and Exercise
Science**

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute

Nanette Sando

AS-Business Administration

Michelle Panana

AAS- Business Administration

Jessie Gachupin

AAS- Accounting

Raeanne Gachupin

**AAS- Natural Resource
Managment**



Jemez Education Department

2023 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Walatowa High Charter School

Fernandez Baca Jr.
Anjelika Casiquito
Mary Celo
Delonte Chinina
Marissa Brusellas-Garcia
Alanna Hardy
Desiree Jojola
Cara Madalena
Elisa Madalena
Lauren Mora
Sherell Naranjo
Marcel Sandia
Joshua Secatero
Brennen Tosa
Sydney Tosa
Laicee Yepa

Jemez Valley High School

John Baca
Amayah Chosa
Desiree Coriz
Diego Garcia
Amy Magdalena
Zachary Medina
Elijah Phillips
Katie Phillips
Ashley Smith
Jocelyn Tafoya
Adam Toledo
Andrew Trejo

Cibola High School
Morgan Madalena

Del Norte High School

Calvin J Waquie Jr.
Jeremy Toledo
David Pecos

Valley High School

Annabella Chinana

eAcademy High School

Montana D. Gachupin

Rio Grande High School

Lane Toya

Bernalillo High School

Joaquim Loretto
Andres Montoya
Dale Toya
Madison Toya
Rachel Yazzie
Cheyanne Gallegos
Sean Lucero

Sandia High School

Martina Sando

Native American Community Academy

Angelina Loretto

Cleveland High School

Devonte Shendo
Kai Toya
Timothy Toya

Independence High School

Marissa Armijo
Kelianna Baca
Nathan Jaramillo

Rio Rancho High School

Serrel Sando
Michael Wood

St Pius X High School

Pecos

Falcon High School

Samantha Romero

Pojoaque High School

Amayah Gonzalez

Jackson Senior High School

Kayla Verde

Santa Fe Indian School

Tyra Chinana
Cam'Ryn Galvan
Kyler Menchago
Nalani Padilla
Owen Pecos
Keoni Romero
Trent Shendo
Tanyon Tosa
Alexis Vigil



Jemez Education Department

2023 MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY GRADUATES

Jemez Valley Middle School- 8th GRADE

1. Maya Anisa Armijo
2. Angelo Roland Briones
3. D'Alan Chinana
4. Adam Frank Gachupin
5. Diego Ezekiel Gachupin
6. Lelani E Romero
7. Malayne Romero
8. Marleyne G Romero
9. Antanya K Seonia
10. Ayden M Seonia
11. Cylis Jeremy Tafoya
12. Anna Sophia V Toya
13. Jamila Toya
14. Tyson Jr. Toya
15. Petra J.L. Vigil
16. Kaylina Yapp

Santa Fe Indian School 8th GRADE

1. Taylon Armijo
2. Hailey Baca
3. Jaiden Baca
4. Jonnah Fragua
5. Kayleigh Garcia
6. Kale Loretto
7. Brayden Magdalena
8. Amy Romero
9. Hayden Sandia
10. Solane Tafoya
11. Jayden Tosa
12. Mataya Toya
13. Kellin Tsosie
14. Ellysse Vigil

San Diego Riverside Charter School

1. Lanae Casiquito
2. Xavier Chosa
3. Peyton Gachupin
4. Preston Jackson
5. Merlin Pecos
6. Lawrence Sando
7. Merlynn Shendo
8. Rain Shendo

ELEMENTARY/ PRE-SCHOOL GRADUATIONS:

Jemez Day School 6th Grade

2. Kolton Aguilar
3. Brady J Armijo
4. Ahnaila K Baca
5. Kendra Baca
6. Darius E Cajero
7. Tehya E Chinana
8. Tylee K Gachupin
9. Londyn R Jordan
10. Anneli M Kemppainen
11. Brayden R Loretto
12. Cenecia Maddalena
13. Derek Maddalena
14. Kyler D Romero
15. Layton L Romero
16. Chelsea M Sabaquie
17. Darrent G Shendo
18. Alexa R Tosa
19. Ecelia P Toya
20. Landyn A Toya
21. Julianna A Yepa

Walatowa Head Start Language Immersion Program

1. Wilson Poola Jr
2. Akayleah Gachupin
3. D'Angelo Sando
4. Winter Maddalena
5. Maddison Lovato
6. Noah Morgan
7. Adyllynn Toya
8. Koah Baca
9. Marvel Toya
0. Deondre Shendo
11. Sophie Gachupin
12. Antoinette Yazza
13. Lilyana Seonia
14. Tatum Toya
15. Marcos Sandia
16. Tegan Toledo
17. Sean Quintana
18. Kayda Toya
19. Meilani Tosa

20. Kodi Casiquito
21. Koda Romero
22. Arielle Vigil
23. Leianna Lucero

Jemez Day School Kindergarten

1. Sedina Andrew
2. Nazareth Fragua
3. Keathan Gachupin
4. Teylie Gachupin
5. Lenaiya Henderson
6. Rose Johnson
7. Ian Kemppainen
8. Le'Veon Lucero
9. Maddison Lucero
10. Myla Maddalena
11. Peyton Seonia
12. Nicholas Smith- Nightwalker
13. Kaleena Tafoya
14. Grace Toledo
15. Amirah Tosa
16. Jamesyn Toya
17. Maliah Toya
18. Xavier Tsosie

San Diego Riverside Kindergarten

1. Daren Casiquito

2. Fredrick Fragua
3. Corina Fragua
4. Regis Toledo
5. David Toya
6. Oaklyn Upshaw
7. Skye Wall
8. Max Wall
9. Kai Waquie

WALATOWA EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER



PROGRAMS MOVING

- Walatowa Childcare
- Walatowa Headstart
- Walatowa Nutrition Program



Walatowa Childcare & Headstart

Both Walatowa Childcare & Headstart will be held in their new building starting in August 2023. Teachers and staff began moving into the building this month!



Walatowa Nutrition Program

The nutrition program will also begin cooking their meals in their newly built kitchen within the Walatowa Early Childhood Learning Center



Walatowa Language Immersion Program

The Walatowa Language Immersion Program is a community-based program preparing children for school and life, rooted in culture and traditions, to become lifelong learners.

The vision of the program is to have all students be fluent in the Jemez language grounded in our traditions and culture

Contact Information

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Class Newsletter

Staff welcomed all our Child Care participants into our new renovated building on Wednesday, July 12th, 2023. The children are adjusting very well and appear to be happy with all the new things to explore.

They love their new outdoor equipment, having plenty of space to run and play.

We are excited to share our space with our Head Start neighbors for their upcoming school year.



Childcare Updates

Our Child Care program continues to encourage all parents and guardians to speak to your child/children in our Hemish language.

We will continue to teach your children all their lessons, songs, and dances in our language to strengthen their comprehension and cultural knowledge.

We thank you all for your continuous support and understanding during our move.



July Birthdays

Sophie - July 4th

Joseph - July 20th

Tate - July 28th

July Birth Flower:

Water Lily/Larkspur

July Birthstone: Ruby

Please make sure to continue to read "All About My Day" on a daily basis.



Walatowa Head Start Language Immersion Program



Upcoming Events

Feast - Aug. 2nd

Back to School - Aug. 9th

Open House - Oct 31st

Hours of Operation

Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:00pm

Monday thru Thursday

School Hours: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Monday thru Thursday

Early Dismissal: 8:00am - 11:00 am

Every Friday



Enrollment

Open Enrollment for children ages 3 years to 5 years of age. Applications will soon be available at the Walatowa Head Start Language Immersion Program (WHSLIP) and via the link below. Applications must be completed at the WHSLIP and it is important to bring your child's documents.



Documents

- Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
- Income Verification
- Public Assistance (TANF or SSI)
- Updated Immunization Records



MESSAGE BY MELISSA YEPA

Hemish Language Immersion school is currently accepting applications for 6-12-year-old students for school year 2023-2024.

We are working hard to prepare our classroom with our new Montessori material in preparation for our first day on August 14, 2023.

We are excited to begin our school year teaching using the Montessori method that focuses on the Four Planes of Development.

Montessori develops the whole child. Academics and knowledge-building are key qualities of Montessori, as is the ability to think creatively and understand the needs of others. When these fundamental skills are fostered early in life, children gain the capability to problem solve, persevere, and interact well with others in any circumstance.

The methods and philosophy of Montessori education harmoniously share the teachings and philosophy of our Jemez up bringing.

Our children are taught in our Jemez language, our culture, traditions and values while focused on teaching our content areas in math, geometry, geography, history, language, biology, music and art.

We look forward to seeing new faces in our Hemish school community!
Registration packets are available at
the Education Department
139 Bear Head Canyon Rd. Unit G





NNMC AND JVHS

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION



The Career Technical Education program was developed by Jemez Valley High School and Northern New Mexico College to give students both a dual credit opportunity and practical real world training for future job endeavors.

May 30th was the day CTE program students would receive their certificates of completion for the industrial electrical applications portion of the program. The certificates were presented by Dr. Frank Loera of NNMC.



The CTE graduation was comprised of video presentations from Dr. Loera about the CTE program, a presentation made by the Jemez Education Department celebrating the students, and a Rudy's banquet dinner.

In addition to receiving their certificates of completion, the students also received CTE apparel and bags, printed and provided in collaboration with the Georgia O'Keefe Museum team. Special thanks to them as well as to NNMC and JVHS for making the CTE program possible.



Language Program

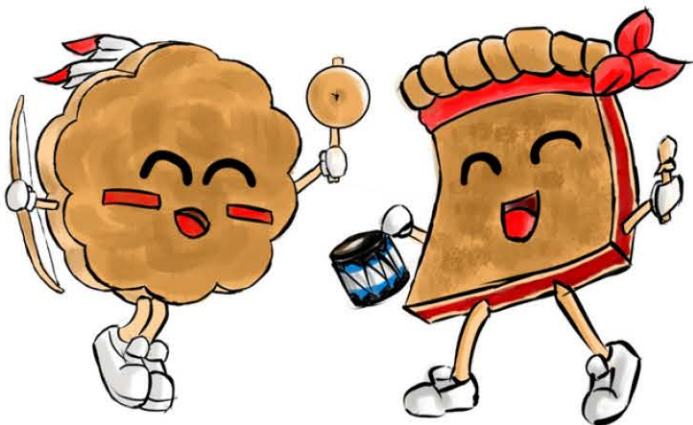


Community Meetings

Language Program manager and support team have reviewed and discussed the previous surveys collected at meetings. From the data they have compiled they are working together to provide the findings in creative charts and presentations for the community.

Language Team Meetings

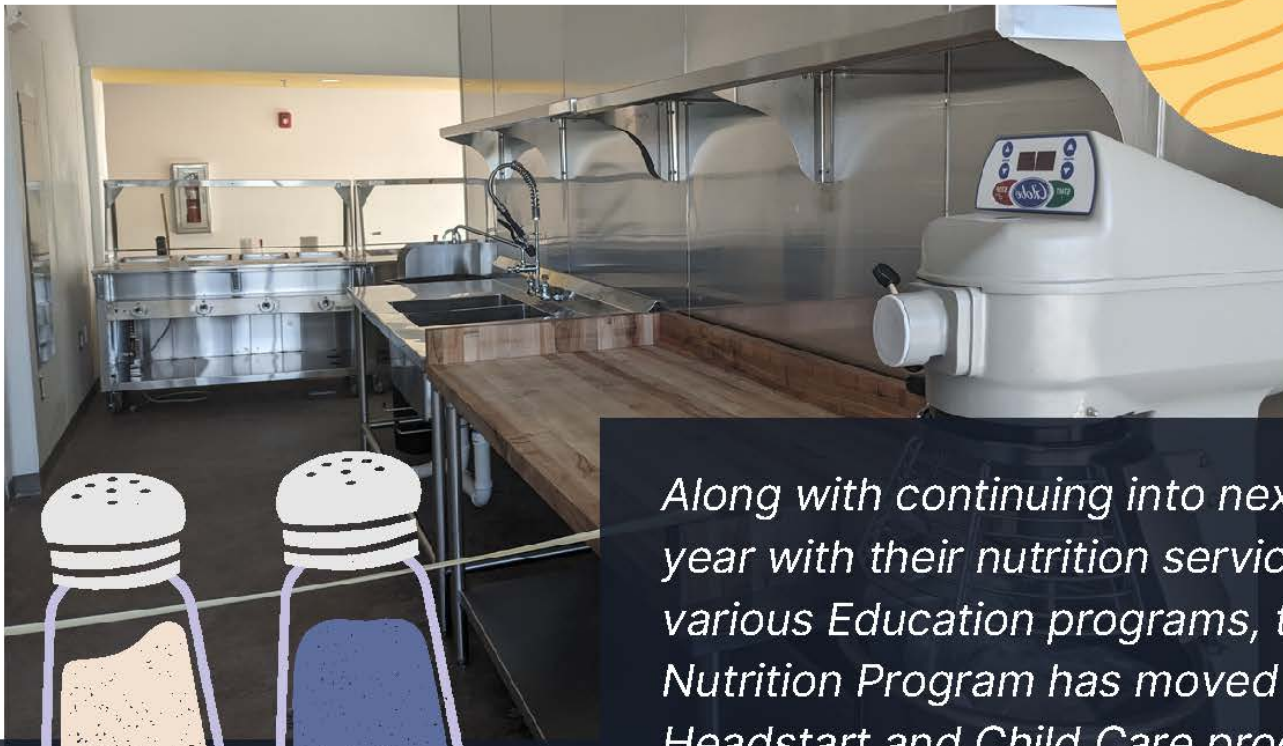
Language Team Meetings have discussed the correct translations and ways to say certain words. From these meetings they have worked to plan to rerecord previous songs taught to students.



Jemez Language Luncheons

The first luncheon began in May led by language team member Stuart Gachupin. A meal was shared and then Jemez language introductions were discussed. Please join us for the next upcoming luncheons to discuss more about Jemez language lessons.

Nutrition Program



Along with continuing into next school year with their nutrition services to the various Education programs, the Nutrition Program has moved with the Headstart and Child Care program into the new Walatowa Early Childhood Learning Center.

Jemez Pueblo

Community Library & Archives



Jemez Pueblo Community Library & Archives has been open and providing summer activities for the community. Cloverbud and 4H club have continued to host their monthly meetings.

The library services include the use of adult computers, printing, borrowing books and movies.

Please stop by the library and get to know our new team member while utilizing our library services.

Temeya Gachupin is the new library assistant. She is from the Pueblo of Jemez. She began working with the library on June 2023. Temeya is at the library providing with coverage with library services and attending events that benefit the community library & archives.



EDUCATION POSITIONS



EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT

Responsible for working with teachers to plan and implement individualized, daily educational instruction and experiential programs for K-8th Grade students in a Jemez language immersion environment

This job description indicates, in general, the nature and levels of work, knowledge, skills, and other essential functions expected of the incumbent.

It is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities required of the incumbent. Incumbent may be asked to perform other duties as required.



STUDENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Assists with the management and oversight of the Title VI Indian Education Federal Grant, student out of school and afterschool programming. Assist the Education Services Manager and Research Associate with Pre-College Programs, College & Career Advisement, Academic Enrichment Outreach, Fiber Optic Operation Support, Audio/Visual/Film Program, Coordinated School Health Program, and Intervention/Prevention Programs.



FAMILY SERVICES COORDINATOR

Performs duties to implement and coordinate social services and parent activities, providing direct intervention, case management and support to families enrolled in the Early Childhood Program (ECP). Establishes mutually respectful partnerships with families to promote and support parent and community involvement in a manner that meets the Head Start Performance Standards.



Education Department Visit UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO

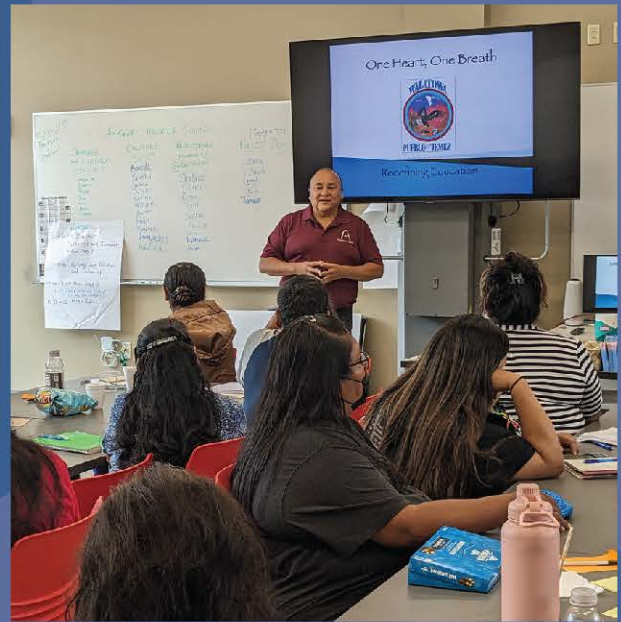


Along with the Education Department staff, Governor Dominic Gachupin, Second Lieutenant Daryl Lucero, and Tribal Councilman Alfred Toya attended and learned much while also sharing their advice and knowledge with the group (pictured above).

From June 22nd through July 9th, the Education Department teachers, staff and support team traveled to Hilo, Hawai'i to learn from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo language program teachers.

This consisted of workshops and presentations designed to inspire the Education staff and further progress in our efforts to strengthen the Jemez language, continuing the development of our Jemez language immersion schools and programs.

Please come to the next community meeting on August 23, 2023 to learn more.



The group sent to Hilo visited many sites to become more familiar with Hawaiian way of teaching in their language. One such site was the Imiloa Astronomy Center (pictured left).