

LAGUNA DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

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Early Head Start

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Preschool Head Start

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8/07- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

8/08- OPEN HOUSE

8/11- FIRST DAY OF CHILDCARE

8/15- NO SCHOOL-(MESITA FEAST)

"BACK
TO
SCHOOL!"



Laguna Division of Early Childhood -DEC TEAM-

Top: Left to Right-

Royce Kie, Gabriel Levantonio, Carol Day, Angela Yawea,
Caundice Duetsawe, Jean Paquin, Iris Gallegos, Sandra Lewis,
Makayla Sarracino, Yolanda Concho, Marilou Arkie, Andrea
Lucario, Angela Baca, Margaret Mascarenaz, Kathleen
Herrera

Bottom: Left to Right-

Michael Aragon, Fay Peacock, Madalynne Francis, Yvonne
Francis, Evelyn Garcia, Carol Pedro, Tiffany Touchin, Mariah
Whitmore, Raina Victorino, Cadnice Lucero, Venessa
Deutsawe





Welcome

About Me:

Hello! My name is Andrea Lucario. I am from the village of Mesita, but reside in Acoma. I live with my youngest daughter and two grandkids. I have been with DEC for twenty-four years (in October). I have worked with the infants for ten plus years and I love it. I have an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education. I am looking forward to the new school year with you. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to watch your child grow and learn along with you.

Favorites

A few of my favorite things are home cooked meals, Pepsi and iced tea, beef jerky, black and blue, I am a Dallas Cowboys fan and I enjoy Spring (not too cold or hot). My birthday is March 3rd.

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Classroom Info

For the first month of school, we will focus on adjusting to the new environment, getting into routines, and establishing relationship with others.

Seats is the curriculum we will have for the month of August. We will explore the different types of seats we will have in the classroom. You will have the opportunity to explore seats in your home as well. Nutrition Activity for August is Apple Race Cars.

Our goals for the year are to meet our milestones, interacting with others and have fun learning.
Note to parents: Bring a cup that your child is comfortable using for meal times.

About Me:

My name is Makayla Sarracino I am from the village of Paraje, I am currently going back to school to get my associates degree in Early Childhood Education. I have been working with DEC for two years now, seeing these children grow and reach milestones have been the best this is what has led me to continue my education in early childhood. I am thrilled to be working with your child(ren). Let's have a great school year!!

Note to Parents:

Please check your child's folders daily for important notes... Bring extra clothes as we will have messy and water play

Contact Info:

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Hello!



Favorites:

FOOD: TACOS, PIZZA, CHICKEN/SHRIMP ALFREDO, STEAKS, HAMBURGERS, SALADS
DRINK: SWEET TEA, VITAMIN WATER, DR. PEPPER, SPRITE, AND CHERRY PEPSI
SNACK: BEEF JERKY, TRAIL MIX, KOOL-AID SEEDS,
CANDY: M&M's, REESE's, GUMMY BEARS, HERSHEY'S CHOCOLATES
STORE: BATH & BODY WORKS
COLOR: RED, PURPLE, TURQUOISE, LIME GREEN
SPORT: FOOTBALL, SOFTBALL
SEASON: FALL

About Me



Hello everyone! My name is Sandra Lewis. I am Navajo and I reside in Acoma with my children and grandchildren. I will be teaching toddlers, ages ranging from 17 months to 27 months in New York Classroom with Mrs. Marilou Arkie. I have been teaching in the Early Head Start here in Laguna for fourteen years. My first three years here at Laguna Early Head Start I was a home visitor with the Home-Based Program teaching zero- to three-year-old in each child's home. I have worked in various schools all together for more than twenty plus years as a teacher assistant. I currently have a 45 Hour Certificate in Early Childhood and an A.A. Early Childhood Education. I look forward to being your child's teacher in New York Classroom.

Favorites



- Food: Seafood, Asian food, French fries
- Drink: Tea, Coca Cola
- Snack: Trail Mix
- Color: Turquoise
- Sports: Denver Broncos, Phoenix Suns
- Season: Summer and Fall



Note to Parents:

·Curriculum Themes: Routine/Seats/Social Emotional: For our first month we will focus on learning and exploring our classroom. Our children will learn about expectations, daily scheduled routine and learning to deal with separation anxiety. In addition, will be learning about ourselves, others and how to get along. Lastly, we will learn about seats: how to safely sit on seats (chairs, cushion chairs, cubicle chairs, etc.). We want our children to be comfortable and feel safe in a new environment.

·Nutrition activity: Apple Race Car. Children will explore fresh fruits (such as apples, green or red grapes) using their five senses and get creative as they build a car with the ingredients provided.

Note to Parents:

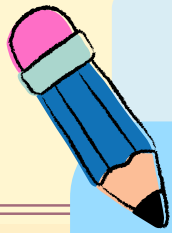
- Tips: Send a family picture with your child for comfort and or a security toy.
- Please send a straw cup, a Blanket, and extra clothes.

Contact Me

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About Me:

Hello my name is Marilou Arkie and I am from the village of Paraje. I currently reside in the village of Laguna with my husband, our son, daughter and 7 cats. I enjoy spending time with my family as well as sewing. I have been with DEC for 5 yrs. I look forward to being able to work with your child in the New York classroom. Here's to a prosperous school year.



Parent Reminders:

The first month in the class room will consist of getting used to being in school and getting to know our classroom routine.

Our curriculum for the first month will be Seats and Routines for Teaching Strategies and Self Identity and Kinships for our Cultural Lifeways.

Nutrition- Apple race cars.

Goals for the year: Forming positive relationships with peers and adults. Developing Gross and Fine motor and language skills.

Note to the parent: Please send your child with a extra set of close, a blanket for nap time and a sippy or water bottle. Please remember to check your child's folder on a daily basis. I look wonderful school year.

Favorites:

Food: I like Asian, Italian cuisine

Drink: I like COKE Zero and iced/hot coffee.

Snack: I just depends on my moods at the time. But I love snacks

Candy: Gummies w/ kool aid and Dark chocolate

Store: Target, Marshalls, Ross

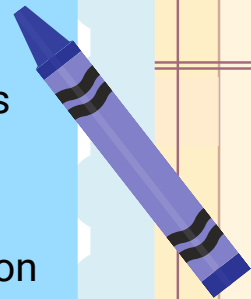
Color: Purple, Blue (dodger)

Sports: Love Baseball, LA Dodgers and any Team my son plays on. (LA Hawks, Paraje Grizzlies)

Season: Spring and Fall

Contact Info:

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Welcome back to all returning students and families, welcome to all new students and families!! Hello my name is Candice Lucero aka Teacher Candice in the Turquoise Springs classroom, born on December 18th; I am from the Pueblos Laguna and Acoma. I reside in the Village of Mesita, with my husband and 3 children. I will be with DEC for 13 years this October, but 18+ years in the education field. Over the years I have received my AA and BA degrees in Early Childhood Education.

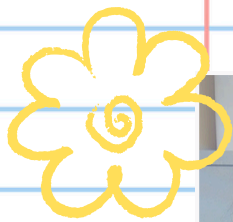
Here are some fun facts to know about me: My favorite foods to eat are steaks, seafood, menudo, chicken wings, Pho, and taquitos. My favorite drinks are Dr. Pepper, Cherry Dr. Pepper, and Dr. Pepper 😊. My favorite snacks are popcorn, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, jerky, pickles, popcorn balls and homemade rice crispy treats. My favorite candies are skittles, jolly ranchers, gummy worms, and snickers. My favorite stores to shop at are Wal-Mart, Target, Five Below, Bath and Body Works, Dollar Tree, and Amazon (online). My favorite colors are Purple, Yellow, Neon and Glitters. My favorite sports to watch are volleyball, football (Go Cowboys), baseball (Go Yankees), and UFC fighting. My favorite seasons are Summer and Fall. I like to collect anything with sunflowers, elephants, butterflies, mickey mouse, strawberry shortcake, hello kitty and care bears.

During the first month of the new school year Turquoise Springs classroom will focus on our every day daily routines/seats; adjusting to following a schedule of many transition times, cleaning up, and taking a nap on the regular. Nutrition activity for the month, we will be making some race cars with apples. My goal for the year is to build that good trusting relationship with the children and their families, help each child to become more independent little toddlers, and just to have fun while we learn!!

Note to Parents/families: Remember to send an extra set of clothes, a light blanket, a sweater/jacket, a water bottle and keep phone numbers updated.

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About Me:

Hello DEC families! My name is Angela Yawea; I come from the Village of Encinal. I have resided in Encinal for 6 years with my son, daughter, our 6 cats, and two dogs. I have been with Division of Early Childhood since December 2022. I am currently going to return to school for the fall semester after a very long break to go for an Associates in Early Childhood Multicultural Education. I look forward to being with your child in Turquoise Springs this year and seeing all the children who are in the program.

My Favorites:

Food: My mom's cooking, New Mexican food, Chinese, American, Everything and anything

Drinks: Dr Pepper, Cherry Coke, Cherry Pepsi, and Dutch Bros Coffee

Snack: Sunflower seeds, potato chips, popcorn

Candy: Nerds clusters, Payday, Hersey with Almonds, peach rings

Store: Walmart, 5 Below, Target, Dollar Tree

Color: Purple, Mint Green, Olive green, Grey

Sport: NFL team Falcons. I personally like to Run (when not lazy or achy) and weightlifting.

Season: Fall

Note to Parents: Be happy, be kind, and be Safe.

Birthday: October 4th

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ABOUT ME:

Hello everyone, my name is Evelyn Garcia. I've lived in Seama with my family since I was 5, I am now 52. I've worked with DEC since I was 28, and have seen the different styles of teaching and learning. I have worked with children of all DEC ages infant, toddlers, and 3- to 5-year-olds. This year I am in Chinatown and will be with the older 2s (27 months to 35 months). So much growth happens at this age as children learn to voice their thoughts and find their independence by acquiring self-help skills and interests. I enjoy being at Laguna Division of Early Childhood because children's curiosity, wonder, and connection give me new experiences every year AND I am able to work with my former student, Royce, who is now an education assistant!

I just recently finished watching Dragon Ball Daima and loved it! My favorite character is Piccolo



MY FAVORITES:

Food: I like eating Mexican food and state fair foods like hamburgers and ribbon fries, barbeque, etc.

Drink: Iced sweet tea, lemonade, coca-cola, and coffee.

Snack: Popcorn, tortilla chips with salsa, chex mix, cookies

Candy: Homemade caramel, fruit mochi

Store: Target, Wal-Mart, World Market, Barnes + Noble

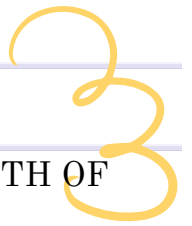
Color: black, turquoise, sage green, dandelion yellow

Sport: what's that?

Season: Fall



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WHAT WILL YOUR CLASSROOM FOCUS ON DURING THE FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL (TEACHING STAFF ONLY)

CURRICULUM: This year we will begin learning our classroom routines. This will let children know what our expectations are (take off your coat, put your coat in your cubby, etc..) and gain confidence that they know what to do. Our Creative Curriculum study will be about Seats. During a home visit, one guardian said that her grandchild loves fastening her car seat. Experiences such as this not only facilitates children's fine motor skills, but, their cognitive skills as well. Children will demonstrate awareness of differences and similarities with the fasteners. We will ask questions such as, "what other things have fasteners like your car seat?" We hope to give your children many real-life experiences & opportunities to learn in a safe and engaging environment.

NUTRITION: Our nutrition activity is hands-on for your child to make their own Apple Race Car. This will allow children to use their creativity and increase their understanding and learning; also, exercise hand-eye coordination to put the grapes onto a toothpick.

CLASSROOM GOALS FOR THE YEAR: Our goal for this year is to help our two-year old children gain more self-help and communication skills. Concerning behavior like screaming, crying, kicking, hitting etc. happens when a child becomes frustrated (usually because they are unable to use words to tell how they feel or what they want/need). We hope to help children recognize & label their feelings, be confident they can turn to us (teachers, support staff) for support, and learn how to use calming skills from Conscious Discipline.

NOTE TO PARENTS: (BOTH TEACHING AND NON TEACHING STAFF)

Please send an extra pair of clothes (socks, pants, t-shirt, light jacket or sweatshirt—underwear (if potty-trained), a water bottle for personal use, and a blanket. These items will be kept in the classroom and washed at least once weekly or when dirtied (body fluids, spilled milk, etc.).

Also, check your child's take-home folders for information and the book your child borrowed. We will send at-home activities at least monthly with an In-Kind Tracking Form). At times, the ERSEA Coordinator or your Family Service Provider will send forms for you to sign. You can also use the folder to submit Doctor/Dental Excuse slips or information if your child may have gotten sick or injured at home.

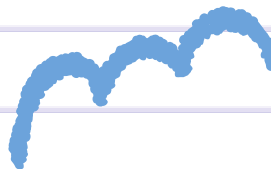
BIRTHDAYS: none

CONTACT ME:

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ABOUT ME:

My name is Royce Kie, I come from the village of laguna, also live in the village of laguna with my family, 1 year old son and boyfriend. This October marks my 3rd year here at DEC and it's a bittersweet moment for my son as he will be starting here at DEC this year. I'm currently enrolled in classes at CNM. I'm thrilled to be your Childs teacher in Chinatown Classroom alongside my former teacher Ms. Garcia aka Evelyn, I hope she'll inspire your children to pursue a career in teaching just like she did for me! Let's make this year filled with unforgettable fun, excitement, and endless learning experiences.

CONTACT ME:

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FAVORITES:

Food: hot wings and tacos

Drink: Dr pepper

Snack: pickles and hot chips

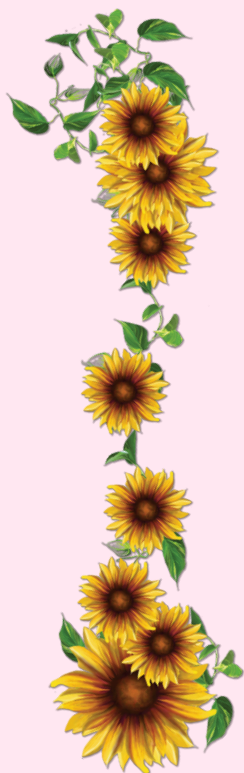
Candy: almond joy, Kit-Kat and nerd clusters

Store: target

Color: pink and purple

Sport:

Season: fall/ autumn



All About Me:

Hello everyone (gu'waadzii sai hou baa), my name is Faye Peacock; I am from the village of Laguna (K'awaika). I currently reside in the village of Paraje (Ts'iimina). I have been with the Head Start program for more than 10 plus years. I am also a Bus Driver; I have been a Bus Driver for about 15 years. I am looking forward to meeting new friends and being your child's teacher this coming school year in the Village Room. I am looking forward to a great and exciting year.

My Favorites:

Foods: like to eat out Sadies, Chinese, home cooked meals, cookies.

Drink: Indian Ice Tea, Sodas-DP, Cherry Pepsi, Lemonades, coffee latte.

Snack: Pretzels, cheese nips, Cheetos, Chili Chips, chewing gum

Candy: Cotton Candy, Almond Joys, Pay Days,

Color: Red, Grey, Black

Sports: 49ers, Commanders, Dodgers, Red Sox

Season: Fall and Winter

What will our Classroom focus on during the first month of School

Curriculum: Beginning of the Year

Nutrition: Apple Race Car (grapes & apples)

Classroom goals for the Year: Potty Training, Social Interaction, teachers and friends names.

Note to Parents:

Don't forget to say "I Love You" "I will be waiting for you when you get home"


And give a HUG!

Birthdays: AL-August

Contact Teacher:

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My name is Ms. Carol Day, I come from the village of Laguna and Hopi, Arizona. I currently reside in the Pueblo of Laguna with my family. I been with Laguna Department with Education for 7 years, but transferred over to Laguna Headstart in 2022. I got the experience of being a third person (teacher assistant) in a transition classroom. Then these past couple of year's I was an teacher assistant in another transition classroom which was a good experience especially with my lead teacher. I am currently enrolled in school in the fall to take classes to receive my credentials for child development. I am looking forward on being your child's teacher and excited to get the experience a whole new age group.

My Favorites:

My favorite food I like to eat is steak, I love me some rib eye. I also enjoy having the crab boil, when my niece makes it, pho, and chicken.

I have a few favorite drinks which are any type of blue raspberry flavor drink especially from the famous dutch bros, mango tea, cherry coke, dr.pepper, red bulls, and rockstars.

My favorite snacks I like to snack on are chips such as regular and hot Cheetos, and flammin hot baked potato lays chips, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, pistachios and pinons.

Favorite candy is gummy life savers, red vines, twizzler's, resses, Mr. Goodbar, and snickers ice cream.

I have a few favorite stores so it's alittle difficult to just list one. First on the list would be good old Walmart, Hobby Lobby, Ross and Burlington.

My favorite color is red. Any shade in red is my favorite.

I like to play volleyball and love to watch NFL football.

My favorite season is fall falling into winter.

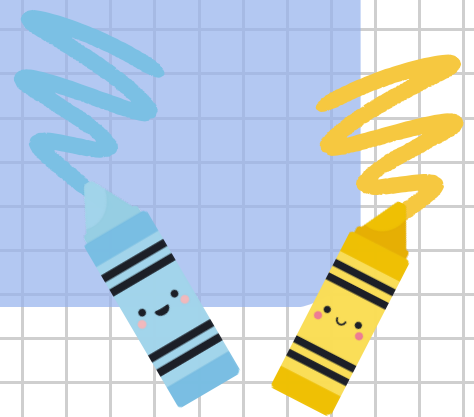
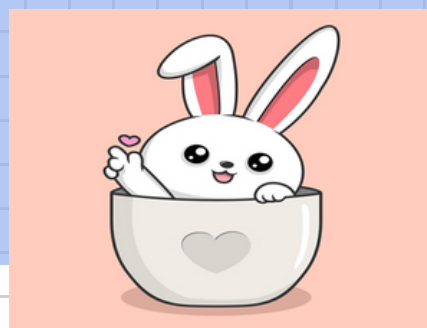
Please send extra clothes to have in the classroom, bring a water (will get sent home on Fridays), check blue take home folders daily, notify teachers of any visible injuries and notify teachers of any absence.

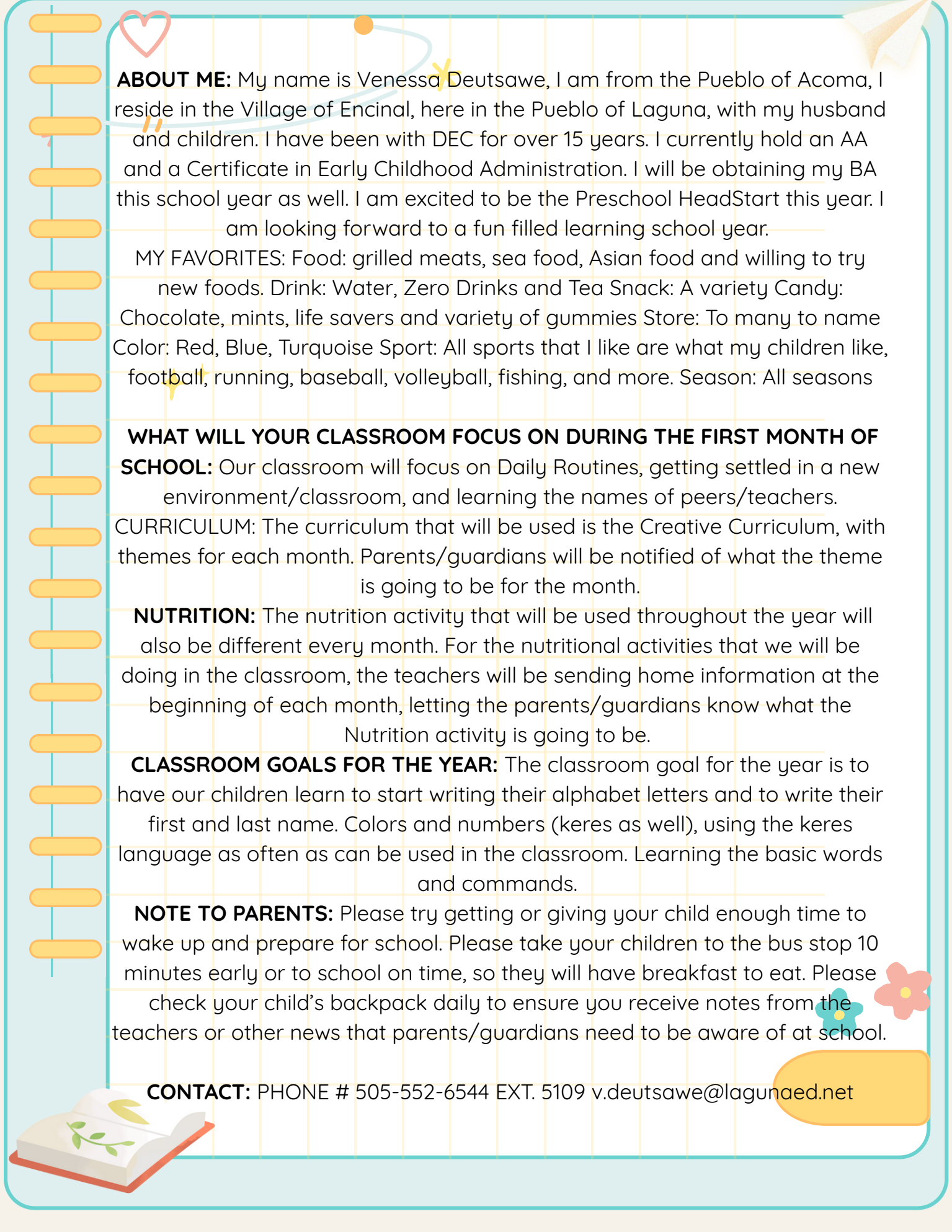
Ms. Carol

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ABOUT ME: My name is Venessa Deutsawe, I am from the Pueblo of Acoma, I reside in the Village of Encinal, here in the Pueblo of Laguna, with my husband and children. I have been with DEC for over 15 years. I currently hold an AA and a Certificate in Early Childhood Administration. I will be obtaining my BA this school year as well. I am excited to be the Preschool HeadStart this year. I am looking forward to a fun filled learning school year.

MY FAVORITES: Food: grilled meats, sea food, Asian food and willing to try new foods. Drink: Water, Zero Drinks and Tea Snack: A variety Candy: Chocolate, mints, life savers and variety of gummies Store: To many to name Color: Red, Blue, Turquoise Sport: All sports that I like are what my children like, football, running, baseball, volleyball, fishing, and more. Season: All seasons

WHAT WILL YOUR CLASSROOM FOCUS ON DURING THE FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL: Our classroom will focus on Daily Routines, getting settled in a new environment/classroom, and learning the names of peers/teachers.

CURRICULUM: The curriculum that will be used is the Creative Curriculum, with themes for each month. Parents/guardians will be notified of what the theme is going to be for the month.

NUTRITION: The nutrition activity that will be used throughout the year will also be different every month. For the nutritional activities that we will be doing in the classroom, the teachers will be sending home information at the beginning of each month, letting the parents/guardians know what the Nutrition activity is going to be.

CLASSROOM GOALS FOR THE YEAR: The classroom goal for the year is to have our children learn to start writing their alphabet letters and to write their first and last name. Colors and numbers (keres as well), using the keres language as often as can be used in the classroom. Learning the basic words and commands.

NOTE TO PARENTS: Please try getting or giving your child enough time to wake up and prepare for school. Please take your children to the bus stop 10 minutes early or to school on time, so they will have breakfast to eat. Please check your child's backpack daily to ensure you receive notes from the teachers or other news that parents/guardians need to be aware of at school.

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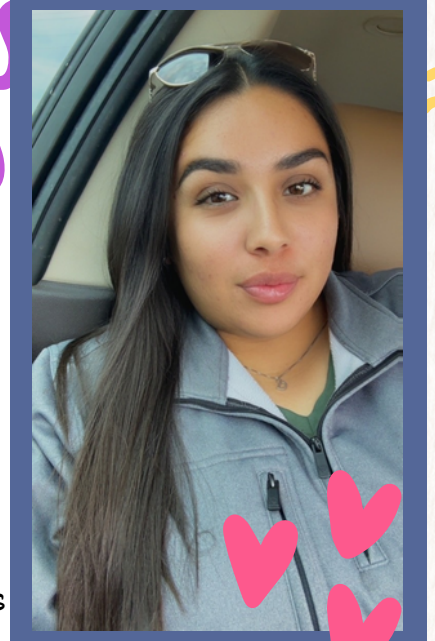


ABOUT ME:

My name is Mariah Whitmore, I come from the village of Paraje. I currently reside in Paraje with my family and son. I have been with DEC for 3 years going on 4 years in December; I am currently enrolled at CNM to get my AA in Early childhood education. This year I will be with the 3-year-olds in Paguate classroom. I'm looking forward to a fun filled school year with your kiddos.

MY FAVORITES:

Food: Sushi, steak, wings, jalapeno poppers, tacos and all the home cooked meals.
Drink: 7Brew, Dutch bros, monsters, Dr. Pepper and Peach tea.
Snack: Jerky, hot Cheetos. Cheez-it, sunflower seeds and Kool-Aid pickles.
Candy: Reeces, Mr. Goodbar, M&M's the peanut and the pop rocks.
Store: Hobby lobby, Boot barn, Walmart, Dick's sporting goods, Ross and Cavender's
Color: Purple and Green
Sport: Volleyball
Season: Fall



WHAT WILL OUR CLASSROOM FOCUS ON DURING THE FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL?

Our classroom will focus on daily routines, getting settled in a new environment/ classroom, and learning the names of peers/ teachers.

CURRICULUM: The curriculum that will be used is the Creative Curriculum, with themes for each month.

Parents/guardians will be notified of what the theme is going to be for the month.

NUTRITION: The nutrition activity that will be used throughout the year will also be different every month. For the nutrition activities that we will be doing in the classroom, the teachers will be sending home information at the beginning of each month, letting the parents/ guardians know what the nutrition activity is going to be.

CLASSROOM GOALS FOR THE YEAR: The classroom goal for the year is to have our children learn to start writing their alphabet letters and to write their first and last name. Colors and numbers (keres as well), using the keres language as often as can be in the classroom. Learning the basic words and commands.

NOTE TO PARENTS: Please send a water bottle, 2 pairs of extra clothes, socks and underwear, also a light jacket. No crocs or opened toed shoes. Reminder to call the school if your child is going to be out for the day or late to school. Please check your child's backpack daily to ensure you receive notes from the teachers or other news that parents/ guardians need to be aware of at school.

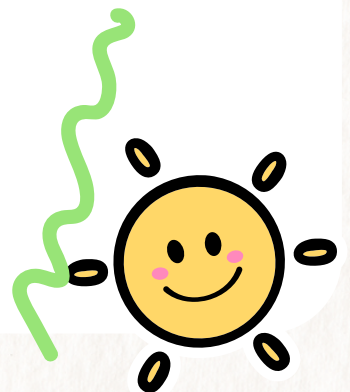
BIRTHDAY: December 19th

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Guwazee. Welcome families. My name is Juana Natseway, and I am from the village of Laguna. My clans are Big Sun and Little Corn. I have been with DEC for 25 years as a teacher with the Early Head Start and Preschool Head Start. I currently hold a Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education. I am going into my third year as a transition teacher in the Encinal classroom, teaching the children who will be going to kindergarten. I am looking forward to working with all the children and families. It is going to be a spectacular year.



What will your classroom focus on during the first month of school:

During the first days and weeks of school, we will help children become acquainted with their classmates and teachers and learn new routines. The children will learn to share their thoughts and become familiar with the daily and weekly schedules. We will build caring and supportive relationships with the children to feel prepared for the exciting learning ahead.

Curriculum:

We use the Creative Curriculum for Pre-K and FUNdations. The Creative Curriculum focuses on objectives for development and learning, social-emotional, physical, language, thinking skills, literacy, math, science, technology, social studies, and art. FUNdations objectives are to build a strong foundation in phonological and phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, and fluency, which are crucial for reading comprehension.

Nutrition:

The nutrition activities we make for the year support the children's healthy growth and development with ingredients that are fresh, low in fat, high in fiber, and easy to make at home. For August, the children will make Apple race cars.

Classroom goals for the year:

I aim to create positive interactions and relationships that provide children with a strong foundation for successful learning as we prepare them for the next milestone, kindergarten.

Reminders to Parents:

- Please check the take-home folder daily for notes.
- Read to your child daily and log time on the reading log.
- Have your child get rest, so they can be ready to learn.
- Please keep toys at home.

Foods: Traditional foods, wings, Chinese, salads & sushi

•Drinks: Coffee, Green Tea, & 7-up

•Snack: mixed nuts, taquitos, piccadillies, nachos, & popcorn

•Candy: almond joy, payday, & cinnamon suckers

•Store: Target, Lakeshore, Five Below, Bath & Body, Walmart, & JCPenney

•Colors: Red & Blue

•Teams: LA Dodgers & Lakers, San Francisco 49ers, Oklahoma Sooners

•Seasons: Fall & winter

Birthday:

July 30

Contact me:

Juana Natseway

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About Me:



Hi! My name is Ms. Yvonne, I am very excited to join the transition team in the Encinal classroom this year, I have been working with 3-4-year-olds the past few years and now I am back in a transition classroom. I am thrilled and looking forward to a year of learning, fun and adventure! But first I'll tell you a little about myself.

I am from Laguna Pueblo and reside here in Laguna, I have 2 adult daughters, 1st daughter is in the United States Airforce going on 23 years of service, 2nd daughter works here at DEC in front office as a Program Assistant (Ms. Maddie) who has given me two beautiful grandchildren, (Zeke 18 yrs.' and Olivia 10 yrs.') We have a dog named "Oreo".

I have held positions here at DEC as teacher/educational assistant/bus driver for 13 years! I am currently continuing my education towards my degree in Early Childhood Education!

WHAT WILL YOUR CLASSROOM FOCUS ON

Our goal this year in Encinal classroom is to prepare our/your children for kindergarten! Our curriculum is "FOUNDATIONS" which will be new to your child this year, 1st semester will include Structured Literacy Approaches, hand writing instruction, practice letters/letter sounds, tactile memory, gross motor, letter formation, social emotional, and self-skills!

NUTRITION

Our Nutrition Activities will include introducing children to trying new and nutritious foods like fruits and vegetables, grains, dairy and protein, equally important to educate children on eating healthy foods and encourage physical activity on a daily basis!

NOTES TO FAMILIES

I am looking forward and excited to building a positive and collaborative partnership with children and families!

Favorites:

Food: Birria tacos, enchiladas, taquitos w/salsa, posole stew w/oven or fried bread, grilling-steak, hamburgers, hotdogs outside!

Drink: Coke cola, Dr Pepper, Sweet tea, Chocolate milkshakes

Snack: Beef jerky, Chocolate ice cream, Chocolate sundaes, BBQ chips, Popcorn, Piccadilly's

Candy: Hershey's, snickers, taffy

Store: Hobby lobby, Michael's, Walmart, JC Penny's, Dillard's

Color: Red, Green, Yellow, Purple, Tan, Black

Sport: Football

Season: Fall and Winter

Contact Info:

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About Me



My name is Ms. Deutsawe; I come from the village of Paguate. I currently reside in Paguate with my family. I have been with DEC for 25 years. I love seeing the children grow and learn new skills. I currently hold a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Multicultural Education. I am looking forward to being your child's teacher this year in the Seama Classroom.



Favorites

Food: Birria Tacos

Drink: Starry Night (Dutch Bro Drink)

Snack: Popcorn

Candy: Snickers

Store: Walmart

Color: Dallas Cowboy Blue and Silver

Sport: Football

Season: Fall



WHAT WILL YOUR CLASSROOM FOCUS ON DURING THE FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL

Seama classroom will be focus on building relationships between teacher and children: children and peers for the first month of school. We have some children that are coming to school for the first time so we will help them become familiar with the classroom routine.

CURRICULUM: Building the Classroom Community

NUTRITION: (not sure, don't have this information on me.

CLASSROOM GOALS FOR THE YEAR: My goal for the children in my classroom is to make that feel comfortable and to enjoy learning, when we achieve that we will do our best the children Kindergarten ready!



NOTE TO PARENTS: Reminder to bring extra pair of clothing. Have your child get a good night rest. Remember to ask your child about how their day in school was. Let them know you are interesting in what they are learning.

BIRTHDAYS: no birthdays



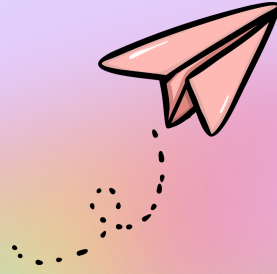
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About Me:

Hi everyone! My name is Raina Victorino. This year I will be in the transition classroom for my second year but in Seama Classroom 😊 My clans are Big Bear and Little Parrot. I have a 4-year-old son, naija, and another on the way. On my spare time, I love to hangout with my family and go fishing. I like to listen to Metallica, Khalid, Morgan wallen, Jon Bellion, Billie Eilish, Pierce the veil, and more!

My Favorites

Food: All the tradish foods
Snack: Popcorn with hot Cheetos
Candy: Sweet tarts and almond Hershey bar
Store: Ross, TJ Maxx, Hobby Lobby, Target
Color: Dark colors
Sport: GO 49ERS
Season: Fall





Greetings Families.

My name is Mr. Levantonio and I am the teacher in the Casa Blanca Classroom. I have been in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) field for 20 years. I have been an assistant teacher, teacher, bus driver, and Facilities/Transportation Manager throughout these years. I have an Associates of Arts Degree in ECE, Meritoriously, from New Mexico State University.

My tribal affiliation is the Pueblo of Laguna and I am from the Village of Mesita. I have been working diligently over the summer in our classroom and am looking forward to our brand new school year. So a little bit about me. One of my favorite hobbies is mountain bike riding. Along with that, I do enjoy fishing, hunting, hiking, and finding good restaurants... especially seafood. I enjoy watching the NFL and cheer on my team, the Dallas Cowboys. I have two daughters, Gabrielle and Alyssa. I also have on grandson, Liam Joel.

So, the Casa Blanca Classroom will begin the school year with the theme, Beginning of the Year. We will focus on learning our classroom routine, learn about each other and what we like and don't like. We will learn all the different areas in the classroom and how to use the materials, how to share the toys, and how to communicate with each other while playing with the toys. We will also learn about making choices. The children will learn that they all have choices in the classroom and that it is these choices, whether it is a good choice or a bad choice, there will always be consequences. We will have a nutrition activity on August 21 called Apple Race Cars.

Our classroom goal is a simple one. Our goal is to have all our children learn how to communicate with each other. To be able to communicate with respect and caring for each other. To communicate their needs to one another. I would like for our children to be confident enough to express themselves respectively. Once we can develop these tools, the learning will become easier. I would like to wish all the families in our community and abroad a good school year. I am hoping there is positive learning environments and success for our children. I would also like to wish all our staff in the Laguna Department of Education a great school year as well. Your work does not go unnoticed.

If you have any questions, concerns, just want to say hello, please make sure to contact me at 505-552-6544, ext. 5113 or email at g.levantonio@lagunaed.net. Have a great rest of the school year.

Sincerely
Gabe Levantonio
Teacher
Casa Blanca Classroom

Greetings families,

I hope you are all doing well and I hope everyone has had a great summer so far! My name is Angelica, I am the Health Aide here at DEC. I am half Native American and half Spanish, and I am from the village of Pagate. I have been in the medical field for ten years. I look forward to getting to know all of you and your children in the new school year. Welcome back to the returning children! I wish everyone a blessed school year! As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.



Reminders to Parents:

Friendly reminder: If your child is missing any health documents< (Well child, updated immunizations, dental exams, updated special care plans) please send them in as soon as possible. Thank you!

Fun Facts About Me:

Birth month: July

Children: One beautiful and amazing daughter

Favorite season: Fall

Sports teams: Lakers, Yankees, and Raiders

Music: I love all kinds of music

Pets: I have two dogs (Loki and Remy)

Drinks: I love Dutch Bros and Dr. Pepper

Hobbies: I love to cook and bake, taking long drives, camping, fishing

Contact Details:

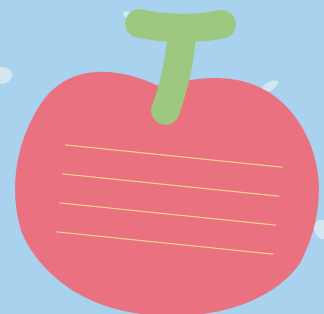
Angelica Baca

Health Aide

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About Me:

My name is Tiffany Touchin; I come from the village of Paraje. I currently reside in Casa Blanca with my 2 children. I have been with DEC for 24 years I have worked in many different capacities, I am currently the Family Service Provider for Preschool as well as a Bus Driver. I currently hold Bachelors Degree in Psychology and I am currently, enrolled in a Dual Master's Program through Eastern New Mexico University. I am looking forward to meeting new families as well as continuing partnerships with previous families.

Favorites

Food: Chinese

Drink: Diet Coke

Snack: sweet & Salty mixes

Candy: Chocolate covered anything

Store: Amazon

Color: Green

Sport: Baseball

Season: Fall

BIRTHDAY: September 13

Focus:

The Focus for Family Service Providers is to collaborate with all families, building partnerships that are in the best interest of their family. My goal is to meet all families where they are and provide and support families with new opportunities for success.

Contact Me:

Tiffany Touchin

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About Me: :

Greetings! My name is Kathleen Herrera. I live in the village of Mesita. I have 3 brothers and 1 sister. I have been in Education for the past 45 years. I have been in the DEC Program for 14 years. My education career includes, teaching Home Base families, Grades K -8 and some High School classes. I also have been a Basketball, Volleyball, Softball coach and an Athletic Director. My most highlighted area in teaching is, working with the very young learners and their families. I look forward this school year to continue working with families as your EHS Family Service Provider.

MY FAVORITES:

I like anything with chili, seafood and Chinese. LOVE POPCORN AND CHOCOLATE! My favorite colors are turquoise and black. LOVE FOOTBALL -GO 49ERS!

NOTE TO PARENTS:

COMMUNICATION with your teacher(s), school, the bus driver, school staff and your Family Service Provider. As DEC staff, we are here to help you and your child. I am here to help, support, listen and work with ALL FAMILIES. I hope to meet all parents during the school year.



CONTACT ME:

Kathleen Herrera

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Program phone: 505-290-9163

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Hello parents, families and friends of DEC.

My name is Iris Gallegos. I am a Pueblo of Laguna tribal member. I reside in the village of Seama with my husband. We have 4 adult sons and 11 grandchildren (eight of which will be attending school here at DEC). I have been a Program Assistant at DEC for 26 years.

I am honored you have chosen the Division of Early Childhood to send your child for a quality Early Childhood Education experience. I am located in the front office and am here to assist you with anything you may need while your child is enrolled with DEC. You are more than welcome, please feel free to stop by and visit our program.

Iris Gallegos, Program Assistant
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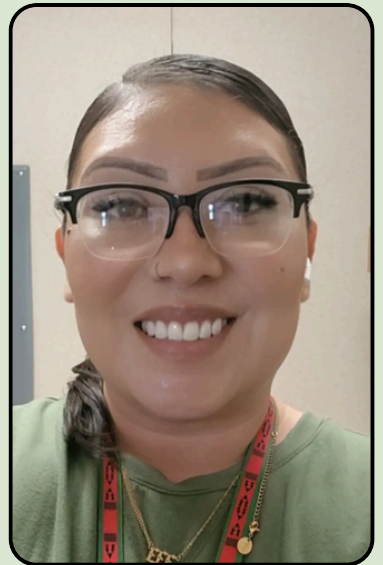
About Me:

Hello, my name is Madalynne Francis aka: “Ms. Maddie”. I am from the village of Laguna; I currently reside in New Laguna with my significant other. I have 2 children Zeke-18, whom recently graduated High School and Olivia-10- who will be in the 5th grade.

I have 4 dogs- 2 German Shepherds “Gus-Gus” & “Charlie”, 1 chow mix “Coco” and we have 2 cats “Dairy” and “Church”.

I am currently enrolled at CNM earning a degree in Multi-Cultural Childhood Education with a concentration in Early Childhood Program Administration.

My roll here at DEC is Program Assistant in the front office; I am always here to help with questions or concerns. I hope you and your children all have a great and wonderful school year!



Favorites:

Food: Sushi, seafood boils, pizza, nachos, and steak salads

Drink: Coffee, Coca-cola, Hi-C fruit punch, and water w/liquid IV flavors

Snack: beef jerky (teriyaki), munchos chips, and salted pea snaps

Candy: rocky road chocolate bars, peach rings, Kool-Aid gummy bears

Store: Hobby Lobby, Home Goods, & Amazon

Color: burgundy, mauve, black, & gray

Sport: Football - SF 49ERS

Season: WINTER



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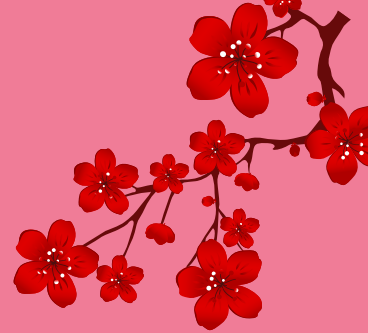
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About Me:

My name is Jean Paquin. I am the Program Manager for the Division of Early Childhood. I am a Laguna tribal member from the Village of Old Laguna. I have been employed with the Division of Early Childhood Program for 23 years.

Furthermore, I was a Kindergarten Teacher for 3 years at the Laguna Elementary School. I currently have a Master of Arts Degree in Family and Child Studies with a concentration in Early Childhood Studies from the University of New Mexico. GO LOBOS!!



My Favorites

Food: Panda Express, Olive Garden, Pizza 9, Crackin' Crab Seafood Boil

Drink: Dr. Pepper blackberry zero sugar, Lemon water

Snack: Pistachios, popcorn, green grapes

Color: Black

Sport: LA Dodgers and UNM Lobos

Season: Fall

Birthday: November 2

Note to Parents:

Welcome families, as a new school year begins! I am excited to welcome enthusiastic children ready to learn and take advantage of all learning opportunities. This is a time for new beginnings, including new classes, faces, and experiences. The Division of Early Childhood is committed to a supportive learning environment where every child is valued, safe, and encouraged to reach their full potential. Have a superb 2025-2026 school year!

Contact Me:

Jean Paquin

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MEET THE DEC SPECIAL SERVICES SUPPORT COORDINATOR.



ALL FAMILIES MATTER

Welcome to the DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD (DEC)! Program. MY goal as the Special Services Coordinator, is to provide support services in an environment where each child is nurtured, respected and valued, along with their families, where all children can learn and develop to their fullest potential. My role here at DEC is to work collaboratively with educational partners that provide support services for children that may require support to reach developmental goals for their age. I plan to assure all children are provided endless safe and engaging opportunities to learn through daily routines in an inclusive environment.

Hello, My name is:

Margaret Mascareñaz

A few facts about ME!

As a child and teenager, I lived in Grants and attended Grants Municipal Schools, as well as St. Joseph School in San Fidel. I graduated from Grants High School. I attended the University of New Mexico to pursue a degree in Special Education.

Years Teaching: I have over 47 years of teaching experience in public and private education, and in Head Start programs in Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico. I have experience as a Special Education teacher for children with special needs -from Birth to 8th grade. My experience in Head Start/Early Head Start includes serving as a Family Service Provider, Education and Center manager teacher, and various other roles in the Head Start programs in the three states listed above.

Years at DEC: I have had the honor of working at DEC over 20 years. Thank you.

More about me:

- I am a proud and grateful mother to one son and two daughters and a happy grandmother of two wonderful grandchildren
- Gardening, Dancing and listening to music are a couple of my favorite pastimes.
- I enjoy Herbal teas and coffee One favorite food I enjoy, are chicken enchiladas . "Christmas ", please!

Thank you for entrusting your beautiful, talented children to Laguna's Division of Early Childhood.

NEED TO KNOW: If you have any concerns regarding your child's development, please feel free to contact me at anytime or let your child's teacher know so we can act quickly with providing supports.

THANK YOU for entrusting your beautiful talented children to the DEC program. Have a great year!

Margaret Mascarenaz: mmascarenaz@lagunaed.net. 505-552-6544 Ext. 5104

Laguna Division of Early Childhood



OPEN HOUSE

- COME MEET YOUR CHILD'S NEW TEACHER'S
- COME SEE YOUR NEW CLASSROOM



Friday
August 8, 2025

QUESTIONS:
Contact Tiffany Touchin @ (505) 552-6544
Ext 5003 or (505) 220-2549

HOURS:
1pm - 3pm

DEC CAMPUS 21 Rodeo Drive Laguna, NM 87026



Division of Early Childhood Bus Drivers

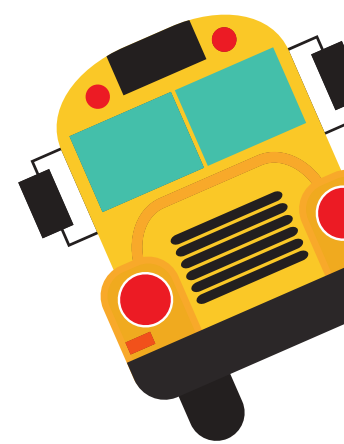
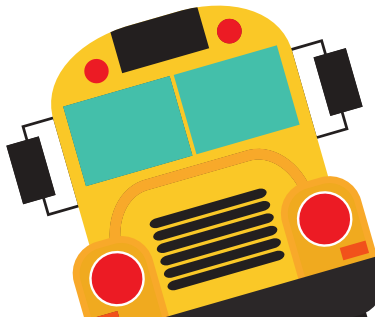

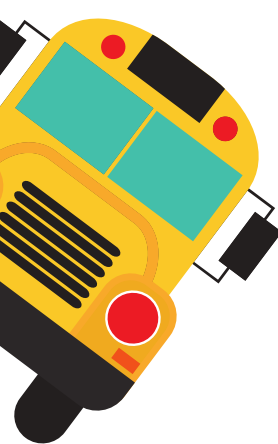
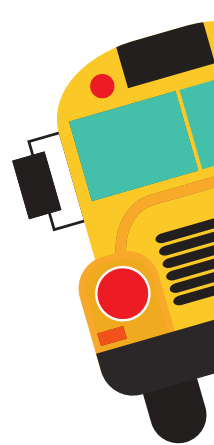



Greetings, welcome to a new school year!

My name is Tiffany, I am from the Village of Paraje. I have been driving the bus for the past 18 years and I always enjoy setting the foundation for all new bus riders and educating them on bus safety. Not only am I a Bus Driver but I am also the Family Service Provider for Preschool.

I look forward to seeing new faces and new families. My main goal is to ensure that all children are safe as we transport to and from school.

I wish you all a great school year!
Ms. Tiffany



Division of Early Childhood Bus Drivers



Hello!

Allow me to introduce myself my name is Ms. Yvonne, I am from the village of Laguna and am an Educational assistant here at DEC. Some of you may already know me I have been driving for DEC for many years!!

I am the first person your children will see in the morning; I will greet children and families a "Good morning" and with a smile 😊 I will ensure that your children have a safe and pleasant ride to and from school every day rain or shine! I am also the first person that hears how excited the children are about their new shoes, backpacks, and will also learn the name of your dog!!

I look forward to a safe and fun school year!

Signed: The lady behind the wheel of the big yellow bus.

(Ms. Yvonne).

Children on Board

Division of Early Childhood Bus Drivers



Hello everyone (gu'waadzii sai hou baa),
My name is Faye Peacock; I am from the village of Laguna
(K'awaika). I currently reside in the village of Paraje (Ts'iimina).
I have been with the Head Start program for more than 10
years.

I have been a Bus Driver for about 15 years.
I am looking forward to meeting new friends 😊

Let's have a great and exciting year!

Mrs. Peacock



Thank you!

See you all Next Month!

-DEC STAFF

