

Isleta Elementary School

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National Native-American Heritage Month



Isleta Elementary students and staff honored the diverse cultures and histories of indigenous peoples in grand style during the month of November. Ms. Ceus, the new principal of the school, says this celebration will now become an annual event to give students hands-on history lessons to remind them of where they came from.

Our staff and students are a representation of many tribes across the nation: Navajo, White Mountain Apache, Pueblo, Lakota, Comanche, Kiowa, Cheyenne, Seneca-Cayuga, Sioux, and Tohono O'odham.

Isleta Elementary salutes our Veterans! Thank you all who have served and continue to serve in our military. Kerwin Pohawpatchoko (Army), Diane Leon (Air Force), and Ricardo Yzquierdo (Army).



Students and staff wore their native attire for "Roc Your Mocs Week!"



THANK YOU: Parents, Guardians, and Volunteers...Native Horno baking was a SUCCESS!

On November 9th we began our baking series with students, staff, and volunteers making traditional pueblo cookies. We continued with oven bread and will finish with pueblo pies on November 29th.



On November 15th, we hosted our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Our cafeteria staff served over 200 meals. The menu consisted of the traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings & fresh native oven bread.





National Native-American Heritage Month celebrations continue...



Frybread Friday was November 17th. Our 5th grade teacher, Ms. Mexicano, made the frybread dough, some of our students shaped their taco, and the staff did the frying. Students got to build their own Indian Taco for lunch.

Christmas Caroling for the Pueblo of Isleta Cultural Center



On November 17th, our students were invited to carol at the open house for the *Isleta Cultural Center*. Isleta's very own Ms. Noreen Valdez, and Mr. Kerwin Pohawpatchoko utilized their musical talents and assisted the students in singing a variety of Christmas songs.

It's always a great day to be an Isleta Eagle!

Join our School Team...We Need You!

We are accepting applications for prospective employees. Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.bie.edu/current-vacancies> for current vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Volunteer, please contact the school.

