

Greetings from the Division of Early Childhood Family!

Welcome Back to School!

Greetings Families! We hope you all had a fun and safe summer break. We are pleased to announce that Division of Early Childhood will be starting our monthly newsletter articles again for the 2023-2024 Program Year. Division of Early Childhood newsletters include a monthly article from your child's classroom Teachers, Managers, and Program Director.

Newsletters will include:

What children will be learning in and out of the classrooms which include the following:

- Creative Curriculum
- Conscious Discipline
- Cultural Lifeways
- Nutrition Activities
- Science Technology Engineering Art and Math Activities
- Parent Engagement Activities.

And so much more!

READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!

The month of August is among us and we are already zooming through the month. We would like to extend a very special welcome to all new students, families, and staff, as well as all whom have returned. We are always delighted to see all the children's smiling and sometimes sleepy faces in the mornings when they arrive on the buses or are being dropped off. Inside this edition you will find introductions from our wonderful staff here at Laguna Preschool Head Start and Laguna Early Head Start.

We are no longer following COVID restrictions and masks are no longer required, but are optional. We are now offering Morning and Afternoon Childcare.

DEC is still currently accepting applications for new and returning students. Applications are available on site or visit us online at lagunaed.net For more information please contact Laguna Division of Early Childhood (505) 552-6544.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

August 15— Mesita Feast (School is Open)

August 16 — Nutrition Activity 'Watermelon Pizza'

August 22— STEAM Activity 'using tools to explore nature'





August Curriculum

PHS Creative Curriculum children will be exploring the topic of Beginning of the Year, **EHS Creative Curriculum** children will be exploring the topics of Routines and Seats which include getting to know the daily routines of the classroom, rules, as well as making new friends and getting to know their teachers.

Cultural Lifeways children will focus on Self Identity Kinships, their Indian names, villages, body parts, color of the month (yellow) and their clans. Language: Morning Prayer, Morning Greetings, Attendance, Goodbyes, Emotions, Utensils, Colors, and Days of the Week.

Conscious Discipline children and teachers will spotlight Perception and I love You Rituals.



Manager Corner

Dear Families,

It is with great excitement that I write this as the new Laguna Division of Early Childhood Program Manager. I am honored to have been invited to join a great Head Start and Early Head Start Program and to lead a talented program devoted to serving students and their families.

Best wishes to all families for a smooth and happy start to this new school year! Please contact me by email or telephone with any questions, concerns or suggestions. I look forward to meeting you and to our ongoing collaboration to ensure an engaging, happy, and successful school year for your children. Da'waa'ee

Family Child Care
is not **Babysitting**.
It's not comparable
to any **child care center**.
It's FAMILIES in
relationships
with a **PROFESSIONAL** care provider
in an **environment**
that becomes **BY DESIGN**
a second home,
and a whole **BUNCH** of **PEOPLE**
partnering, trusting, caring
and educating each other.



Village Classroom

Ms. Faye Peacock

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Hello! Guwa-dzii



Welcome families and students to an exciting new school year. I'm Mrs. Peacock I will be teaching the 3-4 Year Old in the Village Classroom. I am also a bus driver. We strive to provide fun and exciting activities and teaching children school readiness skills. I look forward to seeing familiar and new students alike. Have a Great School Year everyone!

Favorites

- Color: Red Ku'ka'nii & Royal Blue
- Food: Chile Stews & Cream Puffs
- Drink: Green Tea, Iced Coffee, & Indian Tea
- Hobbies: Sewing & Cooking
- Sports Teams: San Francisco 49ers LA Dodgers
- Restaurants: Sadies & Chinese
- Flowers: Roses
- Scents: Sweet Fruity Smells



Seama Classroom

Ms. Kayla Martinez

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Hello!



Greetings my name is Kayla Martinez, I am from the Pueblo's of Laguna and Acoma. I have been working with DEC for over 5 years. I do hold a degree in Early childhood. It's truly an honor working with our children and I'm excited to start a new school year. I am wishing everyone a great year and I can't wait to watch all the children grow.

My Favorites:

- ◆ **Color:** Red/ Yellow
- ◆ **Food:** Sushi
- ◆ **Drink:** Green Tea or Coffee
- ◆ **Hobbies:** Listening to music/ Volleyball
- ◆ **Sports Teams:** U of A Wildcats, St. Louis Cardinals
- ◆ **Flowers:** Red or Yellow Roses

What I do here at DEC

I am a PHS teacher with DEC. This school year I will be in Seama classroom, working with four and five year olds. I am here to help provide a positive/ safe learning experiences for our children and build positive relationships with our parents/ families.



Casa Blanca Classroom

Teacher Bee & Ms. Yvonne

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Greetings!

Hi my name is Bianca Saiz, I am the teacher in the Casa Blanca Classroom. Staff and students call me "Teacher Bee". I am very excited for a new school year. I have been with DEC for 9 years.

Education

I have my Associates in Early Childhood Multi Cultural. I just graduated with my Bachelors of Arts from NMHU. I plan on continuing my education for my Masters in Special Education.

My Favorites

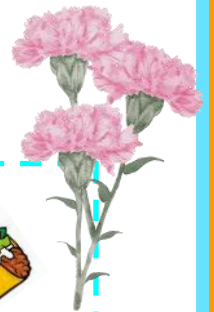
- ◆ **Color:** pink and purple
- ◆ **Food:** New Mexican food
- ◆ **Drink:** Sweet Tea
- ◆ **Hobbies:** Spending time with family and friends
- ◆ **Sports Teams:** New York Yankees
- ◆ **Restaurants:** Texas Steak House
- ◆ **Flowers:** Roses
- ◆ **Scents:** Sweet



Education

CDA (Certificate Development Associate)

CDL (Commercial Driver's License) Bus Driver



My Favorites

- ◆ **Color:** Pastel colors
- ◆ **Food:** Taco's
- ◆ **Drink:** Iced Tea, Dr. Pepper
- ◆ **Hobbies:** Walking, watching Christmas movies, Bingo
- ◆ **Sports Teams:** AZ Cardinals
- ◆ **Restaurants:** Long Horn Steakhouse, Olive Garden, Christy Mae's
- ◆ **Flowers:** Carnations
- ◆ **Scents:** Light Floral Scents



WELCOME to Casa Blanca Classroom

Greetings my name is Ms. Yvonne, I will be the educational assistant for the Casa Blanca classroom this year. I have worked with DEC for 11 years as an EA and a bus driver. I reside in the Village of Laguna. I have 2 daughters, 2 awesome grandchildren, and my dog "Oreo". I look forward to working with the 3 yr. old age group again this year and alongside Teacher Bee.

Sunnyside

Teacher Andrea & Ms. Raina

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WELCOME to Sunnyside Classroom

Hello to the families! My name is Andrea Lucario. I have been a teacher for 22 years. An infant teacher for over 10 years. Happy to be back with the little ones. Have a great school year everyone!

Education

AA Degree: General Studies

AA Degree: Education Para Professional



My Favorites

◆ **Color:** Black

◆ **Food:** Home cooked

◆ **Drink:** Tea and Pepsi

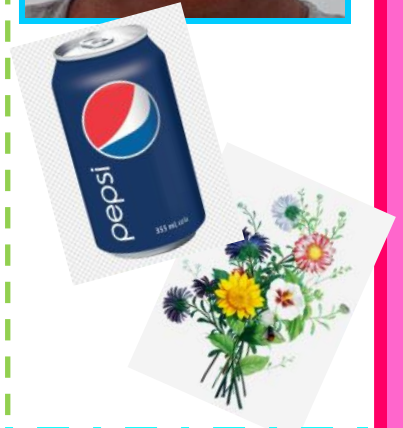
◆ **Hobbies:** Spending time with daughters/grandchildren

◆ **Sports Teams:** Dallas Cowboys

◆ **Restaurants:** Azuma

◆ **Flowers:** All

◆ **Scents:** Fruity



My favorites:

Color: Maroon, grey, and yellow

Food: Red chili stew with fresh oven bread or frybread

Drink: Redbull, Cherry Dr. Pepper, Gold Peak Tea, and vitamin water

Hobbies: Diamond Painting, Arts & Crafts, hanging out with my favorite humans (my son and his dad) and of course, my family, and traveling to places, near or far.

Sports Teams: San Francisco 49ers

Restaurants: Texas Roadhouse, Azuma, and Saggio's Pizza

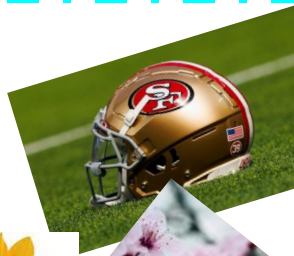
Flowers: Hibiscus and sunflowers

Scents: Cherry blossom and lavender

Hello everyone! My name is Raina J. I'm Acoma, Laguna, and Hopi. My clans are Big Bear and Little Parrot. I want to start off by saying it's great to see you all again and nice meeting the new families! Let's have a great school year!

What I do here at DEC:

I am an E.A here at DEC. I started in the 2022-2023 school year and this year, 2023-2024, will be



Chinatown Classroom

Teacher Sandra & Ms. Royce

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Education

45 Hour Certificate in Early Childhood

AA Early Childhood Education

My Favorites

- ◆ **Color:** Rose gold and purple
- ◆ **Food:** wings and tacos
- ◆ **Drink:** DR. Pepper
- ◆ **Hobbies:** being with family
- ◆ **Sports Teams:** Yankees, Lakers, Cowboys and Lobos
- ◆ **Restaurants:** Crackin' Crab
- ◆ **Flowers:** hibiscus and lotus
- ◆ **Scents:** Perfect— Marc Jacobs



WELCOME to Chinatown Classroom

Hi! My name is Sandra Lewis! I reside in Acoma with my children and grandchildren. I will be teaching infants in Chinatown Classroom. I would like to thank and welcome all families that have enrolled their child/ren in the Early Head Start and Preschool Head Start, returning or newly enrolled. I have been teaching in the Early Head Start for nine years. My first three years at Early Head Start I was a home visitor with the Home Based Program teaching zero to three year olds. I look forward to having our children in the classroom and have a great year!

My Favorites

- ◆ **Color:** Turquoise
- ◆ **Food:** French Fries, Seafood
- ◆ **Drink:** Coca Cola, Sweet Tea
- ◆ **Hobbies:** Long drives, listening to music, spend time with my children/grandchildren
- ◆ **Sports Teams:** Denver Broncos & Phoenix Suns
- ◆ **Restaurants:** Sea food Places, Rudy's Cracker Barrel, Dion's, etc.
- ◆ **Flowers:** Carnations



WELCOME to Chinatown Classroom

My name is Royce Kie. I am from the village of Laguna. I am the

Educational Assistant in Chinatown Classroom.

Education

I am currently enrolled at CNM working toward a certificate/AA in Early Childhood Education.

Turquoise Springs Classroom

Teacher Candice & Ms. Marilou

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WELCOME to >Turquoise Springs< Classroom

Hello my name is Teacher Candice Lucero, I am from the Village of Mesita, where I reside with my children and husband. I have been in the education field for about 16 years and have a great passion for what I do. Looking forward to working with you and your child this school year!



Education

BA-Early Childhood Multicultural Education

AA-Early Childhood Education



My Favorites

- ◆ **Color:** Purple
- ◆ **Food:** Steaks, seafood, chicken
- ◆ **Drink:** Dr. Pepper
- ◆ **Hobbies:** Playing Volleyball
- ◆ **Sports Teams:** Dallas Cowboys, NY Yankees
- ◆ **Restaurants:** Bubba's, Storming Crab, Sushi King
- ◆ **Flowers:** Sunflowers
- ◆ **Scents:** Fruity, Lavender



WELCOME to Turquoise Springs Classroom

Hello my name is Marilou Arkie. I have been with DEC for a total of 4 1/2 years. I look forward to working with your children in Turquoise Springs classroom. Let's have a great year. Thank You!

Education

HS graduate

45 hr certificate in Early Childhood

CDA in Early Childhood



My Favorites

- ◆ **Color:** Purple
- ◆ **Food:** Italian
- ◆ **Drink:** Tea and Water
- ◆ **Hobbies:** Sewing and spending time with my family
- ◆ **Sports Teams:** Dallas cowboys
- ◆ **Restaurants:** Olive Garden Golden state
- ◆ **Flowers:** Roses and Lillies

Mesita Classroom

Teacher Evelyn & Ms. Kay-Mani

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WELCOME to Mesita Classroom

We are a two-year old classroom with children who may turn 3 during the school year. We get them ready for Head Start by providing activities that are similar to a three year old class yet are modified for their developmental stages. We strive to make accomplishable goals to encourage skills that are needed for their future.



My Favorites

- ◆ **Color:** Turquoise and Black
- ◆ **Food:** Chile Rellenos & Spanish Rice
- ◆ **Drink:** Sweet Tea
- ◆ **Hobbies:** Research, fact-finding
- ◆ **Restaurants:** El Modelo & Garcias
- ◆ **Flowers:** Wild Flowers
- ◆ **Scents:** Rosemary,



WELCOME to Mesita Classroom

Greetings and Welcome back to DEC!,

My name is Kay-Mani Riley, but I prefer Teacher Mani. I am from the Pueblo of Laguna, I reside in the village of Encinal with my Fiancé, and my fur baby Akoya who I love spending time with. This will be my 2nd year here at DEC, and this year I am in the Mesita classroom with Ms. Evelyn Garcia. I am looking forward to not only teach, but to learn with your children as well.

My Favorites

- ◆ **Color:** Blue and Green
- ◆ **Food:** Fruits
- ◆ **Drink:** Cherry Pepsi
- ◆ **Hobbies:** Dancing and Drawing
- ◆ **Sports Teams:** Dallas Cowboys & New York Yankees
- ◆ **Restaurants:** Any Chinese
- ◆ **Flowers:** Blue Roses and Tiger Lily's
- ◆ **Scents:** Champagne Toast



Education

I am currently enrolled at CNM to get my degree in

Early Childhood Multicultural Education.



Family Service Providers



HELLO!

My name is Tiffany Touchin

My clans are Big Turkey & Little Parrot

I am from the Village of Paraje



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What I do here at DEC

I am the Family Service Provider for Pre-school Head start, we provide;

- *Family Engagement Opportunities
- * Parent Education
- * Fatherhood Involvement
- *Parent committee Opportunities

I am also a Bus Driver!!

My Favorites:

- ◆ **Color:** Green
- ◆ **Food:** Chinese
- ◆ **Drink:** Cherry Coke Zero
- ◆ **Hobbies:** Fishing, camping, & Hunting
- ◆ **Sports Teams:** Chicago Cubs, Dallas Cowboys & Nevada Wolf-pack
- ◆ **Restaurants:** Azuma, Olive Garden & Crackin Crab
- ◆ **Flowers:** variety



Family Service Providers

Welcome!

Greetings students and families,. My name is Kathleen Herrera I am one of the Family Service Providers, I am also the home base teacher here at DEC. I am very excited to continue to work closely with the students and families,



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Education

43 years of experience Teaching in:

Home base,

Early Childhood

K-5

Middle School

High School

My Favorites

Color: Turquoise

Food: Anything w/hot Chile

Drink: Coke Zero

Hobbies: Casino/Bingo

Sports Teams: San Francisco 49er, LA Dodgers, Utah JAZZ

Restaurants: El Charritos

Flower: Yellow Roses

Scents: Flowery—Fruity Smells



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Disabilities Service Coordinator

HELLO!

My name is Margaret Mascareñaz. I have had the privilege of working for the Laguna Division of Early Childhood for over 19 years .



What I do here at DEC

I currently serve as the Disabilities Services Coordinator for Laguna Division of Early Childhood. I have over 40 years of experience in public education and Early Head Start & Head Start programs, as a Special Ed. classroom teacher, family visitor, special needs coordinator and as a program administrator.



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My Favorites:

- ◆ **Color:** Purple
- ◆ **Food:** Pasta, fruits/veggies, Green Chile Enchiladas
- ◆ **Drink:** Coffee/tea (sugar free)
- ◆ **Hobbies:** Reading, dancing
- ◆ **Sports Teams:** L.A. Dodgers
Denver Broncos
- ◆ **Restaurants:** The Grove & El Pinto
- ◆ **Flowers:** Roses, geraniums
- ◆ **Scents:** Lavender, mint



Program Assistants

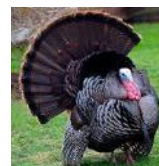
Welcome to DEC!

My name is Iris Gallegos. My clans are big Parrot and little Turkey. I am from the village of Seama where I reside with my husband. I have four grown boys and 10 grandchildren all of whom I love very much. I have been with DEC for 23 years and counting. I am located in the front office and can assist with your needs. I look forward to the new school year and working with parents to provide your child a positive learning experience. May you all have a great year and thank you for enrolling your child with us.



My Favorites:

- ◆ **Color:** Navy Blue & Black
- ◆ **Drink:** Dr. Pepper and Indian Tea
- ◆ **Sports Teams:** Dallas Cowboys, New York Yankees, Los Angeles Lakers, Texas Longhorns, New Mexico State Aggies & Laguna-Acoma Hawks
- ◆ **Flowers:** Purple Roses



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Hello!

My name is Madalynne Francis, students and staff call me "Ms. Maddie" I am beginning the new school year with a new title as Program Assistant. I have 2 awesome children 2 cats, and 2 dogs whom I love dearly. Prior to becoming the new assistant I was previously in the Classroom and have been with DEC for 5 years. I look forward to continuing working with children and families. Wishing all children, families and my fellow colleagues to have a fun filled and blessed school year!



My Favorites:

- ◆ **Color:** Black & Gray
- ◆ **Food:** Sushi, Seafood, & Pasta
- ◆ **Drink:** Cherry Coke, Redbull, Coffee
- ◆ **Hobbies:** Music, Painting, Doodle drawing
- ◆ **Sports Teams:** San Francisco 49ers, San Francisco Giants, San Jose Sharks
 - ◆ **Restaurants:** Sushi Freak, Crackin' Crab, Olive Garden
 - ◆ **Flowers:** White Daisies & Red Roses
 - ◆ **Scents:** Jazmine & SOL Brazilian Crush

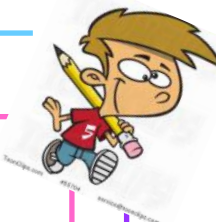
Education

CDC in Early Childhood Education
 Enrolled with CNM working toward my AA in Multi-Cultural Childhood Development



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Social Worker

HELLO!

My Name is Susan Tharpe, LMSW and I am the new LDOE School Wide Social Worker.



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What I do here at DEC

I provide mental health consultation for teachers via training, modeling, one to one support and daily activities. I will also be scheduling activities for parents/grandparents/legal guardians as well as to facilitate Circle of Security Parent training and provide parent/family support.



My Favorites:

- ◆ **Color:** Dark Green
- ◆ **Food:** Non-traditional veggie salads
- ◆ **Drink:** Coffee and Diet DP
- ◆ **Hobbies:** Watching NFL football
- ◆ **Sports Teams:** Steelers!!
- ◆ **Restaurants:** Applebee's, Mac's on Central
- ◆ **Flowers:** Yellow Roses, multi-colored carnations
- ◆ **Scents:** Cherry Blossoms, fresh rain





DEC STAFF (Not pictured)

New Laguna Classroom— *Ms. Caundice Deutsawe*

New York Classroom— *Ms. Venessa Deutsawe*

Encinal Classroom— *Ms. Juana Natseway*

Education Manager/Instructional Coach— *Gayleen Ruben*

Program Director— *Ruth Hidalgo*

Multi-Function-Educational Assistants:

Michael Aragon

Carol Day

Meredith Kie

Gabriel Levantonio

Makayla Sarracino

Mariah Whitmore

Angela Yawea

Kitchen Staff:

Micah Bahe & Alyssa Day

Program Manager

Greetings!



I am Jean Paquin, the newly hired Division of Early Childhood Program Manager. My clans are big Badger and little Turkey. I am proudly from the village of Old Laguna.



What I do here at DEC

I oversee the day to day operations at the Preschool Head Start and Early Head Start Programs. I work closely with all DEC Administrators, program assistants, teachers, teacher assistants, cooks, and multi function educational assistants.



Education

Master of Arts Degree in Family and Child Studies, Concentration in Early Childhood Studies

Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Multicultural Education



My Favorites

Color: All Colors

Food: Steak, Salmon

Drink: Water with fresh lemon

Hobbies: Running

Sports Team: Denver Broncos/L.A. Dodgers/Lobos

Restaurants: Porto's/Tucanos Brazilian Grill

Flowers: Red and Pink roses



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