

# Laguna Division of Early Childhood



November 2021 Newsletter

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## NOVEMBER

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## LETTER FROM INTERIM DIRECTOR

Greetings DEC Families,

It is my hope that you are staying safe and enjoying the fall season. There are a few announcements, for our in-person learners, that I would like to bring to your attention. Notices have been sent out to our families, via the LDoE website, school messenger, and Facebook with information on mandatory vaccination for students ages 5-11. All students attending in-person must be fully vaccinated by January 10, 2022. A consent form is required for EOC to administer the vaccine without the parents/guardians being present. The form, along with a letter from LDoE will follow this page. The letter from LDoE explains the steps that you will need to take in order to get your child registered for the vaccine.

**For Laguna Division of Early Childhood, only our five year-old students, who will continue attending in-person, will be required to be vaccinated.**

**EOC will offer the COVID vaccine in the Parent Resource Center (PRC) at DEC: Wednesday, November 17, 8:50 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**As a reminder, if you choose to have your child vaccinated at DEC on Wednesday, November 17, a DEC staff member will be with your child.**

There will be a 15-minute observation time after your child is vaccinated. Once the observation period has passed, a DEC staff will escort your child to their classroom. If you prefer to accompany your child for the vaccine, you have the option of taking your child to the Public Safety Complex in Mesita on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

In addition, monthly COVID testing will continue for our students ages 2 and up. Our next COVID Test Clinic will take place on:

**Monday, November 22  
EHS and PHS students will be tested 8:35 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your support as we continue to maintain COVID safe practices.**

Take care.

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November 5, 2021

Dear Parents,

In our continued strive to keep our students, staff and communities safe, the LDOE Board of Education has approved mandatory COVID-19 vaccines for all students ages five to eleven. Please be informed that effective January 10, 2022, all students, ages five (5) to eleven (11), must be fully vaccinated in order to attend school in-person. LDOE has teamed up with EOC to vaccinate the students on school campus on:

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 beginning at 8:00am in the LMS gym.

In order to vaccinate our students, we will need our parents to:

1. Create a profile for each child at "VACCINENM.ORG"
2. Schedule your child for an appointment using **Event Code: LDOE10. The event code is the only way you will find our event.**
3. Completed Parent Consent Form online. The consent form is to allow EOC to administer the vaccine without parents being present. A copy of the Parent Consent Form is also attached. Please sign the consent form and return it to your child's school or you can choose to complete the "Parent Consent Form" online in your child's profile.

We have attached a flyer created by EOC, to assist you with step-by-step instructions on how to create the student profile, get them scheduled, and complete the parent consent form. For educational information on the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, head to the POL website at [www.lagunapueblo-nsn.gov](http://www.lagunapueblo-nsn.gov), under COVID-19 Info.

The EOC has graciously offered to assist you with scheduling on-line. Please call:

CHR (505)552-6652 Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm

LCHC (505)238-3198 Tuesday-Thursday from 10:00am-6:00pm and Friday 8:00am-4:30pm.



PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM  
FOR MINOR TO RECEIVE COVID-19 VACCINE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the parent, guardian or legal representative authorized to consent to medical treatment for the minor child listed below, hereby consent to and permit authorized medical providers of the New Mexico Department of Health (“NMDOH”) to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to my child with or without my physical presence.

I understand that following delivery of the vaccine, NMDOH will observe my child for a 30-minute period to monitor for an adverse reaction if the minor is unaccompanied. Should a reaction occur, I authorize any necessary emergency medical treatment and understand that NMDOH will notify me as soon as possible. I further acknowledge that this consent may be verified either in person or verbally by telephone before the vaccine is administered if there are questions.

I understand that my child will receive a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Food and Drug Administration under an Emergency Use Authorization. I have been given access to the “FACT SHEET FOR RECIPIENTS AND CAREGIVERS” for the COVID-19 vaccine.

[Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers \(fda.gov\)](#) [Vaccine Recipient Fact Sheet | EUA | Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine \(modernatx.com\)](#) [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine - EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers \(janssenlabels.com\)](#)

I understand the benefits and risks of vaccination and I give permission for my child to be vaccinated.

Vaccine Being Administered          Pfizer-BioNTech

Name of minor receiving vaccine: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent or legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent of legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number of parent or legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

# Early Head Start

SUNNY SIDE AND  
CHINATOWN CLASSROOM

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Lorisa Pacheco**



## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING:

**Virtual Learners:** Interaction with the teachers, learning the songs through sign language, engaging in books and activities.

**In-person Learners:** Interacting with adults and peers, getting into a routine, feeding themselves and one learning to walk.

Exploration takes center stage for the mobile infants in the Sunnyside/Chinatown classrooms. The babies are curious and are on the move, the mobile infants explore everything in a search to learn more about the environment they are in. During this period they are developing small-muscles skills as they grasp, drop, pull, push, throw and mouth objects. They develop their large muscles as they sit unassisted, crawl, walk, climb on couches and walk down steps. Teachers provide a secure base from which babies can explore and learn by building secure and trusting relationships with all babies.

## Sunny Side/Chinatown News!

**Sunnyside Classroom is full with eight children—four virtual and four in-person learners.**



**Chinatown welcomes two teachers to their fold, Ms. Evelyn Garcia and Ms. Lorisa Pacheco. Evelyn is a former Head Start teacher who worked previously with 3-5 year olds and Lorisa is a new teacher and mother of a 15-month old boy. Both teachers bring their experiences and are learning the routines and procedures of Early Head Start.**

## Upcoming Events/Reminders

**November 10**—Veteran’s Day Activity  
**November 23**—Turkey Trot (see flyer)

**November 12**—Parent/Teacher Conferences  
**November 30**—STEAM Activity—Nature Faces

### Parent Tip

For Infants and Mobile Infants:

\*Answer when your baby makes sounds by repeating the sounds and adding more words—"you said ba, ba, yes red ball"

\*Play music sing and dance with your baby. This helps your baby develop a love for music and will help brain development

\*For Toddlers:

\*Read to your toddler daily

\*Ask your toddler to find objects or name body parts to encourage language development



### Birthday/Celebrations

ZW—November 4  
JD—November 15



\*Several babies are beginning to take steps on their own and one infant is attempting to hold himself up.

- Three toddlers are walking, one is able to run and stop on his own
- All infants/toddlers are increasing their social skills as they give eye contact, smile and use gestures (waving bye-bye, or giving a high five, etc.).



### At Home Activities

Home activities are sent from the lesson plan every week through the Teaching Strategies Family App



Explore a pumpkin! Follow up on classroom STEAM activity by allowing your baby to touch, smell, and maybe taste a pumpkin. This will help you see your baby’s preferences to sensory exploration. Do they like slimy items? Will they put their hands inside the pumpkin? Also, describe the pumpkin to them—it is a wonderful way to begin language, cognitive, social emotional, and physical development!



# STEAM Activity PUMPKINS!





# Turquoise Springs Classroom

## Teacher Bee & Teacher Nessa

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### What we are learning:

### Turquoise Springs News!

We are still practicing our Safety pre cautions for the COVID 19:



- \*Washing Hands
- \*Cover our sneeze
- \*Spacing 6 Feet Apart
- \*Wearing Face Mask



- We are starting to recognize our Letters in our Names and knowing where to put our belongings. We are learning how to say our friends names and teachers as well. Starting to trace our First Letter in our Names. Modeling Keres Language daily. Talking about the Month/ change in the weather/season for Hunting/All Souls Day/Thanksgiving Holiday.
- How Families Celebrate at home and what special activities they do at home, when they celebrate.



Hooray!!! New Addition  
 Welcome D'Brylan and Family To Turquoise Springs Classroom.



### Upcoming Events/Reminders

November 1-2 —All Souls Day  
 November 3 —Hearing Screenings  
 November 7 — Day Light Savings (Turn Clocks back 1 Hour)  
 November 10 — Marine Corps. Birthday

November 11 — Memorial Day  
 November 12 — Parent /Teacher Conferences  
 November 24-26 — Thanksgiving Break  
 November 29 — Return To School

#### Parent Tip

- Continuing Practicing wearing face mask when out in the public away from home.
- Washing Hands
- Encourage Keres Language when able to, during meal times or through out the day.
- Encouraging children to self dress and letting them make choices.
- Read to your child. Ask your child what they see in the pictures.



#### Birthday/Celebrations

**CELEBRATION**  
**Turquoise Springs Classroom would like to CELEBRATE "Potty Training"**

**Thank you to all parents and families, for getting their vaccinations and getting their children tested every month. We celebrate you for helping us keep our children safe.**



#### At home Activities

- Encourage your children to help with the daily chores. It builds their skills in math, language, cognition (thinking). Matching socks and counting, colors, helping set the table, putting the dishes in the sink, sweeping the floor, talking at the table, asking questions of the children.



# Village & Casa Blanca Classroom

Teacher Juana, Teacher Annabelle,  
& Teacher Sandra

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## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING:

- To interact with peers.
- To follow daily routines-washing hands, going to the potty, and cleaning-up.
- To language to express their wants and needs.
- To sing along to rhyming songs and games.
- To verbally count even if not in order.
- Follow simple directions to position words (in, out, under)
- To use fingers and whole-arm movement to manipulate and explore objects.

## STRINGING STRAW PIECES



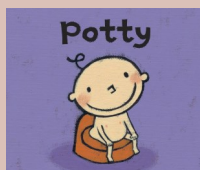
## Upcoming Events/Reminders

- Nov. 3—Hearing Screening @ 9:30am
- Nov. 11—NO SCHOOL-Veterans Day
- Nov. 12—NO SCHOOL-Parent Teacher Conf.
- \* Nov. 23—Turkey Trot
- \* Nov. 30—S.T.E.A.M Activity

### Parent Tip

Here are some tips on Potty Training:

1. Make sure your child is ready.
2. Have your child involved in choosing the right potty.
3. Potty train before bedtime and after waking up.
4. Get on a potty schedule.
5. Buy kids underwear as signs of encouragement.



### Celebrations

- Children are able to repeat some words and phrase to the Morning Prayer and Good Morning song with the culture teachers along with hand motions.

Congratulations NICE GOING!  
GREAT! Way to Go!  
Yea! FELICITATIONS  
CHEERS Take A BEST BOW! WISHES!

- Children are progressing with Potty Training.

### At home Activities

- Name food items during meal times.



- Have children name their peers and teachers.

Say Their NAMES

- Continue to say the Morning Prayer and sing Good Morning song.





# Pre-School Head Start Encinal Classroom

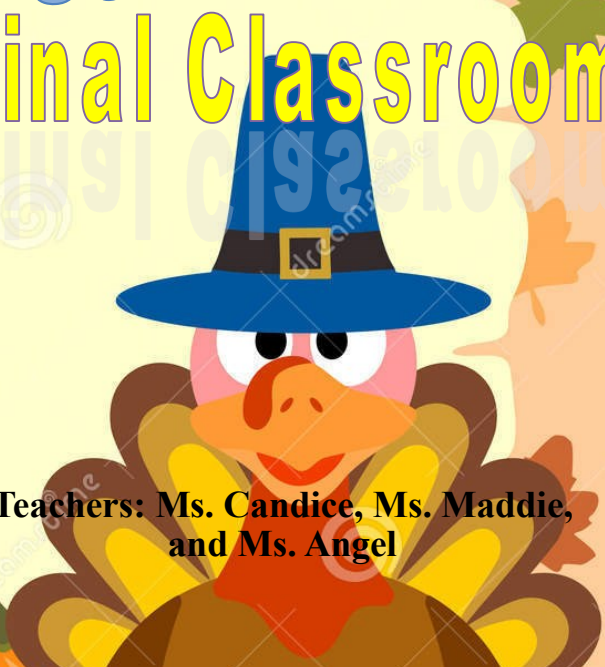
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## Upcoming Events/Reminders

November 11, 2021 **No School** ~ Veteran's Day Holiday  
 November 12, 2021 **No School** ~ Parent/Teacher  
 Conference Day  
 November 24-26, 2021 **No School** ~ Thanksgiving Break

Teachers: Ms. Candice, Ms. Maddie,  
and Ms. Angel



## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING:

We have been working on our fine motor skills; how to hold the crayon/pencil, with that we have the children sign in on a daily, trace their letters in their name and numbers 1-10. Using a scissors, by cutting along the lines. And gluing, there were many art activities that we did during class, that needed glue. We also have the children recognizing/identifying their first letter in their name during circle time. Also, during circle time we sing our good morning song, say our morning prayer, our 7 Days of the Week, name the colors and shapes, count our numbers 1-10, and some body movements.

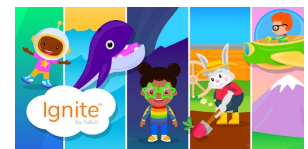


## ENCINAL CLASSROOM NEWS!

We would like to welcome 2 new friends to the classroom, as well as our 3rd teacher Ms. Angel Day.



As a reminder parents, Please have your child play their Hatch tablet at least 30 minutes a day.



## Parent Tip

Dressing for the weather, Please parents if you can send clothes that are for the cold weather that would be helpful. Also sometimes our classroom gets cool so if you can send a light sweater.

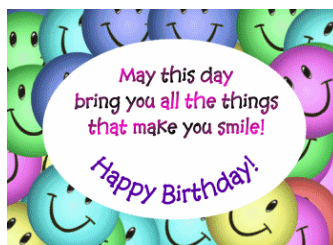


## Birthday/Celebrations

Happy Birthday Josiah 11/12

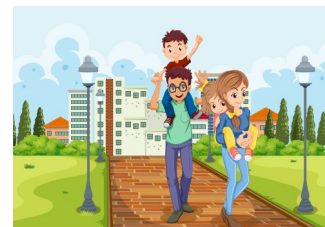
Happy Birthday Jazlene 11/15

Happy Birthday Kaylia 11/16



## At home Activities

At home you can help your child with writing activities. Cutting paper activities. Reading books. Taking walks and talking about the things you see.





# Seama Classroom

Teachers Ms. Faye, Ms. Kayla & Ms. Shantel

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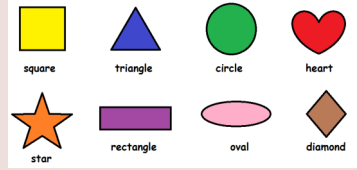
## What we are learning:

- Seama Room has been learning about Sand, Where does sand come from? How does sand form? Where you have sand at home?
- Children did explore sand by making mud, finding sand rocks, comparing the difference between sand and rocks, looking at sand around their homes.
- Children looked at the different style of homes from old to new.
- Children were able to learn how sand is used for many things like an hour glass,
- Children learned about different textures comparing sand hill sand and beach sand .



## Seama Classroom News

- ◇ The month of November children will be learning about street signs, caution signs, emergency signs and other signs that children may be familiar with.
- ◇ Our cultural lifeways children will learn about hunting and some vocabulary words and looking at different hides.
- ◇ Children will continue to learn shapes, writing our first names and learning our letters of our name.
- ◇ Children will continue to work on following daily schedule and routines.
- ◇ Children will learn communication skills with peers and adults, using words.



## Upcoming Events/Reminders



November 11—No school Veterans Day  
November 12—No school Parent teacher conferences  
November 24-26 No school Thanksgiving break

**REMINDER  
NO SCHOOL**

### Parent Tip

-Let your child make choices like pick out their own clothes what to wear and let them dress themselves. (child may not have shoes on proper foot but they got dressed. let your child be independent , they may surprise you of what they can do?  
-Potty trainers encourage your child to use the big boy/girl toilet. Use words that will encourage them. "You did it" "high five".



### Celebrations

Thank you parents for getting your child up in the mornings and sending your child to school You are AWESOME! KUDOS TO YOU!

Thank You  
Parents/Helpers!!



### At home Activities

-Parent let your child help setting table for breakfast and dinner placing spoons, plates and cups.  
-Continue to read every night and fill out reading log.  
If you have signs at home you may send them with children to school.



Set Table

# Mesita Classroom

**Teachers Name: Teacher Marissa & Teacher Kailyn**

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**Upcoming Events/Reminders**

November 10th: Veteran's Day Activity  
 November 11th-No School/ Veteran's Day  
 November 18th: Thanksgiving Day Dinner Distribution  
 November 23rd: Turkey Trot  
 November 30th: STEAM Night

**What we are learning:**

- \*COVID Safe Practices (Hand-Washing, Keeping Masks on, Social Distancing, Not sharing toys & learning materials).
  - \*Transitioning from Home to School routines.
  - \*Writing name (first and last)
  - \*Morning Prayer.
  - \*Letter, number and alphabet recognition.
  - \*Taking care of own needs during meal time
  - \*Virtual Learners have materials and are participating during activities.
  - \*Learning Zoom session etiquette.
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**Mesita Classroom News!**

NOVEMBER THEMES:

- ◆ CREATIVE CURRICULUM THEME: SIGNS
- ◆ CULTURAL LIFEWAY: HUNTING
- ◆ NUTRITION: HEALTHY EYES
- ◆ HEALTH: COVERING COUGHS/ SNEEZES

**Parent Tip**

\*Continue to have materials ready for virtual learning.

\*Call center for any questions or clarification and call will be transferred to classroom.

**One Call Now**

\*Encourage children to engage in problem solving and doing for self.

**Birthday/Celebrations**

**BIRTHDAYS:**  
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ANGELA!!!  
 WE WISH YOU WELL AND MANY MORE!!!

**CELEBRATIONS:**  
 We would like to CELEBRATE all our friends for continuing coming to school both for IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL learning.

**At home Activities**

\*Continue reading for 15 minutes with child.

\*Continue 30 minute HATCH tablet activities.

\*Have children engage in Physical activities (Running, jumping, walking, climbing, etc.)

\*Practice writing name (first and last)

\*Practice letter, number, shape and color recognition.



# Laguna Classroom

## Ms. Yvonne / Ms. Deutsawe

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### What we are learning:

In the month of November we will be studying signs.

We will take a local field trip in our community to look at the signs that are in our community? How many signs will your child notice. Children will look for signs in their neighborhood, and understand what signs tell us.



### Laguna Classroom News!

Laguna Classroom children are really getting to know our routine and classroom schedule, we are moving right along!! Can't believe we are already in November. Time fly's when were having fun and learning.

We look forward to talking to you for parent teacher conferences, November 12th

Thank you to virtual families for logging into zoom sessions everyday.

Continue to be safe when out and about to keep our school safe from the COVID virus.



### Upcoming Events/Reminders

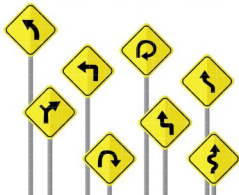


November 2nd—Hearing Screenings  
 November 11—NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day  
 November 12th— No School Parent Teacher Conferences  
 November 24-26—No School Thanksgiving Break



#### Parent Tip

As we study SIGNS, be mindful about point out the familiar signs to your children. Wal- Mart is a popular sign most children notice. With the signs they are familiar with point out the letter that make up the sign. Or count how many Taco Bell signs you come across while driving in Albuquerque.



#### Birthday/Celebrations

NO Birthdays for November

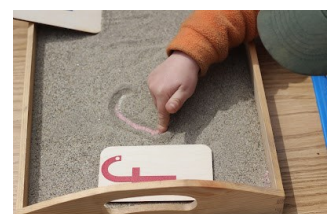
#### Celebrate -

All children are toilet trained.



#### At home Activities

Provide plenty of opportunities for your child to write. Keep paper and writing utensils handy. After taking a walk you might say " Lets write or draw about what we saw on our walk. Other ways to make writing fun: write in sand using a stick or finger.



# Family Service Providers

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DEC Family Services Provider

Greetings TO ALL!!

**HAPPY FALL!!** I hope all is well with our children, parents and families. Continue to be "SAFE", wherever you may go. Enjoy the changing of colors and weather.

Updated information:

- **For Renters impacted by COVID-19.** If you have been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Laguna Housing Development and Management Enterprise may be able to help with assistance. More information can found on [lagunahousing.org](http://lagunahousing.org) website. I have more information. Please call me @ 552-6544, Ext. 5105, if you are interested.



Upcoming event: **November 23, 2021, DEC TURKEY TROT.** Look on the DEC website for more information.

I continue to make contacts with families. I am here if you need a Resource, need information on DEC activities or assistance. Please call me or send an email.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**

**ALL MY BLESSINGS TO YOU AND FAMILY!!!**



**Tiffany Touchin**

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**Greetings Families! Hope you all are doing well? Here is the upcoming event for November!**

Upcoming Event:

**Thanksgiving Distribution** for all families on November 22, 2021. Early Head Start Families will receive a bag of items during morning drop off. PHS & Virtual Families can pick up a bag of items from 10:00am-12:00pm. If you are unable to make it on November 22, 2021 please contact Tiffany @ 552-6544 ext. 5003. To make arrangements for pick up.







## Division of Early Childhood

presents

# Turkey Trot

A new style of “fun run”, “Turkey Trot” allows children, families, and staff innovative ways to be creative and experience a sense of community in a safe environment. Headdresses, tail feathers, and beaks can be created with material found at home or in the classroom.

**Where:** Laguna Preschool  
Head Start & Early Head  
Start Site

**When:** November 23, 2021

**Time:** Beginning as early  
9:30 (for infants and toddlers)  
and scheduled during  
outdoor playtime

**Virtual Learners**

Participate by sharing through video and/or pictures. You can submit your photos to your teacher.



ALL PARTICIPANTS,  
VIRTUAL AND IN-  
PERSON, WILL  
RECEIVE A RIBBON!

# Parent Education: “Seasonal Depression”



**November 10, 2021 10:00 AM**

Via zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84028031574?pwd=NE5SOUJlQWZkYW1GQVV2RFdnUC85UT09>

Meeting ID: 840 2803 1574

Passcode: 908495

Join by phone: 1 253 215 8782





# DEC Thanksgiving Distribution November 22, 2021

**Distribution Times:**

**EHS Families**

**8:30- 9:00am**

**Virtual Students & PHS families**

**10am-12pm.**

**Thank  
YOU**



If you are unable to pick up on this day, contact Tiffany Touchin @ 552-6544 ext. 5003 to arrange an alternative day/time. Thank you!



