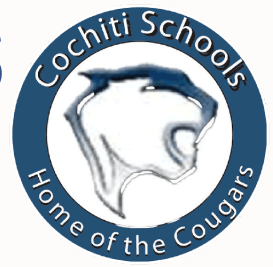


COCHITI SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER



Week of November 17, 2024



PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE FOCUS: INGENIOUS INNOVATORS

At Cochiti, students are embodying the "Ingenious Innovators" aspect of our district's Portrait of a Graduate by engaging in creative problem-solving across all grade levels. In second grade, students are already coding in computer class, learning to think logically while building their digital fluency. Eighth graders are delving into real-world challenges, such as identifying the root causes of medical symptoms, while sixth graders apply algebraic concepts to prove their reasoning. These experiences not only help students develop critical thinking but also foster a sense of innovation and problem-solving in various contexts.

Even our youngest learners, the kindergartners, are demonstrating ingenuity by coming together to support a frustrated classmate, showing that innovation isn't just about individual achievement, but also about collaboration and empathy. Whether through coding, scientific inquiry, mathematics, or teamwork, Cochiti students are pushing their limits, thinking outside the box, and proving that creativity and resilience are key to solving problems. It's truly inspiring to witness how these young learners are actively shaping the future through their innovative approaches. views but also inspire them to continue being compassionate global citizens.

PRINCIPAL CORNER

Dear Cochiti Families,

On behalf of the Cochiti Schools Administration, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families who joined us for our Thanksgiving Luncheon. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, and we are grateful for your presence and support.

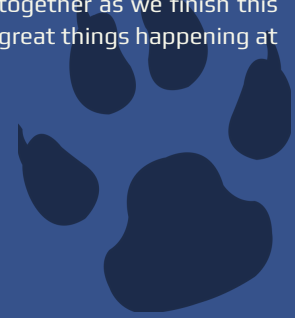
As we move through the final days of this week, we are striving to reach our goal of 95% attendance. Your continued involvement and commitment to your child's education are essential in helping us achieve this. We truly believe that with your support, we can make this goal a reality.

We also encourage you to ask your students about what they are learning in the classroom. We are seeing some incredible progress and exciting things happening across all grade levels, and we want to share in the pride of their achievements with you. Every day, our students are growing and thriving, and we are excited to see their continued success.

Thank you again for being an important part of the Cochiti Schools community. We look forward to working together as we finish this week strong and continue to build on the great things happening at Cochiti.

Warm regards,

Molly Gurule and Genevieve Sosa
Cochiti Administrative Team



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday 11/18** Basketball Game (away) vs Anton Chico
- **Next Week:**
- **11/25-29** Thanksgiving Break! K-6
- **11/25-26** Asynchronous Instruction Grades 7-12
- **11/27-29** Thanksgiving Break 7-12

- PROBLEM SOLVERS & CRITICAL THINKERS
- EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS
- ADAPTABLE & PRODUCTIVE
- SELF-DIRECTED NAVIGATOR
- INGENIOUS INNOVATORS
- EMBRACES A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE





COUNSELOR CORNER

This past week I met up with 10 parents for the Cougar Parent Academy. We discussed Emotional School-Based Avoidance. It was a night for us all to actually have conversations about why kids may not want to come to school and how we can help. I wanted to share a slide from my presentation with hopes that it might help some of you, if in fact your child has a day or a series of days, where they are choosing not to come to school. Below are a few symptoms of school avoidance. Please know, if your child is struggling with this, we are all here to help you with this kind of situation. We are a team at Cochiti and look forward to helping you help your child.

Signs and Symptoms

1. feeling overwhelmed and unable to cope
2. having tantrums or physical symptoms
3. threatening harm to self if forced to school
4. reduced anxiety during weekends or holiday vacation
5. refusal or withdrawal of communication

Next week I will share a few tips with you on how to move through the emotional struggle. Stay tuned and feel free to view the presentation at the Counselor's Corner on the Cochiti School Website.

Ms. Carson

STAFF INTRODUCTION

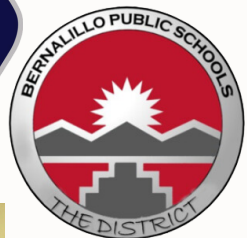
We are excited to kick off a new weekly feature where we introduce you to the talented members of our team. Each week, you'll get to know a little more about the individuals who help make our workplace exceptional.

This week, we are pleased to introduce Mr. Chris Luttrell, our Security Officer. Chris plays a vital role in keeping our environment safe and secure, ensuring everyone's well-being while on site.

Stay tuned for more introductions in the coming weeks!

Security Officer- Chris Luttrell

My name is Chris Luttrell. I am a New Mexico State University graduate with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. I worked as a state police officer for almost 8 years, serving as a SWAT officer and a patrol officer. I transferred to the Albuquerque Police Department, where I worked as a game detective. I retired from the Albuquerque Police Department in 2018. I now happily work for Bernalillo Public Schools as a security officer at Cochiti Elementary and Middle School.



GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

A huge shout-out to our incredible 4th-grade class! I had the pleasure of witnessing some amazing attitudes and impressive learning during a recent math lesson on division strategies. Students showed not only some strong inquiry around the concepts. They also had a fantastic growth mindset when approaching challenges.

What really stood out was their willingness to take risks and try new strategies, which is so important in developing both math skills and problem-solving abilities. The way they tackled the lesson with such enthusiasm and teamwork was truly inspiring. Great job, Ms. Aldaz's class. Keep up the hard work, and keep pushing those boundaries!



STAFF SHOUT OUTS

This week, we have two well-deserved staff shout-outs to celebrate the outstanding contributions of our team members. Their dedication and hard work make a significant impact on our school community, and we're excited to recognize them for all they do!

A huge shout-out to our incredible cafeteria team, Shelly Nieto and Maggie Bejareno! They worked tirelessly to prepare and serve a delicious Thanksgiving meal that has been the talk of our families and staff ever since. Not only did they feed all of our students, but they also served over 100 community members and staff, making that special day possible. Day in and day out, Shelly and Maggie bring warmth, kindness, and incredible food to our school, and we are so grateful for all they do to nourish both our bodies and spirits!

Another big shout-out to Val Nieto, our incredible bookkeeper! Even though she isn't on-site every day, Val always ensures that we have everything we need and more. Her exceptional follow-through and dedication make a huge impact, and this year's Thanksgiving luncheon was a perfect example of her hard work. Thanks to her careful preparation and monitoring of our Go Fan platform, the event ran seamlessly and was a huge success. Val's behind-the-scenes efforts are deeply appreciated, and we're so grateful for all she does to support our staff and students.



GOALS FOR THE WEEK

• **Let's Aim for 95% Attendance This Week!**

We're setting a goal of 95% attendance this week, and with your support, we know we can hit it! Regular attendance is critical to your child's success, as it ensures they don't miss out on key learning opportunities. Let's work together to make sure every student is here, engaged, and ready to learn every day!

• **Stay on Top of Assignments & Celebrate Hard Work**

Another great way to support your child's learning this week is by checking PowerSchool for any missing assignments. Staying on top of assignments helps students stay engaged and on track for success. And don't forget to celebrate their hard work and progress—your encouragement makes all the difference as they continue to grow and achieve!



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I WILL BE RESPECTFUL.
I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE.
I WILL BE KIND.
I WILL DO MY BEST

