



THE PEÑASCO POST

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**Thursday, 12/21: Last
day of school;
students released at
12PM**

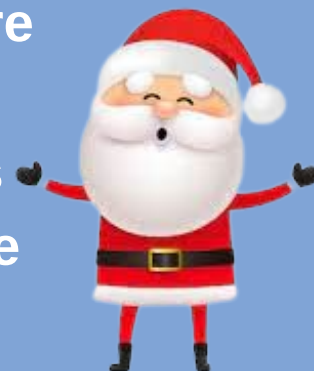
**Happy New Year!
Back to School
Thursday and Friday
January 4th and 5th**

The newsletter, now called The Peñasco Post, is a publication of the Peñasco High School journalism class. Please share any story ideas, calendar events or staff/student shout outs to snoll@penascoisd.com.



Door decorating

At the Penasco School District there was a door decorating contest throughout the study skills classes competing against each other to see who has the best Christmas decorations on their door. Student council, Ms. Amy Rendon and Ms. Anelisa Pena were the ones who came up with the idea for a door decorating contest. The reason for the door decorating contest was to get people excited for the holidays and to see who has the best decorating and creative door before finals week are over. The winner was Coach Pie's study skills class and in second place was coach Ap and Ms. Rendon in a tie.



Winter Light Parade

The winter light parade was on Dec, 15 along with the gift giving event.

Mr. Noll had Santa's helpers judge the light parade floats on which was best decorated, and to see what was best decorated. Santa's helpers helped out to give gifts to children from Hogs & Heifers after the float contest.

For the float contest many kids and parents went outside to see the floats. Local businesses came to the light parade and set up to sell some of their products.

Lots of kids and their parents showed up to get presents from Santa Claus which was very eventful because the kids got to meet Santa and get presents.

The end of the night the light parade and all its events had to come to an end it was a very successful night which brought joy to everyone.



BOYS BASKETBALL UPDATE



By: Kaileb Atencio & Xavier Noll

Basketball season has officially started and there has been plenty of games, starting off on November 28th where ATC came to Penasco to play the Panthers. Penasco finished the season 6-18 last year and are hoping to have a better season this year. Unfortunately, ATC defeated the Panthers at home, 70-32. Senior, Demarcus Lopez led the game with 16 points. The Panthers would start their season to 0-1 for the third consecutive time. On December 4th, the Penasco boys faced the Dulce Hawks at home. Last time these two faced off was at the NRG tournament where Dulce came back to defeat the Panthers in the first round. This year it is different because Penasco played like a whole other team dominating the Hawks, 67-45. This would be the first time Penasco defeats Dulce after 13 years. On December 5th, the Penasco boys would travel to Albuquerque to face the Evangel Christian Eagles. Penasco came into this game looking for a two game win streak. As the two teams were neck and neck the whole way when the fourth quarter finally came, Senior, Matias Vigil, who was keeping this game close, fouled out. This gave the Eagles a huge run and giving the Panthers another loss, 50-71. On December 9th, the 1-2 Penasco Panthers were on the road again to Jemez to face the 0-1 Jemez Valley Warriors. This was one of the worst starts Penasco had as Jemez started the game with 16 straight buckets. Penasco was down 18-2, but did not hang their heads as they went on a 10-2 run after that. At the half the score was 22-33 with the Panthers trailing. Coach Tim Pacheco was surely confident that his team will comeback and win this game. By the end of the third quarter, Penasco was only down by 4. The boys had another great run in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to win but it was enough to tie the game. It was the first overtime game of the season for the Panthers and they executed very well as they went on to win 62-55. The Panthers start the season 2-2 and tried to look for another win on December 16th, where they faced the Clayton Yellowjackets. Unfortunately, things did not go there way as far as officiating as they lost 48-52. Senior, Dylan Lopez, getting it done in and out of the paint but that isn't going to change there record as they fall down to 2-3. The Penasco Panthers will go all the way to Santa Rosa to face the Lions who are 2-2. The Penasco Panther are ranked 17th in 2A just putting them out of playoff contention, but there is still a lot of basketball left to cover.

GIRLS BASKETBALL



GAMES!

Dulce 12/4/23

@ Home

W 57-47

Pecos 12/9/23

@ Santa Fe Capital

W 53-39

Navajo Prep 12/7/23

@ Santa Fe Capital

L 58-33

Taos 12/13/23

@ Taos

W 51-34

Capital 12/8/23

@ Santa Fe Capital

W 44-22

Clayton 12/18/23

@ Clayton

L 57-62 (OT)



BESTEST

WISHES DR. Q

ON DECEMBER.7, DR. Q LEFT THE
SCHOOL TO A NEW JOB TO BE
CLOSE TO FAMILY.



**We thank her for serving our
community.**

AND...

WELCOME BACK, MRS.
GONZALES, OUR NEW
DIRECTOR OF
INSTRUCTION.

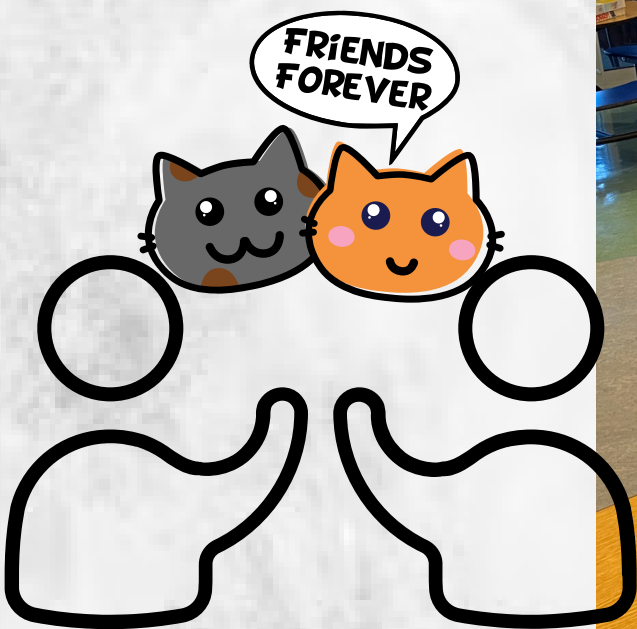


Big Brothers Big Sisters®

MOUNTAIN REGION

By Matias Vigil

The 2023-2024 Big Brothers Big Sisters Program at the Penasco Schools has allowed high school and elementary students to make long-lasting friendships where 'Bigs' serve as role models to 'Littles.' During morning periods every Tuesday, Bigs and Littles interact through games, and activities, and be best friends collectively. This experience teaches Bigs mentoring and leadership skills while providing Littles an older kid to support them.





New Elementary Principal

Ms. Kat Duran

Ms. Duran was our Elementary School Supervisor/Counselor. When Mrs. Gonzales left on leave, Ms. Duran stepped in, with responsibilities to the Principal duties. Here is how it went and is going...

How does Ms. Duran feel about first being the elementary guidance counselor and then this new change in being the principal?

Ms. Duran states, "When I had to keep the "boat afloat" the last few months I sought support from our Superintendent and other colleagues I have met along the way to ensure I was doing right by the staff and students and keeping the integrity of what Mrs. Gonzales and her staff had built". Ms. Duran states the new change she is still working on acclimating into her new role and is now in a new direction in her learning and self-discovery, to become an effective Principal. She says, "I feel supported by my administrator/administration staff, my teachers and staff to work towards our shared goals. I don't think I would have taken on the role without this support."

What does Ms. Duran like about being the elementary principal? What are some of her challenges?

What she likes about being an elementary Principal is she loves the little people she serves. She respects the teachers and staff who are highly motivated and want to do their best. She also adores this community and the Peñasco vibe. "There have been some trials in my new experience, however with each one I can note them as a learning tool to improve my practice", Ms. Duran explains.

What is Ms. Duran looking forward to for the rest of the school year?

"The rest of the school year, I look forward to growing in this leadership role, and walking with my staff as we develop in our professional/collegial relationships as we meet our goals to nurture and help our students meet their academic potential..." Ms. Duran states.

Student spotlight

Matías Vigil

Matías Vigil is a senior at Peñasco High School



Accomplishments :

- Graduated Associates of Science in Science Fall 2023, UNM Taos
- Accepted into Colorado State University - Plans on studying Veterinary Medicine
- Senior Class President
- Student Council President
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer
- Varsity Cross Country, Basketball, and Track and Field



Colorado State University

