



Newsletter "Home of the T'siya Suns!"

March 2026, Issue 4 Character Counts: "Respect"



TDS Mission Statement: *In partnership with the Pueblo of Zia, to provide a safe, drug-free environment in which to holistically educate students. Our goal is to academically, socially, and culturally prepare our students to improve and surpass current economic, social and cultural standards for a healthier future*

DAILY ATTENDANCE MATTERS: 94.3% =Schoolwide!

Hello TDS Family, The second semester has begun, and the 3rd quarter is already coming to an end. Students continue to make steady progress both academically and, for those participating in athletics, basketball skills. It's rewarding to support them at games and in reaching classroom goals. Mrs. Perez, Principal



Phone Services

The school phone number 505-867-3553 is not available. The Department of Interior is moving phone services to an internet-based service through Microsoft Teams; the current number is 505-621-6597. The school will order a phone for the front office.



Mr. Reid, shares thoughts on responsibility in the community.

*Caring
Citizenship
Fairness*



Ms. E. Shije's 2nd and 3rd Grade creates a RESPONSIBILITY banner.

*Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility*

Character Counts Assembly- Responsibility.

We were so happy Mr. Harold Reid, tribal War Captain, was able to join our Character Counts assembly. He described his roles and responsibilities: caring for people, animals, crops, and fields, He urged students to excel in school.

The students also shared with one another ways they are responsible at school and at home.



Ms. Yazzie's 4th- 6th Grade explain responsibility and provide examples.

Increased Safety

An AED heart saving device is now installed near the gym for emergencies. Staff are trained to use it, and tampering triggers an alarm.

To ensure a safe and secure campus, TDS keeps entrances to the school locked at all times. Only people listed on the official checkout list will be allowed to pick up students. Sign out students on the Check-Out Record Form if they do not ride the bus home. Contact the teacher ahead of pickup time. Thank you for your cooperation.

TDS is a drug/alcohol/tobacco/weapon free campus. No knives nor boxcutters are allowed for any reason. Cell phones are restricted during instructional hours.

Staffing

The good news is the arrival of a special education teacher, from AMB Contracting. Christine Baynes started on March 2. She has worked in Jemez and Rio Rancho. She will be contacting parents to discuss the status of students and to set up meetings.

Dear Parents,

Hello! My name is Christine Baynes. I am the new Special Education teacher here at Zia Day School. I am so excited to be here! I live in Rio Rancho, have a 17-year-old son, and enjoy hiking and spending time with my four dogs.

I hold a Level 2 teaching license and have taught at the elementary grade level for over seven years. I have a background also in Tesol, bilingual Spanish, and reading intervention.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting you!

Ms. Baynes

This is the final month for Ms. Karen Baca's counseling contract. The school budget will allow for a new contract for the 26-27 school year. With luck the same company will win the bid. We are so grateful for the services Ms. Baca has provided and for being a team player and stepping up to assist with students' socio-emotional needs.

Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) ABQ Education Resource Center (ERC)

The eight principals under the jurisdiction of the ABQ ERC met the first week of March to make plans for next school year. A professional development (PD) and professional learning community (PLC) calendar was developed, where the schools will share information on student achievement on formative tests such as IXL for reading and math and Pearson's NAVVY common core mastery tests. ABQ ERC teachers will participate in joint training on specified programs every second and fourth Friday of the month, aiming to enhance student learning. Additionally, both lesson plan templates and observation tools will follow a unified format.

As the ABQ ERC schools achieved Cognia accreditation together, an increased effort at supporting one another is a positive move for our schools, especially with tight budgets and limited resources. Be on the lookout for the parent surveys, your feedback is essential in building a great school for your children.

Dr. Seuss's Birthday

Children across the nation celebrate Dr. Seuss's great contributions to reading by celebrating his birthday in the first week of March. Ms. Vargas, librarian volunteer, shared the infamous Cat and the Hat story.



Important Upcoming Dates:

- Thursday, March 12: 6th Grade Promotion Planning Meeting 5:45PM; Parent Student Organization (PSO) Meeting, Fundraising & SY 26-27 Calendar Draft 6:30-7:30
- Monday, March 10; BER Phonics Teacher Training Group 1, 7:00-2:30
- Monday, March 16: BER Phonics Teacher Training Group 2 8:00-3:30
- Friday, March 20: No Bus Service - all day; Monthly Staff Meeting at 1:30-2:30 PM.
- Monday-Friday, March 23-27: Scholastic Book Fair (open at lunch and after school)
- Thursday & Friday, March 26 (4:00-6:00) & 27 (12:00-3:30): Parent Teacher Conferences
- Monday, March 30- Thursday, April 2: BIE Science Summative Test, 5th Grade only. BIE ISEP Audit Spring Verification Visit.
- April 3-10: Spring Break, Classes resume Monday, April 13th
- Early SY 2026-2027 Registration begins in April!

Basketball

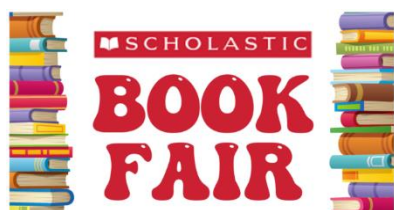


Thursday-Saturday, March 19-21:

Jemez Classic Eagle Tournament

A big thank you to Mr. Galvan and Mr. Medina for coaching basketball Grades 2-6. Supporting students after hours is a significant commitment, allowing them to practice and enjoy learning the game. The students definitely shine on the court!

Stay tuned for an upcoming sports banquet, hosted by the PSO. Super work with fundraising this year!



Ask students for the Shopping Brochure!

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
WG French Toast Sticks Syrup Fresh Fruit 100% Apple Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Hashbrown Stacker Fresh Fruit 100% Apple Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Egg & Cheese Breakfast Taco Salsa Fresh Fruit 100% Orange Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Sausage Breakfast Sandwich Fresh Fruit 100% Apple Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	WG Bagel Cream Cheese Fresh Fruit 100% Orange Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk
9	10	11	12	13
Hash Browns Turkey Sausage WG Tortilla Fresh Fruit 100% Orange Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Cereal: Honey Nut Cheerios Yogurt Fresh Fruit 100% Apple Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Breakfast Wrap Egg, Cheese, Sausage Salsa Fresh Fruit 100% Orange Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	WG Blueberry Muffin Hardboiled Egg Fresh Fruit 100% Apple Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	WG Pancake Mini Bites Syrup Fresh Fruit 100% Orange Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk
16	17	18	19	20
WG Turkey Sausage Breakfast Pizza Fresh Fruit 100% Orange Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Omelet WG Muffin Fresh Fruit 100% Apple Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Sausage/Pancake on a Stick Syrup Fresh Fruit 100% Orange Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Blue Cornbread with Jelly Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit 100% Apple Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	WG Bagel Cream Cheese Fresh Fruit 100% Orange Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk
23	24	25	26	27
Chicken Breakfast Slider (1 oz breaded, baked chicken patty, 1 WG bun) Fresh Fruit 100% Orange Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Granola Yogurt, Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Apple Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	WG French Toast Sticks Syrup Fresh Fruit 100% Orange Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Cereal: Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cheese Stick Fresh Fruit 100% Apple Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	WG Muffin Hardboiled Egg Fresh Fruit 100% Orange Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk
30	31			
Breakfast Sandwich Fresh Fruit 100% Orange Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Cereal: Honey Nut Oat Ring Hard Boiled Egg Fresh Fruit 100% Orange Juice 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk			Canned Fruit in Light Syrup WG = Whole Grain

Lunch Menu

Note: Menus are subject to change due to product availability.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Chicken Fajitas on WG Tortilla Pinto Beans Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Ranch Dressing 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Chili con Carne Blue Corn Bread Pear Salad Shakers 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Corn Dog Mustard, Ketchup Sweet Potato Fries Corn on the Cob Apple Slices Banana Bread Square 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Cheeseburger on WG Bun Tator Tots Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Pasta Salad Peach Cup Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	WG Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Green Beans Pineapple Tidbits WG Breadstick 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk
9	10	11	12	13
Sloppy Joe on WG Bun Tator Tots Carrot Sticks Pineapple Tidbits Ranch Dressing, Ketchup 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Bean & Cheese Burrito Salsa Cup Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Corn Salad Mandarin Oranges 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Pork Choppette Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Broccoli Banana WG Dinner Roll 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Chicken Taquitos Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Salsa Cup Apple Slices 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Cherry Tomatoes Steamed Corn Peach Cup 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk
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BBQ Pulled Pork on WG Bun Baked Sweet Potato Wedges Broccoli Whole Apple Ketchup 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Crispy Beef Tacos w/ Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Corn Salad Banana 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Breaded Chicken Patty on WG Bun French Fries Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Banana Bread Square Ketchup, Mayo 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Teriyaki Chicken Brown Rice Vegetable Egg Roll Baby Carrots Cinnamon pears 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Broccoli Pineapple Tidbits Fresh Grapes WG Dinner Roll 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk
23	24	25	26	27
Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes/Dressing Celery Sticks Mandarin Oranges 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Mixed Vegetables Peach Cup WG Dinner Roll 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Cheese Quesadilla Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Mixed Fruit 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Rotini & Meat Sauce Broccoli applesauce WG Garlic Toast 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	NABeef & Cheese Nachos Black Beans Salsa Cup Corn Salad Diced Pears 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk
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Beef Stir Fry w/ Brown Rice Edamame Broccoli Mixed Fruit 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk	Chicken Tenders Baked Sweet Potato Wedges Cauliflower Cinnamon Pears WG Dinner Roll 1% Lowfat White Milk or Nonfat Chocolate Milk		Canned Fruit in Light Syrup WG = Whole Grain	ENTRÉE w/ GRAIN- BLUE GREEN VEG- GREEN FRUIT- PINK RED/ORANGE- RED STARCHY VEG- YELLOW OTHER VEG- ORANGE LEGUMES- PURPLE