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LAGUNA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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21st Century After-School Program at Laguna Elementary School

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From cooking to Zumba fitness, there is a lot going on this year in the 21st Century After-School Program at Laguna Elementary School. Our program has been given direct instructions from the BIE program director in Albuquerque, Mr. Jack Edmo, and the Department of Education in Washington, DC, who fund our program, to make the After-School Program fun and enriching this year. We have the following classes being offered for the first half of the school year, all of them taught by very qualified and enthusiastic certified teachers, with the assistance of our paraprofessional staff:

- Math Enrichment through Technology
- Math and Reading Art
- Video, Media and Photography, with the incorporation of different genres of music
- Learning Math through Cooking and Gardening
- Culture and Crafts
- Health & Wellness
- Cultural Dance group
- Homework Help
- On-site Counseling

Each class is offered in half hour increments, so the students have a three-class schedule to follow. They enjoy the variety and the feeling of being responsible when it is time to change classes. We started off the school year with bicycle riding in the Health and Wellness class ; now they are getting physically fit by working out to the Zumba fitness program. Other students enjoyed making salsa and using the fresh yellow hots and jalapenos that were grown in the 21st Century program's greenhouse. A certified food handler has come into the class to teach the students the do's and don'ts of cooking in the kitchen; each child was given a certificate to show that they have been trained. The video class is learning how to write their own commercial skits and have been busy filming for the last couple of weeks. Math and Reading Art have been very busy making string art and pinwheels, which is a very complicated process, but our students are doing very well in figuring out the complexity. Students in the Math through Technology class made small chairs using popsicle sticks; they are working in the Odyssey program and are now starting on making their own abacus, using clay beads and paint. The Culture and Crafts group have been making beautiful beaded necklaces by making the beads out of magazine paper (very different) and they have added wooden beads to emphasize the amazing colors. The dance group is busy learning rhythm, songs and dance steps; we have a group of over 20 students this year, ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade. Homework Help is really working for students who need the extra help.

We are a very busy group of people here at Laguna Elementary School and we plan to keep the students engaged, active (physically and mentally), and most of all, happy to stay after-school. Our first family night was held on October 27th. We invite families and community members to visit our program to see the hard work of all the students any afternoon, Monday through Thursday.



Important Dates and Opportunities to Remember

Friday, November 4, 2011...Institute of American Indian Arts Open House. A great opportunity to visit IAIA's Open House between the hours of 4:30pm – 6:30pm. For high school students and adult learners, with a passion for the Fine Arts, you've got to check out IAIA. It's one of the most affordable quality educational options in the country. When you go you'll get guided tours, demonstrations and art displays from students and staff. Free refreshments. Take I-25 to 83 Avon Nu Po Road, Santa Fe, N.M.. Also, checkout IAIA on the web at www.iaia.edu.

January 31, 2012...Native American Congressional Internship program is a fully-funded ten-week summer internship in Washington, D.C., for Native American and Alaska Native undergraduate, graduate and law students. Interns work in congressional and agency offices where they have opportunities to research legislative issues important to tribal communities, network with public officials and tribal advocacy groups, and enhance their understanding of nation-building and tribal self-governance. The Foundation provides airfare, housing, per diem and a \$ 1,200 educational stipend. To learn more and apply go to www.udall.gov. Applications must be received by January 31, 2012.

March 5, 2012.....The Udall Scholarship program awards \$ 5,000 merit-based scholarships for college sophomores and juniors seeking a career in tribal health, tribal public policy or the environment. Students must be enrolled in college full-time and maintaining a "B" average or better with plans to earn a bachelor's degree. For more information go to the website www.udall.gov.

The USDA Outreach and Advocacy Division have provided a listing of scholarships, internships, fellowships, and other, listed by monthly deadline dates titled, "*Paying for College Student Resource Guide*" To access the resource guide on the web at www.lagunaedfoundation.net/

Thank you to all of the teachers, staff, and students, who helped the Porter family and our community, in this time of sadness. May you all be comforted and have many blessings in return.



Important Dates and Opportunities to Remember,
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Friday, December 2, 2011...Wake Forest University Offers Free Tuition Opportunity to Minority Students to earn an MBA.

An offer to attend a top university for free tuition does not come along everyday. If interested contact Derrick S. Boone, PhD, Associate Professor of Marketing, Rm. 3139 Worrell Professional Center, Babcock Graduate School of Management – Wake Forest University – Winston Salem, NC 27109-8738. Email der-rick.boone@mba.wfu.edu Also visit the website at www.wfu.edu.

Friday, December 9, 2011...Harvard University Offers Free Tuition to families of HONOR STUDENTS and their income is less than \$ 125,000 per year. Call (617) 495-1581 or visit the website at www.fao.fas.harvard.edu: or www.fao.fas.harvard.edu




Friday, December 16, 2011...Syracuse University School of Architecture

Is desperately seeking young women and men of color interested in pursuing a 5-year professional degree in Architecture. Contact Mark Robbins, Dean, School of Architecture, 201 Slocum Hall, Syracuse, NY 13244-1250.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Executive Committee Meeting 3 p.m. LDOE	1	2	3	4	5
Daylight Saving Time Ends 6	7	Safety Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m. LDOE	Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m. LMS	10	Veteran's Day 11 LDOE Closed	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	Thanksgiving 24 ← LDOE	25 Closed →	26
27	28	29	30			 



NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Mary Hoover Jean Paquin	3 Phyllis Sarracino	4	5 Eileen Lente-Kasero 4 years
6 Anthony Riley 5 years	7 David McGee	8 Iris Gallegos 12 years	9 Richard Johnson Roberta Routzen	10	11	12 Gwen Waconda
13	14 Craig Secatero 4 years	15	16	17 Edwina Thomas 3 years	18	19
20 Sergio Castanon	21 Beverly Martinez	22 Michael Conant Kathy Robertson 7 years	23 Clara Eagle	24 	25	26 Michael Gavlak
27 Brian Levantonio, Sr.	28	29 Mienrad Antonio, Jr. Katrina Riley Jodie Lente 5 years	30			

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES