



Taos Municipal School District

Community Focus — March 10, 2023

TMSD is committed to strengthening relationships with families through meaningful engagement opportunities both at your student's school and at the district.

WOW/ Celebration:

SHOUT OUT to Tracy Galligan and Andy Leonard, teacher sponsors for the [Supercomputing Challenge](#). Their dedication allows students to participate in this academic marathon focusing on computational modeling. The Challenge has been the gateway for many students to a college education and on to a career in Computer Science or other STEM disciplines. This problem-based learning helps students develop essential skills such as: Collaboration, Communication, Coding, Critical Thinking, and Creativity. Final projects will be presented in April for cash prizes and scholarships to Seniors who apply.



SHOUT OUT to our Mr. Adam Medina and the Taos High School Culinary/ProStart students. They placed 1st in Culinary and 2nd in Management. They also brought home the Hospitality Cup for the 6th time in a row and 8th time historically. They have been invited to compete at Nationals in Washington D.C. We are incredibly proud of you all. Keep up the great work!

SHOUT OUT to Ms. Carmela Vargas-Gonzales and the Taos High School Educators Rising Students. They attended and competed in the annual 2023 Educators Rising conference in Albuquerque last week. Congratulations to all participants. A special congratulations to Crusita Valencia and Christina Padilla, who qualified for nationals with their entry in the Interactive Bulletin Board



Competition. We wish you good luck as you prepare to compete at nationals this June! Educators Rising is a class and a club that focuses on developing the next generation of leaders and educators, from teachers, coaches, counselors, to administrators. We need students from a variety of backgrounds to serve in our Taos community! If you know anyone interested in joining Educators Rising, please sign see Mrs. Vargas Gonzales at the high school for more information on the club.

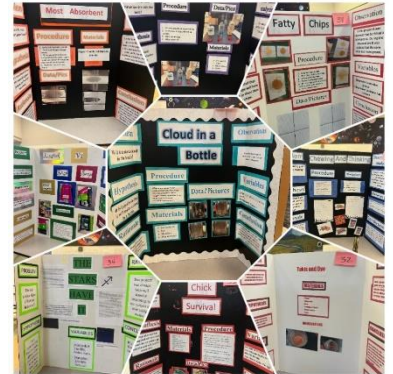
SHOUT OUT to Gear Up Coordinator, Ms. Nickie McCarty, Taos High School Girls Gear Up and Taos Middle School Girls Gear Up in attending this year's second annual GEAR UP Girl's STEM Pathways. This conference is designed to share STEM experiences and pathways to increase and strengthen their interest in STEM. They were able to meet some amazing and motivating

women. They got to hear from Gitanjali Rao, who is recognized as America's top young scientist and received an EPA Presidential award for her inventions. Each girl received her book, "A Young Innovator's Guide to STEM." This girl still attends high school. We are super excited that our girls had the opportunity to experience this great conference!



SHOUT OUT to Taos Middle School for facilitating a great Science Fair. Below are pictures of some of the projects I had the awesome opportunity to judge. I would like to thank the Science Fair Sponsors Ms. Ella Rael and Ms. Amanda Gonzales for all their hard work and dedication. We would also like to thank all of the individuals who volunteered to judge.

The students did an amazing job in presenting their science fair projects! Way to Go!



SHOUT OUT to Taos Middle School Principal Ms. Linda Quintana-Martinez, Staff and Students for hosting the School Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 1st. The Taos Middle School Choir and Mariachi El Tigrito did a phenomenal job in their performance. Taos Middle School Choir sang the National Anthem. Mariachi El Tigrito performed some amazing songs. *WOW, you all did a SPECTACULAR job!*



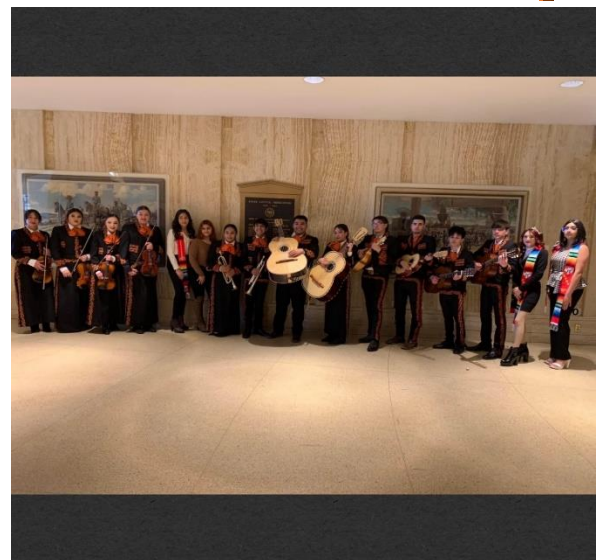
Congratulations to our Taos High School Varsity Boys Basketball for being District Champions, taking 1st in the District Tournament, and their win against the Portales Rams. We wish them **Good Luck** as they go to state!

SHOUT OUT to Ms. Emy Martinez-DeHerrera and Ms. Julie Gray for being recognized as Women of Impact. This is a very well-deserved recognition. Thank you both for your passion, hardwork and dedication. We are very proud of you both! Ms. Emy and Ms. Julie will be honored at the annual Taoseña awards event on Wednesday, March 8th. Check out their stories in the Taos Woman magazine.



READ ACROSS AMERICA ACTIVITIES: Last week marked the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel (1904-1991), better known by his pen name Dr. Seuss. We would like to thank Dr. Gladys Herrera, our Amazing CLSD Team and all the volunteers in facilitating the Reach Across America Week. Thank you to all the readers!!!

SHOUT OUT to our Mariachi El Tigre. They were asked to perform at the Roundhouse in celebration of 50 years of bilingual education. We would like to thank Mr. Norberto Martinez, Mr. Nick Branchal, Ms. Audrey Davis, our students and families. We would also like to thank Ms. Maria Vasquez, teacher for all her support in Mariachi El Tigre.



Chess Club

STUDENTS GRADES 3RD THROUGH 8TH

TUESDAYS 4:30PM - 6PM

@ Taos Public Library

4:30PM-5:00PM SNACKS AND SET-UP
5:00PM-6:00PM CHESS CLUB



- **FREE** - Limited space - first 30 kids to register
- Register by emailing littlestwithstyle@gmail.com or calling (575) 770-2963
- In registration please indicate child's School, Grade, Level of Proficiency (Beginner, Intermediate, Advance)

Bring your extra chess boards!

***Snacks provided**

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STARTING @ 2 PM

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