

Wóózhch'ííd

“First Cry of Eagle”

March 2022

Education

Educational Services has resumed hybrid and in-person services on February 28, 2022. HS continues to provide curbside services on Fridays. We ask that you continue to practice safety during curbside (wear masks and gloves).

This month is beginning of **Wóózhch'ííd** (First Cry of Eagle), center staff will continue with the themes outlined in the Scope and Sequence. Weekly topics are aligned with both Dine Curriculum and Creative Curriculum study guides. We expect to see lesson plans that focus on: Mountain/landscapes, sports, homes, community, our Nation, cultural productions, and animal habitats. All center staff are encouraged to enter student observation documentation daily to track student progress in DRDP.

Please see the Data Center in SharePoint for the latest on Attendance and Enrollment.

Lastly, below are upcoming project due dates for the month of March 2022.

NHS Calendar Update

- February 28, 2022- Resume Hybrid and In-person Learning
- March 4, 2022- Professional Development Day
- March 14-18, 2022-Spring Break (Centers closed)
- March 31, 2022- Center Status Reports due

Reminder: Refer to NHS Reopening Plan and NN Safe Schools Framework. You may also reference the NN Department of Health website under COVID-19 schools.



NHS DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Mental Health & Disability

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Child Find LEA Dates and Contact numbers

- San Juan Blanding School District: By appointment and walk ins. Contact numbers 435-678-1222, 435-678-1822, 435-678-188, and 435-678-1881
- Central Consolidated School District: By appointment only. Contact Becky Brandt 505-368-5163 Ex. 20183
- Bloomfield Unified School District: By appointment only. Contact number 505-634-3882
- Kayenta Unified School District: Child Find held on Fridays 9:00am-12:00pm by appointment only. Contact numbers 928-697-2400, 928-697-2401, and 928-697-2408
- Tuba City Unified School District: Child Find February 18, 2022, and by appointment. Contact numbers 928-283-1028 and 928-283-1160

Family Services/Engagement

- Reminder: Learning Options maybe updated as necessary. There is no time limit. We just request that sufficient time be allotted to prepare for services such as adjustments to food orders, classroom environment and transportation.
- Outlook: Transition Tuesday is coming for all our NHS students transitioning to Kindergarten, ZOOM link will be provided by the ERSEA Team.
- Recruitment Drives/Events are encouraged for all centers, please coordinate with your ERSEA Liaison.

Upcoming Events:

- March 8, 2022- Parent Training
- March 22, 2022- Parent Training
- March 24, 2022: 6:00 – 7:15 PM *Parent Math & Literacy Night*, ZOOM link will be available prior to date, please follow up with your ERSEA Liaisons.

Facilities & Transportation

- A reminder: Do not duplicate work orders, IT Tickets or Supply Requests in ChildPlus. Give the department about 10 days to respond to the tickets; if no feedback then follow up by email to perspective lead staff: Mr. Hale -Facilities, Mr. Sarracino - IT Services, Mr. Begay - Property /Supply. In the scope of your email note the ticket number. Thank you
- Submit an internal alert in ChildPlus if you are needing assistance with repairs/maintenance.
- Submit an internal alert to Mr. Hale, if there is a positive case or exposure in your center. Do not send it in ChildPlus.
 - Who, what, when, where, and how?
 - No names in your report.
 - Submit it right away, do not hang onto reports.

- Chinle Unified School District: Child Find December 3, 2021, by appointment only. Contact numbers 928-674-9357 and 928-674-9730
- Window Rock Unified School District: Child Find December 15, 2021, from 9:00-11:00am. Contact number 928-729-6754
- Pinon Unified School District: Child Find December 15, 2021, by appointment only. Contact numbers 928-725-2225 or 2131
- Ganado Unified School District: Child Find December 6 & 7, 2021 by appointment only. Contact number (928) 755-1200
- Cedar Unified School District: Child Find December 7, 2021, at Jeddito Elementary School. Contact number (928) 738-2334.



Health & Nutrition

- The audio calibration has been a hinderance since September 30, 2021, and since then no hearing screenings have been performed. Currently, Navajo Head Start Finance has indicated the renewal contract is in the process and currently in the hands of Navajo Nation DOJ for review. This has delayed the hearing screening for all Navajo Head Start children that are enrolled. This is mandated by the Head Start Program Performance Standards; screenings must be completed within 45 days of enrollment.
- It has been approved for the Head Start Centers to begin implementing the food warmers. However, once they are tagged and a Standard of Operation (SOP) has been developed and presented before the NHSPC for approval, thereafter, they will be released to the Head Start sites needing the equipment. Before releasing the food warmers, the equipment will be tagged.

Human Resources

- Reminder: It is the employee responsibility to take care of their expiration dates on their documents and should not depend on their supervisor or HR to notify the employee of expiration dates. Please plan now to update your documents for the upcoming school year (Physical Exam, Food Handlers, etc.)
- NHS has submitted over 225 fully vaccinated (attestation and vaccination cards), 23 not fully vaccinated. NHS has 90% of staff who are fully vaccinated. Staff who are not fully vaccinated are to test every 14 days (PCR or Home test is acceptable) prior to the due date.