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William Horner is going to Cuba!

William Horner, a sophomore at the New America School, entered an essay contest sponsored by the New Mexico Human Rights Projects in which he expressed views of the Cuban embargo. William's winning essay was selected by the Albuquerque-based New Mexico Human Rights Projects. As a result, he will be part of a delegation of 10 NM students going to Cuba.

The Student Council had a pie sale to raise money for this trip. The Honor Society has been selling food and is organizing a brisket dinner on December 9th. Other students have donated items for an auction and created candy cane grams – all in support of William's trip.



This 10-day program will give William an opportunity to learn about a country in transition through lectures, site visits, community service projects, museums, nature hikes, and direct engagement with Cuban high school students.

CONGRATS ...



Girls' Basketball Team won a game last weekend, and the boys' team won their games! Go Patriots!

3 great test TIPS

English

When in doubt, commas out.
If you aren't sure about a comma, take it out. Guess the choice with the fewest commas.

Math

Use the pictures.
The figures are almost always drawn to scale. Use this fact to make educated guesses.

Reading

Keep it to three.
Three minutes, that is. You should only spend three minutes skimming a passage. The remaining time (about 5 minutes) should be spent on answering the questions that go with it.

Science

Graphs first.
Read the charts and graphs first. Then the text. Many questions rely only on the charts and graphs.

Going to College? Time to ...



Several NAS students have signed up to take the ACT, a college entrance exam, in December. The ACT tests students on information that they should have learned in high school. Colleges and universities look at ACT scores to determine if students are eligible for admission as well as for scholarships.

There will be a **study session** on Friday, December 11 from 10:00-11:30 for students who have registered for the ACT test. The study session will be in Ms. Catanach's room. Mrs. Porter will provide lunch for students who attend the study session.

If you did not sign up to take the ACT test in December, there will be another test in April. See Mrs. Torres to register for that test.

ACT study session:
Friday, Dec. 11
10-11:30 am
Ms. Catanach's Classroom
Free lunch, too!

Let's Get William to Cuba ...

Funds, fun, and friends!



New America School students have pitched in big time with fundraising to support William Horner's March 2016 trip to Cuba.

Students have sold food and made candy grams, reindeer candy canes, and "firecrackers." In the process, they've also made new friends and had a lot of fun.



Disrespect in the classroom ...

In My View

by Maria Estrada

I have been at New America School for a while now, and this year is the first year that I have seen some of the younger night students acting disrespectfully to some teachers in the night classes. I have seen where the teacher is trying to teach, and the students just talk over the teacher or just don't even pay any attention all. There have been many times while I am in class and the younger students are just rude and keep other students in the class from learning or paying attention to what the teacher is trying to teach.

I know the teachers are doing their best in trying to ignore them and continue to teach those who are here to learn. At times, I have told the students to please keep it down, but they don't seem to care. I think that someone needs to tell the younger students how important school is to some of us. If it is not important to them and they are not going to take it seriously, then maybe they need to think about what they really want from this school. The teachers here are really great and do a really good job in teaching. We need to give them all of our attention and our respect. I hope I don't offend anyone by saying this, but I do believe someone needs to stand up for our teachers.



Mr. Mathews, Mrs. Fisk, Dr. Stathis, and Mr. Ray (l-r) are just a few of the teachers who teach night classes.

Get Your ...

Christmas Candy Grams

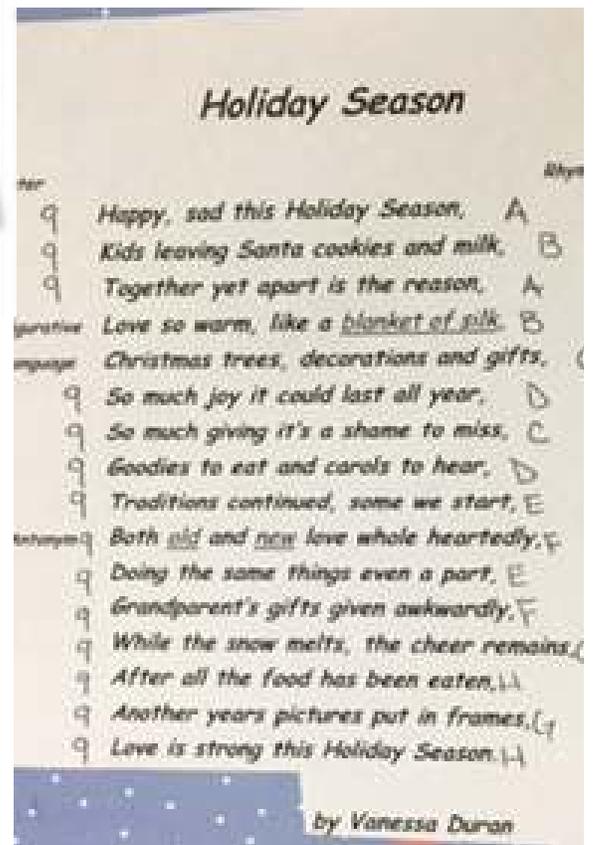
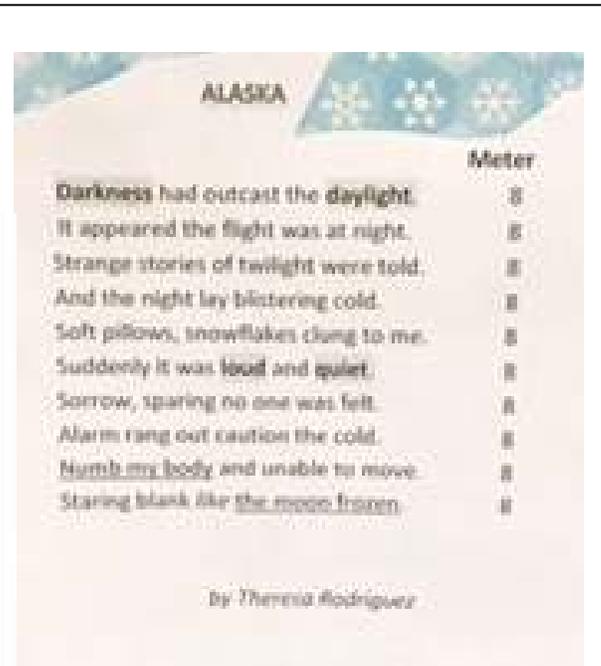


Room 118 \$1

Student Poetry



Students in Mr. Ray's English classes tackled a new writing genre in December – poetry. But they didn't just study poetry, they also wrote their own original verses. Their poems included metaphors, similes, and other figurative language. Some students wrote poems that followed a traditional rhyme scheme, while others wrote free verse. Here are a few of their efforts.



Morinsilva Recruitment Agency
Job Information Fair

Place: NAS: Lobby
Date: December 15, 2015
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
By: NAS Career Exploration class

- Learn about local jobs after you graduate!
- How much do they pay?
- How do you need to prepare?
- Get your questions answered!

- Business Administration
- How to interview
- Criminal Justice
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Coding
- HRAC
- Police Department
- Border Patrol
- Cosmetology

Are you ready?



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Want to be part of *liberty news*?

It's fun, it's a great for your resume, and you may earn extra credit for one of your classes.

If you're interested - even a little bit - please see Dr. Stathis in Room 118 or email her at

❄️ MARIACHI WINTER CONCERT ❄️

Free Tuesday, December 15th, 2015 **Free**
 7:00pm at the Court Youth Center
 402 W. Court Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005
PRESENTED BY THE NEW AMERICA SCHOOL

Master of Ceremonies
 Orlando-Antonio Jimenez

With Special Guest Performance By
 ♪ MARIACHI ÁGUILAS ♪

Get Your Brisket Dinner Tickets!

The Honor Society is selling tickets for a homemade brisket dinner for only \$6. You can buy your dinner on **Wednesday, December 9th** from 4-6 pm at the door. Proceeds support the Cuba trip.

What do you want to do on MLK Day?

Traditionally, our school meets on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a day of community service. Where do you think we should direct our efforts? A nursing home, public library, community clean-up, soup kitchen, or ____? Your homeroom teacher will be asking for your ideas. Suggest the activity that you think is most needed.