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## Raising \$\$\$ for a Family in Need



Mrs. Fisk organized a spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> to raise money for funeral expenses of Hector Meraz’s nephew who was killed recently in a motorcycle accident.

The NAS-LC family, including students, alumni, faculty, and staff, came together and raised \$550 to assist the family.



Staff (above) are preparing salad for the dinner. Students (below) are wrapping napkins and utensils.

## CONGRATS ...

**Girls Basketball Team** won their first win on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> against St. Mary’s. They will play again at 6 pm on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and at 11 am on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Holy Cross gym. The boys’ team plays at 10 am on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at Booker T. Washington School.

**William Horner & Erica Olivas** wrote winning essays that earned them a 10-day educational trip to Cuba.

**William Horner** arranged for \$150 donation from Pik Quik for our Hygiene Drive.

**Mrs. Fisk** was named “Charter School Teacher of the Year” at a luncheon in Albuquerque on October 30, 2015.



## Honor Society Welcomes Moses!

On October 28, 2015, Kathy Lawitz, Executive Director of the Dona Ana County Humane Society (DACHS), Hope Movsesian, a dog trainer, and Moses, an amazingly well-trained Great Dane, met with Honor Society students to share information about "Ruff to Ready," DACHS's dog training program.

The school's National Honor Society is supporting this program as its major service project for the year. Honor Society students have been selling burritos, drinks, sweets, and other snacks to support this program.

*Buy a burrito (or other snack)  
from the Honor Society and  
help the dogs in our community!*

The Ruff to Ready program helps make sure that dogs adopted from the shelter find forever homes. Many people adopt a cute puppy, but too often end up returning it because of "behavioral problems."

At that point, the puppy has grown up and is not so cute. A second adoption is unlikely and euthanasia is often the outcome. The DACHS's dog training program is designed to break that cycle by providing low-cost or free dog training services to our community.

*The Honor  
Society sells  
delicious food &  
beverages on  
Mondays and  
Wednesdays.*

# Free Mariachi Concert

by Mr. Ernesto Ruiz



Mariachi Nuevo America's will present its first winter concert on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. We will be welcoming special guests Mariachi Aguilas. Please come and support your school's first-ever **mariachi** group.

**Tuesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
**Court Youth Center**  
402 W. Court Ave. ~ Las Cruces, NM  
**\$ FREE \$**

***mariachi*** n. (may-ree-ah-CHEE) a type of traditional Mexican folk music, often performed by a small group of strolling musicians dressed in native costume



Here are some reasons...

# Reading Is Important

by Luz Moralez

Reading is not only for pleasure and learning new things, but it also helps improve your vocabulary, pronunciation, and general knowledge. Need more convincing? Here are a few other reasons why you might want to read more.

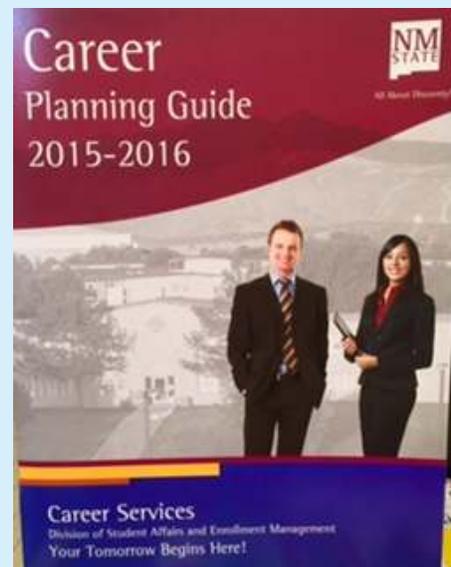
1. **Develops your verbal abilities.** Reading makes you a better communicator by giving you a richer vocabulary to use in everyday life.
2. **Improves your focus and concentration.** Reading expands your focus and concentration. Over time reading helps strengthen your attention span.
3. **Enhances your imagination.** As you read about other people's views and opinions and the worlds they create, you will be expanding your understanding of what is possible.
4. **Makes you smarter.** Reading allows you to consume a great deal of knowledge and research in a very short amount of time. Reading gives you greater understanding of how things work, learn what's going on in the world, and about great people.
5. **Makes you more interesting and attractive.** Reading gives you background information that will come in handy in academic or social conversations. It helps improve your knowledge and fosters better conversation skills.
6. **Improves your memory.** Reading stimulates your brain.

Reading improves your vocabulary, stimulates your imagination and gives you the greatest gift of all knowledge. Reading just a few minutes of the day will improve your communication skills, and help you carry on more interesting conversation with the people in your life.

## The topic was resumes ...

By Kim Fowler

On Monday, November 9, 2015, Ms. Roseanne Bensley from the Career Services Center at New Mexico State University visited Dr. Stathis's 8<sup>th</sup> period Communication Skills class. Ms. Bensley talked to students about how to prepare a **resume**. She provided students with a copy of NMSU's "Career Planning Guide 2015-2016" as a reference to help them construct their own resumes and cover letters.



Ms. Bensley left several extra copies of the "Career Planning Guide." If you would like a copy of this booklet, please see Dr. Stathis in Room 118, or leave a note for her with the front office staff.

**resume** *n.* (REZ-oo-may): a summary of qualifications; not to be confused with the verb *resume* (rih-ZOOM), which means to begin again

Short on \$\$\$ ...

# Make a Gift

by Wendy Wiczorek



*Wendy Wiczorek, a Liberty News staff member, shows off a firecracker she made.*

**F**irecrackers are appropriate for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and holidays such as Christmas and New Year's Eve. Christmas firecracker were invented in the mid-1840s in Great Britain, and became part of the British Christmas tradition. They are very easy to make and fun to give or receive!

## Directions to make Firecrackers

### Supplies Needed:

- Cardboard toilet paper roll
- Wrapping paper
- Tape
- Scissors
- Candy, gifts, toys

**Step 1:** Make sure you have all the materials you need for the project.

**Step 2:** Cut wrapping paper to cover the toilet paper roll. Make sure you have at least 2½ inches on both ends of the wrapping paper.

**Step 3:** Tape the wrapping paper to the roll.

**Step 4:** Pinch one end and tape it closed. Then cut fringe on the end.

**Step 5:** Fill your cracker with candy, gifts, and toys.

**Step 6:** Pinch the other side and tape it closed. Cut fringe on this side as well.



# November Students of the Month at NAS-LC!

Andrew Villalba, Eliseo Montelongo, Bailey Thomas, Joel Craig (front row, l-r), Mariah Gomez, Celeste Lopez, Jasleili Zubia, Joseph Lopez (back row, l-r), and Alejandro Mendoza (not pictured) were named “Students of the Month” for November based on their superior grades and strong motivation to excel. They all have excellent attendance, are dedicated to their studies, and demonstrate high standards of conduct.



Guest speaker ...

## Ann Vander Vliet ... Animal Control Officer

The members of the NAS-LC Honor Society invited Ann Vander Vliet, a Las Cruces Animal Control Officer, to speak to the organization about her job and responsibilities. Vander Vliet talked about the requirements and pay for the job as well as described a typical day in the life of an animal control officer. She also discussed important ordinances and offered advice on how to avoid dog bites. Students asked many questions and invited her to come back to speak to the group again in the future.



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