Indian Hills Elementary

Indian Hills Braves
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September 2026

ARE YOU A STAR?

Safe, Trustworthy, High achieving, respectful/ responsible

Notes from the Principal

Jessica Landavazo Guillen

Welcome, September!

As we settle into the new school year, our classrooms are already filled with learning, laughter, and new friendships. Thank you to our families for helping students arrive each day ready to learn and do their best.

This month is also the beginning of sports. Our 5th and 6th grade girls are beginning Volleyball, with our first game on Wednesday, Sept 2 at 4:30 PM at Jefferson. Come support our Braves!

We have also begun our weekly attendance competition and incentives. Each class is designated as a superhero, and their attendance is tracked daily to see which class gets the best attendance each week. The class with the best attendance gets a special treat! Make sure your students are on time. Tardies and check-outs count against their attendance, so make sure they are on time and stay all day.

We are also celebrating student success during our NMSSA Student Recognition Ceremony to recognize those students who scored proficient or advanced on last years NMSSA assessment (current 4th – 6th grade students). The assembly will be held on Friday, September 25 at 12:45 PM. Parents are invited to join.

We look forward to a wonderful month of growth, teamwork, and school spirit!

Indian Hills School Vision

To engage, educate, and empower every child, every day.

Indian Hills School Mission

Indian Hills will develop and empower responsible and successful learners.

Student Recognition Assembly
Friday, 9/25/26 @ 12:45

We will be recognizing those students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade who scored proficient/advanced on last year's NMSSA state assessment.

Attendance:

If your child will be absent due to illness, please call our front office to notify us at 505-721-2900. This will verify your student's absence. Our current attendance goal is 95% every day. Thank you for your support!

Weekly Attendance Incentives

We are tracking weekly attendance and the class with the best attendance gets an extra recess on Friday! Let's hit Perfect Attendance every day!!

Parents - Have your ID ready when you come into the school.

Dress Code:

The GMCS Dress Code is enforced. Students may not wear slides/slippers or jeans with large tears/holes/rips on them. Leggings, sweats and pajama pants are not allowed in 3rd-6th grade. "Dress Down" days will be communicated to families ahead of time.

Bike Riders! Please walk your bike on the sidewalk to the bike rack. Stay safe!

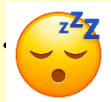
REMINDER

Every Friday is an early release of school for students. School dismissal time is 1:30 P.M. for K-6th & 1:15 PM for Preschool

*****No checkouts after 1:00 PM**

Construction Updates:

As we complete one construction project, another one will be coming up for Ciniza Drive in front of the school in the next few months. Keep an eye out for additional information and how this might adjust our student drop off and pick ups.



Tip of the Month:

Sleep is your child's superpower!

An earlier bedtime today means a brighter, more focused learner tomorrow!

PARKING/ STUDENT Drop off &Pick up

Parents,

There are parking and pick-up/drop-off procedures in place for your child's safety. Please adhere to our procedures. The parking lot drive through is to be used as a continuous (non-parking) loop for parents to pull up and drop off or pick up their students. We ask parents to pull up as far as possible to pick up their students. Please DO NOT park in the drive through loop and leave your car unattended.

Parents, if you choose to park, please use the spaces provided at the south of the school and use the crosswalk to keep all students safe! Please do not drop your students off in the middle of the street. This is for their safety.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as safety is our priority!

Upcoming Dates to Know

- **9/2** – Volleyball game at Jefferson @ 4:30. Come support our Braves!
- **9/3** – Evacuation drill – students will learn how to properly evacuate the school in case of an emergency.
- **9/4** – PreK Family Engagement Activity
- **9/7** – No school – Labor Day
- **9/8 – BE HERE DAY!! We want 100% attendance TODAY!!**
- **9/9** – Volleyball game at Catherine A Miller @ 4:30
- **9/10** – All students taking unit formatives in reading and math
- **9/16** – Volleyball game @ Thoreau Elem @ 4:30
- **9/23** – Volleyball game @ Ramah @ 4:30
- **9/25 –** Student Recognition Assembly at 12:45 We will be recognizing those students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade who scored proficient/advanced on last year's NMSSA state assessment.
- **9/30 –** Volleyball game @ Crownpoint @ 4:30
- **10/1** - All students taking unit formatives in reading and math