



Isleta Pueblo News

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March 2025

Governor's Report

Maguwam,
I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health, as we approach into the month of March. As we enter into the farming and fire season, we would like to remind you to be cautious and burn your weeds responsibly to ensure the safety of our community.

In the early part of January, a meeting was held at the Court House to select the 2025 Mayordomos for this farming season. I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who attended and to the Mayordomos who were selected to serve in this capacity.

Acequia Madre Mayordomos:

- **Jared Jojola**
- **Steven Abeita**

Cacique Mayordomos:

- **Derek Jaramillo**
- **Nathan Abeita**

Chical Mayordomos:

- **Joseph Jiron**
- **Ryan Jojola**

My Lieutenants and I have been actively advocating for the Pueblo's interests in the 2025 New Mexico legislative session. In early February, we had a very productive meeting with Governor Lujan Grisham to discuss the Pueblo's state legislative priorities, including capital outlay funding, water rights, support for Native students, and support for law enforcement needs. We attended the 2025 American Indian Day at the Roundhouse and will continue to closely monitor the remainder of the state legislative session.

We've also been actively monitoring the Pueblo's federal funding sources and recent federal administrative changes. We continue to meet and communicate with the Pueblo's congressional representation to report on how the Pueblo is impacted by these changes at the federal level, including funding, the recent ICE situation, and other concerns.

On November 5, 2024, Tribal Council adopted Pueblo of Isleta Nuisance Code into Chapter 7 of the Land Use and Leasing Code. The Nuisance Code is now in effect. The code can be found online at www.isletapueblo.com underneath the Tribal Council tab for POI Regulations, Ordinances and Standards. Printed copies of the Code are also available at the Tribal Council Chambers, Isleta Police Department, the Tribal Court, and the Governor's Office. I have ordered our Code Compliance officer to issue notices to tribal members who are not in compliance with this order. If you do not comply with this order, you will be issued a fine or penalties.

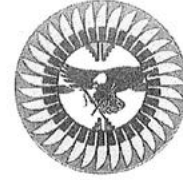
I would also like to inform you that we are planning a community meeting to occur in April. Keep a look out for the postings of date and time around the community bulletin boards.

Last, I want to send my condolences to the families of those who have lost their family members during the month of February. Ha-Wuh,

Governor Eugene Jiron
Pueblo of Isleta

Eugene Jiron Lt. Governor, Charles E. Jojola
Governor Lt. Governor, Juan Rey Abeita

PUEBLO OF ISLETA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
P.O. Box 1270



Isleta, New Mexico 87022 Telephone: 505-869-3111

February 20, 2025

Executive Order by Governor Jiron:

Effective immediately, this order is to inform the community of the recent discovery of the trail and game cameras found in all areas (Bosque, Comanche Ranch, Manzano mountains). As a reminder all video recording and photography in the Bosque area is strictly prohibited. I am ordering you to remove these devices immediately from all areas if you have any placed without permission. I have ordered the Open Space officers to remove these devices, and the cameras will not be returned to the owners and they will be destroyed.

Thank you,

Governor Eugene Jiron

CC: Police Department-Open Space officers

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Order by the Governor Eugene Jiron:

This order serves as a formal notification that trespassing on Pueblo of Isleta lands particularly in the areas designated as cultural sites are strictly prohibited. Violators may be subject to penalties or prosecutions under Tribal Law. I ask you follow all signs placed at these sacred areas and abided by this order.

see Tribal Law & Order Code 505-02-01 and 530-12-01 et.seq.

The Pueblo of Isleta is committed to preserving and protecting its rich cultural heritage, including numerous sacred and significant sites located within the Manzano Mountains, East and West side Range, Bosque area and Comanche Ranch. This prohibition applies to all ATVs/UTVs, Side-by-Side, and or any off roading vehicles. I am asking you not to create unauthorized roads or pathways. Unauthorized access and trespassing pose a serious threat to these sites, potentially causing irreparable damage and desecration.

I ask you help keep Isleta's historical and cultural sites preserved and report any violators to the Isleta Police Department at (505)869-3030.

Thank you,

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

DEADLINE for April Newsletter articles is set for Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 4:30 pm Articles may be dropped off at the Library or emailed to Nathaniel.Lujan@isletapueblo.com. Should you email your article, expect a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email, odds are it never made it to me and then it's time to panic, so call Nate at 505.869.9808.

People who wish to submit an article or flyer are responsible for generating their own article or flyer. Should you need help, please call the Library at 505.869.9808 and set up a date and time to sit down with a Library staff member who will help you throughout the process. The Library will NOT accept notes dropped off at the Library or information over the phone to generate your article.

PROBATES need to be published in the Newsletter for two consecutive months. Probates are considered court documents, therefore, all submitters must provide: 1) Name of Deceased, 2) Date of Deceased 3) Court Case # and 4) Date of Court Date. A Probate form can be found on the Newsletter Archive page at <http://www.isletapueblo.com/newsletters.html>.

CLASSIFIED ADS: The new administration has requested that the Newsletter start a Classified Ad section for Tribal members selling land, houses, mobile homes, vehicles, and farm equipment. Leasing of houses and mobile homes will be accepted. Smaller items which can be sold at the local flea markets or weekly yard sales will NOT be accepted.

Currently, this service is FREE to Tribal members. Land, houses, and mobile homes must be within the reservation boundaries. Ads must meet the 160 character limit. Ads that exceed the 160 characters will NOT be submitted into the Newsletter. A single picture may be submitted with the ad. Submitters of classified ads are responsible for generating their own ads as this is a FREE service.

As a reminder, Tribal business owners may submit a small flyer at no charge. Like the classified ads, business owners are responsible for generating their own flyers as this is a FREE service.

Classified ads and business flyers will be posted no more than two consecutive months. In the event where the Newsletter may exceed the 24-page limit, classified ads and business flyers will be "bumped" for newsletter articles. Again, this is a FREE service for Tribal members.

The Isleta Newsletter is owned and operated by the Pueblo of Isleta. Therefore, the Governor of the Pueblo of Isleta has the final say of all articles and contents within the Isleta Newsletter.

For additional questions, you may call the Library and speak with Nate or Diane at 505.869.9808.

Thank you,
Nathaniel Lujan

Newsletters may be found at the fifteen distribution locations listed below. Remember, Digital copies of the Newsletter may be obtained from the Newsletter archive at <http://www.isletapueblo.com/newsletters.html>

The fifteen Newsletter distribution locations are:

1. TR 2 & TR 22 - Chical SE of Community Hall
2. TR 10 - Behind the old 47 Sales
3. TR 1 & TR 5 – Ranchitos / Bosque Farms Reservations Line
4. Ranchitos Park
5. Post Office - Big Tree
6. TR 82 & TR 84 - Teller Road
7. TR 78 & TR 82 - Carlos Trujillo Sr.
8. TR 90 @ Y - CF Padilla
9. Mouse Town Park –
10. Health Center – South end of Health Center Parking lot
11. Library Sunlight & Moonlight Intersection
12. TR 6 - 47 Intersection
13. TR 12 - 47 & 147 intersection (Old Smoke & Save)
14. TR 71 & TR 54 @ Y - Holiday Robot / Paved Road / Railroad Tracks
15. TR 45 & TR 40 @ Y - Tata Mel (POI Signage)



PROBATES

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Case No. CV-PR-0004-2025
Johanna-Rae Crystal Olguin

First Notice

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with notice requirements, a Petition to Probate the Estate of **Johanna-Rae Crystal Olguin**, deceased **08/18/2024**, has been filed in the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court. Any person claiming an interest in the Estate is hereby advised to notify the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk in writing within thirty (30) days of this notice being posted. Claims must be filed in writing. A hearing in this matter has been scheduled for **TBD at TBD** at the Isleta Tribal Court, located at the Tribal Services Complex, 3950 Hwy. 47 SE, Building A, Albuquerque, NM. If you have any questions, please contact the Isleta Tribal Court at (505) 869-9699.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Case No. CV-PR-0133-2024
Cresencio Anzara

Second Notice

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with notice requirements, a Petition to Probate the Estate of **Cresencio Anzara**, deceased **01/19/1979**, has been filed in the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court. Any person claiming an interest in the Estate is hereby advised to notify the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk in writing within thirty (30) days of this notice being posted. Claims must be filed in writing. A hearing in this matter has been scheduled for **TBD at TBD** at the Isleta Tribal Court, located at the Tribal Services Complex, 3950 Hwy. 47 SE, Building A, Albuquerque, NM. If you have any questions, please contact the Isleta Tribal Court at (505) 869-9699.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Case No. CV-PR-0152-2024
Jose Marcelino Lucero

Second Notice

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with notice requirements, a Petition to Probate the Estate of **Jose Marcelino Lucero**, deceased **03/08/2024**, has been filed in the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court. Any person claiming an interest in the Estate is hereby advised to notify the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk in writing within thirty (30) days of this notice being posted. Claims must be filed in writing. A hearing in this matter has been scheduled for **TBD at TBD** at the Isleta Tribal Court, located at the Tribal Services Complex, 3950 Hwy. 47 SE, Building A, Albuquerque, NM. If you have any questions, please contact the Isleta Tribal Court at (505) 869-9699.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Case No. CV-PR-0154-2024
Ruben Lucero

Second Notice

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with notice requirements, a Petition to Probate the Estate of **Ruben Lucero**, deceased **11/28/2024**, has been filed in the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court. Any person claiming an interest in the Estate is hereby advised to notify the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk in writing within thirty (30) days of this notice being posted. Claims must be filed in writing. A hearing in this matter has been scheduled for **TBD at TBD** at the Isleta Tribal Court, located at the Tribal Services Complex, 3950 Hwy. 47 SE, Building A, Albuquerque, NM. If you have any questions, please contact the Isleta Tribal Court at (505) 869-9699.

The IPHA Board of Commissioners is seeking you!

BE A PART OF OUR DEVELOPMENT



Five vacancies need to be filled. Meetings are as needed, according to items to be addressed.

Please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Council vis email:
Tribal.Council@isletapueblo.com
or hand deliver to Tribal Council Chambers.

Questions: Call us at 505-869-9746

ENVIRONMENT

Monthly surface water quality results

E. coli bacteria in MPN/100 ml by POI Sample Location*	Month & Year of Collection			
	2024			2025
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
South Boundary	884	1169	1421	325
240 Wasteway	776	691	1259	260
Indian Interior Drain @ 240 Wasteway	29	23	-	19
NM 147	712	388	776	178
Black Bridge	292	402	908	113
Northern Boundary near Isleta Lakes	384	341	591	43
Albuquerque Riverside Drain	60	39	66	24
Acequia Madre near Northern Boundary	-	-	-	-
Butte Lateral near Interstate-25	-	-	-	-

**Water quality samples are collected on a monthly basis from the Rio Grande. Two irrigation sample locations are collected during the growing season.*

- Dash in data table indicates sample not collected.

“MPN” is a unit of measure that stands for most probable number. MPN is equivalent to colony forming units (“CFU”).

Environment collected water samples for ammonia at three locations on the Rio Grande 12/17/2024; all three samples were “non detect” for ammonia. Lieutenant at the time, now Governor Eugene Jiron reported there had been a sanitary system overflow in Rio Rancho. The estimated volume of the sewage spill on Sunday, December 8, 2024 was 168,000 gallons; the estimated volume reaching the Rio Grande was 72,000 gallons. The City of Rio Rancho reported the spill was caused by a leaking 14-inch force main. A local contractor was called out to repair the line.

The Pueblo of Isleta’s most stringent surface water quality standard for E. coli bacteria is 88 MPN/100 ml at all times and at all flow rates.

Please watch signage at the NM 147 bridge for surface water quality advisory. No fishing or swimming is allowed on the east and west side of the Rio Grande River nor ditches by Order of the Governor; please follow all signs posted regarding Governor’s order.

If you have questions about surface water quality, contact Ramona Montoya, Water Quality Control Officer, at 505-869-7565.

The Elections Board is seeking members!

BE A PART OF OUR BEGINNINGS



There are four vacancies for the Elections Board, one of the positions is reserved for a young person between the ages of 18-25 years old.

Please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Council via email:

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or hand deliver to Tribal Council Chambers.

Questions: Call us at 505-869-9746

Goodwill

Goodwill Los Lunas will be hosting a Community Career Fair and Community Resource Event on Friday, March 21 from 1-3 pm.

Come meet with employers and find out about resources available!!

Contact: Vicki Herring
Career specialist at 505-944-0289



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Career Specialist

Goodwill Industries of New Mexico

Sponsored by the Pueblo of Isleta
Department of Education

2025

**EXPLORA
FAMILY NIGHT**

All Ages Welcomed!

Interactive exhibits & activities for the whole family!
Ribbon Lei-making for graduates, and more...

Friday, March 7th
5:00pm - 7:30pm

Register Here!

Explora Science Center
1701 Mountain Rd NW
Albuquerque, NM 87104

For more information or questions please call 505.869.9790

Pueblo Of Isleta

**JOHNSON O' MALLEY
INDIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
(IEC)**

**Seeking
IEC Members
&
Student Representative**

SEEKING INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCITING
IDEAS FOR FAMILY NIGHTS
AND OTHER JOM EVENTS.
INCLUDES STIPEND FOR QUARTERLY
MEETINGS.

BE PART OF REVIEWING AND APPROVING
PROGRAM BUDGETING
AND MUCH MORE!

Express your interest using the QR code
or link: https://isletapueblo.formstack.com/forms/iec_interest OR call 505-869-9790



Job Postings

Visit us online at <http://www.isleta.com/career-opportunities.aspx>
 Fax: 505-244-8232

FOOD ATTENDANT

Albuquerque, NM **\$13.87 / Hour** • Non-Exempt
 0330

MAIN BANKER

Albuquerque, NM **\$16.14 / Hour** • Non-Exempt
 Main Banker manages daily operations, customer interactions, and transactions, ensuring smooth banking experience and exceptional service. Join our TEAM!

SUPERVISOR F & B - 00HSUP

Albuquerque, NM **\$20.31 / Hour** • Non-Exempt

PROMOTIONS MANAGER

Albuquerque, NM **\$72172.03 / Year** • Exempt
 Promotions manager leads campaigns, boosts brand visibility, and drives engagement through innovative marketing strategies.

CAGE SHIFT SUPERVISOR

Albuquerque, NM **\$23.02 / Hour** • Non-Exempt
 0150

PMT II

Albuquerque, NM **\$18.04 / Hour** • Non-Exempt
 Ensures optimal facility performance, conducts inspections, repairs equipment, and enhances safety protocols.

DIRECTOR OF SURVEILLANCE

Albuquerque, NM **\$96692.74 - \$145039.10 / Year** • Exempt
 Join the leadership team at Isleta Resort & Casino as the Director of Surveillance, where you'll oversee security operations across the casino, hotel, golf course, and retail locations. This role is critical in ensuring compliance with all regulatory st...

SERVER

Albuquerque, NM **\$11.50 / Hour** • Non-Exempt
 Responsible for waiting on all food and beverage guests, accurately recording, submitting, and delivering food and beverage orders while promoting and exhibiting World Class Guest Service to all the Isleta Resort and Casino employees and guest.

EXECUTIVE HOST MARKETING

Albuquerque, NM **\$54696.19 / Year** • Exempt
 Are you a dynamic, guest-focused professional with a passion for building relationships and creating unforgettable experiences? As an Executive Host at Isleta Resort & Casino, you'll be responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with our v...

CUSTODIAN

Albuquerque, NM **\$14.62 / Hour** • Non-Exempt
 Custodians make a real impact daily, ensuring clean, safe environments by providing essential services that enhances public well-being.

LEAD STEWARD

Albuquerque, NM **\$16.14 / Hour** • Non-Exempt
 Are you a dedicated and detail-oriented professional looking to take the next step in your career? As a Lead Steward at Isleta Resort & Casino, you'll play a key role in maintaining the cleanliness and efficiency of our food and beverage operations. You...

CUSTODIAL ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR

Albuquerque, NM **\$16.14 / Hour** • Non-Exempt
 Oversees cleaning staff, ensures high standards or cleanliness, manages schedules, and maintains facility maintenance.

WARDROBE ATTENDANT

Albuquerque, NM **\$14.62 / Hour** • Non-Exempt
 Join our team as a Wardrobe Attendant at Isleta Resort & Casino and be a key part of ensuring our employees look their best! In this role, you'll be responsible for fitting, sewing, repairing, and issuing team member uniforms while maintaining a high st...

SECURITY OFFICER I

Albuquerque, NM **\$16.14 / Hour** • Non-Exempt
 Kickstart your career as a Security Officer! Ensure safety, gain experience, and growth with us

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-ISLETA PUEBLO HOUSING AUTHORITY (IPHA)

Albuquerque, NM **\$106000.00 - \$130000.00 / Year** • Exempt
 Executive Director oversees IPHA housing plans, coordinating development, implementing strategies, and monitoring trends for sustainable community growth.

FRONT DESK AGENT

Albuquerque, NM **\$14.62 / Hour** • Non-Exempt
 Welcome guest, manager check-ins, answer inquiries, and ensure smooth front desk operations. Join our hospitality team!

OFF-SITE ATTENDANT

Albuquerque, NM **\$13.87 / Hour** • Non-Exempt
 Join the team at Isleta Resort & Casino as an Off-Site Attendant, where you'll be responsible for providing top-tier customer service, handling cash transactions, and preparing food at our off-site snack bars. This role ensures smooth operations by main...

CALL CENTER AGENT

Albuquerque, NM **\$15.12 / Hour** • Non-Exempt
 Deliver top-notch customer service and support in a lively, fast-paced call center role.

NAIL TECHNICIAN

Albuquerque, NM **\$14.37 / Hour • Non-Exempt**

Provide exceptional nail services with a focus on precision and style. Ideal for detail-oriented professionals passionate about nail art and client satisfaction.

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GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Albuquerque, NM **\$23.02 / Hour • Non-Exempt**

Create stunning visuals and innovative designs. Perfect for creative individuals passionate about transforming ideas into compelling visual content. Join us!

HVAC TECH III

Albuquerque, NM **\$26.30 / Hour • Non-Exempt**

Excel as an HVAC Tech III. Expertly install, maintain, and repair systems, ensuring peak performance and comfort.

HVAC TECH II

Albuquerque, NM **\$23.02 / Hour • Non-Exempt**

Thrive as an HVAC Tech II! Perform essential repair and preventive maintenance on HVAC equipment, ensuring optimal functionality and efficiency.

SLOTS FLOOR TECHNICIAN

Albuquerque, NM **\$20.31 / Hour • Non-Exempt**

Be a Slot Floor Technician! Maintain and troubleshoot slots machines daily, ensuring smooth operations and top-notch gaming experiences.

IRRIGATION TECHNICIAN

Albuquerque, NM **\$18.04 / Hour • Non-Exempt**

Become an Irrigation Technician and play a key role in keeping our golf course greens pristine and ensure efficient irrigation systems.

HDCT

Albuquerque, NM **\$15.12 / Hour • Non-Exempt**

Ensure cleanliness and safety in various settings, with opportunities for growth and making a positive impact daily

Pueblo of Isleta Career Opportunities

ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER	Public Defender	Open Until Filled
ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL I	Legal	Open Until Filled
ASSOCIATE JUDGE	Tribal Courts	Open Until Filled
CAREGIVER	Assisted Living Facility	Open Until Filled
COOK I	Assisted Living Facility	Open Until Filled
COOK I	Elder Center	Open Until Filled
COOK I	Head Start	Open Until Filled
CUSTODIAN	Public Works	Open Until Filled
DISPATCHER I or II	Police Department	Open Until Filled
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IPHA	Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority	Open Until Filled
FIREFIGHTER	Fire Department	Open Until Filled
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKER	Public Works	Open Until Filled
HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	Health Services	Open Until Filled
IRRIGATION & LANDSCAPE TECHNICIAN	Parks & Recreation	Open Until Filled
LIFEGUARD	Parks & Recreation	Open Until Filled
LIFEGUARD ASSISTANT	Parks & Recreation	Open Until Filled
MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN I, II, or III	Public Works	Open Until Filled
PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER	Parks & Recreation	Open Until Filled
PLUMBER	Public Works	Open Until Filled
POLICE OFFICER I	Police Department	Open Until Filled
POLICE OFFICER II	Police Department	Open Until Filled
RECREATION ASSISTANT (12 Positions)	Parks & Recreation	Open Until Filled
RECREATION LEAD	Parks & Recreation	Open Until Filled
STATE-TRIBAL IFPA COORDINATOR	Social Services	Open Until Filled
SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR	Health Services	Open Until Filled
SYP - WEED & LITTER	Parks & Recreation	Open Until Filled
TEACHER ASSISTANT	Head Start	Open Until Filled
TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER	Transportation Services	Open Until Filled
TRIBAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR	Tribal Council	Open Until Filled
TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION TECHNICIAN	Cultural & Historical Preservation	Open Until Filled
UTILITY WORKER	Public Works	Open Until Filled
VETERAN SUPPORT SERVICE MEMBER	Elder Center	Open Until Filled -WITHIN ONLY
WATER/WWTP OPERATOR I-IV	Public Works	Open Until Filled

PUEBLO OF ISLETA ANIMAL CONTROL
505-869-3030

Pueblo of Isleta Animal Control is seeking the public's help. If you have been given an Animal Control Animal Trap by former Animal Control Officers and still have it in your possession, please give us a call at 505-869-3030 and tell us.

It would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Isleta Animal Control

March Women's History Month

The Isleta Pueblo Cultural Center will be hosting Women's History Month through the end of March. We would like to invite everyone to come & enjoy the fashion show & guest speakers on special topics

March 6th – Pueblo Women in Politics

March 11th – Women's Health & Wellness

March 13th – Women in the Police Force

March 18th – Pueblo Women's Fashion Show (1pm)

March 20th – Special Women's Photograph Viewing

March 25th – Women & Education teaching Tiwa and Special Storytelling Session

Events will be held Tuesday and Thursday beginning March 6th 2pm
Isleta Pueblo Cultural Center Lecture Hall through March 25th 2025
Please feel free to contact us at 505-869-9767

MARCH WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AT THE ISLETA PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER



Fashion Show on Traditional & Contemporary Clothing

Along with **Women's History Month** we will be hosting our first Pueblo Fashion Show! Traditional and Contemporary Clothing will be modeled for this special occasion

FASHION SHOW WILL BE HELD ON March 18, 2025 at 1:00pm Cultural Center Lecture Hall



Pueblo of Isleta Sponsorships: Supporting Our Community and Future Champions



In appreciation of
**Isleta Sponsor
Committee**
for sponsoring
Anthony Lucero
NM Bombers
Spring 2024

The Pueblo of Isleta is proud to continue its commitment to supporting Tribal members and organizations through the **Sponsorship/Donation Program**, which provides financial assistance for sports, fine arts, and club activities. This initiative ensures that our Tribal members have opportunities to participate in meaningful events and activities that enrich their lives and represent our community with pride.

One inspiring example of this program in action is **Anthony Lucero**, a dedicated **7th grade student at Los Lunas Middle School and a proud Isleta Tribal member**. Anthony recently received sponsorship to support his participation in **club baseball with the NM Bombers**, a competitive team that travels for tournaments.

With this sponsorship, Anthony was able to take the field, train, and compete at a high level. His hard work and dedication paid off when he and his team **won the championship** in a recent tournament, bringing home a well-earned victory.

Pictured in his **NM Bombers uniform**, Anthony proudly shows off his **championship ring**, a symbol of perseverance and excellence.

Anthony's story is just one of many successes made possible by the Pueblo of Isleta Sponsorship/Donation Program. This initiative has helped countless individuals pursue their passions, whether in sports, the arts, or other club activities, while fostering a strong sense of community and achievement.

Sponsorship Opportunities & Guidelines

The Pueblo of Isleta sets aside money annually to support Tribal members and organizations. Here are key details about the process:

- Individual Tribal Members may receive up to \$1,500 per year.
 - Tribal Organizations may receive up to \$5,000 per year (amounts over \$5,000 require Tribal Council approval).
 - Funds may be used for sports events, fine arts, club activities, and other approved initiatives.
- Requests must be submitted at least three weeks in advance using the Sponsorship/Donation Request Form.
- Receipts and a written report on the event's impact must be submitted within two weeks after the event.
 - Unspent funds must be returned within 30 days to comply with policy guidelines.

Have Questions?

For more information about the sponsorship process, or to apply, contact:

- **Committee Secretary, Jessica Jiron at the Governor's Office**
- **Committee Chair, Charles Walters at 505-521-9479**

The Pueblo of Isleta is committed to investing in the success of our people. Whether it is a young athlete like **Anthony Lucero**, an artist, or a club representing our community, we encourage our Tribal members to take advantage of these opportunities. Let us continue to uplift and support our future leaders, champions, and stars!


Los Lunas High School Class of 1965 60th Reunion, Announced

The event will be simple: visit with all those old buddies from school days, share a great meal, maybe win some prizes and remember those who can no longer be with us for this reunion. We also hope to host a couple of special events with whoever might be interested the next day Sunday, details to come later.

Time: **May 3, 2025, starting at 5 pm until 8 pm**

Place: **Black Angus restaurant 2290 Wyoming Blvd NE, Albuquerque NM 87112**


Fellow classmates, don't miss this if at all possible! Deadline to contact us with your name and current address, phone number and email address is April 1st 2025. Contact RJ at llhsclassof65@yahoo.com ASAP.



IF ICE SHOWS UP, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

IF YOU ARE APPROACHED BY IMMIGRATION (ICE) AGENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS DISCRIMINATORY STOPS.

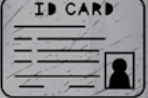

If ICE agents approach you, stay calm. **DO NOT RUN**, argue, resist, or obstruct the officer, even if you believe your rights are being violated. Keep your hands where officers can see them.




MAKE SURE THAT YOUR STATE AND TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS ARE UP TO DATE AND CARRY WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES!


If requested, provide tribal and state identification.

- Tribal ID cards are available to all tribal members 10 years and older
- If your Tribal ID is expired, please bring it to the Census Office located at 124 TR 40, Isleta Village proper, weekdays between 8am and 4pm to receive a no-cost replacement.
- For lost or stolen ID cards, there will be a \$20 replacement fee.
- If you have a federal photo identification card or a Certificate of Indian Blood, it may be beneficial to carry a copy of this additional identification.


Request to see identification from the individual stopping you to verify that they are actually an immigration agent with ICE.





If an immigration agent asks if they can search you, you have the right to say **"NO"**. Agents do not have the right to search you or your belongings without your consent or probable cause.

If detained or arrested, you have the right to remain silent. If you wish to exercise that right, say so out loud and request to speak with an attorney: "I am exercising my right to remain silent. I want to speak with an attorney."



CONTACT THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT (505) 869-3111.
WE MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU IN SECURING LEGAL COUNSEL.

TRANSPORTATION



We are excited to announce the installation of four new bus stop shelters across the Pueblo, funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). These shelters are part of our ongoing efforts to enhance public transportation and improve safety for all riders, including students waiting for school buses. One of the shelters has been installed, and we're eager to complete the remaining three with the help of our dedicated Roadway Maintenance Department.



The new shelters are designed to provide:

- Comfort and protection from the elements.
- Enhanced safety for students waiting for school bus pickups
- Safer and more convenient public transit experience for the entire community

The shelters will be installed at the following locations:

- Location 1 – TR26 and TR28 which was completed on January 6, 2025
- Location 2 – On Sagebrush in front of the Clinic
- Location 3 – Sagebrush and TR62
- Location 4 – On NM147 at the 208 Bus Stop

Stay tuned for updates as we finalize installation schedules in early 2025!

The roadway maintenance department will begin installation of the remaining shelters in February 2025, with the project expected to be completed by end of March 2025.

The shelters include:

- Seating
- Lighting for safety
- Information display

We value your input! If you have any questions or feedback about the project, please contact Transportation Services Department at Clarissa. Abeyta@Isletapueblo.com or 505-869-9818.

Department Of Education
950 Moonlight Dr. SW
Albuquerque, NM 87105
(505) 869-9790

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND

The Pueblo of Isleta recognizes the need to provide families with supplemental funding to assist their child/children in their education. Applications shall be reviewed the third week of January, March, June and September. The education-funding year shall reflect school year – August through July.

Through the Department of Education, specific guidelines have been developed to assist qualifying tribal members striving to reach high levels of district, local and state academic standards. These guidelines shall be used to provide monetary support to students and adults in need of educational assistance.

Assistance may be provided for the following categories: (Priority will be given to category A, then B and so forth).

Category:

- (A) Students K-12: Students who are in need of academic support, unavailable through other resources, for example; tutoring through Sylvan Learning Center or other programs.
- (B) Students K-12: Students with disabilities.
- (C) Students K-12: Students attending private institutions.
- (D) Students K-12: Students involved in extra-curricular activities, i.e., band, chess, sports activities, science fair, etc.
- (E) Group Trips: To give students K-12 the opportunity to attend and explore educational programs or take education trips outside the regular classroom.
- (F) Continuing Education: Special interest classes, i.e., career development, etc.
- (G) Adult Education Special Programs: Department of Education hosted programs to include CNM Ingenuity and UNM-VC concurrent courses classes.

Who May Apply:
All enrolled tribal members who reside within a 60-mile radius of Isleta Pueblo.

For more information
Google- POI Educational Services
OR to fill out an application
https://isletapueblo.formstack.com/forms/educational_assistance

December 2022

TRUANCY

Greetings,
We hope you are ready to spring forward into time change on March 9th, 2025. We all know the struggle of getting used to time change especially when it goes forward. Here are some tips to make it a little easier when time change happens.

- In the days before the time change, gradually adjust your bedtime and wake-up time by 15 minutes each day to ease the transition.
- Get outside in the morning to expose yourself to natural light, which helps regulate your body's natural rhythm.
- Stick to a regular sleep schedule, even on weekends, and create a relaxing bedtime routine.
- If you need to nap, keep them short and early in the day to avoid disrupting your nighttime sleep.
- Avoid caffeine close to bedtime as it can interfere with sleep.

As a reminder, our department has adopted a new Truancy Attendance for Success Law.

The Pueblo of Isleta has adopted a new Truancy Attendance for Success Law which outlines the steps of enforcement that will be implemented. It is important to understand this new law; feel free to contact the Truancy Department with any questions or concerns.

The following are the Steps of Enforcement that will be implemented:

Third Absence (3rd)

Upon determining that a child has three (3) unexcused absences, parent will be notified; first notification letter will be sent to the address on file. Truancy Coordinator shall inform parent/guardian of the potential consequences of any additional unexcused absences.

Sixth Absence (6th)


Upon determining that a child has six (6) unexcused absences, parent will be notified immediately. Five (5) business days after the child's parent is contacted, an attendance review conference shall be scheduled and conducted; child and parent will then enter into an Attendance Contract.

Tenth Absence (10th)

Upon determining that a child has ten (10) unexcused absences and continues to accumulate unexcused absences, (within a school semester), and/or the parent has not contacted the Truancy Department to schedule an attendance conference, the Truancy Department shall recommend that a truancy petition be filed in Tribal Court.


Thank you,
Isleta Truancy Department

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
AVAILABLE NOW ON OUR WEBSITE
www.isletapueblo.com/tribal-programs/educational-services
or Google: POI Educational Services



Application absolute deadline dates :

Full Academic Year (Fall/Spring term/Semesters)-
July 1st 11:59pm
Spring Term/Semester - November 1st 11:59pm
Summer Term/Semester - April 1st 11:59pm

Supporting document absolute deadline dates:

Fall Term/Semester - August 31st 11:59pm
Spring Term/Semester - January 15th 11:59pm
Summer Term/Semester - May 31st 11:59pm

YOU MAY ALSO FIND OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AS WELL AS LINKS TO SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON THE WEBSITE

Are you looking to get your certificate, associate, bachelor's, or master's degree? Please contact our office at:
Department Of Education
950 Moonlight Dr. SW
Albuquerque, NM 87105
(505) 869-9790



SFCC CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT **Environmental Technician Training Program**

FREE INTENSIVE - ENROLL NOW!
April 14, 2025-May 16, 2025

Santa Fe Community College's nationally-ranked EPA workforce development program trains you for high-wage jobs-in-demand in New Mexico. Students earn **12 industry recognized certifications** in a FREE 5-week course and upon successful completion are eligible for job placement assistance from SFCC and New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions. Starting wages for certified Environmental Technicians are \$17 to \$21 per hour.

For more information call (505) 428-1324 or email candice.mirabal@sfcc.edu

Earn Environmental Protection Agency Recognized Certifications

- General Hazardous Waste Site Worker (HAZWOPER)
- CPR and First Aid
- Forklift Operator
- OSHA Construction Standards
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Radiation Safety
- Confined Space Entry and Non-Entry Rescue
- Solid Waste Management
- Hazardous Waste Management (RCRA)
- Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments
- Environmental Sampling
- DOT HazMat

Applicants must be 18 years-old, be able to lift 30lbs, and have a GED or high school diploma. Students are required to complete the program with 100% attendance. April 14, 2025-May 16, 2025, 8am-5pm, Monday thru Friday.



DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

Department of Education
 TIPS FOR FILLING OUT YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. View required forms at least two weeks prior to deadline to ensure you have adequate time to get the signatures you need.
2. Familiarize yourself with your college academic advisor and financial aid office.
3. Save your documents as .PDF's prior to uploading.
4. Consider the following prompts for your essay:
 - Describe your educational or career goals.
 - How will the scholarship will support you in attaining your goals?
 - What traits do you possess that will enhance your education or future career?
 - How might you use your education to support the improvement and sustainability of the Pueblo of Isleta?

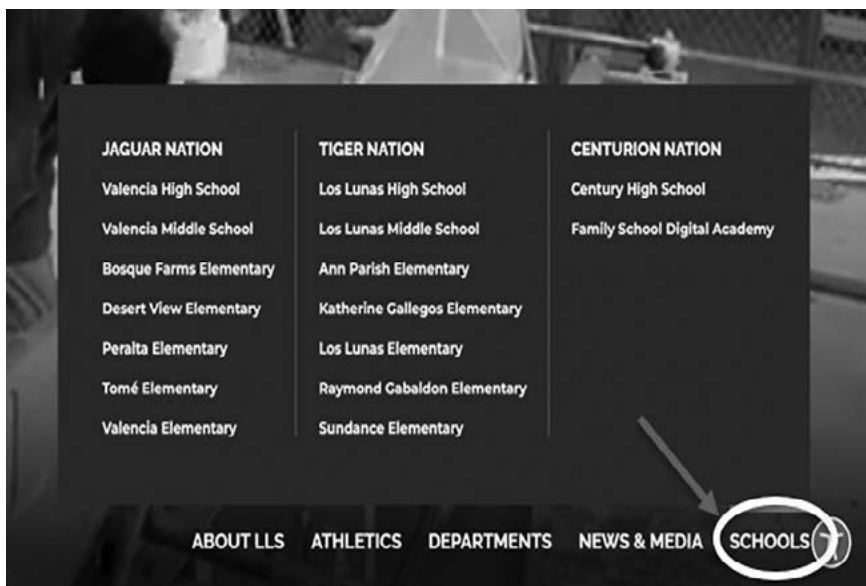
Questions? Call to speak with your Higher Education Coordinator Hallie or Fran today at 505-869-9790. We're here to help!

It's hard to believe we're already heading into March! As of now, Los Lunas Public School students have completed grading period 4, and report cards were finalized on February 28, 2025. Albuquerque Public Schools will be wrapping up their 3rd grading period on March 14, 2025. Please remember to save your child's report card, as our next Academic Success Week will take place at the end of this month.

Los Lunas Public School parents, we want to ensure you're aware of a new feature on the district's website that allows you to report your student's absences. To report an absence, please follow these simple steps:

Step 1: llschools.net

Step 2: Click on schools at the bottom right corner and find your child's school.



Step 3: Click on Report an Absence.



Step 4: Report the Absence

REPORT AN ABSENCE

* Required
 Please complete this online form for each day of your student's absence. If you have more than one child absent from this school day, please fill out this form for each one.

Student's Name*

First Name: Last Name:

Student ID#*

First Day of Absence*

Must contain a date in MM/DD/YYYY format.

Date of Return*

Must contain a date in MM/DD/YYYY format.

Your Name*

First Name: Last Name:

Your Email Address*

Your Phone Number*

Reason for Absence*

File Upload
 Attach up to 5 file with a maximum size of 10MB

Select File(s) No file chosen

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Please remember that it is the parent's responsibility to notify your child's school when they are absent. With the new feature on the Los Lunas Public Schools website, reporting absences has become much easier for parents. If you have any questions about the new reporting system, please contact your child's school directly.

For high school seniors who have submitted an application for the Seal and Stole program, we will be reaching out to you soon. Be sure to check both your inbox and junk mail for an email from our department.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable spring break!
 Shelly & Nissa

Join us for a fun and exciting Explora Family Night hosted by the Department of Education! This event offers exciting activities and valuable resources for the whole family to enjoy together. Don't miss out on the chance to explore new learning opportunities and ribbon Lei making for seniors. Scan the QR code to sign up and reserve your spot today!

We can't wait to see you there!

POI Department of Education

Save The Date!

6th Native Youth Empowerment Symposium

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH
7:30AM - 1:35PM

ISLETA RESORT & CASINO
11000 BROADWAY
BLVD SE ABQ, NM 87135

Financial Literacy

Tiwa Lending Services is excited for the 6th NYES. We invite students from grade 7 to college. Topics are focused around finances, home buying, entrepreneurship, and available resources.

Network

Interact with Tribal leaders and industry experts representing nonprofits, government agencies, and tribal services.

Lunch Provided

Lunch will be provided to registered attendees.

Interested in attending?

Contact Miranda Lente
505-916-0556
miranda@tiwalending.org

Sponsorship opportunities available

Save the date, for the 6th Native Youth Empowerment Symposium. Interested in attending? Please contact Miranda Lente.

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News from Los Lunas Public Schools: Audriana Zuni, a 4th grader at Sundance Elementary, has demonstrated outstanding skill in the annual Sundance Elementary Spelling Bee competition. Competing against 30 students from grades 3 to 6, Audriana showcased her impressive spelling abilities and emerged as the winner.

The competition at Sundance Elementary is always fierce, and Audriana's achievement is truly exceptional. Her success continued as she advanced to the Los Lunas District Spelling Bee on February 10, 2025. We are proud to announce that Audriana is now one of the top 10 spellers in Los Lunas Schools—an outstanding accomplishment.



Congratulations to Audriana for her incredible performance and for representing Sundance Elementary with pride. We look forward to celebrating her future successes!

ISLETA YOUNG LEADERS COUNCIL

WE ARE A COUNCIL ESTABLISHED TO UPLIFT THE VOICES OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS.

We are working to identify some of the key issues within our community from a youth (ages 12-25) perspective. You can help by filling out this survey.

ISLETA RECREATION SPRING BREAK
MARCH 17-25, 2025

ELIGIBILITY:
 ISLETA TRIBAL YOUTH ONLY
 AGES: 5 YRS TO 14 YRS OLD
 MUST BE IN KINDERGARTEN TO BE ELIGIBLE

ACTIVITIES:

- SWIMMING/FITNESS
- GYM PLAY/BASKETBALL
- CRAFTS/PUTT-PUTT
- BIKING RIDING
- FIELDTRIPS

40 SLOTS AVAILABLE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP:
SIGN UP: FEBRUARY 18-MARCH 7 OR UNTIL ALL SLOTS ARE FILLED

CONTACT US:
 COME BY THE ISLETA RECREATION CENTER TO SIGN UP WITH LEEANNE ZUNI OR CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION 505-869-9777

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Join us in a walk down Main Street for **Child Abuse Prevention (C.A.P)**

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025
From 11 AM to 2 PM

We're kicking off at YDI - Family Resource Center and wrapping up at Daniel Fernandez Park. (1.5 miles)

FIRST 150 ATTENDEES RECEIVE A CAP

HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Child Safety Seat Checks offered at the Isleta Health Center

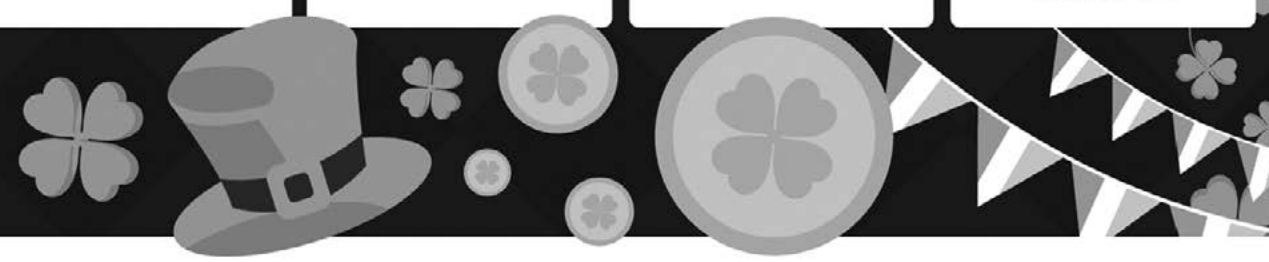
Learn how to properly install your Child's Safety Seat
CALL 505-869-4479 to Schedule an Appointment.
Child and Car Seat must be Present.

BREAKFAST

MARCH 2025

Isleta Elementary School

Isleta Elementary School
1000 Moonlight Drive
505.273.8444

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 3 </div> <p>Frosted Mini Wheats Graham Crackers Apple Wedges Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 4 </div> <p>Orange Muffins Cantaloupe Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 5 </div> <p>Biscuit and Gravy Country Gravy Grapes Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 6 </div> <p>Scrambled Eggs w/Ham Toast Pineapple Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 7 </div> <p>Over Night Oats Oranges Choice of Milk</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 10 </div> <p>Lucky Charms Toast Peaches Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 11 </div> <p>Blueberry Bake Watermelon Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 12 </div> <p>French Toast Strawberry Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 13 </div> <p>Cream of Wheat Graham Crackers Banana Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 14 </div> <p>Breakfast Pizza Pineapple Choice of Milk</p>
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Spring Break No School**				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 24 </div> <p>Golden Grahams Dino Bites Fruit Cup Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 25 </div> <p>Combo Bars Apple Wedges Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 26 </div> <p>Cinnaminis Mixed Berries Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 27 </div> <p>Biscuit Sandwich Grapes Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 28 </div> <p>Bagel Cream Cheese Oranges Choice of Milk</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 31 </div> <p>Cocoa Puffs Strawberries Dino Bites Choice of Milk</p>				

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LUNCH

MARCH 2025

Isleta Elementary School

Isleta Elementary School
1000 Moonlight Drive
505.273.8444

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 3 </div> <p>Baked Chicken Baked Beans Garden Salad Dinner Roll Strawberries Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 4 </div> <p>Chili Dog Baked Chips Green Beans Fruit Cup Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 5 </div> <p>Beef Tacos Garnish Fruit Salad Rice Krispy Treat Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 6 </div> <p>Chicken Enchilada Beans Tortilla Broccoli Apples Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 7 </div> <p>Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Corn on the Cob Watermelon Choice of Milk</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 10 </div> <p>Chicken Alfredo Carrots Garlic Toast Strawberries Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 11 </div> <p>Orange Chicken Steamed Rice Egg Roll Mixed Vegetable Mango Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 12 </div> <p>Turkey on Croissant Goldfish Celery Sticks Pears Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 13 </div> <p>Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 14 </div> <p>Nacho Supreme w/beans Garnish Corn Fruit Salad Choice of Milk</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 17 </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 18 </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 19 </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 20 </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 21 </div>
Spring Break No School**				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 24 </div> <p>Pizza Green Beans Melon Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 25 </div> <p>Cheeseburger Baked Beans Grapes Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 26 </div> <p>Frito Pie Garnish Carrots w/Ranch Sidekick Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 27 </div> <p>Chicken Teriyaki Rice California Vegetable Pineapple Choice of Milk</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 28 </div> <p>Fish Sticks Mixed Vegetables Fruit Salad Choice of Milk</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 31 </div> <p>Bean Tostada Garnish Spanish Rice Mango Choice of Milk</p>				

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AT A GLANCE

- Principal Message
- Mr. Casuse
- Ms. Tolino
- Valentine's Day Activities
- Fitness Challenge
- Join our Team

Principal Message

Dear Isleta Learning Community,

I hope this email finds you all doing well. • Listed below are some highlights since last newsletter. ACCESS testing for English Language Learners was completed through the help of Ms. Pilon, 1st grade teacher and test administrator. Staff have been working hard to cover where they are needed, in particular Ms. Hill (Education Technician), Ms. Lee (Ed. Tech.), and Ms. Salazar (Art teacher), as we have a couple of staff out long-term, Ms. Smith (PE teacher), until the end of the school year, and Alyssa Bohaty (Ed. Tech.), who will return in April. We were pleased to partner with Sandia Lab's chemical engineer, Aaron Melad, to hold a Math Night on the evening of Jan. 22. We appreciate the staff who helped organize the event and who stayed afterschool to assist. We were also proud of the awards students received at the Awards Assembly, held on Jan. 23! We had some students honored for their attendance by the Isleta Truancy Department staff. As far as athletics, basketball games are now in full swing, thanks to Coach/Officer Ricky and Isleta Recreation Center staff. Next, students, staff, and families had a great time at our school Valentine's Dance on Feb. 14 with activities like a cake walk, crafts table, coloring, dance and music, and refreshments like homemade pretzels and churros. Finally, as a staff, we have been working on revisiting our school improvement plan and school wide budget as well as receiving training in a new assessment, NAVVY, and having the Truancy Department share updates with us.

It continues to be a busy time, but we are moving forward with academic plans, proud of the academic progress are students are making, and finding time for fun activities.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Tamara Allison

Valentine's Day Activities

On February 14th, we celebrated the holiday with a school dance, crafts, and a cake walk. Thanks to Ms. Christina for providing the yummy churros and pretzels with cheese! Thanks to the staff and families who participated to make this a success!



Fitness Superbowl Challenge

Students and staff joined in on the Superbowl fun with a classic IES fitness challenge! We picked our favorite team to win the Superbowl. Students & staff who chose the defeated team ran two laps around the track. Thank you all who participated!



Ms. Tolino's News



Ms. Tolino's Kindergarten Class

Happy New Year!!! I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas. I wanted to take a moment to share some updates from Ms. Tolino's Kindergarten Class.

The Kindergarten class was really busy during the 2nd Quarter. This quarter, we will be even busier! We will be working on the last of our letter sounds, which include long vowel sounds and digraphs. This will help the kindergarteners when writing out a sentence, a story, or even animal research.

In Math, we are still counting by 10s, 5s, and 1s, but we have since added 2s (even and odd) and counting to 120. In addition, we are still learning and recognizing numbers 1-20 and telling time to the hour and half hour.

Thank you for your continued support



Mr. Casuse's News



The upper grades are doing well. The students are learning new material in all their classes. With math, I am noticing that the students are getting better with their multiplication facts and catching on faster with the new material in the classroom. With the success of each student, each should be ready for the next grade level by the end of the school year.

Mr. Casuse



Basketball News

Isleta Youth Basketball League

Isleta Youth basketball has been a great success! Collaborating with the Isleta Recreation Center this basketball season has given us the opportunity to promote our school to a much bigger audience. The league has given our children the opportunity to compete in a longer season against more participating tribal communities. Its been great to see the support of our parents and community members. Our parking lots have been pretty full on Saturdays! Keep it going! Thank you to the Isleta Police Department, Arnold, Coach George, Coach Kyle, Rochelle, staff and volunteers for all their hard work with coaching, assistance with travel, and delicious concessions. Here are some game highlights provided by our parents.

Its been an exciting season and we look forward to your continued support! Go ISLETA!

Coach Ricky



Get Involved!

We are always needing volunteers!

For questions on how you can help, contact the front office @ 505-273-8444. Below is a list of opportunities.

- Become a member of the Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Attend a School Board Meeting
- Apply to be a volunteer
- View our current job openings: <https://www.bie.edu/current-vacancies>.

February Reminders

Daily Schedule:

7:45 AM	8:00 AM	8:30 AM Tardy	3:00 PM Dismissal
Student Drop Off	Breakfast	(3 Tardies=1 Absent)	12:30 PM Early Release

Dates to remember:

- March 4 - Mardi Gras Spirit Day & Parade
- March 5 - Spring Picture Day
- March 7 - DOE Explora Family Night
- March 14 - Early Release @ 12:30pm
- March 17-21st- SPRING BREAK - No school
- March 28 - Early Release @ 12:30pm

Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

Spring Break Story Time Series

In Collaboration with Community Spaces

Join us for a Story Time Series this Spring Break that includes a read-aloud story time as well as visiting local community spaces!
15 slots will be open to youth of all ages.

Participants must sign-up for each day they want to attend.
Sign-ups start March 3rd! To sign-up you can call the library or come in!

Day 1	Library Monday, March 17th 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Come join us at the Library as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with green colored beverages & light spring snacks! Best of all, we'll be having McTeggart School of Irish Dance performing! This one-of-a-kind celebration is something you don't want to miss!
Day 2	Huning Ranch Park Tuesday, March 18th 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	We'll begin our story time series in Huning Ranch Park in Los Lunas, where we'll enjoy our time at the playground, & the green open space! Have some fun in the sun with us!
Day 3	Say Cheese Wednesday, March 19th 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	A locally owned gourmet cheese eatery in Bosque Farms! Join us as we all elevate our taste buds with cheesy delights!
Day 4	Cultural Center Thursday, March 20th 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	The Isleta Pueblo Cultural Center preserves, maintains, & protects our heritage, history, & language through education, preservation, & responsible management of the Pueblo's cultural resources. Join us as we gather here for a story time!
Day 5	Library Friday, March 21st 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Come join us at the Library as we end our spring break week with an exciting scavenger hunt!

Light snacks & refreshments will be provided for YOUTH PARTICIPANTS ONLY. Parents or guardians are more than welcome to meet us at the locations at their own expense.

For more information please contact the library at 505-869-9808

2025 March		Isleta Elementary				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	01 Basketball Game @ Zia 10:00am
02	03	04 Mardi Gras Spirit Day & Parade 	05 Picture Day 	06	07 Department of Education Explora Family Night 5-8pm @ Explora Science Center	08 Basketball Game-Home 10:00am 
09	10	11	12	13	14 Early Release @ 12:30pm Pi Day Activities 3rd quarter ends	15
16	17	18	19 Spring Break 	20 Basketball Tournament TBA	21 Basketball Tournament TBA	22 Basketball Tournament TBA
23	24	25	26	27	28 Early Release @ 12:30pm	29 Jemez Tournament TBA
30 Jemez Tournament TBA	31	Notes:				

Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

Blue Corn Cookies

Come and join us to learn a new cookie recipe. This fun activity you can do with the whole family and take back to share the delicious Blue Corn cookies. I hope to see you here!!

Sign up starts on March 3rd
Come in the Library or call to sign-up

Open to 5 families, 3 per family

6 cookies per family the rest you can take home and save for later.

March 26, 2025 | 5PM - 6:30PM
950 Moon Light Dr SW,
Albuquerque, NM 87105

For more information contact Shania @ 505-869-9808
Email Shania.Miera@isletapueblo.com



Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

JUNE 9TH - JULY 25TH 2025

Registration

MAY 9TH AT 7AM
UNTIL ALL SPOTS ARE FILLED!
REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN
NO EXCEPTIONS!

A FREE 6-WEEK PROGRAM THAT ENCOURAGES CHILDREN, TWEENS AND TEENS TO READ THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER!

Juniors

MORNING SESSION:
9 AM TO 11:30 AM 20 SLOTS
AGES: 3 (MUST BE POTTY TRAINED) 6 YEARS OLD

WILD WEST/MONSTERS

- DAILY STORY TIME
- CRAFTS/ACTIVITIES
- LEARNING CENTER
- SENSORY BINS
- FIELD TRIPS

Summer Meal Program

BREAKFAST: 7:45 AM TO 9:30 AM
LUNCH: 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM
FREE TO ALL YOUTH AGES 1-18 YEARS OLD

Youth

AFTERNOON SESSION:
11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM 25 SLOTS
AGES: 7-14 YEARS OLD

MULTIPLE CURRICULUMS

- READING GROUPS
- CURRICULUM BASED FIELD TRIPS
- CRAFTS/ACTIVITIES
- FIELD TRIPS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROGRAM PLEASE CALL 505-869-9808.



MINECRAFT MOVIE NIGHT

MARCH 1 - APRIL 2

Join us for our Minecraft Movie Reading Challenge! This exciting event kicks off on March 1st and concludes on April 2nd.

The first 20 children to accumulate 20 points will have the opportunity to watch the movie on April 11.

To earn points, kids can read for 20 minutes or complete their homework.

Reading 20 minutes = 1 point

Points are only earned within the Library

For more information contact Kyle Lujan at Kyle.Lujan@isletapueblo.com or at (505) 869-9808

PUEBLO OF ISLETA PUBLIC LIBRARY

SIP & SAVOR

SPRING MOCKTAIL NIGHT

**March 13th, 2025
5PM-6:30PM**

Unwind & learn how to make the most refreshing mocktails! Open to 10 adults. Sign-ups will start March 3rd! To sign-up, please call or come into the library!

For more information, please contact Aarika at (505)-869-9808 or by email at Aarika.Jiron@isletapueblo.com

BERNIE JOJOLA

MEMORIAL Challenge

Fun Walk & Run

Saturday, APRIL 12, 2025

On Site Registration Begins at 8 AM

- Walk/Run Starts at 9 AM

Location: BIG MAMA HILL (Isleta) Tribal Road 10

For more information please call: (505) 869-9777

Pick-up Registration forms at New Recreation Center

Must pre-register by APRIL 04, 2025

Participate and Win

GIVEAWAY!

Participate 7 times in anyone of our Specialty Classes and be entered to win 1 of 2 gym bags

1. Participate in Pilates-Yoga-Spin-Water Aerobics & Zumba
2. 7 Classes- 1 entry per class
You can earn multiple entries per class
3. Make sure you sign-in to get entered

Talk to the fitness staff for more information. Christa, Jocelyn, Raylen or Thomas

Good luck!

ISLETA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

MARCH – 2025



March?! Already??? We hope everyone had an outstanding and safe St. Valentine's celebration and are looking forward to March with the exception of the proverbial winds. The weather has been a bit of a roller coaster ride but welcome to New Mexico.

The winds are always problematic no matter the month and with that please use extra caution when traveling. The winds in the area can be treacherous and become quite dangerous while traveling, particularly on the interstate or if driving a "high profile vehicle".

9 Safety Tips for Driving in High Winds *Defensive Driving.Org*

Did you know high winds can have a devastating effect on road safety? In fact, over 1.2 million vehicle crashes a year are weather-related, including driving in high winds. When learning to drive, it's common not to experience any type of bad weather. As a result, new drivers can be caught off guard in the event of driving in high winds. They often don't know what to do, and this causes them to panic.

This kind of situation is hazardous, not only for them but for other road users. It increases the chance of a crash and can have a long-term effect on their confidence. So, it's important to know what to do whilst driving in windy conditions. If you have the knowledge and expertise required, then you can remain calm and stay safe.

1. Only Drive in High Winds if it's Urgent

It's common sense to realize that the best way to stay safe in extremely windy weather is not to drive at all. If there are high winds in your area, classed at around 40mph or more, don't travel.

If you're unsure about traveling, check local weather and news reports. Often, when there is bad weather, they advise you not to travel or only travel in an emergency. Emergency travel is usually classed as seeking medical help or escaping a dangerous situation. It shouldn't be to go to a grocery store, cinema, or other social events. You should also remember that if you do need emergency help, you're advised to call 911 immediately.

2. Plan Your Journey In Advance

If you are looking to go on a long journey out of town, plan your journey in advance if traveling across states, especially those within tornado alley which usually includes states such as:

- Texas
- Oklahoma
- Kansas
- South Dakota
- Illinois
- Missouri
- Indiana
- Ohio

High winds are common and tornados regularly occur in these states, so if planning travel in this area be prepared.

3. Slow Down

When we're in dangerous situations, sometimes our natural reaction is to escape quickly so when driving in a windstorm, some people try to get to their destination faster. This puts them in more danger and at a higher risk of crashing. Gusts of winds surround the car and affect the handling and braking and come in short and unpredictable bursts and catch drivers off guard. If this happens to you while driving at high speed, you'll have less time to react so slow down and you'll have more control of the car and be able to react more efficiently.

4. Adapt According to Your Vehicle

The best types of vehicles to drive in windy conditions are small sports coupes because they are more aerodynamic, meaning the wind can easily travel over them. Trucks and buses are the worst as they are blown around more easily by side winds. In fact, it's almost like being hit from the side by another vehicle. Plus, it's common for trucks to topple over in the most severe wind conditions, so we recommend parking somewhere safe if you are driving one. You can then wait until the conditions have eased before continuing.

This is also similar for motorcyclists as it can take far less wind to affect the bike's handling and knock you off balance. If you were to crash, you have very little protection and could be hit by another vehicle. So, you should avoid traveling at all in windy conditions.

Finally, if you are driving a 4x4 or saloon, be cautious. The car can still topple over or be knocked off the road. So, you should slow down and park somewhere safe.

5. Anticipate Winds

If you are about to go from a protected area, like a tunnel, and into an open space, be prepared for sudden gusts. They can catch you off guard and easily cause a crash. So before approaching, slow down significantly so you can stay in control of your vehicle and stay safe. You'll also help protect other drivers behind you as they'll follow your lead.

6. Be Cautious When Overtaking

Ideally, you want to avoid overtaking other vehicles, but sometimes this is unavoidable. So, when overtaking trucks, buses, motorbikes, and even cyclists, give them a wide berth. We've already established trucks, buses, and motorbikes are most at risk from high winds. If a bus or truck was to be blown over onto your vehicle, it could be fatal. When overtaking, stay as far away from them as possible. If the worst did happen, your vehicle would have more chance of not being hit. In terms of motorcyclists and pushbike users, just do the same and could be thrown into your vehicle's path. If you were to hit them, it could have devastating consequences and finally, as you are just about to overtake the large vehicles, anticipate side winds. You'll no longer have the protection of the bus or truck so approach it as you would exiting a tunnel.

7. Be Aware of Falling Debris

If you are driving in a forest or the countryside, you need to constantly be on the lookout for falling trees, branches and as they can cause severe accidents. In fact, people have been killed by fallen trees but they don't have to hit you directly to be dangerous. They can fall into the road and cause a road hazard. This is especially dangerous at night or in foggy conditions because they are hard to notice. So, if you hit one at high speed, you're likely to suffer severe injuries. Slow down and ensure your lights are on. If a tree or branch is overhanging, then try to avoid traveling underneath it.

Finally, also look out for falling roof tiles and electricity poles as well as objects flying through the air. Damage to these is common during storms; always stay alert.

8. Hold the Steering Wheel Correctly

Most of us are guilty of driving with one hand on the steering wheel sometimes, but you should never do this when driving in a heavy storm. Instead, imagine the steering wheel is a clock face and place your hands at 10 and 2 as this gives you full control of the vehicle and allows you to react in the event of a sudden gust of wind.

9. Be Careful When You Park

If you need to park somewhere (and we recommend you do during heavy winds), park somewhere safe.

Do not park:

- Near cliff edges
- Near ditches
- Underneath trees or large poles

Be careful when you exit your vehicle, as winds can come in any direction and may cause you to fall or slam the door into you.

WELCOME



Please welcome the newest member of the IPD family, Antonio Williams who is an animal control officer. He has been here for a few weeks and seems to be getting a good feel for the area and handling his calls.

"I have a background in working pre-clinical research studies as the lead departmental trainer for the last couple of years. I have worked with a variety of animals, from primates and big cats to rodents. I'm currently working on getting my associate's degree in Sociology, then transferring to get my bachelors degree in Sociology. I'm still trying to decide on the university that I'll be transferring to. I'll be combining a passion

for animal welfare with an interest in understanding human behavior. In my free time I enjoy working out, hiking, camping, and traveling whenever possible.

RESIDENCY & NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Just a reminder to all of the investigation into complaints, follow-ups and action(s) taken for the above. The nuisance

ordinance is relatively new and officers and Pueblo Departments are providing the Code Compliance Officer and Officer S. Mitamura with concerns and complaints regarding violations. The initial step has been implemented in following up on the complaints and informing the violators of the new ordinance(s). Initially a warning has been provided for the nuisance ordinance with a follow-up visit. If no actions have been taken to make an improvement,

citations will be forthcoming.

The ordinance(s) can be found in the Law and Order Code under 05-07 (Nuisance) and Residency (30-12-20 & 30-12-21).

If you have questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Isleta Police Department Dispatch Center or Code Compliance Officer C. Eaton or Officer S. Mitamura.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Each year tribal leadership recognizes the importance of keeping the community safe and at the beginning of each new year, Chief Rodriguez entertains nominations made by police employees who they believe to be the "best of the best and the results were:



SERGEANTS OF THE YEAR
Sgt. J.P. Abeita
Sgt. M. Huckeby (photo unavailable)



OFFICERS OF THE YEAR
Alissa Paquin *C-Jay Smith*



DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR
Isaac Maes



CIVILIANS OF THE YEAR
Gertrude Lujan *Brenda Zamora*



DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR
Dolores Howlingcrane



OUTSTANDING PROSECUTORS RECOGNIZED
Mark Drebing *Jason Rael*



GROUP PHOTO OF RECIPIENTS
With Governor and Lt. Governor



Once again, the IHSP Traffic Division has been recognized for its assistance to Noblin Funeral Services (Mr. Robert Noblin & Ms. Gina James) with an appreciation lunch for officers to enjoy. Thank you for your support and thank you for the delicious meal.



Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

Spring is in the air, and with it comes a fresh season of reading, learning, and discovery! This month, we're celebrating National Reading Month, with newly added books to our collection and engaging programs for all ages. Whether you're looking for the perfect book to enjoy as the days grow longer or eager to participate in our upcoming events, there's something for everyone and we are always happy to help!

News

A staff meeting will be scheduled sometime during the first week of March. We will be planning upcoming programs for children, teens, and adults. The library will remain open during this time so don't hesitate to come on in and check out any library material.

Spring Break is just around the corner and all ALL schools will officially be on Spring Break during the week of March 17th through the 21st. During this time the library may have more children than usual. Please remember students will be out and about, so please use caution when driving to the library as students like to ride bikes, scooters and hang out with friends.

We are excited to announce that our part-time and full-time positions have been filled and we are now once again fully staffed. We would like to introduce Aarika Jiron filling our library aide full-time position and will be focusing on our teen and adult patrons with library services, resources and programs. Filling our part-time position is Shania Miera who will be working with our After School Program students helping them with reading and homework. Stop by and say hello to our new library staff!

The library will be collaborating this spring with the Head Start's Family Nights. For the month of March, the library will be doing a Story Time presentation on Fire Safety showing students the dangers of how fires can start. The library will also have a booth set up there and will be promoting our library digital services. For April the Head Start will be covering Child Abuse and the library will be there promoting our digital services and resources.

Please join us every Thursday at 11:00am for Family Story Time, no sign ups required so just come on in. Library Staff member Abbey will read a story and engage toddlers and families in an activity. This program gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to introduce reading to their children. If you have any questions, please give Abbey a call at the library at 505-869-9808 or by email at Abbey.Whitaker@isletapueblo.com.

Upcoming

Join us for our Minecraft Movie Reading Challenge! This challenge kicks off on March 1st through April 2nd. The first 20 children to earn points will have the opportunity to watch the Minecraft movie on April 2nd. To earn points, children can read for 20 minutes or complete their homework. For more information you can contact Kyle Lujan at 505-869-9808 or by email at Kyle.Lujan@isletapueblo.com.

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more information, please contact Aarika at 505-869-9808 or by email at Aarika.Jiron@isletapueblo.com.

Looking for a fun and engaging way to spend Spring Break? Join us at the library for our Spring Break Story Time Series! That includes a read-aloud story time as well as visiting local eateries & community spaces. Such as Europa, Say Cheese and the Isleta Cultural Center to name a few. There will be 15 slots open to youth of all ages. Participants must sign-up for each day they want to attend. Sign-ups start March 3rd and to sign up you can call the library or come in. Make sure and check out our program flyer in this month's issue for schedule and more details. For more information on this program, please call the library at 505-869-9808 and speak with a staff member.

Join us for a deliciously fun time at the library. Library staff member Shania will be baking up a batch of Blue Corn Cookies on Wednesday March 26th at 5pm. Discover a new way to use this unique ingredient, we also have arrow root powder on hand to us as a substitution for eggs. This program will be open to 5 families of 3 per family to reserve their spot. Sign-ups for this program start March 3rd, to sign-up you can call the library or come in. For more information, please contact Shania at 505-869-9808 or by email at Shania.Miera@isletapueblo.com.

**Summer Reading Program
Registration will be on Friday, May
9th at 7am.**

Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. We will have one single line (youth & junior) for registration. This will ensure that priority is given to those who showed up early.

Some reminders to keep in mind before registering:

- Only Parents/Legal Guardians are allowed to register for the Summer Reading Program, NO EXCEPTIONS!
- 3-year-olds MUST be potty trained and comfortable going to the bathroom on their own.
- We will be asking for BASIC information on registration form along with a list of allergies.
- Students cannot be dually enrolled in other Pueblo of Isleta (POI) Summer Programs as there are limited Summer Program slots throughout our other POI departments.

More Summer Reading Announcements coming soon! Junior and Youth program descriptions will be published in the April edition of the newsletter and for up to the minute info on library programs, follow us on our Social Media accounts.

Recap

The Learning Outside the Classroom field trip took place on February 3rd where students took a special look into the animals and plants of New Mexico at the Wildlife West Nature Park. Before visiting the park, students were treated to lunch at Chick-fil-a. This program is our approach to All Learners Day for students that



Students exploring the Wildlife West Nature Park on their Learning Outside the Classroom field trip!

attend Los Lunas Schools or are home schooled. This concluded our Learning Outside the Classroom field trips for the school year, we will return next school year with new educational field trips. If you have any suggestions or ideas on educational field trips, please, feel free to share with a staff member.

On February 12th staff member Abbey hosted a Family Valentine Bouquet program here at the library, where participants got to celebrate Valentine's Day with a fun and healthy activity for the whole family. Each family got to create a beautiful and delicious fruit bouquet. We would like to thank everyone who participated in our library program!

Library staff member Aarika kicked off Valentine's Day with a healthy and tasty, delightful dessert on February 13th. Participants assembled a tasty protein packed, dairy-free, gluten-free, peanut-free, and soy-free tart that is not only delicious but good for the heart. This program was open to 10 adults and all supplies were provided. If you missed the program, make sure and stop by the library and pick up a recipe at front desk.



Participants from the Valentine Day Family Fruit Bouquet Program!

Valentine's Day Chocolate Superfood Tart program participants!



PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Here we are in March already. Lent starts this month on Ash Wednesday, March 5th and St. Patrick's Day Monday, March 17th. Daylight Savings Time takes place this month as well, that happens on Sunday, March 9th. Make sure that you set your clocks ahead an hour (spring forward).

Everything is going well with the department. It's that time of the year for us when we start our summer preparation. The parks crew is starting to prep our parks and grounds for spring and summer and we are doing the same for our Aquatic Center and Recreation programs as well. Our Summer hire positions (Recreation Aides/Assistants and Weed & Litter) have been posted on the POI website, so if you

know anyone who might be interested in those positions, please have them apply online as soon as possible. We will be starting those interviews very soon.

Our Sports section has been very busy with the Youth Basketball Tribal League and our fitness section is doing well. The New Year's resolution crowd is still going strong at both facilities.

FITNESS SECTION

We hope all of you are doing well and sticking to your fitness goals. If not, we have some great classes to make your workouts fun and exciting. On top of that we have a new incentive program. If you participate in any one of our specialty classes such as Pilates, Spinning, Water Aerobics, Yoga or

Zumba you will be entered to win one of our monthly incentives. Our classes are offered at the following days and times:

- Water Aerobics is Monday and Wednesday at 11:00am and 5:30pm.
- Spinning is Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30pm.
- Zumba is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.
- Pilates on Monday evenings at 5:30pm.
- Yoga is held on Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

If you have any questions about any of these classes or how the incentive program works, please talk to our fitness team and they can answer any question you may have.

SPORTS SECTION

The Pueblo Youth Basketball League is going strong, it's good to see it going again and we are off to a great start. So far, the 3-4 grade girls have played 3 games, and their record is 1 win and 2 losses. The 3-4 grade boys also played 3 games, and their record is also 1 win and 2 losses. The 5-6 grade girls have played 4 games and their record is 1 win and 3 losses. The 5-6 grade boys have also played 4 games and their record stands at 4 wins and 0 losses. We have played Jemez Riverside, Santo Domingo, Laguna, and Jemez Day school. We still have games, lots more games coming up, so stop by or call the recreation at (505) 869-9777 to see when the next game is so you can come cheer the kids on, Go Eagles.

Don't forget to sign-up for the Bernie Memorial Run and Walk it's coming up on April 12th at Big Mama.

RECREATION SECTION

Our after-school recreation program is hopping, we are averaging between 25 and 32 children daily for this program. We still have openings if you want to sign up your children for the after-school recreation program. As I mentioned earlier, we are also planning our Spring Break and Summer programs as well, spring break and summer will be here before you know it. Please feel free to call the center to find out more information about these programs or any other programs that we offer.

You can contact us at (505) 869-9777. We would love to hear from you.



SPINNING CLASS

TUESDAY'S & THURSDAY'S
5:30 PM

ISLETA RECREATION CENTER
WITH CERTIFIED SPIN INSTRUCTOR CHRISTA

MORE INFORMATION
505-869-9777



WIC News-

USDA School Lunch Tips

Pack Smart!

Help your kids stay healthy and focused in school— pack them a nutritious lunch. Each lunch should be about ½ Fruits and Vegetables, ¼ Grain, and ¼ Protein with one serving of Dairy.



Encourage children to eat vegetables and fruits by making it fun. Provide healthy ingredients like the ones below and let kids help with preparation!

Fruits	Vegetables	Grains	Protein	Dairy
Go easy on juice and make sure it's 100%.	Use dark green and orange veggies.	Make half of the grains whole grain.	Use low-sodium, lean or lowfat meats.	Choose lowfat or fat-free dairy.
Apple Orange Pear Peaches Grapes Melon Dried Fruit	Broccoli Carrots Cauliflower Red Peppers Zucchini Broccoli Cucumber	Whole Wheat Bread Pita Bread Brown Rice Cereal Pasta Salad Sunflower Seeds	Chicken Turkey Fish Nuts Seeds Peas Beans	Yogurt Milk Cheese
				TIP Mix yogurt with cinnamon or garlic to make a delicious dip for fruits or veggies!

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

ISLETA WIC OFFICE 505-869-2662

Isleta Health Center Community Update on Measles Outbreak

We want to keep our community informed about the ongoing measles outbreak in Lea County, NM and provide steps to protect yourselves and your loved ones. The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) reports that three Lea County residents tested positive for measles in February. These are New Mexico's first measles cases since 2024, with two cases reported last year. Prior to last year, the last cases in the state were in 2021. Measles is highly contagious, but vaccination is the most effective way to prevent it. We strongly encourage everyone to ensure they are up-to-date on their MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine, especially children and those who have not received the full series.

Vaccination matters:

- The measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine works very well – making it far less likely for you to get measles than someone unvaccinated with no immunity. Those born before 1957 are already immune.
- High-risk adults (college students, healthcare personnel, and international travelers) need two doses of MMR.
- Vaccination provides strong protection; however, if you are vaccinated and develop symptoms after exposure, consult a healthcare provider. Most adults vaccinated as children are presumed to be immune.
- Children should receive two doses: one each at 12-months and four years old.

Symptoms and risks:

- Symptoms can appear 7 to 21 days after exposure.
- Symptoms of measles include fever, cough, runny nose, and red eyes, followed by a red spotted rash that usually starts on the head or face and spreads downward across the body.
- Complications can include diarrhea, ear infections, and pneumonia.
- About one in five unvaccinated people in the United States who get measles is hospitalized.

If you or your family members have symptoms like a high fever, cough, or a distinctive red rash, please seek medical attention immediately and avoid contact with others to prevent the spread.

Stay safe, stay protected, and reach out to Isleta Health Center at (505) 869-3200 for any questions or to schedule a vaccination.

Source Material: <https://www.nmhealth.org/news/vaccine/2025/2/?view=2180>

Nancy Jo Gonzales, MPA
Director of Public Health Services



March is Colic Awareness Month

What is colic?

Colic can occur when a baby is 4 months or younger. It is characterized by extended periods of crying. It usually happens in the evening and involves intense crying and fussiness. No one is sure why this happens. There are factors that might play a role in the infant. These include gas, underdeveloped digestive system, allergies, reflux, over/underfeeding, and excitement or fear.

Symptoms can include:

- Hard abdomen Gas Clenched Fists Skin Flushing Stiff Limbs

Treatment

Switch baby's formula to see if that helps and keep a diary of foods if breastfeeding. Make sure they are not hungry. Swaddle baby or rock them for comfort. Massage may help baby's tummy with hardness and gas. Take baby to the doctor to rule out other medical issues. Colic usually subsides around 4 months of age.

AARP Drivers Safety Training

Take the AARP Smart Driver classroom course and you could save money on your car insurance! Refresh your driving skills and knowledge of the rules of the road. Learn techniques for handling left turns, Right-of-way and roundabouts. Discover proven driving methods to keep you and your loved ones safe on the road.



50+ Years of Age
Classroom Course Cost
\$20 for AARP Members
\$25 for non-members
Cash or Check Accepted

Where: Isleta Elder Center
When: March 21st, 2025
Time: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Come early to have lunch before class

Call to reserve your seat
(505) 869-9770
Mariah Lente, Benefits and Billing Coordinator

To Find Additional Courses
Visit: www.aarp.org/driving36
Call: 1-888-773-7160

TURNING 65? HAVE QUESTIONS ON HOW TO APPLY FOR MEDICARE?

If you have questions on how to apply for Medicare, or have questions about Medicare Advantage programs.

You can reach out to the Isleta Health Centers Benefits Coordinator and set an appointment.

Theresa Bridge, Benefits Coordinator 505-869-4469

***Reminder Open Enrollment is quickly approaching. Starting October 15-December 07, 2024**

Head Start & Child Care

ISLETA MARCH NEWSLETTER

Reminders

- Call the front desk if your child will be absent, tardy, or not riding the head start bus.
- Provide an extra set of clothing for classrooms.
- Dress your child appropriately for the weather.
- Actively check Learning Genie for important announcements/classroom messages.

Hiring

Cook I Full-Time Position
Teacher Assistant Full-Time Position

Welcome

Hello POI friends!
Thank you to all who attended our Annual Sweetheart Dance and other February family events! We are excited to 'march' forward into our newly planned month with our partners. Guardians, please review the 'Reminders' tab and look out for flyers being sent home for special events.
Happy March everyone!

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Event Calendar

- 6 Parent Committee
- 12 Family Night
- 17 - 21 Spring Break (closed)
- 25 Fatherhood Night

**ACCEPTING
ENROLLMENT
APPLICATIONS**

TRASH TALK ISLETA!

TRANSFER STATION
HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday thru Friday
7:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Saturday and Sunday
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM
CLOSED TRIBAL AND FEDERAL HOLIDAYS.
MAY CLOSE DUE TO HIGH WINDS
505-869-4106

RECYCLE BETTER
KEEP ISLETA BEAUTIFUL!

<p>PLASTIC Bottles, tubs, jugs and jars Empty and Rinse</p>	<p>METAL All cans Empty and Rinse</p>
<p>PAPER Paper, cartons and cardboard Flatten cardboard</p>	<p>USE CLEAR BAGS ONLY IF YOU BAG RECYCLABLES DO NOT USE BLACK OR WHITE BAGS</p>

PROPERLY BAGGED RECYCLABLES

- Use clear bags only if you choose to bag your recyclables.
- Why? When it gets to the recycle facility the line workers can distinguish recycle materials from trash ensuring your materials get recycled.
- Using clear bags helps ensure the health & safety of the line workers who come in contact with the material when sorting at the facility.
- Use of colored bags will result in missed collections.

WINDY SEASON & RECYCLING

Let's Talk Trash Isleta! It is that time of the year, windy season. The Solid Waste Department wants to remind you to expect early closures at the Transfer Station on very high wind days. We ask that you please do not come to the Transfer Station on very high wind days as we may close early. We do this for safety reasons as well as to KEEP ISLETA BEAUTIFUL. Lots of times trash is blown out of vehicles during transport and it litters our community and pollutes our range lands. Poor visibility and dust can impair vision and cause damage to your eyes leading to accidents or injuries. This precaution is taken for your safety and community in mind.

Please bag all trash for curbside pickup. Your recyclables do not need to be bagged, however it is highly recommended to bag your recyclables for curbside pickup during windy season. This is to reduce the chance of creating litter due to winds. If you choose to bag your recyclables it is important to use clear bags only. Colored bags are not accepted at the recycling facility and results in your material being landfilled instead of recycled. Using colored bags will result in your recyclables not being collected. This is important to sustain the recycle program moving forward. Keep it simple, if you do not see it on the picture above throw it away in the trash. Do not use your blue cart for trash or it will be confiscated. Have carts out by 7am. For service schedule announcements check the POI newsletter & POI Facebook. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

KEEP ISLETA BEAUTIFUL! (505)869-4106

National Nutrition Month

What is National Nutrition Month?

National Nutrition Month is an annual campaign held every March. It helps people learn about the importance of healthy eating and physical activity. It was started in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, an organization of nutrition professionals.¹ The theme for 2025 is "Food Connects Us." Four connections will be explored this year¹:

1. Connect with food - cooking, where your food comes from, local food banks, etc.
2. Connect with a nutrition expert - ask for a referral to an RDN.
3. Connect food with culture - include favorite culture foods, enjoy meals with family, etc.
4. Connect food across all life stages - how needs change between age groups.

Why is nutrition important?

Nutrition plays a role in every aspect of our lives. Good nutrition helps us feel better, sleep well, and perform daily activities more efficiently. Recent research supports eating fewer ultra-processed foods.² These are defined as foods which are made with ingredients you cannot buy in the store. ² Eating fewer ultra-processed foods can reduce risk of developing diabetes and heart disease. ² Emphasize foods which resemble what they look like in nature. For example, choose a whole apple instead of bottled apple juice.

Nutrition Services through Isleta Health Center

The Diabetes Prevention and Treatment Program at Isleta Health Center offers nutrition counseling as well as other services.

Call Karen Roop, MS, RD, LD, at 869-4093 or Brian Galinato, RD, CDCES, BC-ADM, at 869-4090 to receive more information.

1. *About National Nutrition Month. Eatright.org. Updated October 16, 2024. Accessed January 27, 2025. <https://www.eatright.org/about-national-nutrition-month>.*
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ISLETA RESORT & CASINO GOLDEN EAGLE

The Golden Eagle Club was established to honor our Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Members ages 65 and above.


As a Golden Eagle, you may enjoy the following:

- Birthday Bingo
- Free Fishing at Isleta Lakes & RV Park
- Free Golf at Isleta Golf Club
- A Free Birthday Meal at any
- Isleta Resort & Casino Restaurant

2025 Golden Eagle Booklets Now Available
See POI Elders Center Outreach Manager (505) 869-9770
Must provide current Tribal ID

			<h1>MARCH</h1>		<h1>2025</h1>
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
3	4	5	6	7	
Open Activities	No Activities	Legal Aide w/ The Native American Program 1-2pm	No Activities	Shuffleboard in the Activities Room 1pm	
10	11	12	13	14	
Blu Orchid Massage 9:30am-3pm 	Trivia Tuesday 12:45pm 	Legal Aide w/ The Native American Program 1-2pm	Mass 11:30am 	 Pi Day BINGO 12p-130pm w/ Oak St. Health	
17	18	19	20	21	
No Activities	Sr. Olympic Practice w/ Jemez Pueblo @recreation center 10-11:30am	Los Volcanes Sr. Center Visit Leaving the center at 8:00am	 Paint Tutorial 1pm Activities Room	AARP Defenive Driving Course 1-5pm	
24	25	26	27	28	
Faux Stained Glass Art 1pm 	Trivia Tuesday 12:45pm 	IHC presents: Kidney Disease Diets 1pm	Open Activities	 March Birthdays Celebration	
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Karaoke after lunch in the activities room 	Call or Visit the Elder Center to Sign up for Activities & Trips in Advance. All Activities are on a first-come-first-serve basis. Activities are open to everyone age 50+ unless otherwise noted.			MONDAY- FRIDAY 8:00AM - 4:30PM 505-869-9770 Closed For All Major Holidays	

2/5/2025



988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

ANY ONE. ANY STRUGGLE.
ANY TIME.

Did you know?

NM Native American youth who have a trusted adult in their lives are less likely to experience frequent mental health distress and engage in risky behaviors.

REASONS TO CALL 988:

- Feeling lonely, hopeless, angry
- Worried about safety for yourself or a loved one
- Worried about substance use
- Need someone to talk to

IF YOU HAVE AN AREA CODE FROM OUTSIDE NM AND YOU GET DIRECTED TO A NON-NM STATE, YOU CAN ASK TO BE TRANSFERRED TO NM.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

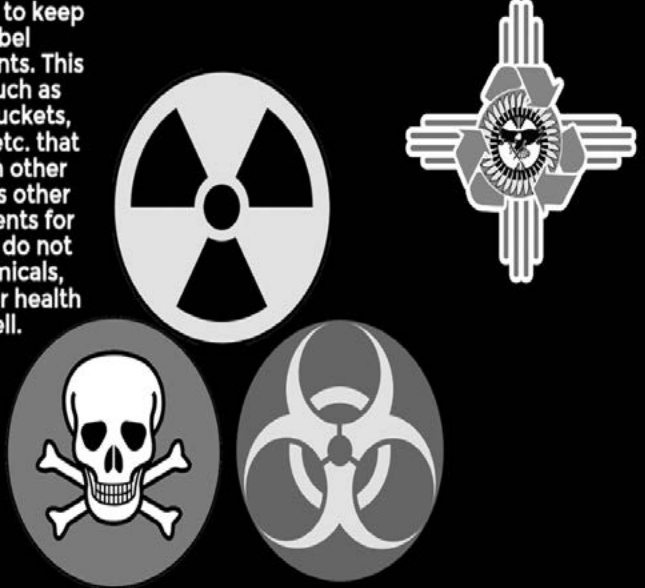
988 IS:

- Someone to talk to
- Free
- 24/7
- Confidential
- Access to local resources

CALL. TEXT. CHAT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT 988:
VISIT 988NM.ORG

The Solid Waste Department is asking for your help to keep us safe. Please label containers with contents. This means containers such as laundry, beverage, buckets, pesticide, herbicide, etc. that have been filled with other liquids and chemicals other than its original contents for disposal. Also please do not mix liquids and chemicals, keep separate for your health and safety as well.



PLEASE LABEL ALL LIQUIDS & CHEMICALS TO HELP US IDENTIFY FOR PROPER DISPOSAL.

This will insure the health and safety of our workers. Please let us know what contents are when bringing for disposal in unmarked containers and we can label it.

TRASH TALK **TRANSFER STATION: (505) 869-4106**

Isleta Elder Center

ADULT DAY SERVICES

March 2025
Activity Calendar

MONDAY 3	TUESDAY 4	WEDNESDAY 5	THURSDAY 6	FRIDAY 7
9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a "Get to know your Kidney" Discussion 1-3 Beading	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Scarf Exercise 1-3p Bake a Pound Cake	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Resistance Exercises 1-3p Board Games	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Stretching & Arthritis Exercises 1-3p Popsicle Stick Leprechaun	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10a-3p Hobby Lobby/Lunch
MONDAY 10	TUESDAY 11	WEDNESDAY 12	THURSDAY 13	FRIDAY 14
9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Stretching & Arthritis Exercises 1-3p Make Cereal Popcorn Ball	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Weight Lifting 1-3p DIY Magic Scratch Art	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Resistance Exercises 1-3p Paint a Gnome	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Scarf Exercise 1-3p Canvas Painting 101	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Let's Talk about Sleep 1-3p Make "No Pinching" Pins
MONDAY 17	TUESDAY 18	WEDNESDAY 19	THURSDAY 20	FRIDAY 21
9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Stretching & Arthritis Exercises 1-3p Bake St. Patrick's Day Cupcakes	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Scarf Exercise 1-3p Soap Making	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Resistance Exercises 1-3p Yarn Weaving	9-10am Breakfast, Social, Health Check 10-11a Weight Lifting 1-3p Movie Day	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Poison Prevention Awareness 1-3p Vase Weaving
MONDAY 24	TUESDAY 25	WEDNESDAY 26	THURSDAY 27	FRIDAY 28
9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Stretching & Arthritis Exercises 1-3p Paint Pots	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a BINGO w/ Karen, Dietitian 1-3p Candle Making	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Resistance Exercises 1-3p Stained Glass Painting	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Scarf Exercise 1-3p ADS BINGO	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Weight Lifting 1-3p Card Games

If interested in joining the Adult Day Services Program, please call (505) 869-9770

Activities may be subject to change

Isleta Elder Center Menu 2025



Monday 3/3/2025	Tuesday 3/4/2025	Wednesday 3/5/2025	Thursday 3/6/2025	Friday 3/7/2025
Meatball Sub Meatballs 3oz Marinara Sauce 1/2c Roasted Broccoli 1/2c Hoagie Fresh Fruit	Chicken Pot Pie Dice Chicken 3oz 5 Way Vegetable 1/2c Cream of Chicken Base 1/2c Puff Pastry Topping Cookie	Beans Pinto Beans 1c Red Chile 2oz Spinach 1/2c Fry Bread Jell-o w/fruit	Fried Rice Pork Egg Roll 3oz Fried Rice 1/2c Peas & Carrots 1/2c Egg 2oz Soy Sauce 2oz	Lemon Pepper Salmon Salmon 3oz Rice Pilaf 1/2c Parmesan Green Beans 1/2c Tartar Sauce 1oz Vanilla Pudding
Chicken Sandwich Chicken Patty 3oz Hamburger Bun Mac & Cheese 1/2 Lettuce & Tomato 2oz Fruit Cup	Beef Quesadilla Beef fajita strips 3oz Peppers & Onions 1/2c Shredded Cheese 2oz Tortilla Spanish Rice 1/2c	Tuna Sandwich Tuna Salad 3oz Dice Onions & Celery 1/2c Pickle Spears WW Bread Chocolate Pudding	Chili Cheese Dog Beef Hotdog 3oz Chili Sauce 2oz Hotdog Bun Shredded Cheese Sweet Potato Tots 1/2c	Three Cheese Penne Three Cheese Sauce 1/2c Penne Pasta 1/2c Roasted Broccoli 1/2c Garlic Bread Fruit Medley
Corned Beef & Cabbage Corned Beef 3oz Cabbage 1c Herb Roasted Carrots & Potatoes 1/2c Dinner Roll Fruit Cup	Pulled Pork Shredded Pork 3oz Baked Beans 1/2c Mixed Vegetable 1/2c BBQ Sauce 2oz Hamburger Bun	Green Chile Tortilla Burger Beef Patty 3oz Green Chile 1oz Slice Cheese 1oz Steak Fries 1/2c Tortilla	Glazed Salmon Salmon 3oz Steamed Rice 1/2c Roasted Broccoli 1/2c Orange rosemary Glaze 2oz Mixed Fruit	Egg Salad Sandwich Eggs 3oz Dice Onions & Celery 1/2c Pickle Spear 1oz WW Bread Cookie
Italian Sub Italian Sausage 3oz Peppers & Onions 1/2c Hoagie Cookie	Tamale Tamale 3oz Lettuce/diced Tomato 2oz Red Chile 2oz Shredded Cheese 1oz Refried Beans 1/2c	Creamy Chicken Apple Salad Dice Chicken 3oz Dice Celery & Onion 1/2c Dice Apple 1/2c Croissant Baked Chips	Meatloaf Ground Beef 3oz Dice onions & celery 1/2c Roasted Herb Potatoes 1/2c Gravy 1oz Peach Crisp	Cheese Pizza Mozzarella Cheese 2oz Marinara Sauce 1/2c Pizza Crust Side Salad 1/2c Fresh Fruit
Enchilada Soup Diced Chicken 3oz Cream of chicken 2oz Shredded Cheese 2oz Green Chile & Corn 1/2c Corn tortilla strips	<p>Ahh... Spring</p>		<p>Please come join us for Congregate Meals!! Mealtime is more enjoyable when you are with friends! Come eat, share stories and socialize with others.</p> <p>Please call by 9am to Cancel Home Delivered Meals. Thank you!</p>	

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