

La Entrada News

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La Entrada News

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History Guides New La Entrada Phase 2 Designs

by Jessica Lawrence

You might have heard by now that an open house has been scheduled for February 13 from 5:30-7:30 PM for Rancho Viejo community members to learn more about the developer's plans for La Entrada Phase 2. Plans are not in the final stages, and all feedback is welcome and will be considered as the plans continue to be revised. However, this isn't the beginning of the planning process. On the contrary, the current plans for La Entrada Phase 2 are the result of years of ongoing work and involvement with community members to ensure that the spirit and values of Rancho Viejo are honored and protected.

In 2014, a small group of community members began the process of looking together as residents at the south La Entrada area, south of Rancho Viejo Blvd., as part of a Homework Group process. Homework Groups are groups of residents who committed to learning together and working together to identify and choose options to plan for the future. They have been open to everyone who can commit to participate and work together for the future of the community, and have been used in Rancho Viejo in 2003, 2005, 2014, and 2015.

The 2014 Homework Group process focused on establishing principles to guide the build-out of the remaining developable land at Rancho Viejo. Together, participants agreed on a vision for Rancho Viejo that has continued to guide neighborhood development since:

We live in Rancho Viejo because of its community: its friendly and diverse neighbors, quiet streets, and safety. We live here because of the amenities: the trails, parks, schools, and public services. We live here because of the access to Santa Fe and its history and culture. We live here because of the views, the open space, and the night skies. We live here because it is a beautiful place.

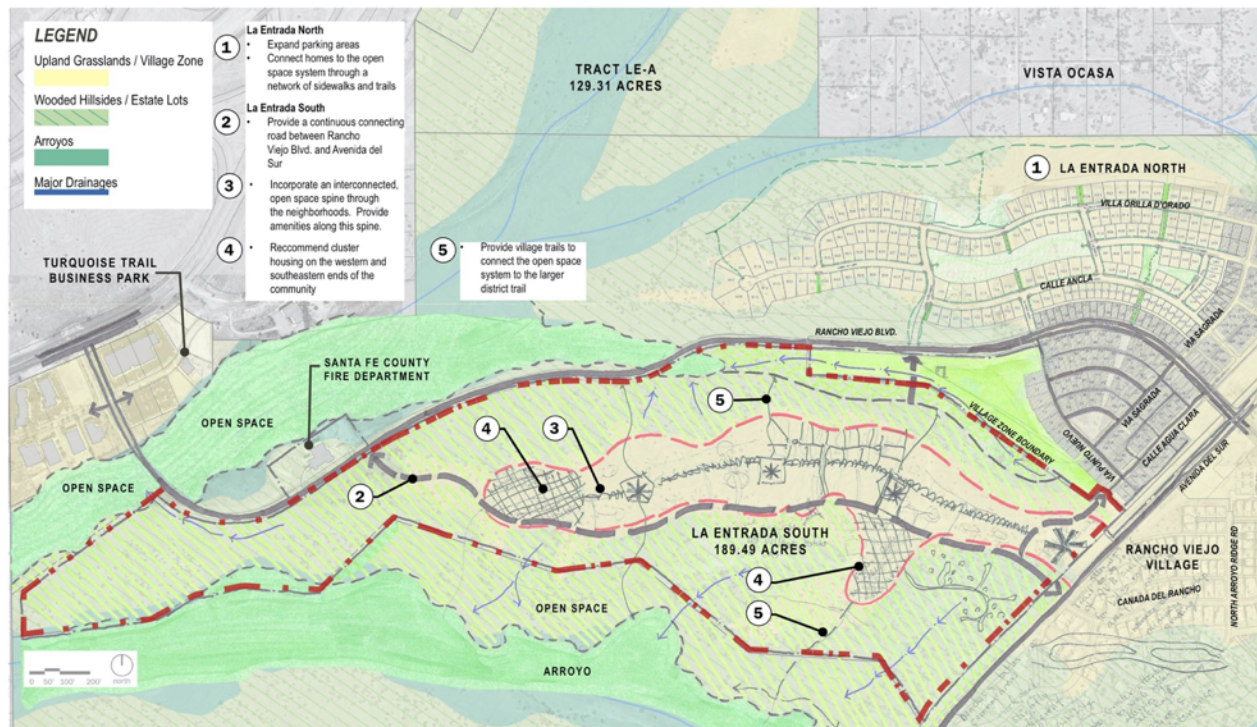
We subscribe to the basic principles of protecting the land system; creating a pattern of villages, neighborhoods and employment centers; and building a diverse, quality community.

La Entrada, Phase 2, Continued

In the future, we want to create a sense of place. We want to ensure that the amenities are maintained. We want to protect our quiet streets and high-quality architecture. We want to keep the open space and views. We want to retain the original community feel.

And if we do that, we will protect and enhance our lives, community, and the value of our properties.

One step of the 2014 process was to prepare initial concepts for the south La Entrada area. Not all of the ideas could be incorporated into the current plan, but the concepts inspired the plan in its current form. In 2019, as construction continued in other areas of the community and the development focus turned toward the La Entrada south area, the team of planners and designers went through multiple iterations of plans with the goals of honoring the topography of the land and maintaining open space and natural areas while also creating a vibrant residential community. The planning team met with a small number of HOA leaders in August and December of 2019 to seek input on the evolving plans, and the plans were revised after each of those meetings, including changes to the multi-family location and height and changes to the street layout. That work, and the ongoing design revisions, led to the plans as they exist today.



RANCHO VIEJO - HOMEWORK GROUP

LA ENTRADA NORTH & SOUTH HOUSING

RANCHO VIEJO  surroundings

The 2014 Homework Group Concept for La Entrada Phase 2

La Entrada Phase 2, Cont'd



The current draft plan for La Entrada Phase 2

The plans currently estimate about 350 new homes, including about 260 single-family homes and about 95 multi-family homes. Those numbers could change as the plans continue to be refined, but reflect the approximate size of the new area. For comparison, La Entrada Phase 1 to the north has 404 platted lots. Consistent with the 2014 principles, scale and architecture will be consistent with other areas of Rancho Viejo, trails and open space will connect throughout the area, and a continuous neighborhood street with a sidewalk and a walking/biking trail will serve local traffic. The development focuses on the flat spine of the existing topography and incorporates conservation lots to work with the existing land and minimize over-lot grading.

After the February 13 open house, the planning team will continue to refine the plans, and the developer will prepare for Santa Fe County plat review and approval, including necessary studies and analyses. Neighbors will be informed when the project is submitted for approval, and there will be other notices and public meetings to meet county requirements. Initial construction could begin as early as 2021 and continue for several years as portions of the area are built in phases.

All are welcome at the open house, February 13 from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Santa Fe Community College Jemez Rooms 1&2. There will be an overview presentation of the plans starting at 5:30 and opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback about any elements of the plan.

OPEN HOUSE

All Rancho Viejo residents are invited to an open house to learn more about community plans and share comments and suggestions. The focus of this open house will be La Entrada Phase 2, which will continue residential development south of Rancho Viejo Blvd. and west of Avenida del Sur.

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 13

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Place: Santa Fe Community College, Jemez Rooms 1&2

Open houses were recommended by neighbors as part of a community process in 2014. They are informal meetings, and the purpose is for neighbors to learn more about the plans and to provide feedback to the planning team. The feedback will be considered and used in plan revisions.

Draft Agenda:

- Introduction of Planning Team: 5:30 PM
- Presentation of Process: 5:35 PM
 - History of Planning Process: 2001-Present
 - Planning and Development Process for La Entrada Phase 2
- La Entrada Phase 2 Presentation: 5:45 PM
 - Design Review
 - Use of Rancho Viejo Planning Principles
 - Frequently Asked Questions
- Questions and Feedback Stations: 6:15 PM – 7:15 PM
 - Potential Topics:
 - ♣ Multi-Family Housing
 - ♣ Road Layout
 - ♣ Trails and Open Space
 - ♣ Single-Family Housing
 - ♣ Other Questions and Feedback
- Adjourn: 7:30 PM

***** **CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY** *****
Spring 2020

by Kathy Brown

Several Rancho Viejo residents have attended the Academy & were very impressed with the professional & enthusiastic dedication of the officers. Whether you are new to Santa Fe or a long-time resident, this program is an excellent way to learn about the work of our three law enforcement agencies and the challenges that officers face every day.

The public is invited to the next Academy Class which will start in a few weeks. Most sessions are held on THURSDAYS, 6:00 to about 8:00 pm at locations convenient to Rancho Viejo like the Santa Fe Police Department at 2515 Camino Entrada, Santa Fe (on Cerrillos across from Santa Fe Place).

Each of the 10 or so evenings is presented by a different officer & focuses on a specified topic such as History of the Departments (SFPD, our Santa Fe Sheriff, & NM State Police), DWI, Traffic & Crime Scene Investigations, Domestic Violence, and Prison & Street Gangs.

When the Academy starting date is announced, **Neighborhood Watch** will email information on the application form for the course and the fee, which helps cover light meals provided at sessions.

To be on that email list, be sure you are signed up for Rancho Viejo Neighborhood Watch **ALERTS**. Sign-up by emailing the RVNW Area Coordinator, Carol Thompson, at carolath@msn.com if you do not already receive alerts.

As of January 15, the most recent **ALERT** was emailed out on November 9, 2019. Most ALERTs are about suspicious activities that residents have reported to Carol.

If you want more information on the Academy, contact SFPD Officer Gerald Lovato at gjlovato@santafenm.gov or 955-5258.

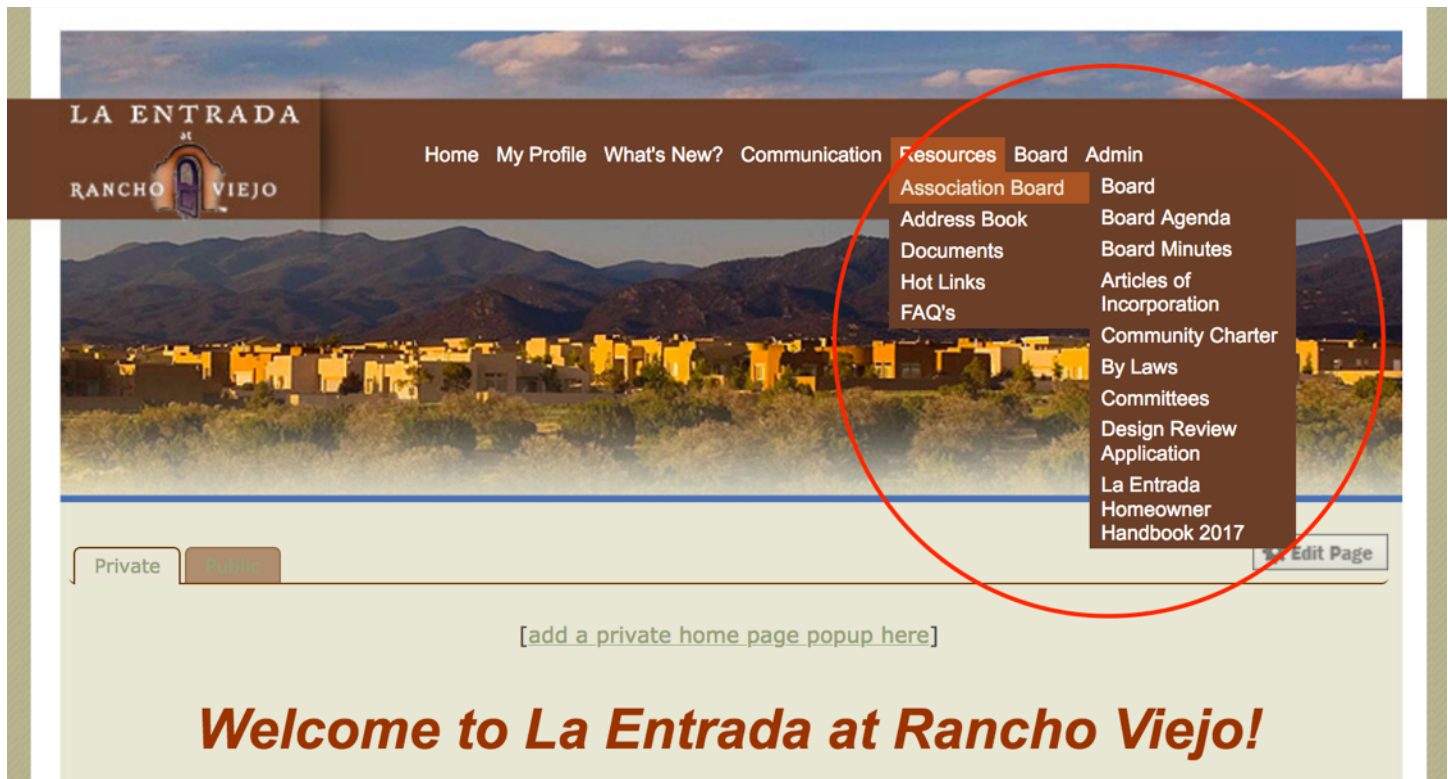
FYI: Rancho Viejo is located in the county so our local law enforcement is the Santa Fe County Sheriff. Coordination between the City Police & the County Sheriff includes the Regional Emergency Communications Center & the civilian police academies for the benefit of all city & county residents. Note: the Police Dept organizes the **CITIZEN** Police Academies and the summer **JUNIOR** Police Academies.

In Loving Memory of Jane Scott

It is with great sadness that we share the loss of La Entrada resident and dear friend Jane Scott, beloved wife of Drew Scott. We came to know Drew through his work with us on the La Entrada Communication Committee, and he performed other tasks for the HOA as well. Jane passed suddenly in January from complications from a surgery but left this world in peace, according to Drew. There will be a memorial service in Pilot Point, Tx and Santa Fe. To find out more, please visit Drew's Facebook page at Facebook/Drew Scott.

A gathering for My Beloved Jane will be on March 7, 2020 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Community Room of El Castillo Life Plan Community (250 East Alameda St. Santa Fe, NM)





La Entrada at Rancho Viejo Website is Back Live

By Sally Dillon

If you haven't been to our website, it is at <http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org/home.asp>. If you don't have a login, go ahead and click on Login Request. The website includes the current community legal documents, the La Entrada Homeowners Handbook (which has the community regulations), and the DRC form which are all easy to find under the Association Board tab. The categories for documents has been streamlined to make things easier to find. The Hot Links have been updated and the categories aligned. Additionally, the digital version of the Welcome Packet that residents receive at closing is now on the website under Communication > Association.

The What's Nearby feature generated by Google just wasn't working, for example, when one typed in 'coffee shops,' nearby gyms displayed. This was true for all categories, even when new categories were added to the feature – what a mess! Since it wasn't working correctly and there was no update for it from Tech Support, the feature was deleted and the Event Calendar replaces it on the page.

The Address Book is shut off for the privacy of our residents. There was no need for the My Profile either, as that was linked to the Address Book, so that has been shut off.

Every single web page and links to outside resources were checked, edited, and re-formatted on the navigation bar if needed. Changes in the navigation bar were done so that content can be more easily located by residents. Work on the website took considerable time and was under the direction of the La Entrada HOA Board.

Holiday Party 2019

By Sally Dillon

While it feels like eons ago, I wanted to share that the Holiday Party was enjoyed by attendees in the new sales office, so much so in fact, members of the Communication Committee gave tours of the home to prospective buyers who happened to stop by.

Cookies and goodies were divided and packed to bring to both the Fire Station on Rancho Viejo Blvd and the Youth Shelter on St. Francis. Both groups were exuberant to receive the cookies and goodies, especially the staff and clients at the Youth Shelter, where the young people hovered nearby while staff took a picture of our delivery. We're pretty certain those goodies were gobbled up quickly. This was the 8th or 9th year we have partnered with the Youth Shelter for this project of holiday good cheer.



Cookie Glee at the Shelter



One Happy Fireman!





Communication Committee Report February 2020

by Sally Dillon

Our last event of the 2019 year was our Holiday Party in early December at the new sales office. It was very successful. As we begin 2020, the Communication Committee met to begin initial planning for upcoming activities for the year. Watch for flyers about different events that will be posted in the Message Centers, in the Newsletter, and e-blasted out as events get closer. Speaking of the Message Centers, they will take on a new look, coming soon, as the weather improves.

We started the year with the Snack Drive for Amy Biehl Community School. These snacks will save the teachers from using their own money for snacks for their classroom. Children who are not hungry perform much better in school. We want the best for the children at our neighborhood school.

At the recent Communication Committee meeting, the Committee worked to plan the February 2020 newsletter and assign articles to write. The La Entrada Communication Committee meets every other month for the purpose of planning upcoming events, special projects, and organizing articles for La Entrada News. A special thanks to all who serve on the Committee for all that they do to support our community. They are a great team!

If you have an article you would like to be included in the newsletter, please send it to Sally Dillon arttrek@prodigy.net by the 15th of Jan, March, May, July, Sept, and Nov. It needs to be in Word or Pages and completely ready for publishing. “Completely ready for publishing” includes formatting, editing, captions, logos, and active web links, etc. The photos and article, need to be attached in an email to Sally by the 15th at the very latest. The Communication Committee works as a team in assisting publication of the newsletter, and will determine if there is room for an article depending upon space constraints and content. The editor and the committee reserve the right to edit and/or include submitted articles. If approved by the Communication Committee, the article will go in the next newsletter. If it is submitted after the deadline, it may be placed in the next following issue of La Entrada News unless it is time sensitive content that is now after the fact or not approved. The reason we have these deadlines is to align with our schedule for publishing. We have specific tasks to accomplish and events to plan. If a submission is late or not “completely ready for publishing”, it interrupts what we need to get done for publishing.

Also, if you have suggestions, ideas, or concerns for the Communication Committee to address or take on, please send them in writing to Serenity Lucero Slucero@hoamco.com. She will send them to the HOA Board, who in turn, will send them to the Communication Committee, if applicable. This procedure streamlines the processes for the Communication Committee and this procedure is effective immediately.

When the La Entrada News is published, generally around the beginning of the publishing month and it is also posted on the La Entrada website at <http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org/home.asp>. An email blast from HOAMCO is then sent out to residents with the website URL and directions to locate the newly published newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Serenity, our HOAMCO Manager of our HOA at Slucero@hoamco.com

Committee Reports, Continued



La Entrada HOA Annual Meeting

January 30, 2020

by Paul Dillon

The meeting was called to order and the agenda was approved, quorum recognized. HOA board members introduced themselves. Warren Thompson from Estancia Homes and Univest introduced himself and presented information about the initial plans for Phase 2 of La Entrada (south of Rancho Viejo Blvd). There was discussion regarding various aspects of the plan including traffic, size of homes, and construction timeframe.

Residents were encouraged to attend the meeting and presentation on Thursday, February 13, from 5:30–7:30pm at the Community College, Jemez Rooms 1 and 2.

After the presentation on Phase 2 of La Entrada, Board President Cass Thompson gave his report. Thompson talked about a previous fraud incident regarding a landscaping service not contracted, and proposed strategies for the prevention of this type of incident in the future. The expense for and watering of common areas with gray water begins in March.

HOA Manager Serenity Lucero reviewed the financials. The minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting were approved. The IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604 was approved. The Owners Forum followed. This was the time for residents to ask questions. The meeting was adjourned after the Forum.





Audra's Corner!

Rancho Viejo Ladies Group
December 2019 & January 2020 Activities
 By Audra Hansche – Mauied85@AOL.com

December started in full swing with our **Book Club** meeting at The Conference Room. On Thursday, December 5th we discussed My Own Words by Ruth Bader Ginsberg. We could have talked a whole day. Ms. Ginsberg is very much admired. I kept the discussion to just a few questions as we also needed to present and make our selections for next year.

Friday was our **Ladies Holiday Party**, again at The Conference Room. This year's theme was Peppermints & Candy Canes. Lots of red & white everywhere. Yummy treats, pictures and our Gift Exchange Game. We had a few guest visitors, which is always fun. This was also the last day to donate for our Charity Project.

Our **Charity Project** for December was a donation to **Interfaith Community Shelter – Pete's Place**. Felice delivered 8 boxes of much needed supplies and Christmas cards, signed by many of the ladies. Our donation this time was Art Supplies, Body Lotion, Ladies Socks, Ladies Underwear, Men's Socks, Men's Underwear, Winter Gloves and Winter Hats. There were also many bags of clothes and shoes from a generous donor.

On Friday, December 13th we had an impromptu gathering at The Montecito to play **Rummikub** and have lunch. There were 6 ladies available including some new players. This is always fun.

Happy New Year!! January 3rd was the start of a **La Entrada Snack Drive** for Amy Biehl students. I know the RVLG was a big participant. My house was the drop-off point.

Wednesday, January 15th was our RVLG **Potluck Lunch** at the Conference Room. Unfortunately I was not feeling well but I think everyone else had a good time. We had 23 attending, including 4 neighbors new to the group and 2 guests. It was also the last day of the community Snack Drive. Afterwards I organized all the snacks into boxes. Staci Stevens delivered everything to school during one of our snow days.

I'm looking forward to our February Lunch outing, plus Valentine's Day and our first Book Club meeting. February is also our **Charity Project for Casa Familia**. If you want to know more, please contact me by email and get on my list. We have some wonderful events and projects planned for this year. Teamwork = Success!!



Recycling Reminders

Paper, clean plastics and cardboard can be mixed together in the cart. However, No **GLASS** should ever be put into the recycle bin. If you wish to recycle glass, you can do so at the Rancho Viejo Recycling Center.

February

12
and
26



March

11
and
25

If a specific homeowner does put glass into his recycling cart on a regular basis they will be warned, and, should that practice continue, MCT will no longer provide recycle pick-up at the home. Also please note that the garage cart and recycle cart need to be placed at least 3 feet apart.

In **February**, recycle pick-ups will be on **February 12 and 26**, and **March** pick-ups will be on **March 11 and 25**.

If you have any further questions, you can call MCT at 505-345-8651 or check out their website at www.mctwaste.com.

Pet Etiquette

by Marilyn Morgan



As you take a walk through our community, you will notice new signs have been posted reminding us how important it is to leash our pets and clean up after them. Following these two simple rules will allow everyone to enjoy their walk.

New signs are placed at trail heads, our parks and open spaces.

Please Pick Up After Your Pet!



La Entrada Calendar

Board Meeting, 6:00pm
Thursday, **January 18**
RV Fire Department
Community Room
37 Rancho Viejo Blvd.

Neighborhood Watch Local Contacts

Carol Thompson
Area Coordinator RV
Neighborhood Watch
Home: 471-9044
Cell: 603-0833
Email: carolath@msn.com

See anything Suspicious?

Call County Sheriff's Office:
428-3720.

If you wish to remain
anonymous, call Crime
Stoppers: 955-5050.

Large Item Pickup

The date for large item pick up within La Entrada residential areas is the third Friday of each month. The next date of service will be **Friday, February 21 and March 20, 2020.**

Residents must call **Serenity Lucero** at **505-954-4479** before the date to arrange for large item pick up. Please provide your address, telephone number and description of item(s). Remember to sign up no later than the Monday prior to the Friday pick up date.

Types of items allowed:
furniture, yard waste,
appliances.

Not Allowed: Most electronics,
oil or household chemicals.



Cold weather poses
SERIOUS THREATS
to your pets' health - from
frostbite to poison hazards.
Be sure to take these steps
to **KEEP THEM SAFE.**

COLD Weather Pet Safety

Be Prepared

- Talk to your veterinarian about your pet's risks in cold weather.
- Use pet-safe de-icing products.
- Prepare a disaster/emergency kit that includes your pet's needs.

Prevent Injuries and Poisoning

- Check underneath your car, bang on the hood, and honk the horn before starting the engine.
- Clean up any antifreeze spills quickly.
- Check your dog's paws frequently for signs of cold-weather injury or damage.
- Wipe down or wash your pet's feet, legs and belly to remove de-icing chemicals.

Know the Limits

- Be aware of your pet's tolerance for cold weather. Adjust accordingly.
- If your dog has a short coat or seems bothered by cold, consider a sweater or dog coat.
- Consider using booties on your dog's feet – and make sure they fit properly.
- Even outdoor cats and dogs should be kept inside during cold weather.
- Shorten your dog's walks in very cold weather.
- Stay away from frozen ponds, lakes and other water.
- Only take your pet in the car with you when absolutely necessary.
- Never leave your pet unattended in a vehicle.



Trailblazers Times
by Staci Stevens

AMY BIEHL COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

Snack Drive Success! Our first ever snack drive for Amy Biehl Community School (ABCS) was a huge success! Thanks to the generosity of our community, we provided 1,454 healthy snacks items to the school.

When it comes to snacking at school, nutrition and academic performance are linked. Studies have shown that children who snack on healthy foods perform better in school, but unfortunately many students, for various reasons, come to school each day without a snack. Teachers understand this link between nutrition and success in the classroom and many times end up paying out of their own pockets to provide snacks for students in their classrooms. But thanks to you, more money can now stay in teacher's pockets and fewer students will be hungry during the middle of the day!



On behalf of the students, families and teachers at ABCS we want to say *THANK YOU* for caring and supporting your community school. Your generosity really does make a difference in the lives of our students!

Students from Amy Biehl Win Awards in the Climate Innovation Challenge! New Mexico students and their climate adaptation solutions took the stage during the Climate Innovation Challenge (CIC) Student Showcase on January 18, 2020. The CIC Showcase was the culmination of multi-disciplinary climate adaptation and resiliency curriculum created and produced by the Santa Fe-based nonprofit, Climate Advocates Voces Unidas. The CIC program challenged students from around the state to create videos about climate issues and innovative adaptation solutions and they certainly met the challenge! All entries were judged by a panel of scientists and visual media professionals. Judges recognized the overall top three outstanding projects as well as outstanding projects in the following categories: Practically, Efficacy, Creativity/Ingenuity, Storytelling and Style.

We are proud to announce that First Place, Elementary School Category went to Malcolm Smith's fourth grade classroom at Amy Biehl for their project, Home-based Rainwater Filters! Honorable mentions also went to Mr. Smith's 5th and 6th grade class who received a Style award for their project, Climate Adapted Bike. Check out the winning submissions at: [CAVU.org/CIC](https://cavu.org/CIC)

The Santa Fe Public Schools will be closed from March 16-20 for Spring Break!