



# Newsletter

Golden Bears

February 2, 2018



- Feb 7 Innovations Fair at ECP in ABQ 1-3 pm
- Feb 8 Deafblind Awareness Day in Santa Fe
- Feb 9 Innovations Fair in Alamogordo 1-3 pm
- Feb 15 & 21 Low Vision Clinics in Albuquerque
- Feb 23-24 Braille Challenge
- Mar 9-11 STEM Fest

## Low Vision Clinics

It is never too early to register —Clinics fill up quickly—  
Assistive Technology help available at each clinic.

Contact Marjorie Rhodes 505-271-3069 or Angela Harris 575-437-3505 Ext. 4431

February 15 & 21

Please welcome the following Staff to **NMSBVI, Home of the Golden Bears**



**Victor Ortiz, Education Assistant**



**Kriste Noel, Speech Language Pathologist**



**Jeremiah DeLeon, Volunteer**



**Angelia Ortiz, Residential Life Assistant**



**Virgie Martinez, Residential Life Assistant**



# Message from Acting Superintendent Patty Beecher

The second in a series of "Did You Know" segments about NMSBVI

*~ Patty Beecher, Acting Superintendent*



NMSBVI has a Foundation who supports us. They are in charge of soliciting large donations in order to help support the school for activities that other funds do not cover. We also have a new department called the Innovations & Development Department. They support our staff's new ideas and practices that help our students and our field. These two groups have helped support things like our Parents' Weekend, Braille

Challenge, and more! Check out the Foundation's web page at [www.nmsbvifoundation.com](http://www.nmsbvifoundation.com).

*~ The next segment will be on the funding sources and the Legislative Process ~*



## KEY CLUB / STUDENT COUNCIL



The Key Club/Student Council members are selling tickets for their Valentine Day Raffle until February 14th when the winners will be drawn. The cost is \$1 per ticket. There will be three prizes awarded.

## Deafblind Awareness Day

February 8, 2018 from 1:00—4:00 p.m. in Santa Fe, NM in the Capital Rotunda

Contact: Coby Livingstone

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Max working on a craft project with Miss Tiffany.



Mario learning proper cane use with Mr. Ron.



Ariella having fun during a Crafty Kids art project.

presenting the 2nd annual

# Innovations Fair 2018!

a Showcase of New Ideas & Evolving Programs

Albuquerque  February 7  
NMSBVI ECP Campus, 1pm-3pm

Alamogordo  February 9  
NMSBVI Residential Campus, 1pm-3pm

Please join us for our second annual event, as we display and celebrate some of the school's recent innovations in education! Our staff is involved with so many exciting things happening in NMSBVI classrooms and in various locations around the state... and they're thrilled by this opportunity to share their innovations with you! Additional information can be found at [www.nmsbvi.k12.nm.us](http://www.nmsbvi.k12.nm.us)



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## Influenza Update:

**Flu activity** is widespread in most of the United States. Everyone 6 months & older should receive a yearly flu vaccine.

**CDC Recommends:** People who are very sick or who are at **high risk of serious flu complications** & get flu symptoms should be **treated** with antiviral drugs as soon as possible.

Get **vaccinated** if you haven't yet. There are still weeks of flu activity to come. Visit this website for more information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

Spanish language visit: <https://espanol.cdc.gov/enes/flu/>



FREE print/braille children's books for children under 6 who are blind or visually impaired.

- Families receive 1 print /braille book every two months.
- Develops pre-literacy skills like tracing braille and proper book orientation.
- Builds accessible, in-home libraries for young, emerging braille readers.
- Helps children learn braille early and fall in love with reading.

For more information,

visit [www.aph.org/brailletailes](http://www.aph.org/brailletailes)

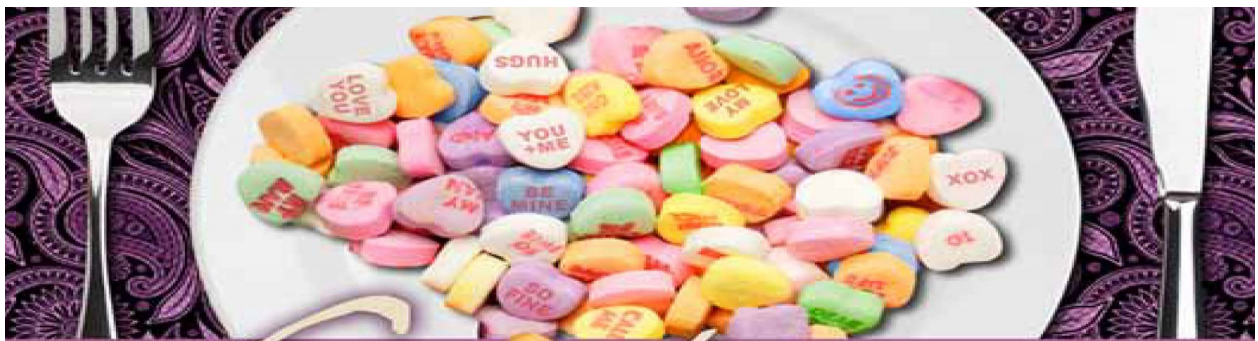
or call 800-223-1839

More  
information  
coming  
soon!

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Open to Twenty 6th-12th Graders  
with Visual Impairments

STEMFEST: ENGAGE...



# Valentine's Luncheon

**Wednesday, Feb. 14 • 11:15am-1:00pm**

Please join us in the Dining Room for a special luncheon lovingly-prepared for you **by NMSBVI Students** and Food Service staff!

Please note that staff will be charged the same lunch rate as on regular days; and there will be a \$4.00 charge per meal for guests.

RSVP to Cece via email at [cecehurst@nmsbvi.k12.nm.us](mailto:cecehurst@nmsbvi.k12.nm.us)



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