



Residential Campus

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NMSBVI / ALAMOGORDO **FAMILY NEWSLETTER** [www.nmsbvi.k12.nm.us](http://www.nmsbvi.k12.nm.us)  
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## COMING EVENTS

- January 29 & 31 - Vision Bee (ABQ & Alamogordo)
- Jan. 9 – Feb. 27 - Ski Season
- February 22 - Braille Challenge
- March 13-15 - 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



- Jan 29-30 - Las Cruces
- Feb 12 - Albuquerque
- Feb 19 - Rio Rancho
- Mar 13 - Carlsbad
- Apr 1 - Albuquerque
- Apr TBD - Albuquerque



**NMSBVI is partnering with the Girl Scouts!**

Membership is \$5.

Females in grades kinder through 12<sup>th</sup> are eligible to participate.

More information will be forthcoming

- Lori Adam, Occupational Therapist



**NMSBVI**

# **VISION BEE**

**“Light up the Learning Brain:  
Strategies for Overcoming  
Adverse Childhood Experiences”**

***Featured Speaker: Jessica Sinarski,  
LPCMH, BraveBrains***



## **TWO LOCATIONS**

**January 29, 2020 ~ Albuquerque**

9AM – 3PM, with lunch on your own • UNM Continuing Education Auditorium,  
1634 University Blvd. (Indian School Road & University Blvd.), Albuquerque

**January 31, 2020 ~ Alamogordo**

9AM – 3PM, with lunch on your own • NMSBVI Ditzler Auditorium,  
1900 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo

Light up the Learning Brain: This lively workshop will take a fresh look at the root of “bad behavior” and the brain processes behind it. Participants will discover new tools based on the latest neuroscience to increase learning opportunities, reduce negative behavior, and improve communication between school and home. Whether you’re a brain novice or well-versed in research about trauma and the brain, you won’t want to miss this hope-filled learning experience. Participants will practice new skills and construct a plan for bringing the changes home. Facilitated activities will include strategies for reducing vicarious trauma and burnout. Participants will be able to: (1) Identify Turnaround for Children’s well-researched foundational “Building Blocks for Learning” (attachment, stress management and self-regulation) and discuss the parts of the brain involved; (2) Apply this knowledge to increase engagement of the learning brain and reduce challenging behavior; (3) Design a plan for changing or augmenting current practices.

**To Register go to: <https://forms.gle/NQ3JzqhMNVpZwsx46>**

*There will be No Charge for this training.*

*CEUs have been applied for PT, OT, SLP, O&M (ACVREP), and Counseling*



# MASTER of the DOT

Join The Epic Adventure...

## Braille Challenge

February 22, 2020

NMSBVI will be hosting the NM Regional Braille Challenge of February 22, 2020. Students in grades 1-12 will compete in various braille activities. In addition, we will have fun activities and the top three in each category win some pretty cool prizes! Braille Challenge participants are invited to stay on campus on Friday night and Saturday night. NMSBVI transportation will be available to pick up in Albuquerque on Friday (Feb. 21) to transport students to NMSBVI. Time will be determined later, but is typically around 1:30 PM. Saturday the Braille Challenge begins at 8:30 AM. Following the Challenge there will be an awards ceremony and activities for students and then a pizza party and fun activities for those in the dorms. NMSBVI will transport students back to the pick-up location leaving Alamogordo around 7:30 on Sunday morning (Feb. 23).

Families are invited to attend the Saturday events and eat lunch with their students. NMSBVI will not be able to provide housing for families. Activities are planned for parents/guardians on Saturday during the time students are participating in the Challenge. We will provide some supervised activities for child siblings of contestants also. Braille students may participate in the Braille Challenge without spending the weekend, if they desire, but we hope everyone will plan to enjoy a weekend of fun activities. Details and registration will follow. For additional information, please contact Julie Johnson 575-439-4432 or 575-430-7806 (cell) or Rachael Rivera at 575-618-7395.

**Additional Event:** Students Pre-K-2nd grade may participate in our Braille Enrichment activities. This is for students who are too young, or not quite ready to compete in the actual Challenge. We will have braille enrichment activities and games at the same time the Challenge is happening. It will be a fun way for some younger students to enjoy the Braille Challenge Weekend. These students are welcome to join in on the Saturday evening activities. Students in grades 1-2 are also welcome to stay in the dorms along with the Braille Challenge participants.



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**STEMFEST**  
**MARCH 13-15, 2020**  
**NMSBVI ALAMOGORDO CAMPUS**  
**Open to Twenty 6th-12th Grade Students with Visual Impairments**  
 Get excited about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)! Innovation, Creativity, & Collaboration will be explored through Hands-On, Interactive Activities & Challenges as participants independently engage in STEM problem solving, teamwork, and construction techniques with minimal adult intervention. Event to be held on our Alamogordo Campus, with food, lodging, & transportation provided as needed by NMSBVI.  
 Friday, March 13: Optional Activities 6pm-8pm.  
 Saturday, March 14: 8am-4pm with evening activities.  
 Sunday, March 15: return home after breakfast.  
**Students must pre-register by February 14, 2020.**  
 For more information, email [stem@nmsbvi.k12.nm.us](mailto:stem@nmsbvi.k12.nm.us)  
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### Transition Tips 4 You



Transition Tips are bits of information meant to assist you in planning for your child's future. You may have many questions: What supports are available after high school? What resources are available now? How can I most easily manage all the paperwork from multiple agencies?

As the NMSBVI Transition Coordinator, I am here to help you find answers to these questions and more.



**Tip #6 – College Applications and Scholarships –** It is that time of year! Students in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades should be researching and/or applying to colleges that offer degrees that support their career interests and exploring scholarship opportunities available for financial support. This can be a confusing time of deadlines, essay writing, and lengthy applications. As the NMSBVI Transition Coordinator, I am here to help you sort through the confusion and develop a plan to get it all accomplished. Many college and scholarship application deadlines hit during the months of January through March. You do not want to miss any of them, so be sure to contact me at your earliest convenience.

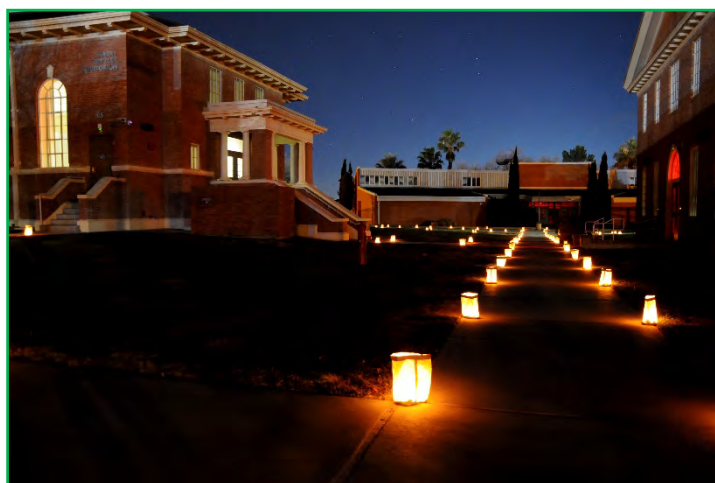
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# NMSBVI HAPPENINGS!

**December FUN!**



Mr. CC the Music Instructor sings with the elementary and preschool classes during Morning Movement.



Luminarias light up the sidewalk between the Ditzler Auditorium and the Linda Lyle Administration Building.



Al'alah smiles as she checks out her gift.



Santa ready to hand out gifts.



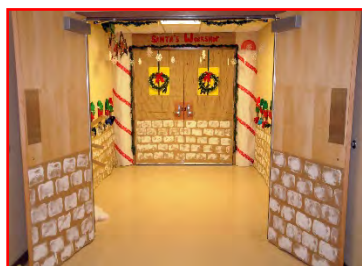
Hae'Leigh smiles as Santa hands her a gift.



Anthony is super happy with the gift of a toy emergency vehicle



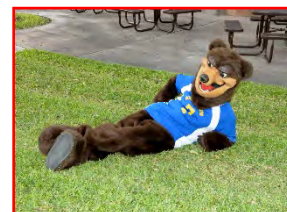
Cianna smiles as she talks with Santa.



Wood shop decorated doors win the contest.

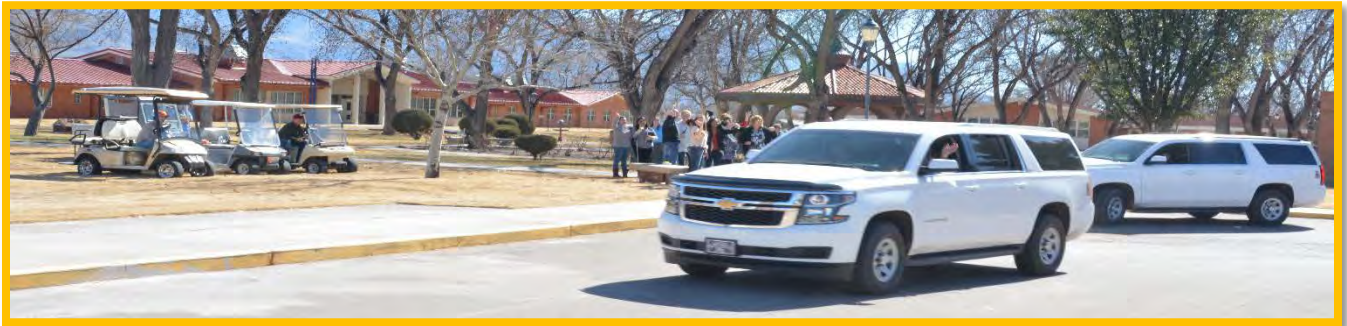


Adapted PE decorated door, "Take a Selfie." Lily & Beau put their faces in the openings! Very cute!!





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