



Residential Campus

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NMSBVI / ALAMOGORDO **FAMILY NEWSLETTER** www.nmsbvi.k12.nm.us
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COMING EVENTS

- March 12 - ¡Explora! on campus
- March 13-15 - STEM FEST
- March 19 - Science Fair
- March 23-27 - Spring Break
- April 30 - Talent Show

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



- March 6 - Carlsbad
- April 15 - Albuquerque



NMSBVI is partnering with the Girl Scouts!

Membership is \$5.

Females in grades kinder through 12th are eligible to participate.

More information will be forthcoming

- Lori Adam, Occupational Therapist



*Public Speaking Club
& Music Students Present*

THE NMSBVI COFFEE HOUSE SLAM

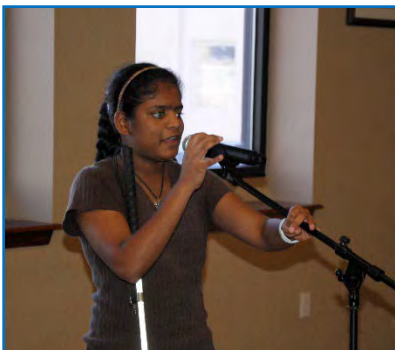
*with Monologues,
Poetry, & Music*

*Wednesday
March 4*

*at 4:30pm
Patron's Hall
Coffee Shop*

*1106 New York Avenue
in Alamogordo*

**NEW MEXICO SCHOOL
FOR THE BLIND
& VISUALLY IMPAIRED**



FOR THE LOVE
OF STEM!



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

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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 #9 – APH CareerConnect - Expanding Employment Possibilities for People with Vision Loss

CareerConnect is an employment information service offered by the American Printing House for the Blind for job seekers who are blind or visually impaired. CareerConnect provided employment information, career exploration tools, and job seeking guidance for individuals with vision loss and the professionals who work with them. They can also help you connect to professionals who are successfully employed in many different fields. Here is a link to the Career Connect website:

<https://aphcareerconnect.org/info/living-with-vision-loss/for-job-seekers/12>

If you would like more information on this or any other transition topics for NMSBVI students, please contact me.

~ Holly Bird, Transition Coordinator / 575-439-4470 / hollybird@nmsbvi.k12.nm.us

SPEECH SPOT



Everyone Deserves a Voice

www.PrAACticalAAC.org

Augmentative & Alternative Communication TERMS TO KNOW

Receptive Language: Receptive Language is the ability to understand words and language that is spoken or read. It is our language "input" and includes understanding words and sentences, understanding meaning of messages such as questions or directions, and understanding complex grammar ("Her bike was broken by the boy.")

Expressive Language: Expressive Language is the ability to use words and put words together to express yourself. It is our language "output" and includes understanding the grammatical rules to put words together into sentences, using the correct form of words (caught rather than catch), and using words to communicate a variety of messages (e.g., greet others, request objects and activities).

Kriste Noel, Speech Language Pathologist / kristenoel@nmsbvi.k12.nm.us

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Kelly McAlister
Health Services Supervisor



Debra Ortiz
Driver / Caregiver

NMSBVI HAPPENINGS! Braille Challenge



Group photo of the Braille Challenge students



Group photo of the Enrichment students



Family member under eye cover uses a white cane to navigate a hallway, as others watch.



View of the students and families in the dining hall prior to the competition.



Parents worked on blindness awareness training with Ms. Michelle Chacon.



Ms. Dayle Rae Borunda showed the siblings to the contestants how to make some fun crafts.



Superintendent Patty Beecher and Jessica work on zumba moves.



Ms. Mary leads a group with some zumba moves.



Audrina, Lily and Fatima hold up their certificates.



Ms. Mary Vaughn leads the group in zumba!



Carolina & Shawn



Jonathan, Jessica & Axel



Savanna & Mary

These students accept certificates, toys and awards after the competition.



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