

John Baker News

January 10, 2021

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year!

We are happy to see you all again and excited to jump into the new semester. Please remember that we will continue to require **masks** to be worn **inside** the cafeteria. Since the weather is usually accommodating, we'll continue to encourage the kids to spend a lot of time outside.

We have some new staff joining our team. We'll make sure you meet them soon but, in the meantime, you can get to know them on page 2.

And, since this is our first newsletter of the semester, we don't have a lot of content but enjoy a few pictures showing the kids are just as creative as ever.

We unpacked some new supplies so Wyatt (8) decided to help us clean up by making a robot out of the empty boxes. And Lucy (8) was very excited to show me her 'Leaning Tower of Pizza!'



Important Info

We will be open for the full day on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 17th, 7 am - 6 pm. Please check your email for registration and location information.

Helpful Information

Site Phone: 227-9164 Office Phone: 296-2880 Site Email: johnbaker@childrens-choice.org

Financial Assistance Available: (505) 827-7499 or 1-800-832-1321 or by email at Child.care@state.nm.us.

Meet Our New Staff



Malia Maes-Blea

Hello, my name is Malia. I graduated in 2020 and am 19 years old. I am currently majoring in nursing. I am a big animal lover. I have 3 dogs, 2 cats and 1 rabbit, so most of the time I am covered in animal hair. During my free time I love to take my dogs on adventures and take lots of pictures of my fluffy animals. I occasionally volunteer at an animal shelter. I also enjoy anime, reading, snowboarding, hanging with my sisters (I'm the middle child) and I most definitely enjoy coffee! I want you to know I promise to keep your kids safe and to make sure we all have lots of fun. I'm more than excited to get you know each and every one of the kids and learn lots of new things together.



Carlos Loera

I'm Carlos and I am studying Mechanical Engineering at UNM. I enjoy playing sports (my favorite sport is soccer) and keeping the kids active. I also enjoy listening to music. I have worked at our Bandelier and Northstar sites and now I'm excited to be at John Baker and meet the challenge of being at a new site this semester.

This Week

Sterling

There are a few projects we need to work on to spruce up the cafeteria. I'd like to start with the snack table centerpieces. They look a little ratty so we'll make some nice new ones.

Ball tag has always been popular out on the playground but some of the rules have been forgotten over the break so we'll make sure everyone is on the same page to make the game fun for all.

Mikaila

Last semester I showed the kids how to play tic-tac-toe volleyball. This week we'll try it with 4-square. Everyone is equal but teams of 2 get to make a move on the grid when they score a point.

A fun art project I'd like to try is making egg carton koi fish. You cut the pieces out of the egg carton and connect them with a string, then paint them all sorts of bright colors.

Ralynn

Could you draw a picture based only on someone's verbal directions? We'll give it a try, sitting back to back, taking turns describing an image then seeing how close the drawing is to the original.

Outside we'll play Crazy Train. It's basically Simon Says but everyone lines up and has to try to follow the movement commands from the front.

Carlos

I'd like to start with a 3 point basketball tournament. Everyone gets 3 attempts per round and we'll have 3 rounds. The winner will have to make the most shots in each round.

Next, as a way to get to know a bit about the kids, we'll make lists of goals that we want to accomplish by the end of the year, then we'll check to see how we did at the end of the year.

Donations

We continue to be amazed by all of your generous donations. Thank you! As always, if you have old games, books, fabric, containers, cardboard, sports equipment, and so forth and so on, that you want to get rid of, please consider bringing it to us. We all have very active imaginations and will find a good use for most everything.