

WINTER NEWSLETTER

la academia dolores huerta



IMPORTANT DATES

Classwork & Assignments: All classwork and assignments must be completed and turned in by the end of the day on Wednesday, December 17.

Mid-Year Testing: All mid-year testing must be completed by the end of the day on Wednesday, December 17.

Last Day of Classes: Friday, December 19 will be the final day of classes for the semester. This will be a half day, with student dismissal at 11:00 a.m.

Spring Semester Begins: Students will return to school to begin the Spring Semester on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

SPRING TESTING SCHEDULES

SPRING 2026 TESTING SCHEDULE (Tentative):

-NAEP (ELA & Math): January 26-30 (8th grade only)

-ACCESS: February 18-27

-NM-ASR (Science): March 23-April 2 (8th grade only)

-Avant Spanish Lang.: April 7-17

-NM-MSSA/Math & ELA: April 20 -30

-Illuminate EOY: May 11 - 15

***Your child's attendance at school during these times is incredibly important. We have provided these dates to hopefully help with any scheduling challenges you may encounter.

WINTER BREAK & DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP REMINDER

As students spend more time at home during Winter Break, we ask families to actively monitor students' use of social media, cell phones, online multiplayer games, laptops, and other technology. Increased screen time can sometimes lead to online bullying, inappropriate messaging, or conflicts that carry over into the school setting.

We encourage families to talk with students about digital citizenship, including:

- Treating others with respect online
- Using appropriate language and behavior
- Understanding that online actions have real-world consequences

Your partnership in reinforcing safe, responsible, and respectful technology use is essential and greatly appreciated.

UPDATES & CELEBRATIONS

We are excited to share the wonderful news that the Public Education Commission (PEC) Renewal Hearing was a success, and La Academia Dolores Huerta has been renewed for a full five-year term!

Thank you to our families for your continued support — it truly makes a difference and was felt throughout the renewal process.

During the hearing, the PEC also discussed areas where we need to grow, including math performance on state assessments. As we head into Winter Break, we kindly invite families to support math learning at home in simple, everyday ways. This might include helping establish homework routines, practicing math facts, playing math-based games, or encouraging problem-solving conversations.

We are also exploring additional ways to strengthen support for our English Learners (ELs), particularly in reading and writing development, as we prepare for the Spring semester.

Together, through strong school-family partnerships, we can continue helping our students grow, learn, and succeed.

