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Española Public Schools

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Student Services Department Newsletter

“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.” — *William Arthur Ward*

Learning Disabilities

The term learning disabilities (LD) refers to an array of problems that cause bright and capable children to have difficulty learning using teaching methods found in most traditional classrooms. While the underlying cause of LD remains a mystery, experts agree that it is neurologically based, meaning it results from differences in the way the brain is wired and processes information. If you feel your child has a learning disability, please reach out to his/her teacher for information and supports. Teachers, if you feel you have a student in your classroom who may have a learning disability, please reach out to your school counselor and/or your principal for classroom support, MLSS information, and a possible SAT referral for testing.

What Learning Disabilities Are NOT

Learning disabilities are not the result of:

- Low intelligence
- Poor instruction
- Lack of motivation
- Emotional disturbances
- Seeing or hearing problems



We are actively looking for Special Education Teachers, Educational Assistants, and Ancillary Staff. Apply at: <https://espanola.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>

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Important Dates to Remember:

- November 10-No School-Veterans Day
- November 15-Preschool-Fall Celebration
- November 17-Child Find @ LNKC
- November 18-26-No School-Thanksgiving Break



Happy Thanksgiving!



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Classroom Spotlight:

Our classroom spotlight is with Ms. Maybel Liwanon's Special Education Classroom at Chimayo Elementary. Ms. Maybel did a wonderful job incorporating Picture Writing in her classroom with her students. She had a celebration at the end of their Picture Writing Unit with a presentation which included judges.

Judges:

- Ms Janet Malcom- LEA
- Darlene Montoya- Office
- Lydia Trujillo- EA- She serve as a resource Speaker/coach, and shared her talent in painting



Her Painting Celebration was entitled "A Day with the Artist"

Opening Remarks were made by 5th grade student Josiah Lamonde



Awarding of students by Ms Maybel/ Case Manager and with Ms. Malcom-School Principal

- Champion- Jayla Vigil- 5th grade
- 1st Runner Up- Daniel Zuni- 6th Grade
- 2nd Runner up- Maxamus Carmona- 6th Grade
- 3rd Runner Up- Jordan Padilla- 6th Grade
- 4th Runner Up- Elijah Griego
- 5th Runner Up- Rosa Rivera- 3rd Grade



Each student received an award (Ribbon and certificates)

All students got to enjoy snacks after the program along with Karaoke in the classroom



Ms. Maybel also holds Birthday Celebrations for her students

- Resource SPED celebrates students' birthdays with decorations and a short program for the birthday celebrant

Keep up the good work, Ms. Maybel!

Happy Thanksgiving!