

February
2026

Wingate Elementary School Newsletter

Home of the Bearcubs



FEBRUARY

EVENTS

No School
Monday, February 16, 2026
President's Day

AND

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Parent/Teacher conference
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
dorm check-in 2:00 p.m.

FROM OUR STUDENT LEADERS:
Valentine Grams
on sale now! 
prices range from \$1-\$20
See our Student Council members

8th grade Parent Meeting
Thurs. Feb 26, 2026
5:00 p.m.

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Is your 8th grade student on track for promotion to the high school? Find out by meeting with their teacher.
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Athletic Dept.

XOXO

Feb. 2 @ Rehoboth
4:00 p.m.



Feb. 4 @ Laguna Mid
3 teams-4:00 p.m.



Feb. 9 vs. Hozho Academy
4:00 p.m.
Wingate High School



Feb. 23
first day of practice (tentative)
schedule to be determined



must have current sports physical

K-8th 
PARENT-TEACHER Conference

Tues. Feb. 17, 2026
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m

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Spelling Bee S
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February 5, 2026 U
Crownpoint D
8:00 a.m.

FINALS Y
March 5, 2026
Shiprock
8:00 a.m.

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Parent Involvement Committee (P.I.C.) President



Mrs. Ketasha Cisco



Mrs. Ketasha Cisco has been involved with our school for many years as a volunteer in the classroom, as a supportive parent in the sports program, and recently as a pageant mother. She has shown her children the meaning of kindness by volunteering to help and donating food to our students and staff. We look forward to a wonderful year with our P.I.C. President and all of our parents. We encourage parents to attend the P.I.C. meetings. We are still seeking officers! Be a voice for your bear cub and all the bear cubs too.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Please keep up your attendance. It's important for academic success, social development, and long-term success. It also affects whether your child will move on to the next grade or be retained. Call our school to see how we can help your child attend school each day.



Are you using Class Dojo?

It's a great app that allows you to stay connected with staff at W.E.S. and also keeps you informed of events happening at our school.

DOWNLOAD NOW



Call our school if you need help getting the app.

It's
Free!



School Board Meeting





Monday, February 2, 2026
1:00 p.m.

special School Board Meeting

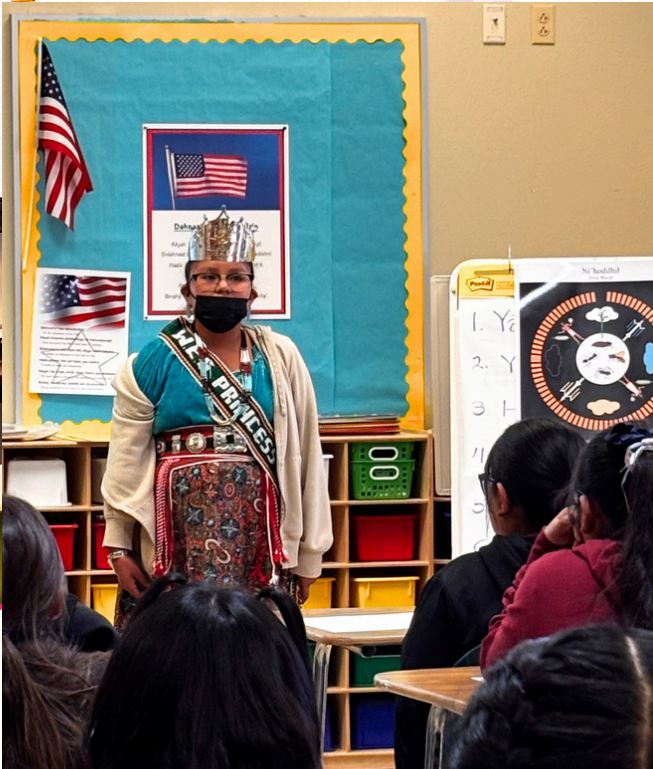
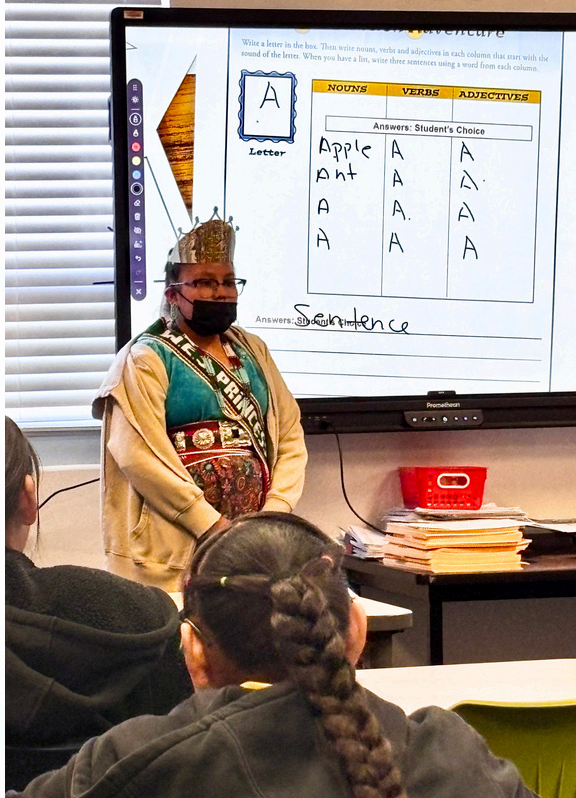
Monday, February 23, 2026
1:00 p.m.



W.E.S. contact info

-  <https://wes.bie.edu>
-  Facebook: Wingate Elementary School BIE
-  Class Dojo: Wingate Elementary School
-  (505) 488-6300

Nizhoni!



**W.E.S. Princess
Lanaya Chavez**

made a visit to the Elementary and Middle School classrooms. She introduced herself in Dine Bizaad. She did an amazing job. Have a fun and wonderful coronation year!

S P E L L I N G B E E

W I N N E R S

Congrats!



4th grade
Snowflake
Blackwell

5th grade
Ariel
Lee

6th grade
Tanner
Johnson

7th grade
Sovantis
Smith

8th grade
Sia
Begay



**Runner
Ups**

4th grade
Zenaiya
Yazzie

5th grade
Dianna
Serna

6th grade
Emily
Wheeler

7th grade
Derek
Martinez

8th grade
Amber
Joe

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Kindergarten

Nova Benally 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Amiral Cisco 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Zoeanna Enrike, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Velaine Hood, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Kaylynn Joe, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Chevelle Leslie, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Lucas Nez, 2nd Qtr.
 A'Mya Paddock, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Dakota Paddock, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Lillian Tyler, 2nd Qtr.
 Makyjah Waukazoo, 2nd Qtr.

1st grade

Jade Begay, 1st Qtr.
 James Begay, 1st Qtr.
 Skyler Grey, 1st Qtr.
 Tove Pinto, 1st & 2nd Qtr.

2nd grade

Storm Jim, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Micah Paddock, 2nd Qtr.
 Paisley Yazzie, 1st & 2nd Qtr.

3rd grade

Shandiin DuBoise, 1st Qtr.
 Ariel Enrike, 1st Qtr.
 James Francis, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Kalila Grey, 1st Qtr.
 Liam Peshlakai, 1st Qtr.
 Kalani Sanchez, 1st Qtr.
 Atari Smith, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Shaiden Tahe-Bowman, 1st & 2nd Qtr.

4th grade

Kyson Allen, 2nd Qtr.
 Snowflake Blackwell, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Madison Hildreth, 1st Qtr.
 Zenaiua Yazzie, 1st & 2nd Qtr.

1st and 2nd Qtr. "A/B"



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7th grade

Crystal Begay, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Shania Francisco, 2nd Qtr.
 Aniyah Serna, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Alexis Silago, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Sovantis Smith, 1st Qtr.
 Nina Tayah, 1st & 2nd Qtr.

8th grade

LaNiden Bia, 1st Qtr.
 Genette Billy, 1st Qtr.
 Drake Cebada, 2nd Qtr.
 Owen Garcia, 2nd Qtr.
 Tamera Hildreth, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Amber Joe, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Aerias Knight, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Luycia Longhair, 1st Qtr.
 Ariel Morgan, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Yukkiko Morris, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Matthew Poe, 1st Qtr.
 Ladanian Richards, 1st Qtr.
 Athena Sam, 1st Qtr.
 William Santillanes, 1st & 2nd Qtr.

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5th grade

Jordan Begay, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Tristian Hardy, 2nd Qtr.
 Leah Henderson, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Owen Hildreth, 2nd Qtr.
 Kira Martinez, 2nd Qtr.
 Dianna Serna, 2nd Qtr.
 Xavier Yazzie, 1st & 2nd Qtr.

6th grade

Kristen Ashley, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Scarlett Begay, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Carter Benally, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Ezmariah Gray, 1st & 2nd qtr.
 Tayshaun Grey, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Kylee Kee, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Cali Russell, 2nd Qtr.

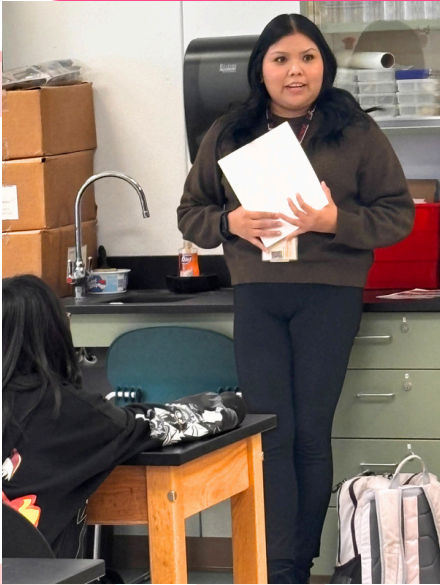
Dominic Tso, 1st Qtr.
 Alora Vasquez, 1st & 2nd Qtr.
 Myraik Whitman, 1st Qtr.
 Corriley Yazzie, 2nd Qtr.

Zoey Wilson, 1st & 2nd Qtr.



**I CAN do it,
if I put my
mind to it!**

Building Partnerships WITH OUR COMMUNITY TO HELP OUR STUDENTS FLOURISH



Botvin Lifeskills Training Program

Megan Yazzie is a Prevention Specialist with the McKinley County DWI Program. She is currently working with our middle school students using the BOTVIN, an evidence-based program. The main focus is on prevention by providing skills they need to make safe and healthy choices. Megan teaches decision making, how to have confidence, communication, and coping skills. See the video on Class Dojo!



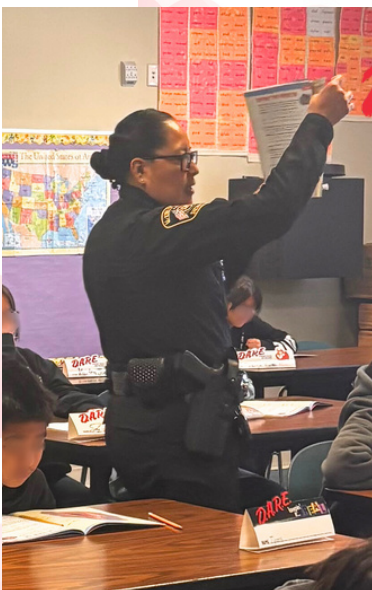
"Alone, we can do so little;
together, we can do so much." — Helen Keller

The Project Venture Team!

Noel, Matt, Tasha, and Lathan are currently working with our Middle School students to create positive youth development through hands-on learning opportunities, mentoring, and developing leadership skills. See the video on Class Dojo!



"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." — Coretta Scott King



D.A.R.E. PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR DEPUTY PADILLA

Deputy Padilla from the McKinley County Sheriff's Office has been working with our 5th grade students on handling stressful situations and making good decisions now and through their life using the D.A.R.E. program curriculum. See the video on Class Dojo!

more info: <https://dare.org> and MCSO Facebook page

Stay
Strong &
Power On

