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MY COMMUNITY



Kalei Ava Marcus: Dancing Traditional Clothing and Traditional Jewelry

Young girls with dreams
become women with Vision



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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the 3rd edition of the Taos Day School Literacy Magazine. This year's theme is, "Our Community". Students have written essays, poems, and stories, embracing this year's theme, and have shared their stories through different writing genres and artwork.

The art of writing is not a simple task.. It includes both technical and structured writing skills. It includes the tapping into the creative talents of each student. Taos Day School students in grades Kindergarten thru Eighth grade have shared their work with you in hopes that the works will bring a sense of pride and joy as you read and reflect on the many sentiments of our students, and what their community means to them.

We would like to thank Mrs. Paula Martinez for her dedication to our Taos Day School Literacy Project. She has worked diligently to assure that the current layout and publication matches the quality of written and visual work that is presented in the magazine. We would like to thank the Bureau of Indian Education Title IV Student Support Funding for believing and financially supporting our project through their grant process.

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Most of all without the teachers of Taos Day School guiding the students and discussing this year's theme and encouraging students at all levels to persevere with their writings and artwork. This magazine would not be possible.








And to the Community of Taos Pueblo, we dedicate this issue to you and the pride you take in community and the education of our students.

We hope that you enjoy the 3rd Annual Taos Day School Literacy Magazine.

Respectfully,

Andrew Haimowitz
Principal
Taos Day School

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I love my community
because we dance at the
puedlo, we ski and have
snowball fights. Hugo



I love my community
because we play in
the mountains.
Asher

Welcome

To



cecilia
I love my
community
because we have
pretty mountains.





I love my
community
because we dance
in the pueblo.
Amber



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Taos Pueblo Corn Dance



I love my
community
because we dance
at the pueblo.
Avery



Kindergarten

I like my community
because we can sled.
Emiliana



I Love my
Community
because it has
a big river.
Gruz

Fun!
HAPPY!!
PLAY!!!



I love my
community
because it is
awesome!
henry



**WE ARE A
COMMUNITY**



I like my
community
because we can
play outside.
MIKA

SCHOOL BUS



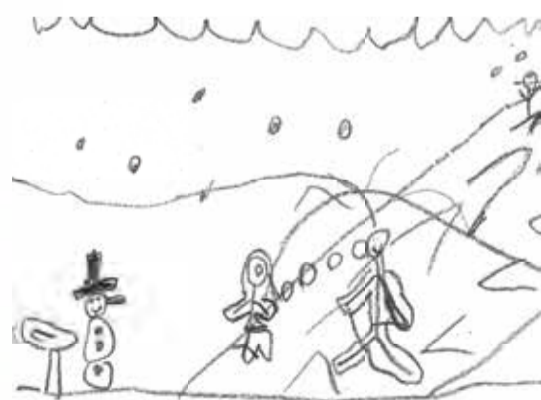
I love my
community because
we dance.
RiverL

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because it has
prettymouns.
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I love my community
because we can
sled.
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I love my
community
because we
dance. Ryce





I love my
community
because we
dance.
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I love my
community
because it's
beautiful. Zayan



Welcome to FIRST GRADE

Children are at the heart of the Taos Pueblo Community. They have much to share and teach us if we take time to listen. First grade was given a voice through their writings. They focused on their home and school communities. First grade poems "I am From", were adapted from "Where I am from by", George Ella Lyon. This was a free write that includes a natural element; that conveys the meaning of their Native Name, family traits, favorite foods, their community of their choice or our very own Taos Pueblo. They shared easily as their words were expressed from the heart. I loved watching their eyes light up when they talked about fry bread!

Mrs Nola Miller : First Grade Teacher

Mrs. Nola Miller's First Grade class, had two first Place winners. It was a tie between two students. Enjoy as you read

'I AM FROM'

I AM FROM

I am from the mountains.



and bears.

Tall white on top, black on the sides, filled with wolves

I am from my mom, dad, auntie, and grandma. Watching movies, playing games, eating dinner, and dreaming a great dream.

I am from crabs and noodles.

It is goodness, with spicy sauce, peppers, and tabasco. I love the crab juice.



I am from Taos Pueblo.

Good, I feel good there. The fire in the pueblo is in my dreams.



Riley Horne, First Grade



1st Grade



I AM
FROM

I am from a winter eagle.

Strong, flying over mountains,
and water, hunting.



I am from
the Winters.

Happy, thankful for them, and
lots of love.

I am from chili, and fry
bread.

Tasty, delicious made by my
grandma. Chile that is red,
hot, delicious.



I am from Taos Pueblo.

A good place, good food, the
river makes me feel good.

David Winters
First Grade



I AM FROM

I am from a painted rock.

It is old, red, with flowers on it.



I am from our Feast Day,
September 30th.

I am happy, excited for the day,
and eating with my family.

I am from Posolé and Fry bread.

It is hot, it smells good when the
posolé is cooking in my house.



I am from Taos Pueblo.

Happy, old, snow melts and they
rebuild. I love the sound of the
river.

Michael Cortez

First Grade





First Grade



I AM
FROM

I am from the snowy
mountains.

Mountains that are soft with
snow, and cold. I am looking
for the wind.



I am from my
mom.

Cooking that makes me feel
warm, fuzzy, and food that
makes your taste buds melt!

I am from sushi.

Round, seaweed, green, and
white. Crunchy, red, with
crunchy goodness.



I am from
Taos, New Mexico.

Planting flowers in the spring,
smelling sweet in the wind.



Lyla Sarten

I AM FROM

I am from Taos Pueblo.
Watching the Turtle Dance in the
morning. The smoke goes to the sky.



I am from my family.
My ancestors sing together. I see them
at the village.

I am from fry bread.
It is kind of sweet, Dad puts chili on his
fry bread. It is super good!

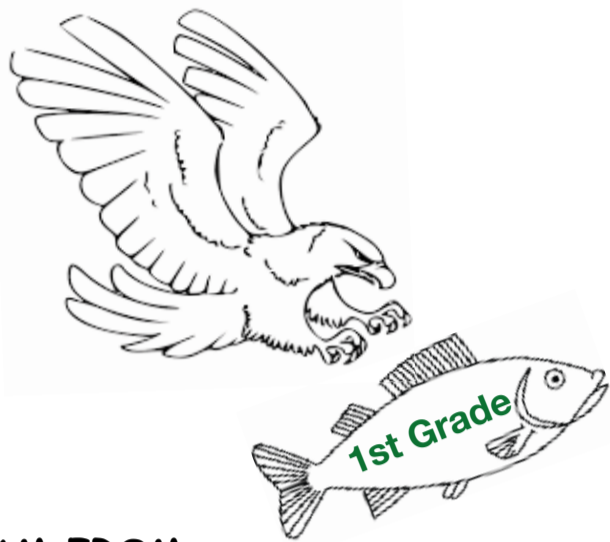


I am from Taos Pueblo!

Amelia Skipper

1ST

GRADE



I AM FROM

I am from a tiny red flower.
Delicate, pretty flowers growing
in the mountains. Standing tall in
the grass.



I am from Grandpa Joe.
Feeling comfortable with him,
feeling love, and safety.
I am from posolé.
White corn, good soup, dipping
fry bread, yummy.



I am from Taos Pueblo!
Safe, happy, beautiful houses.
Water streams in the pueblo.



Juliet Concha
First Grade



I AM FROM

I am from a fox.
Smart, running fast, moving
slowly, looking.



I am from my mom.
Playing, happy, good.
Going to the park.



I am from
hamburgers. Tasting good,
ketchup, hot, and squishy!
I am from the Town of
Taos.

A lot of people walking, cars
driving slowly.

I am happy to be there.



Nico Munoz

I Am From

I am from a little spring flower.



It is little and strong. Growing by the river, finding the sun.

I am from spending time with my family. It is a happy feeling in my heart when we are together.



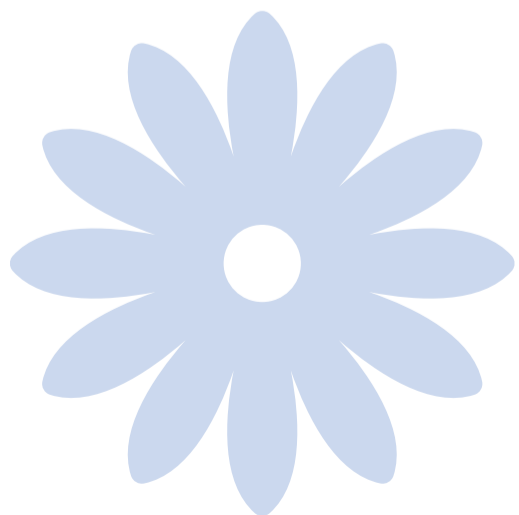
I am from frybread and red chile.

It feels hot, greasy, and so yummy. It tells my tummy yum, yum, yum !

I am from Taos Pueblo. Visiting Aunty, playing by the PSueblo house, makes me happy!



Holly Sanchez,



Welcome

To

2nd and 3rd Grade



My Community is

Taos Pueblo

We keep the world clean.

I play in the river. We keep our community safe. We get people stuff who are homeless. We take care of our people.



My Community is

Taos Pueblo

I like to keep it clean. I like to plant flowers here. I like to play in the river. I like to go to school here. I sometimes get to do some dancing .

I love this Place.

Aria



My Community helps people.

Moonlight





Welcome Reader's to

Mr Leroy Martinez'

2nd and 3rd grade Class. Much like 1st grade there was a tie between two students and their creative entries.



My Community is two people.
I help others people,
I play in the river,
I go to the Day school,
I dance at the Feast!
I jump on my trampoline,
I play in the snow.

Travis-

I keep the earth clean.

I plant sunflowers.

I'm nice to elders,

I help poor people and animals.

I respect elders in my community.

I protect the Mountain.

I follow the rules.



rd grade



Davina ~

My community is to help

My community is to help around the auca

My community is to find a better life

My community is to help clean my room

My community is to work with my mom

My community is to stay safe and healthy



My Community is Taos Pueblo

I go to the Kiva in one year, I go to the dances.

I go run. I go dance on Christmas.

I go run in the mornings

I try to be nice and kind

~Matthew



My Community is Taos Pueblo

I help with the dances, by painting and dressing them.

I enjoy playing in the snow in the winter, and in the river in the summer.

I help my Grandma get water.

I also get to go to school here.

~ Kayo ~



3rd Grade ROCKS

~ Aiyana

I like my community because I live there. I go outside to play. I play soccer and at the playground. I like to shop at the grocery store with my mom, dad and little brother, but not Oden.



Skyler



1. My community is Taos Pueblo.
2. I go to school in Taos Pueblo.
3. I go shopping in Taos.
4. I live in Taos.
5. I play games in Taos.
6. I plant a garden of corn.
7. I draw in Taos.
8. I read in Taos.
9. I plant a tree.
10. I hang with family.

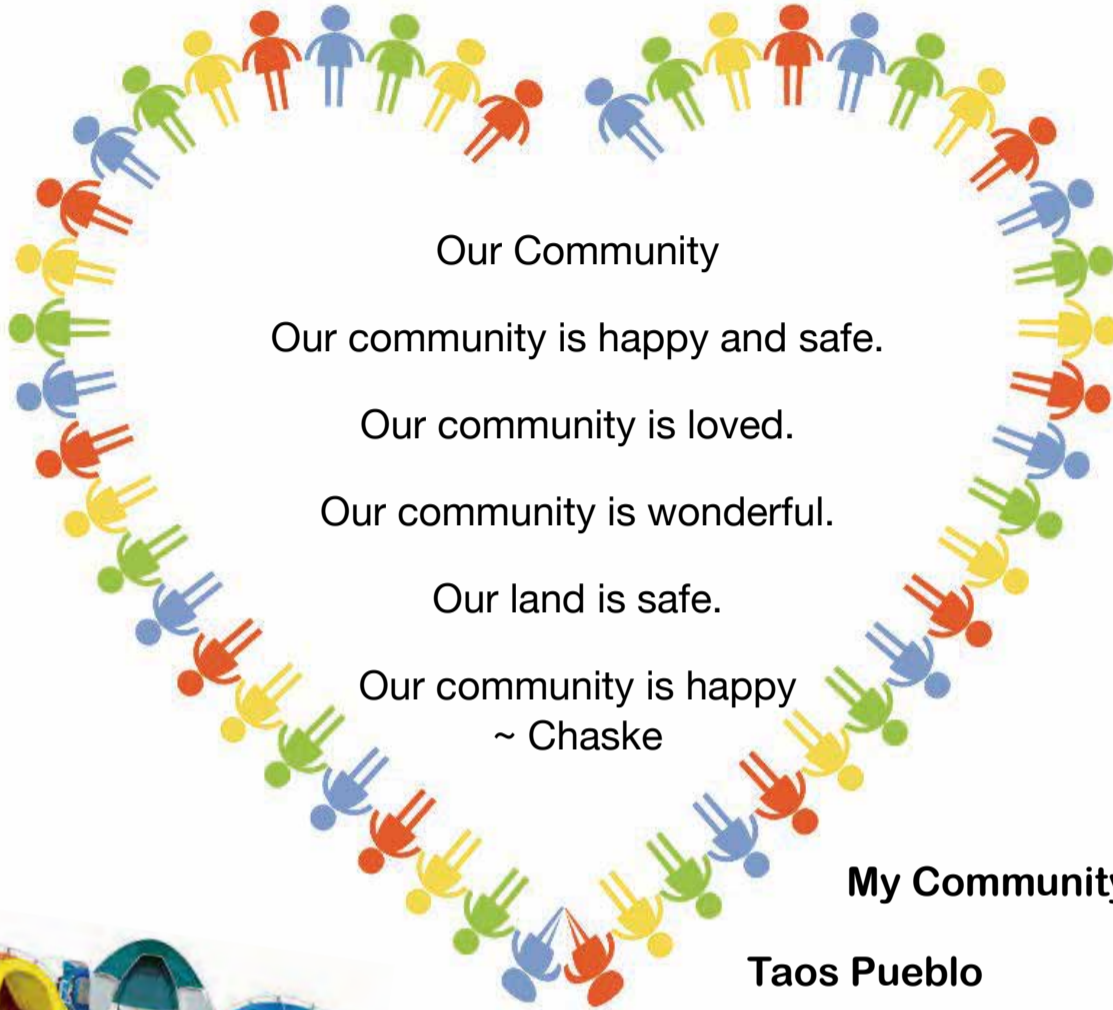
Percy



2nd Grade ROCKS



Grade 2



Our Community

Our community is happy and safe.

Our community is loved.

Our community is wonderful.

Our land is safe.

Our community is happy
~ Chaske

My Community is

Taos Pueblo



In my community I love to go to park.

In my community I love to go camping.

In my community I love to eat lunch at school. In my community I go to school.

In my community I go on field trips. In my community I go on the bus. In my community, I go outside.

~ Zaki ~



3rd Grade





Our Community

In Taos Pueblo our community is all family. Whenever there are traditional doings everyone helps one another. Our governor's staff helps with planning traditional doings. Our parents help provide a healthy lifestyle. Our family is very important because we help others whatever we can.

Can kids help in the community? The answer is yes kids can help with many things like cleaning up. Another thing is to care for our community because not many people know about our culture and if everyone stops caring it will slowly start to die. It is important to care for our planet because it is important to keep the solar system safe.



When I grow up I want to do a lot to help my community. Firstly, I want to be a horse veterinarian because they help horses become stronger and healthier.

Secondly I'd like to be a native educator who helps people learn more about their culture. To help them learn what they didn't when they were younger. Lastly, I'd like to help people in need. Sometimes people don't have a good past and become homeless. I want to help. **By, Ruth Coriz**



My Community

In my community we help one another out. My dad is a war chief. He helps people and animals. He stops the bad animals and the bad people from hurting the land or the people. My dad used to be a fireman. He helped the fire cool down. He went to very far places and he helped the people. Cops help people by stopping the bad people. Cops can help schools if they're in danger.

Kids can help the community. Kids can help by picking up trash in the pueblo. Kids can help by giving homeless people blankets. Kids can help their parents with the dishes. Kids can help clean their clothes.



When I grow up I want to help the community. When I grow up I want to be an astronaut so the people can see how space is and see how dangerous it can be. Or scientist who helps the astronauts go to space. A scientist helps make stuff so the astronaut will be safe. A scientist can also tell you where to go in space. Scientists

also put manches in the spaceship so the manches can take the astronauts around
By, Caleb Sandy



Our Communities

In my community everyone helps one another. My grandpa was a cop and he helped people who needed help. My uncle helps chop wood and he takes care of my grandpa. My aunt took care of me and my sister when we lived with her.

Kids can help their community too. They can help by making their beds. Kids can help by washing the dishes when they're done eating. Kids can also help somebody when they're hurt.

When I grow up. I can help bake and learn how to cook. I can help try to make medicine for people. I can take care of my grandpa and grandma by chopping their wood.

By, Maranda Smallcanyon



My Community

In my community people help one another. Police officers help by keeping people safe. Firefighters can help by saving the forest. Teachers help by teaching kids how to learn.

Kids can help in the community too. I can help donate clothes to people in need. I can help by picking up trash in the community.

When I grow up I want to help the community. I want to donate food to people that don't have a home. I want to give toys out to needy kids. I want to give shoes out to needy people.

By, Ava Concha

Grade 4

My Community

Helping one another. Firemen can help by putting out fires. Doctors are good for keeping others from getting sick. Scientists can help doctors make cures and get rid of viruses.

Can kids help the community? Yes kids can help they can help by picking up trash. Kids should also show respect to parents. They could help others if they are upset or not feeling well. You can give them food or try to cheer them up.

I will be able to help my community when I'm older. When I grow up I want to become a firefighter. Firemen can help the community by keeping others safe and putting out fires.

By, Deven Concha



Town of Taos

In my community we help each other. My mom helps people by giving people money and food. Police help save people's lives! Doctors save people in our community.

They helped my dad and my little sisters who had Covid-19.

How could kids help? For my family we donate toys and clothes. I could babysit and let the parents sleep. Kids shouldn't forget to help their elders.

When I grow up I'm going to help the community by stopping people from littering. I will make sure my kids help the community. We will make sure people are safe. We will do nice stuff to people.



By, Lexi Gallegos

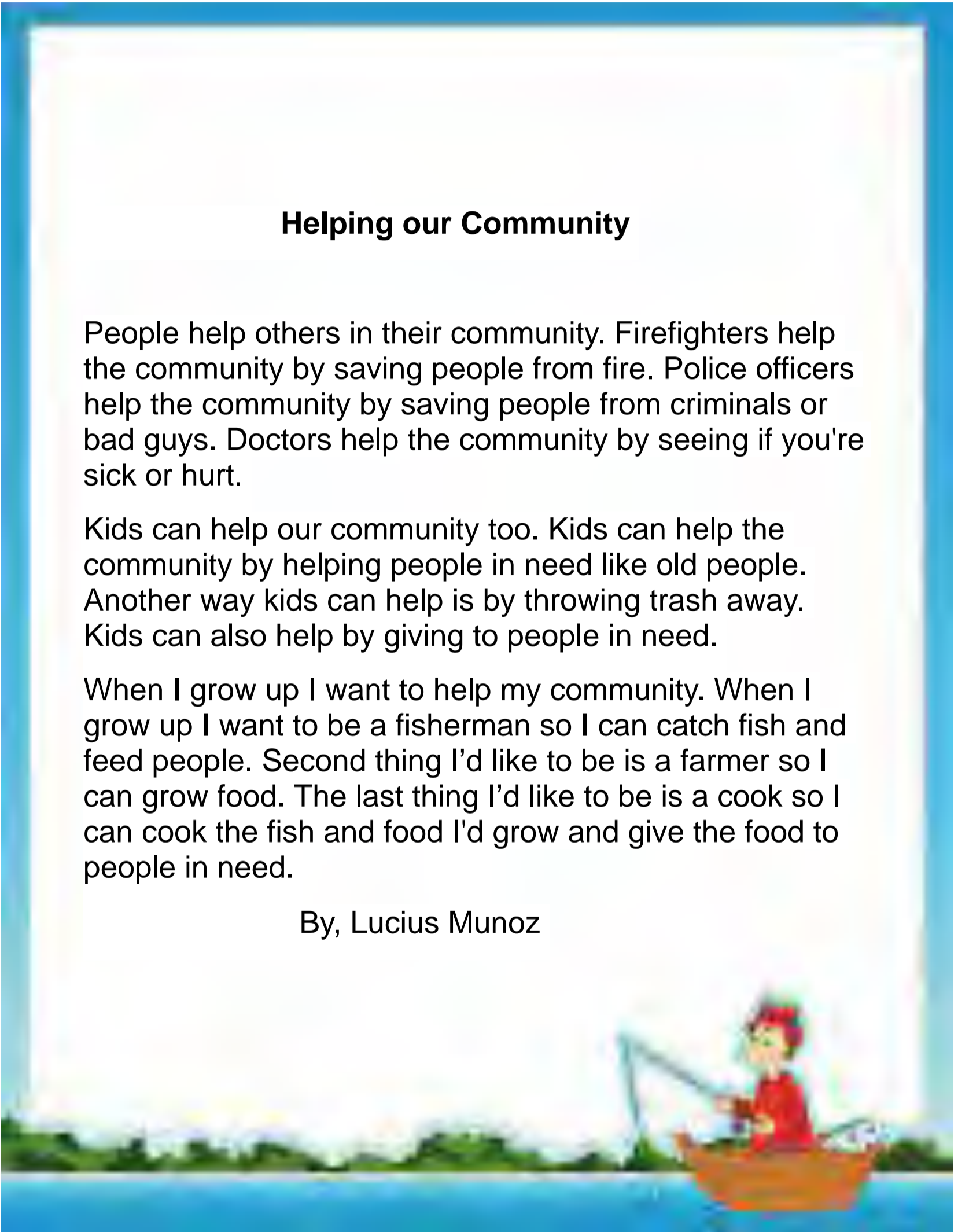
Helping our Community

People help others in their community. Firefighters help the community by saving people from fire. Police officers help the community by saving people from criminals or bad guys. Doctors help the community by seeing if you're sick or hurt.

Kids can help our community too. Kids can help the community by helping people in need like old people. Another way kids can help is by throwing trash away. Kids can also help by giving to people in need.

When I grow up I want to help my community. When I grow up I want to be a fisherman so I can catch fish and feed people. Second thing I'd like to be is a farmer so I can grow food. The last thing I'd like to be is a cook so I can cook the fish and food I'd grow and give the food to people in need.

By, Lucius Munoz



Helping the Community

People help other people in the community. Doctors help people who are sick and have medical problems. They help you until you get better. Firefighters help by putting out fires and sometimes they help in rescue missions.



Kids can help a lot in the community. They can help pick up trash so the plants won't get polluted and die. They also can plant flowers so bees can use it to make honey and help the other plants live. Kids also can participate in traditional doings

When I grow up I can help the community. I could become a firefighter and help put out dangerous fires. I want to be a cop so I can help the community by stopping crimes. Or I want to be a doctor so I can help people who are sick and need help.

By, **Immanuel Concha**

Our Community

In my community people want to help others. My mom helps the community by giving new people their ID's. Firefighters help the community by keeping us away from wildfires. Police officers help us stay away from bad people.

The way I want to help is by recycling trash. I can also clean up the environment. I also help to keep plants healthy.

When I grow up I want to become a scientist. As a scientist I will help the community by discovering new stuff and telling the community. I also want to become a teacher and help kids learn and discover new things. I want to become a governor and help my community by keeping trees healthy and stopping wildfires.

By, **Jonathan Keahbone**



Community

In my community people help each other out. The firemen help the community by making sure that everyone is safe. The doctors make sure that no one is sick. The police make sure that no bad people are around.



Kids can help in their community too. Kids can help to keep the community clean. They can help firemen by doing fire drills. Kids can also help their grandparents bring in water.

When I grow up I want to help my community. I want to help by becoming a fireman and helping those in danger. I will make sure that everyone stays safe. I might also become a police officer. I will make sure that the bad people are not around. That is how I will help my community.

By, Royce Hise



My Community

In my community we help one another. My dad is a war chief and helps by cleaning the trails for blue lake. My mom is a nurse and she helps give medicine to people who are sick. Then firefighters help put out fires.



How can kids help the community?. Kids can help by shoveling snow. Kids can give money to the poor. Kids can feed the dogs because they need to eat.

When I grow up I want to help the community. When I grow up I want to be a scientist because they study stuff. Then I could be a firefighter because they put out fires. Then I could be a War-Chief so I could clean the trails for the Blue Lake.

By, Liam Lujan

Helping People in My Community

Many people help one another out in my community. Cops help by arresting people that do bad things. Firemen help people put out fires. Doctors help people by checking if they are okay.

How can kids help? Kids can pick up trash off the floor. They can also give money to homeless people. You can also help people by cleaning around their home.

When I grow up I want to help by picking up trash from the sea and donate money to Team Trees. I want to become a scientist to teach people and help them become better people. I will help by planting trees and sometimes I will donate money to Team Trees.

By, Atreyu Pino

4TH GRADE!



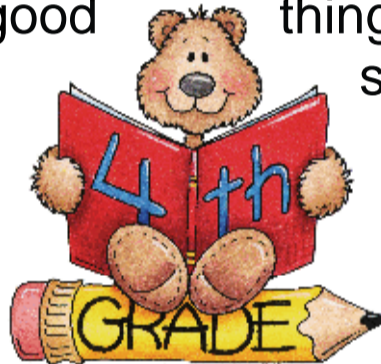
How To Help The Community

All of the community helps each other. My mom is like a doctor. She helps people that are in need. My aunt helps homeless kids. She gives them a home.

Kids can help their communities. Kids can help one another by doing things like picking up trash. They can also help their elders by cutting wood for them. I help my mom with the dishes.

When I grow up I want to help the community. I want to be a doctor like my mom because she does good things to help the community. Or I want to be a teacher because I can help the kids learn good things. I want to be a firefighter because they save people from fire.

By, Jahkaya Manuelito



My Community

My Community is helping one another. My mom is a nurse at Holy Cross. She helps people who are sick. My Dad builds house's for people in need. A police officer helps people by stopping robberies.



Can kids help? Yes, kids can help. I help my grandma by bringing in firewood. I help my family clean the house. I help take out the trash.

When I grow up I want to be a police officer so I can save lives and stop robberies. Or a doctor who saves lives. Or I might be a firefighter who stops fires and saves lives.

By, Otis Banteah Sandy



My Community

People in my community help each other. My mom help's the others by giving them blankets. My dad helps my sisters with their homework. My teacher helped my whole class by teaching them things they need to know.

Can kids help in the community too. Kids can help alders cross the street. My sisters help me pick up toys. I help take care of Taos Pueblo by making sure there are no fires.

When I grow up I want to become a teacher so I could help kids when they are growing up. Or I'd like to be a doctor to help kids when they are sick or hurt. I also want to help cats and dogs when they are hurt.

By, Jazmin Sprague



Our Community

People can help in the community in many ways. Doctors help save lives. The police keep everyone safe and help people. Firefighter keep houses from being burned down.

Kids can help in the community. They can pick up trash. Kids can give money to a charity. Kids can help the homeless by giving them food.



When I grow up I want to help by being an engineer. They help people in their communities by making new things like robots. I also want to help by being a doctor.

Doctors help sick and injured people. I also could be a taxi driver and they drive people to places they need to be.

By, Cassia Tedesco

My Community
By Geronima Martinez



My community is Taos Pueblo. We have a lot of traditions and one of them is our feast day. Personally, that's my favorite tradition. It is on September 30th. What happens is there are clowns who come out and there is food, jewelry, and snow cone stands. There is a pole and they climb it and they bless you in the river. The clowns are really funny and they also dance. There are no pictures allowed too. My culture has native names and food. My native name is like my 2nd name. My name means Hummingbird sunflower. I am still learning my language. It is really pretty and on Christmas Eve there are bomb fires and you can go around the pueblo if you want. Then, on Christmas day the clowns come out again and they come out early in the morning, just in the morning. There are dances like the corn dance, deer dance, buffalo dance, there is more. That is my community.



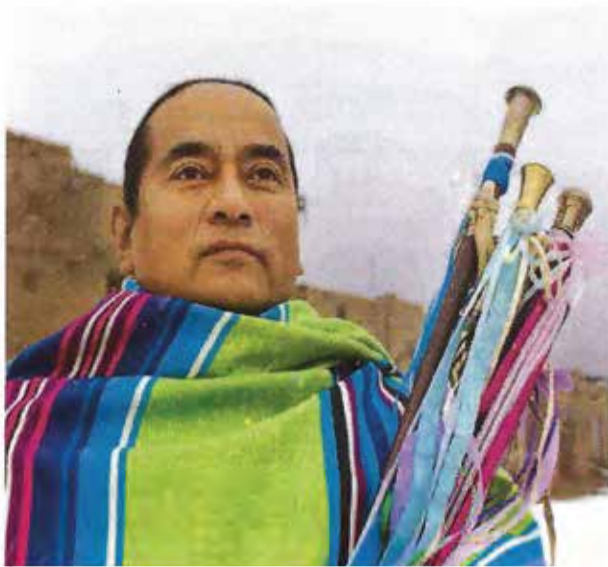
MY Community
Haiku by Geronima Martinez
I love Taos Pueblo
My community is Taos
I like Taos Pueblo



Monica Martinez



My Community
Haiku by Monica Martinez
Taos Pueblo is good
It is my community
I really like it.



My community, Taos Pueblo, has a new governor for 2023. His name is Gary J. Lujan. Governor Lujan served as war chief in 2020. Blessing of the Cane's ceremony took place January 15, 2023. Every year a tribal governor and war chief, along with their staff are appointed.

We all wish Governor Lujan a nice and successful year. We all know that he can take on a challenge.



by Sofia Vigil



My Community

I Love our Native Culture

The food is good here.

Sofia vigil



Write a story about your favorite memory

By Aubree Archuleta

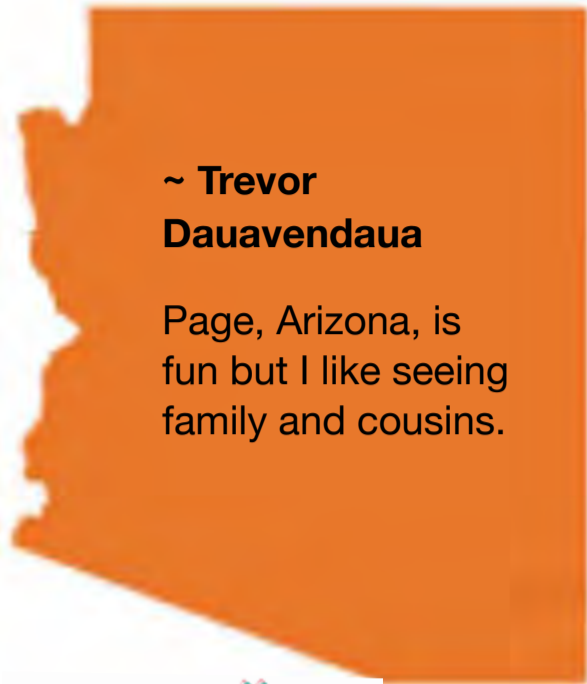
My favorite memory about my community, is when I got to dance with some of my friends. I got some money for dancing so much. It's a fun dance, but I got tired for a while. We get breaks for dancing for a long time. At the end, the dancers get to see the two head dancers hold belles and two more people come out and they are like fighting. It's not real fighting just fake fighting. After that we go home. What I felt when I dance is grateful and my dad and grandma, mom were happy when I danced.

By, Aubree Archuleta

Archuleta

My Community
I like Taos Pueblo.
I like my community.
I Love the Pueblo.





~ Trevor
Dauavendaua

Page, Arizona, is fun but I like seeing family and cousins.

My Community

Taos Pueblo is Home , It is my Community , I like who I am .

~ Elijah Pino



Photo courtesy: fineartamerica.com



Fabulous in Fifth!

I like Taos Pueblo

Taos Pueblo is fun and cool.

I like to have fun.

~ Fabian Valley

I love Taos Pueblo

I like to watch the dances.

The food is the best.

~ Aleah Vigil

My Community

Taos Pueblo is the greatest

The Pueblo is fun.

~ Aurelia

My Community



Taos is my hometown, I live right by Pueblo.

I build a fire.

~ Jacob Gomez



September 30th

One of my favorite memories is September 30th. It is fun to be in the races, because you race against other people and you get candy after the races are over. You can get into a BB gun was with friend and the BB's are plastic so no one gets hurt. You can get scared of the clowns when they come out. You can get food from different stands. My favorite part is when the clowns come and they climb the pole.

By **Winterfox-Yepa-Lujan**

My Family Traditions

By Devin Hise

Grade 6

3/10/23

hello **sixth**
GRADE



~Devin Hise~



In my family we have had many traditions handed down including many types of artwork. We continue to create and design paintings of Taos Pueblo, we also sew moccasins with beadwork, and my grandmother makes different types of pottery and is an excellent bread maker. I like to participate in the races for feast days as well as dance with my Native American attire with other community members. It is exciting to come together to practice for these events because many of my friends and family are there.

My family and I sell much of our artwork at a shop. We make much of it consistently at times and other times we don't. My Uncle Luke makes and beads the moccasins. This is a lengthy process and takes him a while to complete. My dad is an artist and creates Taos Pueblo paintings. It takes my dad less time to complete a painting than it does for my Uncle to make and bead moccasins. My grandmother creates pottery depicting people drumming while sitting. Sometimes she paints them and other times she leaves them in their natural color.

I am happy to know that I've been taught to be an artist and carry on my traditions. I want to learn how to make a drum and the process that's involved. I also would like to learn more about hunting. Some of my other siblings are becoming better artists and create drawings of their choice.

It is important to carry on our traditions and continue to speak our Native language (Tiwa) because we don't want to lose our pathway and way of life. We live in a special place and our ancestors have handed down important lessons for us to keep sacred. This will allow us to keep learning in the moment and in our future.



Our Taos Pueblo Community Isaias Munoz

In Taos Pueblo people hunt Deer, wolf and other animals, but need a hunting license.



This person is making pottery with clay or other materials and you can make one too.



These are moccasins, you can make one in Taos Pueblo



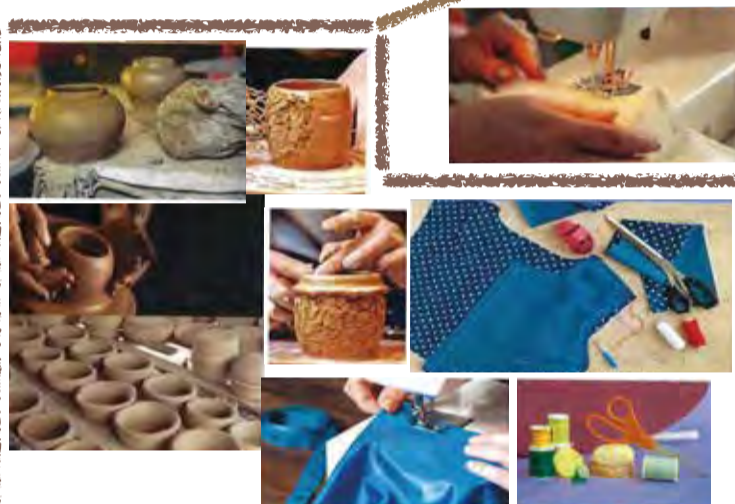
In Taos Pueblo, people make moccasins they are shoes with no

heel but made out of leather. The upper part of the moccasin is often adorned with embroidery or other ornament.

From the earliest times the moccasin was the footwear of the North American Indians and was also worn by hunters, traders and settlers. In the second half of the 20th century, moccasins became a popular sport and shoe. People made moccasins to protect their feet from rough ground. Moccasins were made for walking on leaf covered ground or walking in deserts that have rock and cacti. Pueblo pottery is clay objects created by Indigenous Pueblo people and their ancestors; The Ancestral Puebloans and Mongolian Cultures in the Southwestern United States and New Mexico. For hundreds of years, pottery has been central to Pueblo life as a feature of ceremonial and utilitarian usage. The clay is publicly sourced and is mostly handmade and fired traditionally in an earthen pit. These items take the form of storage jars, canteens, serving bowls, seed jars, and ladles , giving the needs of their every day life. In the Pueblo, people used to hunt with a bow and stone tipped arrows, but now they use guns. They hunted mice, rabbits, squirrels, deer, elk, buffalo, bighorn sheep, antelope, and turkey, and fished with spears. They also gather wild fruit or food like piñon nuts, yucca bulbs and sunflower seeds. They kept turkeys and ate their eggs . But they may not eat the birds themselves. Beans, corn and squash were the most important crops. Called the “ Three Sisters”, these foods were essential for survival because together they gave people the nutritional needs to survive. In the past Indians would heat stones in a fire and drop the stones into a basket with food and water in it. Taos Pueblo is an ancient pueblo belonging to the Taos-speaking (Tiwa) Native American tribe of Puebloan people. It is as far as one mile north of the modern city of Taos , New Mexico. All the pueblos are considered to be the oldest continuously inhabited communities in the United States. Now it has been designated as a UNESCO world heritage site. Taos Pueblo is a member the Eighth Northern Pueblos . Natives will rarely speak of their religious customs with outsiders and because their language was never written down, their cultures are unknown to the rest of the world. (that is a good thing) A tribal land of 95,500 acres is attached to the pueblo and about 4,500 live in this pueblo. The pueblo was constructed in a setting backed by the Taos Mountains of Sangre de Cristo Range .

The settlement was built on the other side of the Rio Pueblo de Taos also known as Rio Pueblo and Red Willow Creek, a small stream that goes through the middle of the Pueblo compound. Its waters come from Blue Lake, (Ba Whyea), from the nearby mountains Taos Pueblo's most prominent architecture featured multi-storied residential, compiled of reddish brown adobe built on either side of the Rio Pueblo. The Pueblo website says it was probably built between the 1000 to 1450. The pueblo was designated a National Historical Landmark on October 9th, 1960. In 1962 it was designated as a UNESCO Heritage site. In 2010, about 150 people lived in the historical Pueblo full-time.

Isaias Munoz~



Anastasia Quintanilla

6th Grade

Our Community

When I started making pottery it was with my grandma. We would make it every once in a while. We would make bowls, cups, vases, or just small animals and more. I was like 6 or so when I started to make pottery and I have gotten better since. I would either ,are pottery with my Grandma or I would also make it with my school in summer camp. They also have someone teaching us how to make it or what to do. When I'm at summer camp, I always have to do pottery because it is super fun and really easy to learn. You can make designs or make basically anything you want in pottery. I love to do pottery in my free time or whenever I can. It's super fun and I love to do it as much as I possibly can and it's not that hard to do either once you get the hang of it. It's really easy to make the clay for pottery. You can buy clay, but you can also just go outside to get some good dirt. Combine it with water until it makes a good resource for clay. One thing I love about pottery is that it helps me absorb information at may own pace. Building with pottery means dealing with pesky gravity and the unique properties of clay, which promotes problem solving skills. I like to use either a pottery wheel or just use my hands when I do pottery, but the wheel makes it easier to form a shape or to make the design smooth and not deformed.

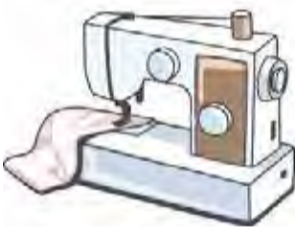


A fun fact about a pottery wheel is that it was invented in Mesopotamia between 6000 and 4000 BCE, bringing pottery to the next level as people could craft it more quickly and efficiently, with more symmetrical and even shapes. I would really recommend for people to start doing pottery if they are thinking about it because it is really easy, fun and simple. You can first start by doing pottery classes which teaches you step by step and it's fun to learn something new.



Sewing

Sewing is one of my favorite hobbies that I have learned so far. I first started to sew when I was about 6 years old and I was in summer camp and sewing was one of the options, so me and my friend started to learn and it was really fun.

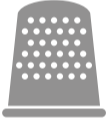


You first start with needle sewing which we did. We learned how to start up and tie a knot in the needle, simple stuff like that. Then we first started with small things to sew like cloth and then moved on to bigger things to do like a t-shirt or a blanket, so we could basically sew whatever we could.

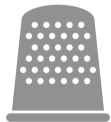
However, most things we can't really sew with a needle so we moved on to the sewing machine which was a whole different situation but it made sewing easier and faster. It wasn't that hard to learn it either. First we learned how to work the machine, what all the buttons do and so on, then we started to sew. It was fun to sew on the sewing machine. But then summer was over so we couldn't do sewing anymore and the next year they didn't have it anymore but I still sewed and learned more and more and now it's one of my favorite hobbies I love.

Sewing is one thing that I love to do just for fun or when I'm bored. I sometimes teach people to sew too, so either people can learn if they like it or not. I wouldn't call myself a professional, I mean I haven't sewed in a while but I still love to do it because I can make myself a t-shirt or something so I can look at it and say "I made it".

I think people would benefit from learning to make pottery or how to sew from taking classes. You can learn something new by doing something creative as a hobby or something else that could be fun.



Anastasia Quintanilla 6th Grade



"Our Community"

By: Hunter Chavez

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On September 29th, I help the men put up the pole for September 30th (feast day). When we go to get feathers, me and my uncle and brother go hunting for birds, skunks, and other mammals. On September 30th, I don't usually go to the Pueblo because I help my Mom and Grandma and my Aunty. After September 30th, we start getting ready for December 25th for the dances. Sometimes I go to dances but I have to get prepared. When I'm done with the dances I go eat with my family and friends at my great great grandma's house and my grandma's house.



My Dad makes jewelry and bracelets with different designs. He makes about 20 bracelets per day and sells some in the Pueblo and in town. My Mom, grandma, and my aunt make the food on feast days. Some people come to eat and some of her friends come over to eat, too. When my brother was little my mom would make him go out to the Pueblo and have a sign and tell people to eat at my grandma's house because my mom makes a lot of food when the Pueblo has feast days. I sometimes go racing on San Geronimo feast day but I have to wake up early to get ready or if I spend the night at my grandma's.



Through my years I have learned all my traditions, doings, and Tiwa language and what to do when I get old. All the doings I learned I can remember in the future and teach my young cousins and little brother what to do when they are going into the Kiva, during ceremonies, rituals, or traditional doings and all of my skills learned in the Kiva.



*** James Vigil ***

6th Grade

Accomplishments

Made by My

Family

My great uncle likes to sell jewelry and drums. His skills were handed down from his family. Most of the jewelry that he sells is silver and turquoise or sometimes both. He will make earrings and bracelets and even necklaces and rings. He also sometimes makes blankets and shawls with enhanced features. He makes drums with deer skin and hollowed out trees. The deer skin that he uses to build his drums is supplied by my cousin's dad who is a hunter and has a lot of dogs in his backyard. My uncle even killed a mountain lion and has the skin/head hanging on his wall in his house. He has a special made dog kennel on his truck that has holes so that the dogs can stick their heads through and uses that truck mainly for when he goes hunting.

I am proud to know of all my uncle's accomplishments. One day I would like for him to teach me about jewelry making and maybe even hunting. One of his accomplishments I really like is that he worked so hard in a little shop and he eventually made his way to a bigger and better shop. This provides me with a good perspective of what I want to accomplish and earn in life.

Dez Hudson
6th Grade

Carrying on my Traditions



I carry on with my traditions and help around the house when we get ready for feast days, or when I help with chopping wood. I help my family get ready for traditional doings at the pueblo by cooking, cleaning, and mainly keeping the wood stove area in order.

In the morning I bring in the wood for the day. I sometimes chop it in the middle of the day and make sure it's stacked neatly. It is a family affair that we gather wood in the mountains. We set out early in the morning and travel for about an hour. The day gets long and tiresome but I enjoy working together and eating lunch for these events. We go for wood at least three times a year.

My mom has had a big hand in training me to be neat and tidy when working or helping to clean and organize. Even at school my desk is always neat and tidy. I take pride in having patience to be sure everything I do is nice and orderly. My mom has been my inspiration and helped me understand the value of family.

I understand the importance of keeping up my traditions and values. My mother has always inspired me to play sports and have fun with my friends and family but she also reminds me to keep on learning and applying myself with academics at Taos Day School.

6 th Grade

Singing and Dancing in My Community



Pretty Plume Rainer

Singing and dancing is something I hold dear to my Heart, because it's in my culture. Music is something that I think makes me feel more alive. So when I'm singing with my family next to my dad, it feels like I belong. Or when I would dance I felt so amazing in my regalia. Or setting up the drum near the powwow arena would always be so exciting to me, or when my older brother would braid my hair, it kind of hurt but later it was worth it because it looked amazing.

It's really cool when the other drums are singing so you can have a nice little break "till it's your turn so you can watch all the dancers. My favorite is when jingle dress and women's fancy dance. I also like to play around and sometimes walk with my brother and walk and look at the vendors.

Or when we walk by food vendors it smells so good! It's nice when you walk out and still hear a drum group singing. It's not nice when you're out and there is one drum before you. So you have to run back to your group. Or when the Powwow starts to end it's a bittersweet sorrow, but it's nice to head home. When our drum heads home we came back with lots of snacks. And it's nice to come home and sleep from the long journey home. After powwow, I can have good dreams and sometimes dream of my experiences I had. I'm happy I can participate in my community.

Taos Pueblo

6th Grade



My family bakes and cooks for the village and we make bread and cookies. Most of us also hunt for deer and elk on special days. What we do is learn the traditions and the language. The drums are made from deer hide and cottonwood or pine wood. When we go hunting for food and get deer we use the skin and we eat the meat. In the village I cook and clean the house and we have a flower garden and I water the vegetable garden. We spend time walking through the village and we play at my grandma's house and swim in the water in the summer. We play by the water and I help my grandma cook in the house four days a week. We cook a lot of food for the family. In the winter on Christmas Day we go down to the bonfires and afterward we cook some Indian tacos for dinner and we also cook these on special days. We like to get together and go walking through the village. In the summer we go swimming in the river. The water in the river is still very cool at that time and takes adjusting too. We mostly go hunting in the hunting season, so we eat and have elk meat and we hand fish. It is so fun! Me and my family have fun making cookies and bread and when we visit my grandma's house we play foot ball, soccer and other games in the front yard. These memories will be with me forever and I too will hand down what I've learned from my family. " I am glad Taos Pueblo is very special to me and my family and Taos is my home". Amberlyn Montoya 6th Grade



The Great Wonders of Taos Pueblo

By Katie Concha 6th 3/6/2023



One of the great wonders of Taos Pueblo is the pueblo in general. It is so beautiful and when you go there you just get the breeze of fresh air and the beautiful mountains which are home to many animals and where Blue Lake is. The Blue Lake is sacred to us and the pueblo houses are used for special holidays or even to live in. In the Pueblo we use our ovens to bake bread and to bake cookies. Usually on some beautiful days the pueblo is open for people to look at the beautiful mountains and the houses and on those days people from the pueblo sell jewelry, pottery, food and artwork in the pueblo. When Covid hit, the pueblo closed down and it was no longer open for people to visit. But at the end of 2022 the Governor decided to open it up again so people could come from all around the world to visit Taos Pueblo. Taos Pueblo is more than 1,000 years old. It was built around 1325 A.D. and that's old: In fact the oldest pueblo in New Mexico is Taos Pueblo and there are about 1,264 people living there currently.

Sometimes me and my grandma go sell at the pueblo. We like to sell fry bread and jewelry. Sometimes I will make jewelry and people will buy from me. When me and my sisters are together we go to my grandma's house and spend time together and play Monopoly and watch movies.

When Christmas comes around we have to clean the pueblo house to get ready for the holiday and put presents under the tree. When I go the Pueblo house to eat on Christmas Day, we have the corn and deer dances and on Christmas Eve, we have the bonfire lighting ceremony which is open for the public to watch .

In Taos we have a special holiday called San Geronimo. That is when people from all around the world come to the pueblo. Pueblo set up stands with candy, food, toys, jewelry and juice for people to enjoy . If you were there you would have great time with your family .

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Logan Winters Tafoya



Taos Pueblo Community

This cafe is my grandmother's. I've eaten here most of my life. The food is very good. It was closed due to Covid and I hope it will be manageable by the time we get back to normal.



This is a dog vaccination event that was arranged by my Aunt Holly. My Aunt Holly also arranges other events for the Taos Pueblo.



My grandpa Carl, is a moccasin maker. He lived in a small town in North Dakota. In his spare time, he crafted moccasins out to leather and suede. He would spend hours cutting, stitching dying the leather. My grandpa Carl is not only an expert moccasin maker, he is also a crafty artistic. He could transform each pair of moccasins into a beautiful unique work of art.

Grandpa Carl taught me a lot about the craft of moccasin making. He explained the importance of using quality leather and choosing the right materials for the job. He also showed me how to pattern the leather and to make sure the stitching was even. He also taught me the importance of dying the leather to give it the perfect color and texture. My grandpa Carl was very particular about the details of his moccasins and he made sure that every pair was perfect.

He was also willing to answer any questions my cousins had about the craft. He was always patient and kind with everyone he taught. Grandpa Carl was passionate about making moccasins and he was dedicated to his craft. He enjoyed the challenge of creating a beautiful and unique pair of moccasins for each of his customers. He would often spend hours working on a single pair, making sure that every detail was perfect.

His moccasins were so well made that they could last for years. My grandpa Carl was an incredible moccasin maker. He was an artist and a teacher and he shared his knowledge and love of the craft with everyone. My grandpa is not from Taos Pueblo. However, he continues to make moccasins. My grandpa is also a very good guitar player and proud Grandpa.



Logan Winters Tafoya

My Grandma Esther, is a strong determined woman who has always been an inspiration to me. She is the proud owner of the Adobe Cafe in the Pueblo, and she has worked hard to make it a success. Esther was born and raised in the Pueblo and she has always had a passion for cooking. She learned the basics of cooking from her mother and grandmother and then she perfected her own recipes over the years. She dreamed one day of owning a restaurant, and when the opportunity came to open the Above Cafe she jumped at the chance and never looked back.



The Adobe Cafe has become a beloved local spot and people love my grandma's cooking. She serves up classic tribal food dishes with a unique twist, and she always makes sure to use the freshest ingredients. Everything is cooked to perfection and the flavors are always spot on. She is always willing to lend a helping hand and give advice to her family. Her restaurant is a place where everyone feels welcome and where they can get a home cooked meal. Esther has worked hard to make the Adobe Cafe a success, and she has achieved her dream of owning a restaurant. She is an inspiration to me and many others, and I am proud to call her my grandma. The Adobe Cafe is closed currently due to Covid and she is hoping to start it back up. Due to my uncle being born my grandma is probably going to retire but she will never retire from being the best Great Grandma in the whole world.



We mud plaster the exterior of our homes or shops every spring for maintenance of our buildings. It takes several to help with the completion of our plaster projects.

Ben Mondragon



The Art of Plastering at Taos Pueblo

Every year me, my brother and my dad mud plaster the exterior of our pueblo home. This is a project we look forward to because it keeps our home from deteriorating from the seasonal weather and erosion. When we finish, it takes about a day or two to dry. We use special tools to smooth out the bumps so it will have a polished finish. Plastering has been passed down for generations and our ancestors have kept up the traditions of mud plastering from year to year.

To start this project we gathered sifted dirt, bales of straw, and enough water for our project. I collect the water from the river in a bucket to put into the wheelbarrow. My dad and brothers sift the dirt and mix it with the water. Once it turns into mud consistency we put enough straw to strengthen the overall plaster. Sometimes we must add more water as the mud thickens. Before we start plastering, we wet the walls by splashing it with a wet paint brush. It is hard work to mud plaster and it takes several of us to work together to be sure it doesn't dry too quickly as we apply our coatings. We fill in the cracks in the walls with mud and use our tools to sooth out any inconsistencies. It usually takes several hours to complete this project. We will continue to plaster our pueblo home at Taos Pueblo to maintain the stability of our home and continue the generation from year to year. I am happy I took part in this project because it is rewarding to see that hard work pays off.

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Native American Drums



What are Native American drums used for?

Regarded as a living entity, the drum is viewed simultaneously as a spiritual guardian and a musical instrument, a living tradition and a reference to a past way of life. The most important Native American instrument was, and still is the drum, as no one can tell by simply going to any powwow. We use drums for round dance songs and ceremonies to keep our culture alive.

What are Round Dance Songs?

Red Willow Indians like me use round dance to give thanks to the animals and to control the weather and to pray for good things to happen. These are the singers: John C. Gomez, Orlando Lujan, Ralph Lujan, Bennie Mondragon, Ruben Romero, Louis Sandoval. Ralph Lujan is my grandpa and he started singing when he was a teenager and he still sings now that he's between 70 to 75 years old. Round Dance is very important to the Red Willow Indians.



Native American PowWows !

We have powwows every year on Thanksgiving and other events but mainly to bring the community together. Powwow dancers, dance for the pow wows and the Grass dancers start first to pray for the other dancers. First the powwow singers bring their own drums for a group. Some singers come a long way for powwows to sing.

Our Taos Pueblo Community * Taya Concha 7th Grade

My community is Taos Pueblo, a place that's been around for over thousands of years. Some people that live there have shops where they sell food, jewelry, drums, and other things. Some things that people sell at their shops are frybread, frito pies, and other different types of food. The pueblo is made out of adobe brick which is made out of mud and straw. People often plaster their houses once a year to keep them from falling apart. Plastering is more mud and straw mixed together and gets spread on the houses and other buildings in the village that are made out of adobe such as the church that is located inside of the pueblo. There is also a river that runs through the middle of the pueblo that has fresh, cold water that people can drink. Something I like to do in our community is ride my bike and go on bike rides around the pueblo with my friends. Some different types of art that local people make at the pueblo are jewelry, pottery, drums, beaded accessories and music. The different types of music that people listen to and make are flute music and people also make music with the traditional drums that are made with wood and hide from animals. Something that makes our community unique is our native language, Tiwa, that we use everyday. Our community participates in a lot of traditional doings such as dances and a big day like San Geronimo that takes place on September 30th. San Geronimo is a day when we make a lot of different traditional foods to eat and also have a lot of other events going on all day. I am proud to be a part of my community because of all the special and unique things that I get to take part in as a Native American from Taos Pueblo.



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Beaded Earrings * By: Starlene Chee

My sister and I carry on our traditions by beading earrings, and I'm also starting to learn how to bead bracelets. It takes like an hour or sometimes it can be faster if you are good at it. These earrings are handmade by me and my sister and we can sell them and make money and help around the house. It is fun to make earrings as well as the bracelets and the beads are very small but it's not that hard to do.

I started learning about the earring and beading process when I was about 10 years old. It didn't take me long to learn and I realized I really enjoyed beading. What I am good at is beading various types and shapes of earrings. I can make about 2 sets in a day. I do this when I have extra time in the day or when it's the weekend. My sister and I usually bead together. This makes the time go faster as we talk and laugh together. My mother and father used to bead as well. When I was younger I also learned from Mrs. Young at Taos Day School. It really seemed like a natural process and was easy for me to pick up.

I am grateful for all my mentors that helped teach me the art of beading and jewelry making. I want to open a shop so I can make money so that I can help the family and I financially. I can sell the earrings that my sister and I made. A business would be great to own and provide me with good experience so I can share and teach other friends and family. My family and I can help and sell stuff so we can make and work in our own shop.



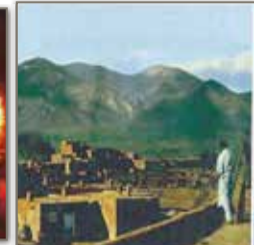
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Our Taos Community

Monique Concha

In our Taos community, me and my family get dressed in our Indian clothes and we cook a lot of different food for our feasts. Sometimes I like to help cook but not all the time because I don't really like to cook so I help with other stuff like setting the table and if someone needs help to get ready I'll help them out. In the first of the year like around January 6th we bathe in the river around 3,4,5 in the morning. It happens every year. I like to go but I didn't get to go this year so I'll have to wait until next year.

On September 30 we have a big every year. We have races that happen in the morning and later in the day there's stands where you can get food, drinks and there's like other stands that sell a lot of different things. In the morning of September 30th we get dressed and we head up to the pueblo and watch the races. Then we go home and finish cooking and later around 2 we go up to the Pueblo again and I go hang out with my friends and wait until the clowns climb the pole. Then me and my family go home and we set the table and wait until everybody is at the table, then we say a little prayer before we start eating. For Christmas we have bonfires in the middle of the Pueblo. The men set up the bonfires during the day and some of the bonfires are tall and when they light them at night it's pretty and because there's a lot of bonfires lit. When it's in the evening it looks like the pueblo is on fire because there's a lot of smoke and the smoke hits the sun it looks like there's a big dark cloud on top of the pueblo. But before it happens me and my family, we cook food and before we go up to the pueblo we eat then get ready. I enjoy seeing my family that I haven't seen in a long time.



What our Culture means to Me

What my traditional culture means to me is that, I respect and appreciate our way of life and what our ancestors have handed down to us to remember and pass along. We must always respect our elders and people that are around you. We must also participate in our dances, help cook, clean our community surroundings, chop wood gather water from the river and other community efforts we partake in. Boys may go into the Kiva if they are allowed to and adhere to the guidelines and responsibilities. This means that family involvement is very important. This may be for a commitment of 6-18 months at a time. After completion, boys become men and are allowed to participate in any and all traditional doings they may have. All four of my brothers have done the Kiva ways: Miles Espinosa, Chance Espinosa, Kenneth Antonio Jr., and Zack Antonio. My family and I are very proud of their accomplishments. I help with household chores and duties during ceremonies or feast days. I set the table and do the dishes. I enjoy going down to the village for feast days and my birthday is before San Geronimo so it's a very special time for me. It's like I get to celebrate two things at once .



~ Hayden Antonio ~

My Family at Taos Pueblo

Selena Rodriguez

Me and my family have a pueblo house in the village. There are about 18 of us and on feasts and holidays we go to the village and all cook and clean. On some feast days I'm not allowed to touch the food or even say it looks good because I'm not a woman yet. On September 30, me and Tasha eat, then we help get water and clean up after people. But most of the time my Uncle's don't help. When there's dancing my mom and aunts go and watch the dances then I go get Tasha; then we eat before they get back. Every feast every year we do this.

Me and my family paint the walls together on cleaning day and we sweep and move the furniture and clean and wash the beds. Now that I am getting older I have to dance soon. Every time my aunts or cousins dance we always help each other. Me and my family aren't really that close but we look out for each other. Tasha is a part of my family but she has a different pueblo house. On holidays we just talk but I go and play by the river when we do. Sometimes when there are dances we go watch but they are really long and I don't like to stand for a long period of time. But the family I live with all go at the same time. Me and my family wake up early and get ready to leave, then we cook there for my whole family so we can all eat together. But sometimes my aunts already made breakfast.

My dad's side is not Native so we don't really do anything to celebrate festivities. On my mom's side, my whole family comes to everything we celebrate, like Christmas and Easter and even my sisters birthday. I only have three uncles on my mom's side and mostly girls. And they don't really help because they are always busy or they don't come at all. And my grandma and grandpa passed away already. On All Soul's Day, we all cook for our ancestors and feed. We also cook bread together and cookies in the ovens outside. We don't have power or running water, so every time I'm over there I go and get out buckets to fill them up then take them inside. This is an annual tradition that we are proud to be part of.





Our Taos Pueblo

Community

Tasha Smallcanyon



My uncle Neil makes Jewelry like this and he owns a shop in the pueblo to sell his art work. He and my aunt work together on jewelry . He mostly makes rings, earrings and bracelets. He and my grandpa used to make jewelry together but now that my grandpa is older he can't make jewelry anymore.

Around the summertime my grandma makes pottery and sells cookies and bread at her shop in the pueblo. Sometimes she will teach me something about pottery like how to make designs and mold it into a shape I want. Also my little sister likes to sell paintings and rocks to make her own money and my uncle Neil also sells jewelry in his shop at Taos Pueblo. My auntie also does beadwork on moccasins. She also taught me how to do bead work on clothes and me and my grandpa make moccasins for my aunt so she can do her bead work on the moccasins.

Also help out with my grandma with fixing food for the holidays like making fry bread, red chili green chili and posolé. My favorite thing to make is potato salad because I like to dice up the potatoes, boiled eggs, pickles and other ingredients. For desserts me and my sister make a cherry and apple pies as well as cookies. My grandma makes the dough so we can shape them and get them ready to put in the oven. Same with the fry bread, but my grandma makes the dough and then she waits for it to rise and when it rises, she puts oil in a pan and we wait for it to get hot. We then shape the bread in to triangles using a knife.

We make food like that for feast days or other different ceremonies. My auntie sometimes comes over to my grandmas's house to help make food. I also help get water for my grandma and grandpa and sometimes help clean house for them.



Our Community

~ Kale Concha ~



What we do to make homes in our Pueblo

Taos Pueblo homes are made out of adobes that help keep our homes warm in the winter and cool in the summer. In addition to the adobe buildings, other notable features of the pueblo include (religious and ceremonial spaces), the surrounding defensive wall and the sacred ruins of Cornfield Taos.





Who built Taos Pueblo?

Built by the Northern Tiwa tribe, the pueblo is made entirely of adobe, a combination of earth mixed with straw and water and then either poured in to forms or made into sun-dried bricks to build walls that are often several feet thick.

What's inside the houses?

The Pueblo is made entirely of adobe - earth mixed with water and straw, then either poured into forms or made into sun-dried bricks, the walls are frequently several feet thick. The roofs of each of the five stories of the pueblo homes are supported by large timbers- vigas- hauled down from the mountain forests. It is customary for homes to be adorned with pottery, historical paintings, weaved basketry, dried vegetables, Native American blankets and many other items that have special and relevant value to our people.

Who are some famous people from Taos Pueblo?

Chances are, if you've put Taos on your Southwest itinerary, you already know the famous names linked to this mountain mesa with the river running through it. Maybe you even know the names of others who made a mark on Taos history.

What crops did the Taos Pueblo grow?

The Ancestral Puebloans began cultivating the beans, squash, and corn the Three Sisters, as staple food crops. They also began cultivating cotton to make clothing. Other vegetables that are currently grown are, blue corn, red beans, green beans, red corn, and pumpkin.

How old is Taos Pueblo?

Taos is roughly 1,000 years old. As one of the oldest continuously inhabited communities in the country. Taos Pueblo is best known for its iconic, multi-storied adobe complexes built roughly 1,000 years ago.

After I fulfilled becoming a man while committing my time and effort in the Kiva, I am happy that I was able to partake in learning about my traditions. I am proud to be a Native American as well as celebrate my culture where I could be who I am because I love being a Native American. I can do so many things in my life and also help with traditional doings in my community. I look forward to becoming a leader in my community.



Dancing, Traditional Clothing, And Traditional Jewelry

By Kalei Ava Marcus
7th grade 3-9-23



Taos Pueblo is a unique place and we have wonderful food here. There is so much history about the village and our people, and there are some beautiful dances and traditions. My grandmother used to dance the feather dance when she was younger and my grandfather used to sing for the feather dance and he also would dance the deer dance some time ago. My grandmother has many pictures of us kids dancing and she wants to pass on the generation to me and my cousins as we get older. My dad dances the turtle dance, deer dance, and the buffalo dance. He dances every year in the winter. I like to dance the feather dance. It's sometimes cold when I dance. I get a lot of gifts from people when I dance at the end of winter and sometimes I would even get money as a gift.

My great grandmother always participated in the feather dance. Her favorite dance was the hand dance. My auntie used to powwow dance and her brother and my dad and my auntie would go together and also enter contest dancing and they would sometimes win. My grandmother makes shawls, skirts and barrettes. She also makes Indian shirts. She takes her time making the clothes that way people can actually enjoy their Native American hand made clothing. My grandfather makes moccasins and he also makes beaded moccasins. He also makes Bolo ties and beaded bracelets. My dad makes earrings and necklaces and he also makes pocket knives out of deer antlers and he takes time to make his crafts. A lot of people buy our crafts even from last years projects. I like to make paintings and anklets for people and I plan to make candles and other jewelry etc. My grandmother also makes keychains. After all, dancing is important to us because its sacred and it has a special meaning and we all share our own dances and we all care for each other. We sometimes ask others if they need help with anything or if they're okay. We even help each other out if they don't know how to dance or make something or how to do something in our Indian ways. Providing help to others is our way of life.

Welcome To 8th Grade

8th Grade Teacher: Mrs. Espinoza

The 8th grade class has spent much time reflecting on who they are, and where they come from. They have persevered through a pandemic and remained strong and supportive of each other.

My prayers to the Great Spirit for them are this:

"Spread your wings and take with you the love, blessings, and teachings of your community wherever your path leads you. Always lead with your heart, give kindness, and come home to your community sharing with us what new gifts you have learned along the way." Sincerely, Mrs. Espinoza



Reesa
Concha

Taos Pueblo

Peaceful like a flower meadow, quiet and welcoming.

Beautiful as the art that crowds shops, intricate but careful.

Kind like an innocent child, unaware of the dangers of the world.

Sweet like fresh honey, raw but light.

Happiness like a child, sweet and overflowing with joy.

Calm like a tranquil pond of water, unbalanced roughly at a single touch.

Fragile as a butterfly, exposed by its own beauty.



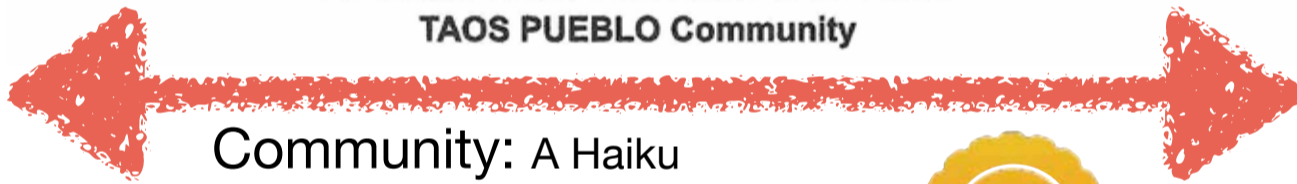
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TAOS PUEBLO Community
One of the oldest pueblo's of today
The Taos Pueblo community has an immunity against the government
But these days we're not focused on the community itself

One of the oldest pueblo's of today
Everyone always helping one another
But these days we're not focused on the community itself
Someone always weeping or sleeping

Everyone always helping one another
Our traditions bringing everyone together
Someone's always weeping or sleeping
No matter what conditions were there

Our traditions bringing everyone together
One house the whole community
No Matter What Conditions Were There
TAOS PUEBLO Community



Community: A Haiku

By: Arik Gasco



In our community

Youth and elders thrive

Like a drum beat in unison.



8th Grade



Arik Gasco

Poems: Home

Couplet:

In our new house,
I have a cat
who crept like a mouse

Limerick:

I have an orange cat
who is quite fat,
who lurked in the
house
quiet like a mouse

Cinquain:

Birds
Flying, landing,
Eating, nesting,
protecting, Soaring
through the wind ,
Colors

Haiku:

The river flows,
As it calls the leaves,
To prepare for fall

I am Arik
Funny, mean, talkative
Child of June and Ben
Who loves music
Who needs honesty
Who feels happy
Who gives back
Who fears nothing
Who would like to
be a Marine
I am Arik



The Bright Night

The river flows
Cold at night
While the fish float as it is
sleeping at night Cold at night
while
The river freezes over with ice
As it is sleeping at night
The river over rises during
night
The river freezes over with ice
As the moon rises at night and
The river over rises at night as
the night becomes bright.

~ **Matthew Concha** ~

**Poetry of
Community**

By: Emilina Lucero
Being in my room is
where I wanna be
Enjoying the space
Dark sometimes
Random stuff
everywhere
Occasionally friends
come hang out in
there
Often I eat in
there
My favorite place in
my house is my
room.

Yvonne

Kind, caring, Funny,
Fun , smiley,
teacher
Mom

San G

Scary crowded
Hungry laughing
crying
Footsteps, talking
clowns running
chili bread rivers
climbing booths.

Community Poem



My Home

I feel safe here
I don't like dogs
The river lets me hear
I like to hike in the fog

I don't like the dogs
The tree's are calm
I like to hike in the fog
I know the back roads like the back of my palm

The trees are calm
My community is nice
I know the back roads like the back of my palm
The river is sometimes cold as ice

My community is nice
The stew my mom like to steer
I know the back roads like the back of my palm
I feel safe when Im here

~ Morgan ~



Caitlin Ortiz



MY HOME



~ Morgan



Cinquain:
Water
Calm, Flowing
Relaxing, Peaceful, Gushing
Splashing, Strait goal
Grateful

Quatrain:
The feet hit the ground
As the sun makes its round
The sound loud as a plane
While it sometimes rains

Clerihew:
My cousin Abran
Sometimes acts like a caveman
He stumbles around
But gets to the mound

Community:
Fragile, Warm
Working, lively, welcoming Native, culture, tradition, tribe, People, children, feast , dancing, talking

Couplet:
The red Chile smells divine
because the aunties made it in time

Acrostic:

Taos Day School
Authentic beauty in my community
October is the best in New Mexico
Sunsets in New Mexico

Diamante:

Nature
Green, Beautiful
Growing, Fresh, Natural
Life, Animals, Food, Earth, Grass
Bright, Thunder, Glow
Universe Cycle
Water

Five Senses:

Taos
Nice, Cold
Warm,
People, Sun
Mountains,
Nature, Grass
Beautiful,
Small, Snow,
Traveling

Cinquain:

Home
Comfortable
Fun
Family,
Friends,
Pets
Bed, Food,
Sleeping,
Siblings
Taos

Haiku:

Summer Nights
perfect time to be
outside and be
with people the
perfect
temperature to
enjoy the world

EIGHTH GRADE

Poems by Leia Mondragon

Cupcake
Playful,loveable
Admirable,Cuddle,Fuzzy
Strong,Fast,Memories,Cheerful
Goofy,Caring,Curious,Loved, Funky

I am Leia
Simple,lazy,trusting
Child of Jason & Ila
Who loves being alone
Who enjoys music
Who is hardworking
Who fears reptiles
Who hates talking
Who would like to study in some type of biology
I am Leia

Through my eyes midnight
Moon shimmers in the void sky
Tiring one step by night time

-Taos pueblo is where I'm from and I'm proud to be native american
-Any time I go to the river I'm blessed to know that the river is fresh from the mountains.
-On the tippy top of the mountains I imagine myself looking at the village from below.
-Sundown is the best time to take a walk in the calming relaxing night fall time.

Silence is the ultimate disguise it cloaks the truth and muffles the lies.
Close your mouth and open your eyes and everyone will think you're wise.

My Community

*My home is where my heart is
I feel at peace when I am at home
I feel as if i could never be apart
When i'm home i feel like i'm not alone*

*I feel at peace when i am at home
Oh home what would i do without you
I feel as if i could never be apart
Leaving would devastate me
Oh home what would i do without you
I feel as if i could never be apart
When i'm home i feel like i'm not alone
My home is where my heart is*

By: Tabitha Tedesco



HOME IS WHERE THE ❤️ IS !

I am **Maya**
 Funny, shy, kind
 Child of Cedar and
 Dwayne
 Who loves to watch
 documentaries
 Who loves listening to
 music while reading
 Who loves to sleep
 Who fears spiders or any
 kinds of bugs
 Who would like to be an
 Attorney or a Homicide
 Detective

Maya
 Quiet Shy
 Funny Kind Energetic
 Secretive Nice Helpful Loyal
 Caring Chill Respectful
 Talkative Loving
 Creative

Daisy
 Cuddly Lazy
 Fuzzy Soft Playful
 Sleepy Fluffy Loyal Drooly
 Alert Impatience Joyful
 Jolly Cute

T- The days I like is when
 it is sunny and a little bit
 windy and cold.

A- After school I like to go
 to my grandmas and
 hangout with my cousin to
 go on walks.

O- Often I like to read and
 listen to music because
 it's calming

S - Sunsets are always
 pretty when you go on
 drives. I like to go on
 drives with my mom to see
 the sunsets

The aspen leaves blow
 Back and forth making
 them fall With all the
 others already on the
 ground



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 Jim O'Donnell : Taos Overlook

MY HOME

~ Sadie ~

Acrostic:

Pueblo
Uncles
Earth
Bear
Land
Oak wood

I am Sadie
 Talkative, Funny
 Child of Ilona
 Who is nice
 Who hangs out with friends
 Who wants to play basketball
 Who fears her little sister
 Who needs listening
 Who wants to go to college
 I am Sadie

Couplet:

The spider lives higher
 than the liar on fire

Diamante

Earth
 Bright, Nice
 Living, Growing, Creating
 Trees, Plants, Insects,
 Flowers Blooming, Giving,
 Existing Colorful, Pretty
 World

Clerihew:

My little sister, Amari Lujan
 Likes to play with toys
 But doesn't like to share
 She sometimes scares me



My Home



Taos Pueblo is my home. I have my community and family. If I need any help I can depend on my community and I'm learning my language and my culture. The thing I like about feast day is spending feast day with my family, also when walking around feast day there are stands where you can buy some drinks, toys or you can get some fry bread, also seeing the clowns climb the pole is fascinating as they do every year and it's kinds funny if a clown chose someone to lay in the river, sometimes people would run away from the clowns. That's only if the person was doing something wrong, mostly kids get in trouble because they get bb guns and shoot at the clowns. I like the dances as they have many of them, also seeing them at the powwow as they go on for quite awhile and hearing the music is lifting as the drums warm the whole community, as you can feel the drums in your chest. I like the music very much and them singing is a grateful opportunity to hear and seeing the colorful blankets, necklaces and bracelets. It's all very exciting to see and experience. The food is great too. I like the potato salad and the chili all the food in general is really good especially the fry bread and frog eyes which is a dessert. As I remember quiet season was coming up and what quiet season is that you have to be quiet in the Pueblo for a while and the cold weather made me find a new appreciation for winter

~Starlin Gomez

My Community

My community is very special to me because it has feast days that we celebrate every year. September 30th is the big feast day. I go with my cousins that day or my friends. Sometimes I'll stay at my village house with my family. That day is filled with so many emotions.

Summertime is my favorite time on the pueblo because it is very brightful and beautiful. We go swimming about everyday or just chill at someone's house from my friend group. We usually ride our bikes everyday or walk anywhere and everywhere. There are two feast days during the summer time. After Summer and September 30 it's Christmas Eve and Christmas.

I have been going to the pueblo for feast day every single year I've been here. I like looking forward to going there and seeing all my family members. I like where I come from and my community is there. I think it is important to learn about what happens every feast day and what they are. Also to learn about the Pueblo and community. There are still some things I don't know but I want to learn about them in the future.

Having this connection to my community means a lot to me . My grandma Elaine and grandpa Louie, teach me things about the Pueblo and the language every time I see them. My other grandma Rose and grandpa Ralph also do the same thing. I enjoy listening to them talking to me and having conversations with them. ~Sadie Pepion ~



My Community

By Caitlin Ortiz



Our community is very helpful but sometimes there are things in the community that aren't too good. There are some things that can be harmful to the community and to the earth in general. Something that isn't that good about our community is that we should try to help with the trash on the ground all around the pueblo. Another thing I think our community needs to deal with is drugs and alcohol. There are lots of people that struggle with both but I think as a community we should help each other with this problem.

There are lots of things that are good with our community. When there are dances or races our community comes to work together to get clothes made and for food to be gathered. There are lots of things that we can all get together for no matter your age. Families start to make food and get prepared for these cultural doings either hours before or sometimes days before. Women work together to help families cook and bake before something big happens in our community.

In our community we have feast days, the main one being on September 30th. This feast day is welcoming our community but also people that aren't from here to see how we celebrate this day. There are food stands that people can come and set up so that they can get money. Anyone can have a stand in the village on feast day. For the pole climb our community comes to watch, along with anyone else who comes to visit from different countries to watch or just from town to see everything. Families and friends get together during this to get food together or just to walk around and watch. My family will come down from wherever they live so they can be involved in the pueblo and on feast days.

I go to the dances and feast days with my family. We all go and walk around and watch. Usually I'll go with my family but I always end up going and walking around with my friends and getting food or just talking. My friends are usually also at the pueblo during things like this so I think it's fun to meet up with them and do something. Sometimes it gets really hot so it's nice to get something cold and refreshing like a drink or a snowcone. I think community is very important.



Taos Pueblo
By: Kiara Quintanilla

My grandmother Diana Archuleta brought Taos Pueblo into the bloodline which makes me a quarter Native American. Although I have not been raised like I am just a quarter. I have lived on Taos Pueblo and gone to Taos Day School for as long as I can remember with people I've known since the first grade.

Art is one of my favorite things about my culture. My grandmother makes pottery for fun. A few of my uncles bead jewelry and sell it to their close friends. My other uncles make moccasins and dreamcatchers for his mom's shop in the village. My mom used to paint landscapes of Taos Pueblo and sell them in the pueblo to tourists. I think it's amazing that I am exposed to so many different forms of art.

The Feast days in Taos Pueblo are always magical and sacred to my family and me. We dance, we eat, we pray, and then we clean up. Throughout the day you will be surrounded by people who make you feel happy and loved.

We have bonfires in the pueblo in the winter for Christmas. They are very beautiful to watch and admire. These Special events are very important to our community because during this time we can unite with family and friends. Though we do not always get along we somehow always find a way back to each other because we are naturally connected.

One way I could describe Taos Pueblo is that the village houses in the pueblo remind me of a castle (if castles were made out of adobe) with little castles surrounding a big castle. With a beautiful river surrounded by trees and flowers. We also have a big Church painted white with a cross. And in the front of the pueblo there is a big ash pile.



Smaller thing about Taos Pueblo that I find pretty interesting and unique are the dogs. Some people call them the Rez dogs even though Taos Pueblo is not a reservation which I also find pretty interesting but there are dogs all over the pueblo. And everyone is just used to seeing them wander around pueblo. My grandmother said the family that lived right next to her family in the pueblo used to share a dog and feed her back and forth.

When I was younger I learned how to say thank you in Tiwa which is the language that is spoken in Taos Pueblo. I have been learning Tiwa since the 2nd grade and have really enjoyed and improved in it. Tiwa is not a written language like English but the school's Tiwa teacher sometimes writes it for us to help us learn. Hearing my family and musicians sing in it reminds me of how great it is to be a part of one language.

When I'm older I plan on leaving Taos but Taos Pueblo will always have a very special place in my heart, the feast days, the dances, the food, the bonfires, the dogs, the river, the shops, the Art, the community and my school I am very grateful that I get to experience things that other kids don't and be a part of the beauty which is Taos Pueblo.

By: Kiara Quintalla

8th grade

Taos



I am Taos and Taos is me. I've lived in Taos, New Mexico all of my life and I'm 13. I feel like people just end up here. I don't know-how, they just do. But I really do love it here. It's the perfect small town. Most of my family from Taos Pueblo has never left. Which for me is another pro as in being Native especially in Taos. I mean Natives make up most of Taos. I feel very lucky that I'm from Taos and Taos Pueblo. Most of my friends are from Taos Pueblo too and I have grown really strong connections with all of them. I feel I can honestly thank where I live for that. More pros about living here is the fact that pretty much everyone knows everyone. I mean I could ask my mom, dad, grandma, or even a friend's mom about someone and they would know who I'm talking about. The scenery is so beautiful too. I think the sunsets in Taos could top a lot of cities. And something else that tops a lot of cities is the travel time. We are limited on some things but it's really easy to go from one place to another. I love the Walmart and Smith's. A staple piece in Taos definitely. The small businesses do make up a lot of Taos also. Like in the plaza where all the town events happen. The Christmas tree lighting is my favorite. Of course there are things I don't like. The weather's off sometimes. An example is right now I mean yesterday was the first day of spring and the weather was 36 Fahrenheit with light rain. It also snowed yesterday. Another thing about Taos that kind of bugs me is the lack of activities you could say. Off the top of my head I can think of the community center where you can swim, ice skate, they have an arcade and a skate park. They have the Touch a Truck which is what it sounds like you touch trucks and cars, they also have a merry go round with all sorts of STEM things for you to do. A few weeks ago was Dr. Seuss's birthday and to celebrate people dressed up as a cartoon characters and went ice skating at the youth center of course. More about the plaza and how it is more of a fancier way the town celebrates. Every year we have the fiestas, Christmas tree lighting, trunk or treat, and during the summer that always do something. During the fiestas the food is always awesome and greasy and you can buy so many different things. During Christmas they always have a huge tree towering over you. The Trunk or Treat is pretty packed each year but it's so cool how many people participate. And I think in 2021 during the summer the plaza put on a bunch of free concerts like the park put on a bunch of free movies screenings during the summer this year. One more thing I would love to talk about is Taos Pueblo. 1. The food is so good. 2. San Geronimo, which is also a fest day and I think is the funnest. I get to see my friends and just get to experience Taos Pueblo. 3. The community, everyone is their own person with their own personalities. 4. The clothes, they are as unique as the can get or you can find. I don't own a lot of traditional clothing but one skirt and its long, beautiful and light blue. And last but not least, 5. The Pueblo itself, the houses and architecture is one of a kind. My grandmother lived in the Pueblo with all 8 of her siblings carrying water in big bowls, dancing on feast days and learning how to sew from their mother. It's just amazing. I hope everyone will get to experience my town of Taos and Taos Pueblo. It's special and could be more recognized but not too much recognized. My love for Taos and Taos Pueblo goes far beyond myself. It's every restaurant, museum, salon, grocery store, Walmart, Park and every single one of my ancestors that was part of Taos Pueblo. The memories that this town holds will be with me forever.

Taos Pueblo by: Isaiah Tenorio

Taos's pueblo is a beautiful and peaceful place to spend your time with family and friends.

The adobe multi-storied homes of Taos pueblo have captivated painters and photographers since the 1920, when an artist colony formed in nearby Taos and virtually established southwest art.

It helped inspire the pueblo Revival style of architecture in contemporary New Mexico. Taos's pueblo, also known as the red willow, sits at the base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

The village, which is one of the oldest continuously inhabited communities in North America, was designated a World Heritage site and a National Historical site in 1992. The pueblo is home to 4,500 people who value their privacy and insist visitors do the same.

Signs mark houses around the plaza that sell arts and crafts. Respect the off-limits signs and don't climb the ladders to the rooftops Taos pueblo is open daily but closes for ceremonial purposes. San Geronimo Feast Day on sept 30 is the largest event of the year.



Dear Readers







I hope you all enjoyed once again, reading this years 3rd edition, of the Taos Day School's Literacy Magazine "As The Eagles Fly". It truly has been an Honor working on this wonderful creative project for the Students and Community of Taos Pueblo. I am continuously amazed and proud of the work and effort that has been put into each entry, every year by each student that participates. This year, I personally chose the photograph for the front cover. I believe that it captures the True Authentic Beauty of the Taos Pueblo Community.

I personally would like to thank the Bureau of Indian Education, Title IV Student Support Funding. For believing and financially supporting our project through their grant process. Ms. Joanne Crass for her continued support and coordinating an independent judging panel that reads each entry, and creates a platform for awarding, First thru Third Place Winners in each grade level. I also would like to thank the, Taos Lion's Club for their continuous support of our magazine, and ongoing project based student learning platforms. And Mrs. Pam Randall from, Unicorn School Supply, for her continued support and generous contributions with the prizes for each grade level winners .

And a big Thank you to all the Teachers and Educational Technicians who work daily with all of your students. Thank you for making this magazine possible by creating a "Community" with in your school. May you all continue to recognize the wonderful and creative talents in All Your Students and Children of Taos Pueblo and Taos Day School.

Many Blessings and Gratitude,

Paula Martinez
Taos Day School Magazine
Coordinator/ Editor

 May the sun bring new energy by day,
May the moon softly restore you by night, 
May the rain wash away your worries, 
May the breeze blow new strength into 
your being,
May you walk gently through the world
and know it's beauty all the days of your
life. ~Hari Singh Bird~





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