Dear Cochiti Families,

Happy Wednesday! There is excitement in the air at Cochiti School as we look forward to a long Thanksgiving Break. It was hard to stay focused this week. Friday is almost here. I want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and I also want to make sure you know that I am grateful for all of you. This truly is a special place and it is because of the amazing students, teachers and staff, and families in our community. Thank you for your support as we continue to work together this year.

The Scholastic Book Fair begins Monday, December 2. We hope you plan to attend our family night at the Book Fair on Wednesday, December 4. We have some fun things planned from 5:00-7:00 that night. Flyers have been sent home with information about EWallet options for payment and information about many of the books available. Hope you can join us.

Again, have a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the long break from school.

Respectfully,

Carissa Cantrell
Principal

Each day, I read a “caring message” that highlights our values and what it means to be a Cochiti Cougar. This week, we are discussing the word courtesy. We can show courtesy in our words and actions. Today, the message reminded us that we can even be courteous to people who are rude. That is so hard to do, but with practice, it is possible.
What’s Happening Around Cochiti?

Basketball season is here! I will announce our home games each week. Join us in supporting our Cougars!

Continue to encourage your child to bring a healthy snack to school. Whole wheat crackers, string cheese, fresh veggies and fruit, and different types of nuts are great options. Did you know that our students sample fresh fruits and veggies at school? Grape tomatoes and different colored carrots were yummy! Thank you for your help.

Save the Date! Our winter/holiday program is set for Tuesday, December 17th. More details will be coming soon!

Did you know that we have an amazing preschool program? AND it is a 5 Star-Rated program! That is the highest rating by our state. Ms. Arianna and Ms. Michelle work with 7 adorable and amazing students each day. Do you have a child that is 4? We still have room for you!

Students in Mr. Tafoya’s 6th grade math class practiced their presentation skills today. They created a survey, analyzed the data from the survey, and created graphs to show what they learned. They dazzled the office staff with their presentation. I could not have been prouder!

End the homework battles!

- Does your student wait until the last minute for a project assigned weeks ago? As soon as you know about a project, create a To Do list and post it for everyone to see. Students can work for just 10 minutes each night and check off what is done. Breaking bigger things up into smaller tasks helps manage the time and creates a sense of achievement every night.

- What can you do when your student has math homework, but is in the middle of a melt-down? Set the timer for 5 minutes at a time and give short breaks in between. Increase the timer for longer times each week and have your child beat the clock to get things done.