



## Paradise Hills Community Preschool

2025-2026  
Summer Letter

We are looking forward to welcoming your student and family to PHCP for this coming school year. We will be studying "Wheels to Wings" for the first half of the year moving into "Discover YOU!" for the second half of the year.



### Preschool Happenings

Meet the Teacher Visits will occur starting August 5th through to August 12th at the preschool. Please sign-up for a time slot to come

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AA9A92EA3FF2-57546658-me-et#/> This is a time for teachers to meet your wonderful children, and help them and your family prepare to start the year. Please bring a copy of your immunizations records and birth certificate if you have not provided these to the school already.

We will be holding New Unit Set-Up at the preschool the beginning of August 12th to the 21st Consider signing up to attend during your Meet the Teacher visit. Your help with this event counts towards your family's participation for the school year.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AA9A92EA3FF2-57546641-unit-#/>

Fall Clean-Up will be held on August 23rd from 9am-12pm. Each family is required to help with one school clean up event a year; this is a great opportunity to check it off of your list for the school year.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AA9A92EA3FF2-57565129-fall-#/>

Preschool Open House with your class, teachers and PHCP Parent Board will be August 26th and August 27th.

*Blue Class* – August 26th 5:30-6:30pm

*Green Class* - August 27th 5:00-6:00pm

*Yellow Class* – August 27th 6:00-7:00pm

Check our website at [www.phcp.org](http://www.phcp.org) regularly for updated information.

We will also be communicating through email ([phcp@msn.com](mailto:phcp@msn.com)), Facebook/Instagram (please like our page), and through our Procure App.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Spirit Night at Chipotle on NM-528. August 23rd 4-8pm. Flyers will be given out at Meet the Teacher.

August 5th-12th - Meet the Teacher  
Sep 2nd-3rd - First Day of School  
Oct 9th-10th - Fall Break, No School  
Oct 13th - Indigenous People's Day, No School  
Nov 11th - Veterans Day, No School  
Nov 24th - 25th - Parent Teacher Conferences, No School  
Nov 26th -28th - Thanksgiving Break, No School  
Dec 22nd - Jan 2nd - Winter Break, No School  
Jan 5th - Jan 9th - No Classes, New Unit Set-Up  
Jan 12th - Classes Resume  
Jan 19th - MLK Day, No School  
Feb 16th - President's Day, No School  
Mar 30th- Apr 2nd - Spring Break, No School  
April 3rd - Vernal Holiday, No School  
May TBD - Parent Teacher Conferences, No School  
May 25th - Memorial Day, No School  
May 27th - Last Day of School for Green & Yellow Class  
May 28th - Last Day of School for Blue Class



### REMINDERS:

Download the Procure App.  
Login in set up your account.  
Please add 2 emergency pick up people other than the two parents/guardians.  
Provide the school with your students Birth Certificate and Immunizations records, if you have not already.  
If your student has a documented allergy then please contact us for an Allergy Action Plan. (For example: food allergy, Asthma Action Plans are also important for us to have etc)  
Please complete your Student Questionnaire before your Meet the Teacher  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQ0VADvDA\\_srfZnkp6b2KbyqrSXAclBCvu5QwGo5nQf429eg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQ0VADvDA_srfZnkp6b2KbyqrSXAclBCvu5QwGo5nQf429eg/viewform)



All staff bios are on the website [www.phcp.org](http://www.phcp.org) if you wish to read them. Staff were asked to answer two questions for this newsletter: 1. What did you do this past summer? 2. What are you most looking forward to this school year? Here's what they said....

**Ms. Natalie Chacon** is the Director and Lead Teacher here at PHCP

"This summer I explored some of the outdoors here in New Mexico, including camping at Fenton Lake in Jemez. My family traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada for some fun (and LOTS of walking). And I also enjoyed lots of time at home, resting and spending time with my family. I'm looking forward to another school year with new and returning staff, students, and preschool families. I hope to try some new approaches to learning and art activities as well. Every year has so many opportunities for making memories, relationships and having fun!"

**Ms. Erin Allman** is our Lead Teacher here at PHCP.

"This past summer my kids and I went to California for a week! We played in the ocean and also spent a day in Disneyland. It was a trip to remember!

I'm looking forward to stepping into my new role as a lead teacher this year! I'm excited to meet our new incoming students and I'm also excited to see how I can impact our students' growth and success over the year!"

**Mrs. Catherine Smouse** is our Assistant Teacher/Office Manager here at PHCP.

"This summer I helped teach during our summer camp here at the preschool, we had a lot of fun making crystals and mining for gems! We did some local summer fun, got to see the new family movies released this summer. I swapped one desert for another as I flew with my family to Dubai to meet my British side of my family and enjoyed our vacation time over there. It was a lot of fun and even hotter there than here! I am excited this year to work with our new staff member who was a previous serving board member with me many years ago and to really embrace some science and engineering in our Wheels to Wings unit."

**Mrs. Jenn Carrico** is our Assistant Teacher here at PHCP.

"I spent this summer with my boys. We enjoyed time at the Albuquerque Bio Park Zoo and Aquarium. We went bowling and spent numerous days at Top Golf working on our swings. The boys continued their swimming lessons. I did a lot of reading and organizing at home. Overall a very quiet summer. The thing I'm most looking forward to this school year is getting to meet all the new students!"

**Mrs. Erin Cappleman** is our Assistant Teacher here at PHCP.

"This summer we visited friends in New York State and went to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. From there, we went to Montreal, Canada and I got to practice my French-language skills. We ate really delicious food and saw the Montreal Olympic Grounds and village. They turned one of the buildings into a zoo! I am so excited to meet all of the new families and very happy to be part of the staff. There are a lot of teachers in my family and I am excited to follow in their footsteps. I loved this school when my daughter Ellie attended, and I can't wait to be on the other side as a teacher."

**Mrs. Penny Bakke** is the bookkeeper here at PHCP.

"This summer I tried to spend time completing the kids Summer Fun Checklist and keeping them entertained while still working. We did a Sun Tea stand, saw movies, went to pools and new parks. Our big trips this summer were a camping trip to Jemez and to the beach in South Padre, TX. We had such a wonderful time. I'm looking forward to a regular schedule again and watching all the kiddos explore and learn."



## First Day of School

School will start on Tuesday, September 2nd for Blue Class & Wednesday, September 3rd for the Green and Yellow Classes.

Don't forget your backpacks.

# August 2025

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24	25 Board Meeting 6:30-8:30pm	26 Open House 5:30pm– Blue Class	27 Open House 5.00pm– Green Class 6.00pm - Yellow Class	28	29	30