



NEWS ON THE HORIZON

February 8, 2024



FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CANTRELL

Dear HAW Families,

Thursday greetings, Bears! Lots of excitement as many of you anticipate Super Bowl Sunday. And, I am sure you are on pins and needles wondering if Travis will propose to Taylor. According to my 18-year-old, that is bigger than the game! I am definitely too old for that and will be munching on snacks and watching the commercials.

Within the next week, all current families in K-4 will be sent a letter of intent for the 24-25 school year. This information helps us plan for staffing, materials, and programming needs as we prepare our budget. It is important that you complete the form by the date listed.

This is a hard deadline as we release seats to our lottery after that date. If you have any questions when you receive the form, please do call or email Ms. Ada adagallegos@hawest.net. We will send a text when the form has been sent. Thank you for your help.

Speaking of budget, it is that time of the year when we prepare for the next fiscal year. Each year, we send a quick survey to families for input as we begin this process. Watch for a link by the end of this month. Again, thank you for your input.

Today, we practiced shelter-in-place which is part of our emergency plan. A shelter-in-place is business as usual in our classrooms and school. Typically, it is called for an external threat like bad weather, an accident in the area, or a wild animal outside. The only difference is that if kids are on the playground or field, they come inside.

Check out the reminders for arrival and dismissal in the newsletter each week. I wanted to also highlight a few things. Please be mindful when parking your car in the front at dismissal (this is typically our Kindergarten families who walk up to get your kiddos). Do not block or impede the stop sign as two lanes are needed when exiting Todos Santos. All other families should be using the drive-through pick up options by grade level. For safety, we ask that families remain in their car.

Have a SUPER weekend. GO BEARS!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cantrell

REMINDERS

- Email Ada, adagallegos@hawest.net to report absences or call and leave a message on our attendance line.
- When emailing and/ or calling in an absence, include the following information:
 - Child's full name
 - Grade/Teacher
 - Reason for the absence
- February menu is on our website
- Email Mrs. Andrea for uniforms, jackets, socks, or other resources, agallegos@hawest.net
- School starts at 7:45. Students who arrive after 7:50 need to be checked in at the front office.
- Email Jennifer Lacey, jlacey@hawest.net regarding our before and after school program, CREW.
- Please keep in mind when picking up students early, they cannot be signed out after 3:00.
- Please remember to be patient and take turns when leaving the school during dismissal.

TRAFFIC REMINDER

Thank you for your continued patience and kindness during morning drop off and afternoon pick up. If you exit from Todos Santos, please remember to make two lanes. One lane to turn right on Bob McCannon and one lane to turn left. This does help ease the traffic congestion when leaving the school.

BEARS PLEDGE

- **Be brave in everything you do**
- **Eager to learn**
- **Achieve your best**
- **Respect yourself, others, and your environment**
- **Show kindness to all**

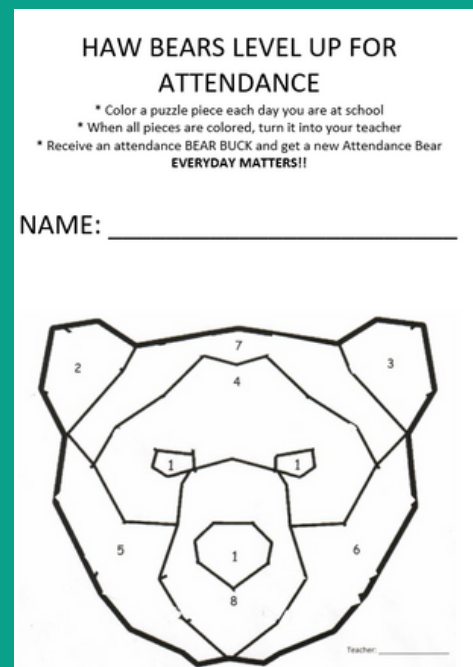
ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

HAW BEARS CONTINUE TO LEVEL UP!!!

- The focus is on individual student attendance, including getting to school on time. Remember students are to be in class by 7:45 and no later than 7:50.
- Students in grades K-5 will have individual attendance bear puzzles divided into 8 pieces (representing two weeks of school) to color.
- Every morning during announcements it will be announced to take out the attendance bear to color in a piece for the day.
- Any student that comes in after announcements does not color in a piece of the bear for that day. (students are still marked tardy after 7:50)
- Once all 8 pieces of the bear are colored in, the student gives the attendance bear to his/her teacher and the teacher gives the student an attendance BEAR BUCK (these are gold and worth \$2.00!!!) AND a new attendance bear paper.
- Students will complete the attendance bear puzzle at different times, depending on the consistency of his/her attendance.

Students liked seeing the grade level attendance rates displayed in the cafeteria, so this will continue to be displayed for them. The goal continues to be 92% or better for each grade level. Instead of grade level celebrations, we will now focus on individual student attendance.

Please talk about attendance with your child. Your support is greatly appreciated.
GO BEARS!!!



ATTENTION 4TH GRADE PARENTS

This year, Horizon's 4th graders have been chosen to participate in the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress), often called the "Nation's Report Card". This is an awesome opportunity for HAW to represent New Mexico! This assessment is part of the federally required ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act). Fifty of our 4th grade students have been randomly selected by NAEP to participate. If your child was selected, you will receive a notification letter after the winter break. This will not affect your child's grade.

Because Horizon 4th graders will participate in this assessment in February, 4th grade will not take the Middle of Year assessments (iMSSA Reading & Math) normally taken in January. More information will be coming after the break, but if you have questions, please direct them to our Testing Coordinator, Kathy Young (kyoung@hawest.net).

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN KINDERGARTEN

Students in Mrs. Baldwin's class made predictions on whether the groundhog would see his shadow or not. Then they made a yummy treat with the groundhog!



REMINDER ABOUT AFTERNOON DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Haw Families,

Please remember to follow entrances and exits according to where you pick up your child/children for dismissal. The traffic flow changes and impacts safety and efficiency when there is a change in the traffic pattern. As always, please be patient as car lines alternate while driving in and out of our campus. Thank you for working with us to create a safe and welcoming environment for our children and community.

ATTENTION PARENTS THAT PICK UP STUDENTS AT THE FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE AREA: Please follow the procedure of staying in your vehicle and driving through the line to pick up your child. Getting out and walking poses a safety concern and slows down the dismissal process. Our staff works hard to make dismissal timely and has been able to have dismissal completed by 3:45.

3:30 K-5 Pick Up Procedure (follow grade level color)



Pre-K: Classroom teacher will provide more information about dismissal.

Kindergarten gate: Families park along street or at the Community Baptist Church parking lot. Walk to pick up kindergarten student at kindergarten gate. If your kindergartner has an older sibling, they will be picked up with their older sibling.

Front near Cafeteria: 1st grade (plus older siblings/kindergartener sibling) dismisses at the front cafeteria doors. Families drive through front parking lot in two lanes. Display dismissal sheet (handed out at meet and greet) on dashboard. Students will be loaded in vehicle by HAW staff. The parking lot cannot be blocked in case of an emergency and for deliveries. Please do not arrive before 2:45.

Back lanes: 2nd and 3rd grade (plus older siblings/kindergartener sibling) dismisses at the back. Families drive through the back in two lanes. Display dismissal sheet (handed out at meet and greet) on dashboard. Students will be loaded in vehicle by HAW staff. Please do not block the crosswalk to the gym. Back gate opens at 3:00. The parking lot cannot be blocked in case of an emergency. Please do not arrive before 2:45.

Back at gym: 4th and 5th grade students (plus siblings in kindergarten). Families enter at Todos Santos and drive around towards gym. Display dismissal sheet (handed out at meet and greet) on dashboard. Students will be loaded in vehicle by HAW staff. This is a one way only. Families must exit along Painted Rock and Bob McCannon.



At Horizon Academy West we focus on positive behavior strategies and teachable moments to help students develop and practice appropriate social and emotional skills. Our discipline matrix is located on our website for major infractions. Teachers implement various classroom systems to promote positive behavior and to address negative behavior. We know mistakes happen and that elementary age children are learning and navigating social emotional skills and experiences. We balance that with the importance of holding children accountable for their choices and actions.

Consequences and supports are provided to help students understand the result of bad choices/inappropriate behavior and to help them learn how to handle situations in a different manner. Since our goal is to have a safe and positive learning environment for all students, parents play an important role. We value two-way communication with parents when discussing positive and negative behaviors. Expect phone calls, emails, and/or meeting requests from HAW staff members asking to talk with you about your child's behavior if concerning behaviors are observed or if incidents occur that need to be addressed. If you have any questions about our positive behavior strategies at the classroom level, contact your child's teacher. School-wide behavior and discipline questions can be addressed with Ms. Andrea, 505-998-0459 ext.107 agallegos@hawest.com. Thank you for your support and partnership.

2023-2024 YEARBOOK SALES



If you would like to purchase a Horizon Academy West 2023-2024 yearbook, visit www.YBPay.com and enter code: 14590624

Yearbooks will be made in the Spring and will be delivered towards the end of the school year.

KINDERGARTEN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Horizon Academy West Kindergarten

is collecting

Pop Tabs

November 2023 through March 20, 2024



Find tabs on soda cans, vegetable cans, soups cans etc...

ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

Contact Coach Bowker if you are interested in joining a committee to help plan field day. Field day will be on Wednesday, May 22nd. Volunteers will also be needed to help with activities field day. abowker@hawest.net

READING BUDDY TIME!

Mrs. Stoffan's Kindergarten and Mrs. LaBarre's 3rd grade



NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Hello everyone I hope you all had a fabulous week! I want to ask a favor, the art room needs an old toaster oven. We do not need a new one. This is not for food, it is for art materials that need to be baked at a low temperature so I'm asking if anyone has an old toaster oven that they no longer use. Please contact me at kwhatley@hawest.net.

Now for the art of the week, First grade has been working on their collage penguins, and they have come out so cute. Here is Mrs. Perez first grade class' penguins!



For the artist of the week, Kindergarten has been working on their block ABC's and they're doing such a good job that I chose this project for the artist of the week Matthew Okereke, And Isabella Ruiz, both from Mrs. Gutierrez' kinder class! Great job students!



I hope everyone has a fabulous and creative week!
Ms. Whatley

HAW BEARS IN THE COMMUNITY

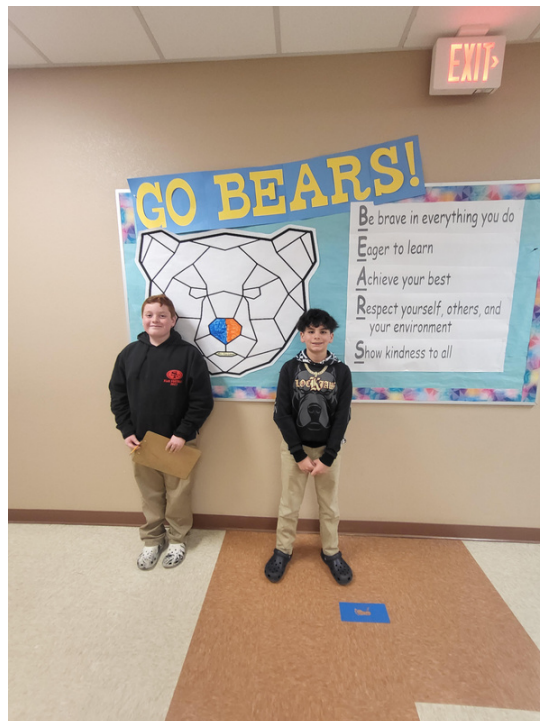
We love sharing the great things our students are doing in the community. It is especially nice when we can relate it to our BEARS PLEDGE. If you would like to share information about your child in our newsletter, email information and photo to agallegos@hawest.net.

Jesus, in third grade, was promoted to grey/white belt in BJJ over the weekend. He's put in hard work for Gi and No-Gi.
Congratulations Jesus!!



BEARS PUZZLE COMPLETION!

Fourth graders in Mrs. Blackshear's class completed their class bear puzzle. They will be celebrating their hard work and HAWsome behavior next week with a hot cocoa and popcorn party!!



5th Grade Community Project

ARGOS



A SHELTER DOG RESCUE

February 1st – 29th, 2024. Show dogs some love.

Argos Dog Rescue is dedicated to helping stray and shelter dogs in the Albuquerque area get healthcare, fostering, & training with the hope of being adopted because every dog deserves love. Send in new and VERY GENTLY used items to help Argos OR go to the link below to make a monetary donation. Together, we can make a difference.

ITEMS TO SEND

Dog beds, bowls, blankets, towels, leashes, collars, dog sweaters, dog food, dog shampoo, treats, and toys.

DONATE \$ DIRECTLY

<https://argosdogrescue.org/donation/>



PTO INFORMATION

All PTO events and information is posted to our social media and Remind accounts. You can also find the links to order Spirit Shirts and Hoodies. The links will continue to stay open throughout the school year. We will fill orders as they come in.

Our order cut off is 10am every Friday. Any orders placed thereafter will be included in the following weeks order. Currently our delivery time is about 2 weeks from the time we submit the order to the vendor. If you have not received your order and it's been longer than 2 weeks, reach out to us at pto@hawest.net include your students name, teacher, and grade in the email.

Follow us on our social media pages for the most up-to-date PTO information and for event announcements.

Don't forget to add the Dollar Denim Days to your calendars.

Dollar Denim Days:

Aug. 17 th	Nov. 9 th	Feb. 22 nd
Aug. 31 st	Nov. 30 th	Mar. 7 th
Sept. 14 th	Dec. 14 th	Apr. 4 th
Sept. 28 th	Jan. 11 th	Apr. 18 th
Oct. 12 th	Jan. 25 th	May 2 nd
Oct. 26 th	Feb. 8 th	May 16 th

We still have Spirit Shirts and Hoodies in stock. Order through our links on Instagram, Facebook or download the newsletter to click on the links.



<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLNAZ68XGG08E/checkout/BE4MIPJXBD2CRKXDFPMCYZIZ>

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<https://square.link/u/EIFwT7gP>



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February Activities

Thank you for your support with purchasing Valentine Grams. Delivery will be on February 14th during class.

Mother-Daughter Paint Night will be on February 29th, 5:00 – 8:00pm at Ladera Golf Course, 3401 Ladera Dr NW, 87120. \$30 for 1 adult and 1 HAW student, \$5 for each additional HAW student, limited to currently enrolled students. This event is in lieu of the Father-Daughter Dance. We decided to switch things up this year and give Moms a night with their daughters. A Father-Son event will be held in the near future, details will be announced soon.

Thank you for supporting Horizon Academy West PTO!

HORIZON ACADEMY WEST PTO PRESENTS

MOTHER DAUGHTER PAINT NIGHT

Art instruction led by:
Betty & Lori LaBarre

February 29th 2024

\$30 FOR ADULT &
HAW STUDENT PAIR

\$5 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL
HAW STUDENT.

5:00pm-8:00pm

LADERA GOLF COURSE

-NOTAH BEGAY BALLROOM-

**3401 LADERA DR. NW
87120**

**Light Dinner, Dessert &
Refreshments**

***This is a Non-Refundable Event**

Please return this portion of the form along with your payment by **February 22nd**
If you are paying online, please include your child's first/last name and phone number in the "Details"

Student(s) _____ **Teacher(s)** _____

Grade(s) _____ 1 Adult + 1 HAW student = \$30
Add'l HAW student(s) # _____ x \$5 = \$ _____ total

Payment Method (select one):

Cash ___ Check ___ Online ___ Receipt # _____

Please make checks payable to: Horizon Academy West PTO



COMMUNITY EVENTS



IPCC'S FAMILY STORY TIME

Presented By: **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**
 Dates: **February 10, 2024, February 24, 2024**
 Location: **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**
 2401 12th St. N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87104
 Phone: (505) 843-7270
 Time: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
[Visit Website](#)

[ADD TO TRIP](#)



Check out the Museum School at Albuquerque Museum. They offer classes on Friday and Saturday for children ages 6-14 and evening classes too!

BERNALILLO COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

Westside Community Center
 1250 Isleta Blvd. SW 87105

BERN CO Bernalillo County

Ages 11 - 19

Spring T3ON3N BASKETBALL

FRIDAY NIGHTS
 MARCH 8 - APRIL 19, 2024 • 7 P.M. - 10 P.M.
 DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 P.M.

BASKETBALL AND LIFE SKILLS - BRIDGING THE GAP, ONE BASKET AT A TIME.
 MANDATORY 30 MINUTE LIFE SKILLS WORKSHOP • 6:30 P.M. - 7 P.M.

FOR MORE DETAILS, CONTACT ASHLEY GUTIERREZ: 505 934-8469

REGISTRATION ON SITE • NO SESSION OR WORKSHOP MARCH 29, 2024

BERNALILLO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

2024 SUMMER YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

SEASON BEGINS MAY 18, 2024

\$140 PER PLAYER REGISTER ONLINE JANUARY 22 - MARCH 14

\$130 FOR DIVISION 5/6 ONLY LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 21, 2024 (OR UNTIL FULL)

\$20 non-refundable late fee will be included for all registrations taken after March 14th. Reduced rate applications and Coaches registrations must be done in person. Must bring qualifying paperwork.

COED AGE DIVISIONS 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14

GIRLS ONLY DIVISION 9-11 AND 12-14

SPORTS OFFICE LOCATED AT
 415 Silver Ave Sw Albuquerque, NM, 87102

NEW - SINGLE ELIMINATION | **POST SEASON TOURNAMENT**
 AGES 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14 & ALL GIRLS DIVISIONS

BERN CO Bernalillo County

REGISTER ONLINE AT berncopros.perfectmind.com



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ASHLEY GUTIERREZ, SPORTS COORDINATOR (505)934-8469 OR ARGUTIERREZ@BERNCO.GOV

February 2024

www.abqlibrary.org

Central & Unser Library

8081 Central NW Albuquerque, NM 87121 505.768.4320

SUNDAY 1 p.m. — 5 p.m. 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.	MONDAY 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.	TUESDAY 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.	WEDNESDAY 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.	THURSDAY 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.	FRIDAY 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.	SATURDAY 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
 <p>February is Love your Library Month! Support your local Library by... Getting a Library card, returning overdue items, coming to Library programs, and MORE!</p>				1	2 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. ESL Conversation Group	3 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Any Book Book Club
4 5 6 7 Movie @ 1:30 p.m. Books to the Big Screen Mrs. Miniver (TV-G) 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Drop In Board Games	10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Crafty Club 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics **	10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Family Storytime 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics**	1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Westside Artists 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics**	8 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Play Time at the Library 15	9 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. ESL Conversation Group	10 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Lego Club
11 Movie @ 1:30 p.m. You've Got Mail (PG) 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Drop In Board Games	12 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics ** 4 p.m. Love Monster Box Craft	13 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Family Storytime 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics** 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. After-School Makers	14 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Westside Artists 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics** 6:30 p.m. Central and Unser Library History Book Club 6:30 p.m. Love Your Library Tour	10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Bilingual Storytime	16 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. ESL Conversation Group	17 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Public Speaking Assistance
18 Movie @ 1:30 p.m. My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Drop In Board Games	19 All Libraries Closed	20 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics**	21 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Westside Artists 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics** 5:30p.m. - 6:30 p.m. LEAP into Science	22 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Play Time at the Library 29	23 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. ESL Conversation Group	24 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Lego Club
25 Movie @ 1:30 p.m. Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) (G) 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Drop In Board Games	26 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics **	27 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Family Storytime 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics**	28 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Westside Artists 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics**		 <p>Join us for next month's History Book Club on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m. when we'll be discussing <i>Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder</i> (2017) by Caroline Fraser. Available in our catalog @ www.abqlibrary.org</p>	



** = Registration Required. Available in English & Español. Must have a library card in good standing, know PIN & any relevant passwords.

Please contact us to register for a class!



NMPED Black Education Act Bureau

Proudly Shares



Free Public 2024 Black History Celebrations Week 2 Feb 8 - 15

Classroom Resources

Click on the titles below to access culturally relevant learning resources.

- BEA Black History Resources
- Earthseed Black Arts Alliance
- History of Black History Month
- Center for Racial Justice in Education
- National Museum of African American History and Culture

ALBUQUERQUE

Feb 8 at 6pm

Join Dr. Timothy E. Nelson for a reading and signing of his book, *Blackdom, New Mexico: The Significance of the Afro-Frontier, 1900-1930.*

Bookworks Bookstore
4022 Rio Grande Blvd NW Alb. 87107

Click titles for other Local Events

Central New Mexico Community College

Eastern New Mexico University

Las Cruces New Mexico State University

Santa Fe Community College

UNM Health Science Center

University of New Mexico Alb

University of New Mexico Gallup

Western New Mexico University

Black Culture Conference

Feb 9

The Black Education Act bureau will proudly team up with UNM and NMSU for the Black Culture Conference to discuss how HB 43 (The Black Education Act) builds bridges of support for black students in Higher Education.

Click here: University of New Mexico Alb

Virtual Events

Month- Long Black History Festival

Hosted by Association for the Success of African American Life and History (ASALH), founders of Black History Month.
Click here to access.

Reading Room

Love to Read? Check out this Black History title
On the Line: My Story of Becoming First African-American Rockette



Jennifer Jones broke barriers at Radio City Music Hall in 1987 when she became the first Black Rockette dancer in the troupe's history. She recently published a children's book "On the Line: My Story of Becoming the First African-American Rockette," which chronicles her dreams. Click here for her interview.

Weekend Watch Party

Got streaming services? Check out these Black history documentaries.

Netflix
The Black Beauty Effect

Hulu
Harvard Park
Anthem

Peacock
Kings From Queens

Family Fun

The Black Family Project: United by History, Restored by Storytelling

This national program centers the legacy of Black family reunions while encouraging families of all backgrounds to build and renew their own traditions and stories.

Click to complete the Virtual Workshops [Click to watch Intro to the Black Family Project](#)

- Recording Oral Stories (Basics)
- Recording Oral Stories (Advanced)
- Preserving Family History
- Finding Your Family in Government Records
- African American Genealogy (Basics)
- Using DNA test to explore ancestry

Disclaimer: The Black Education Act Bureau has compiled the list of events but takes no responsibility for the events themselves unless hosted by NMPED Black Education Act Bureau.