

To Whom It May Concern:

Date: 1-12-2010

From: Humanities Team from Vista Grande High School

Re: Celebration of Learning, Thursday 1-21-2010, 6-8 PM, Bataan Hall- Taos Civic Plaza

On Thursday January 21st, Vista Grande High School would like to invite the public and generate support for our bi-annual Celebration of Learning. This night is the culmination of our 9/10 grades' semester-long study of the U.S.-Mexican Border conflict. With the help of a Fund For Teachers fellowship, three teachers from VGHS spent part of their summer vacation conducting research, gathering resources and connecting with invaluable experts along our southern border with Mexico. This research shaped a cross-curricular expedition with the goal of educating a new wave of Border experts in our own community. The students of VGHS will be hosting and facilitating a Border Summit at Bataan Hall in Taos Civic Plaza on January 21st. On display will be a student-created magazine to be distributed across the nation for use in school, to better inform state politicians and as a showcase of the many organizations and people deeply involved in this border conflict. Also, students will lead an open discussion highlighting key points of the border conflict with filmmakers, historians, writers and various other community members for the betterment of our own community. This conversation will also delve into the physical and psychological effects of borders in Northern New Mexico.

Vista Grande High School is an expeditionary learning school affiliated with Outward Bound. This is a 9-12 grade school with open enrollment. In our third year, the school remains as an asset to our Taos community. Through semester-long, cross-curricular expeditions students receive an engaging, real world education. We offer Leadership, Mentorship and Art classes as well as outdoor experiences such as trekking through the mountains of Northern New Mexico to begin each school year. Please, feel free to contact our school with enrollment inquiries and visitation requests. Below you will find our contact information.

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Sincerely,

The Administration and Faculty of Vista Grande High School