

## **Cedar Unified School District Student Activities and Organizations**

**Young people** in our school, Jeddito Elementary Public School, are part of the Cedar USD family – which means that students have the opportunity to participate in all extra-curricular programs, organizations, performances, and forums available that make the Cedar USD student life a richer experience.

In addition to fall, winter, spring sports programs, STUCO, tutoring, three new clubs have been added to enrich student academic development. These student clubs provide students with channels to address issues most relevant to them and offer opportunities to further develop their leadership skills. Student clubs invite speakers from companies and organizations, engage the community in awareness and service activities, and build connections that complement classroom learning. The new student clubs are:

**Native American Studies Club** - Native American Studies (NAS) Club offers students an opportunity for an in-depth approach to understanding the historical and contemporary experiences of Native American people. Attention is paid not only to the special relationship between tribes and the federal government, but to issues across national boundaries, including tribal nations within Canada, and North, Central, and South America. In using the term Native American, the NAS sponsor and club members will recognize the heterogeneous nature of this population. Native Americans include the Alaska Native population, which comprises Aleuts, Eskimo, and other Native American people residing in Alaska, as well as Native Hawaiian communities.

**National Junior Honor Society** - The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) elevates a school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These five pillars have been associated with membership in the organization since its inception in 1929. Learn more about these five pillars of membership [here](#). Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in NJHS activities. NJHS chapters are found in all 50 states, US Territories, and around the world . Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. As such, NJHS chapters and students are in schools that care not only about student achievement, but also community engagement. NJHS students and their peers volunteer in their communities at the highest rates and make connecting with and serving within the community a priority. The average chapter contributes:

- 650 hours of school/community service
- \$1,000 in charitable donations
- 500 pounds of food to local, state, and national causes
- 375 pints of blood

**National Elementary School Honor Society** - The National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) recognizes students in both public and nonpublic elementary schools for their outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated personal responsibility. Through NEHS, students provide meaningful service to the school and community and develop essential leadership skills. NEHS supports these purposes by strengthening the lives of our nation's elementary students and the schools in which they are enrolled. By starting a chapter, elementary schools create a method for acknowledging achievement and focusing on the needs of the total child. In addition, NEHS provides information and resources to enhance the culture of achievement in the whole school, not merely the culture of a select few. As the nation's newest student recognition program, NEHS joins the [National Junior Honor Society](#) (NJHS) and [National Honor Society](#) (NHS), the nation's two oldest and largest student recognition programs, in creating a continuum of excellence being established throughout the elementary, middle, and high school education community.