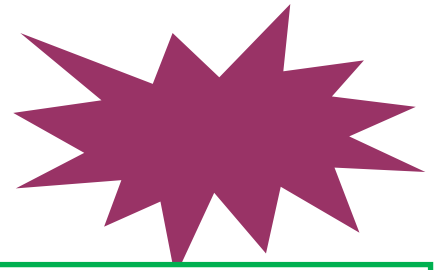


# EL INFORMANTE



*Español at CNS*

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## Pre-K/K

In Ms. Kathy's class there are several new faces and I am thrilled to be getting to know each and every one of them. We learn Spanish all together on Mondays, where we might sing a song or listen to a story. Then, I see one group on Tuesday and the other group on Thursday. So far, we have learned how to say hello and goodbye, as well as some of our numbers 1-10. I am proud of the progress that these students have already made!

## 1st-3rd

There are many new students in Ms. Melissa's Spanish class, so we have taken time to get to know each other better, learn about classroom expectations, and learn what Spanish is all about. We just started our first unit, *Todo acerca de mí* (All About Me). We will learn how to talk about ourselves in Spanish! We have started by creating a *librito* with pictures about what makes us special.

**¡Bienvenidos!** Greetings to all CNS families! I hope you have had a great start to the school year. In case you don't know me, my name is Courtney Rundel and this will be my 3rd year teaching Spanish at CNS. Find out more about me below! I am looking forward to a great school year with new and returning students alike. We have already had a fun start to learning Spanish and I have many exciting activities planned for this school year. I will send a monthly newsletter to update you on classroom happenings and cultural events. If you ever need to contact me, please feel free to email me at [spanish@carbondalenewschool.com](mailto:spanish@carbondalenewschool.com).

In Ms. Carla's Spanish class, 4th-8th we have been learning more about each other as we have several new students! We spent the first week and a half doing some get-to-know-you activities and cultural explorations. We then split the class into two levels, one that has students with little or no previous Spanish experience and another that has students who have had more experience with Spanish. In Level 1, we are practicing basic introductory conversations. In Level 2, we are doing some review of Spanish skills learned from previous years. Each level has a wide array of ages and experiences with the language so I look forward to seeing what they will each accomplish!

## A little bit about me...

My name is Courtney Rundel and I have lived in Carbondale for a little over 2 years now. My fiancé Zach and I moved here in the summer of 2014 so that he could go to SIU Law School. After he graduates in May 2017, we will be returning to Indiana where we are both from. I went to Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN where I majored in Language Studies— Teaching Spanish with a minor in Teaching ESL. I am currently working on my Master of Arts in Educational Psychology. I love to travel, read, cook, and play with my two dogs Jet and Teddie. Fun Fact— I will be getting married on October 8th!

