

Pueblo Ruins Discovered on Bosque School Land

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Historic ruins have been discovered at Bosque School. On Tuesday, January 24, 2007, Bosque School's construction manager discovered shards of what seemed to be Native American potsherds while digging a drainage ditch on school property. The site was immediately secured and professionals were called in to determine the origin of the find. A team of archeologists, headed by Howard Higgins, Ph.D, vice president of TRC, and Todd Howell, Ph.D, began a thorough investigation of the site. They discovered a 7-10 room structure that appears to be small 700 year old pueblo structure with many potsherds within the area.

This is an important find historically and educationally for New Mexico. Andrew Wooden, Head of School, said, "What a gift this discovery of a small pueblo is for our learning program and for Bosque School -- both for current and future students. The property and land surrounding the school has always been a learning place. We have used the *bosque* to teach our students about the importance of land, and this discovery connects directly to our history. We will preserve and protect this ancient residence. It may be a small site, but it is also an important one. Our curriculum has just been given a precious gift." Wooden emphasized the school's commitment to preserve the elements of this site. Bosque School students and teachers have been actively involved since the discovery and will continue to view the site and understand the significance of this find.

Norbert Hill, a trustee of the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of American Indian and a Bosque School trustee, has been advising the school. He stated, "This is an opportunity to work with the land and the Native American community. We are doing everything right to preserve this important find."