

# SFSAS December Updates

## Writing Awards

The 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Board of Directors recently sponsored a Youth Poetry contest asking students “What Santa Fe Means to them.” Some Badger students sent in poems and **Alicia Stewart’s poem won 2<sup>nd</sup> place** in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade category! There were over 300 entries. Congratulations Alicia !

**Thom Harding**, Centaur asst. teacher, also recently won an award for his writing! The Santa Fe Reporter sponsors a highly competitive annual writing competition and Thom’s short story won **3rd place** in the Short Story category. Congratulations Thom!

## Community Events featuring our Students

Many of our students will be performing next weekend in a variety of shows!

Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association Winter Concerts  
Free Admission

**Sunday, December 12, 1:00 pm**

**Prelude and Intermezzo String Orchestras & Youth Philharmonia (Brass & Jende)**

ST. Francis Auditorium: 107 W. Palace Avenue

**Sunday, December 12, 7:00 pm**

**Charlie Parker & Miles Davis Jazz Ensembles (John McCarthy)**

Warehouse 21: 1614 Paseo de Peralta

**Moving People Dance Company**

Presents

**Once Upon a Snowfall (Wesley, Sina, Nicky, Sabrina, Megan)**

December 17-19 at the Greer Garson Theater

**Eldorado Teen and Children’s Theater Company**

presents

**The King & I (Briana & Emma)**

December 10-12 at the James A. Little Theater

**Aspen Ballet Company**

**The Nutcracker (Zascha, Blaze)**

December 11, 2:00pm & 7:30pm

December 12, 1:00pm & 5:00pm

At The Lensic Performing Arts Center

**Community Giving** (tell your friends who are looking for a way to give this holiday season!)

Thank you to all of our parent angels who donated to our Ramirez Thomas drive. It was a great success!

Thank you also to our parent angels who have been donating to the families who are in need at our own school! It is **deeply** appreciated.

We are still accepting donations for families in need and welcome any and all donations; food, clothing and gift cards are especially needed.

We are also collecting food and clothes for Youth Shelters Homeless Teen Program. We have been partners with Youth Shelters for years and our students have been hard working advocates for homeless teens for years.

We are collecting non-perishable food, especially food that can be eaten outside such as juice boxes, trail mix, dried fruit, granola bars, cheese or peanut butter crackers, beef jerky, peanut butter etc...

We are also collecting gently used shoes, boots, dark hooded sweatshirts (L, XL, XXL) for teens and large jeans. They also need board games, puzzles, DVD's, gift cards, movie passes, pens, pencils, educational software, art paper, paints, markers, journals, sketch books and gently used toys.

## **SFSAS Wish List**

**Badger Class:** Old Laptops

**Stargazer Class:** electric tough pencil sharpener and old silverware for eating lunch and snack-forks, spoons and butter knives

## **SFSAS Fundraising**

**Raffle Tickets:** Thank you to everyone who has been selling raffle tickets! We deeply appreciate all of the students who are working hard as well! We hope everyone can sell their 20 tickets and maybe even ask for more! Quite a few students are on their second batch of 20 already!

**Donations:** We also hope that everyone will consider making a donation to our school and passing along our fundraising packet/email to anyone who might want to support our school! We are determined to set up an endowment this year to ensure the sustainability of our school and our scholarship fund and we need everyone's help! Every donation helps!

**Shopping at SFSAS:** Remember to shop at our school store next week (Weds., December 15) and order our student peace and winter cards! All proceeds benefit our school!

**Rockin Rollers:** This may be our last dance party at Rockin Rollers so come on out this Saturday night from 7:30-9:30! All ages welcome! Kids in grades 1-8 can be dropped off without their parents.

We welcome any baked goods or healthy appetizers that we could sell during the party.

Buy your tickets in the office this week- only \$10! Best babysitting deal in town!

Remember....

## WINTERCOMES

Showcasing & Celebrating student work, projects, art & song

Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

6:00-8:30 pm

Please visit all classrooms!

**This event is required for ALL students.**

### MUSEUMS & PERFORMANCES

***Please Note: All Students must be in their own classroom during their appointed time for museums and performances!***

6:00 - 7:00 – \*Unicorn Students Museum open  
UNICORN PERFORMANCE at 6:30

6:00 - 7:00 – \*Stargazer Students Museum open  
Stargazer Performance at 7:00

6:00 - 7:30 – \*Centaur Students Museum open  
Centaur Performance at 7:30

6:30 - 8:00- \*Badger Students Museum open  
Badger Performance at 8:00

6:30 - 8:30 – Middle School Students Museum open

There will be examples of student writing in the Cave Reading Room, Humanities expedition work in Middle Earth and a some art & science work examples in DaVinci.

**\*PLEASE NOTE: Parents need to be with their preschool and elementary aged children at all times, except when they are presenting their work in their classroom or performing. Preschool and elementary school children must be with their parents to visit other classrooms as well.**

## PLEASE BRING POTLUCK FINGER FOODS!

Please bring easy-to-eat finger-food (non-messy) to the courtyard for the potluck.

Food you can eat in one-bite without utensils such as:

mini-quiches, pigs in-a-blanket, stuffed mushroom caps, deviled eggs, tortilla roll-ups, mini-muffins, veggies, mini-spanikopita, sushi, mini-crab cakes, Fruit or cheese plates with toothpicks, cheese sticks, warm drinks or water....

No desserts please. Thanks!

The food will be outside on tables in the courtyard and we will not be able to keep it warm.....It might be best to eat dinner before coming!

Please bring tongs or utensils we can use so each person only touches their own food!

**Oh, and be sure to take your dishes home with you and label all dishes and utensils.**

**We appreciate everyone's help at the end to clean up too!**

## Stargazer Update

The Stargazers have been busy all month deepening their understanding of clouds. They have spent time observing and drawing November skies.



### **Observing November skies & drawing clouds**

In their investigation, “What’s in the Air”, they smeared Vaseline in an oval on a piece of paper and hung the paper out on a clothesline for the week. When they took it inside and looked closely using magnifying glasses they noticed that there were tiny particles of dust and sand sticking to the Vaseline.



**Observing results**



**The Elements of the atmosphere mixing together**

The students also re-enacted “Recipe for the Atmosphere”; an activity we had done earlier in the year. Each Stargazer wore a sign representing some element found in the atmosphere: Nitrogen, Oxygen, other gases, water vapor, or dust and pollen, and were stirred together. In slow motion they then dramatized water vapor as it rose and clung to dust and pollen where it could condense and begin cloud building. The Stargazers love to act out their science!



Students acting out water vapor rising and clinging to dust and pollen.

# Unicorn Update

Alakwa made an Autumn bouquet from the leaves that fell off the Ash tree in the Unigazer playground.



The Middle School Buddies helped the Unicorns count up the money they collected for Heifer from selling their snowman cards. So far they have raised \$36!



After Diego shared his family tradition with the class, Uma, Irene, Lola, Lilia, Lily and Brisa held their babies just like Diego's Mom Rita held Diego when he was a baby, just like mothers do in Guatemala.

As part of our Family Traditions expedition, the Unicorn class has traveled to Africa and danced with Chaya's family; made bread and shared songs with Jameson's family; went to the Philippines and Oklahoma to cook and dance with Isa's family; made bread and listened to Guatemalan and Irish music with Diego's family; watched birds with Lilia and Gredel's family, and danced a Latvian dance and celebrated Hanukah with Lola's Family.

## Unicorn Quotes

Irene (to Brisa) "I sooooo miss being one."  
Brisa "Yeah, one was AWESOME"

The Unicorn class was brainstorming about the things mice may need for a winter burrow:

Lilia: "Corn!"

Cole: "Wheat!"

Lola: "Sticks and Straw!"

Gredel: " And a credit card"

**ADHD Movie:** We have 10 copies of a wonderful new film that recently played on PBS about ADHD. It is a funny, brilliant look at ADHD, filled with examples, clear answers to questions and lots of helpful hints. If you have ever wondered if you or your child might have ADHD, watch this film! We have 10 copies we will lend out to any interested parents. We may have an evening parent discussion about ADHD if there is enough interest.

## **Santa Fe Recycle Art Festival**

Some photos of our students wonderful recycled art and fashion featured at this year's festival.





