



Santa Fe School for the Arts & Sciences Newsletter
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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No School- Fri. Nov, 17th

Wednesday, November 22nd-24th
Thanksgiving Break

Friday, December 1st
OPEN HOUSE 5:00pm
"Wintercomes Student Showcase"
All parents & students are invited to come to this special showcase of student work and art.
All students must be present!

Tuesday, December 5th
Peace Poster Awards Ceremony
1:00 in the middle school

Weds. December 20 8:30am
Our school Geography Bee

Friday, Dec. 22nd- Winter Break starts

Monday, January 8^h
Back to School

Thursday, January 11th
Class Spelling Bees

Monday, January 15th
No School

Friday, January 26th
Our annual drama performance
Musical Review shows at 12:30 & 6:30 featuring
Our Unicorns, Stargazers, Centaurs & Badgers
Both performances will be held at SF High School



Calling all scientists! The Santa Fe School for the Arts & Sciences is planning it's first ever Science Fair. It will be held on Friday, February 9th from 3:30 until 6:00. We need lots of creative projects! Our theme is recycling and sustainability, so all projects will be designs that save energy and reuse items in some way. Please contact Joan Alessi if you would like to have an entry in the fair. All grades are welcome!

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Unicorn Update

As fall was falling the Unicorns started their Expedition on Life Cycles with an in-depth study of the life of a pumpkin. Before the Fall Festival and the deep frosts came, the Unicorns went out to harvest. Armed with baskets, bags and a wagon, three different groups harvested pumpkins, corn, mint, tomatoes, oregano and lavender. Each group touched and smelled what they had harvested and presented their findings to the other groups. The pumpkins had accidentally grown from seeds from last year's Fall Festival pumpkins!

This past Wednesday we cut the pumpkins open and the Unicorns had lots of gooey fun pulling out the seeds. Some of the pumpkins were cut up, baked and eaten with a little honey and butter and shared with other children in school. On Friday the Unicorns toasted some of the seeds with tamari sauce and the rest of the seeds were put in cups with soil and placed in a window to see if they would grow.

The reading and math program in the Unicorn class is going strong and the kids are having so much fun, they don't even realize how much they are learning.

P.S. In September, the children predicted that the chrysalis in the class terrarium would hatch into a butterfly on the 21st of October. It hasn't yet. Stay tuned.

By Suzanne Shakespeare

Unicorn Quotes

During free-play Jonah walked up to Suzanne wearing a black cat tail tied around his face and said, "I'm a Peaceful Buddha."

Outside Makai and some friends were playing house. Makai asked Suzanne to be the Mom. Suzanne asked how old she should be, and Makai said she should be younger than her. "Some teenagers are older than the Mom," she said.

Jonah was carrying an ice cream cone without the ice cream and was holding it like a torch. He said to Suzanne, "I'm Conan the Librarian."



Stargazer Scoops

The Stargazers have been thinking of ways they use our character traits:
Respect, Trust, Courage, Honesty, Compassion.
Here are some examples:

I show respect ...

By letting other people go first. **Lewis**
By listening to people's needs. **Merit**
By playing other people's games. **Noa**
When there's not enough room, I move over. **Okema**

I show trust...

I trust my horse will jump when it comes to a jump. **Sofia**
I trust myself that when I want to learn something, I can learn it. **Sabrina**
I trust that when Brandon borrows a toy he will return it. **Nicky**

I show courage...

When I see something go wrong, I tell the teacher. **Merit**
By talking to my mom's friends, I don't know. **Chime**
By jumping off the swings when they are really high. **Alicia**
By talking to new kids. **John**

I show honesty...

My mom is honest when she says she has a present for me in the car, she has a present for me.
Noa
When I broke the candleholder, I told my mom I did it. **Sarafina**
When I took the last candy and my mom was going to scold the dog, I admitted that I took it.
Sofia

I show compassion...

When my friend is sad or hurt, I comfort them. **Noa**
When my friend crashed on a bike, I turned around and helped him. **Lewis**
One time when Sarafina was sad, Merit, Alicia, Sofia and Sabrina comforted her and gave her special things. **Merit and Alicia**

Stargazer Quotes

Amy to Okema- "This goes in your mom's mailbox."

Okema- Well I don't know how to mail it."

Chime- "Chintan, you're really gonna freak out.

Chintan- "Why?"

Chime- "Because today is EP!" (P.E.)

Chime to Amy – "Why do all teachers drink coffee everyday?"

Sarafina- "That was a *really* short recess!"

Amy- "It was a regular recess."

Kai- "Maybe it was the time change."

(A quote heard by Landon's mom) Landon- "I think Principal is a funny thing to call Rayna."

(Why?) "Because it has the word Prince it is, and she is a girl." (I asked if Princessipal would be better and he agreed.)

(I think this really reflects the work Chintan has done with breaking up words and looking for words among letters.)

Centaur Check-In

By Todd Stiewing

In the Centaur class we have been enjoying some excellent adventures with energy. We have traveled to an abandoned PNM power plant in Algodones to learn about a natural gas power plant and also a brand new solar power plant. You can see the solar sunflowers off of I 25 near the Algodones exit. We climbed up to the turbine decks inside and could actually look inside the turbines and generators. We also had a visitor to our class, Gary Vaughn from the NM Solar Energy Association, who demonstrated how solar energy works and baked some goodies in a solar oven. Overall, the class has taken off with wonderful questions and are beginning to put their efforts into a final product.

In language arts the students of the Centaur class put together their own Mad Libs which will be heading home soon for all the Centaur families to try. They're a blast! Here is an example.

Centaur Mad Lib "How to Build a House"

First to build a _____ house you need to hire a _____ construction
(adjective) (adjective)

crew. Then you need to draw out your house plan. Once you have done that

you can start to _____ the _____. Let it _____ for _____ at
(verb) (noun) (verb) (length of time)

the least. This will be your _____ floor. Now you need to start
(adjective)

building your walls. You have three _____ choices for your walls.
(adjective)

You can use _____ or _____, but for the best results always use
(plural noun) (plural noun)

_____. Now for your roof you should use strong _____ proof _____ or
(plural noun) (noun) (noun)

_____. Now you have to put in your _____. Be careful you don't
(noun) (noun)

want to get shocked! Once you have done all this you can _____ some
(verb)

furniture and _____ in.
(verb)

Story by Tatyana Stavrowsky

Badger Business

By Matt Burke-Newsum

The Badger Class has got a full head of steam and nothing is slowing us down. Weather Events research and historical narratives are being done by the students. Many students are so into their work that they are typing more pages than I ever typed in high-school. Students are also preparing Power Point presentations and writing reports on Natural Weather Events. We have been conducting experiments and learning about how weather works. We had a special guest, Aldis Strautins, from the National Weather Service in Albuquerque come to our class and discuss forecasting as well as perform some experiments with the kids.

Tricia Tusa, a local children's book illustrator came to the class to share her experiences as an illustrator. She demonstrated her use of multiple drafts (which was great for the kids to see) and let the kids lead her in illustrating a group story of their own creation.

Carol Parker of the Pamoja Project, came to share about her humanitarian efforts to help Aids orphans in Africa. Dr. Dave Mittlefehldt, the senior space scientist from Nasa, came to talk about the Mars Rover project.

In mathematics, we are currently in the middle of a fraction frenzy. We are learning everything you could possibly learn about fractions, mixed numbers, decimals and percents. Students are also working on typing skills and cursive handwriting, in addition to participating in book clubs and preparing for the GeoBee and the Spelling Bee.

Here are excerpts from some student thank you letters to recent visitors:

Dear Aldis, I'm very thankful that you came to my class, I really liked your knowledgeable info and all your experiments. I like your job very much, and you'll tell me if some natural disaster is heading towards me, right? Lucas Weiss

Dear Tricia,

I am so glad that you came to our class! I really, really hope you had as much fun as we did. My favorite part was doing that drawing with you. When I grow up I want to draw for a living (or at least draw as a side job) and you REALLY inspired me to write and draw more! I loved seeing all your book drafts and I loved seeing all of your amazing books as well! Thanks a million. Corrina A. Leatherwood

To Carol "When you told us about the poverty in Africa it felt like you woke me up to the real world. I thought that there could never be so many homeless children all because of AIDS/HIV. I really want to help to make the kids lives the best that it can be. Tashi Swierkosz.

Dear Carol "Your presentation was great! It really made me realize what is going on and how privileged we are." Elle Jansen

Dear Carol "I wish the world was a better place. I wish the orphans had their parents again. I wish that their well of happiness was not dry. I wish they had more chicken feed. I wish they were so happy. I wish they would stay safe at night. I wish they had big, comfy pillows and blankets to keep them warm at night. I wish they could get toys and art supplies so they could start learning before they go to school. I wish they could each have fun everyday. I wish... Sarah Weber Colvin

TEEN READ WEEK COMES TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Every Fall the American Library Association features a national Teen Read Week. Their website and magazine offer information about literature, new books, posters and activities that promote the joys of reading. Both the 7th and 8th grade Language Arts classes used this week in October to begin just a few of the many reading-related projects and ideas generated by the students.

Some of the ideas: making bookmarks with a reading-related quotation, reading aloud, recording stories for the younger classes, extended quiet reading time in school, sharing their Book Projects, word games, writing book reviews for Amazon.com, author studies, writing to authors, book bingo, Frozen Tableau, interviews with book characters and illustrating stories.

We invited parents, family members and staff to read to us in the classroom. We heard some wonderful poetry and stories read by Will Barnes (Cody's father), Marcie Brooks (Bryce's mom), Rayna and Liz. The invitation to read in our classroom is open all year!

Thanks - Katie



Science Scoops

There have been many exciting science events this past month.

The first two guest speakers were friends of our middle school science teacher, Joan Alessi, who spoke with our Badger and middle school classes. Ms. Carol Parker, the director of the Pamoja Project in Tanzania, promotes schooling and self sufficiency for children orphaned by the AID's epidemic. The Middle Schoolers were so moved by her presentation that they decided to raise money for her organization by holding a bake sale. They raised over \$200!

The second speaker was Dr. David Mittlefehldt, the senior space scientist from NASA, who is the head of the Mars Rover Project. His presentation really held the interest of all of the kids.

As part of their unit on Rocks and Minerals, the 8th graders visited a lepidolite mine in Dixon and were allowed to dig for minerals and crystals and even take home a few! The 8th graders also visited Dinosaurs and More and were treated to a tour and hands on question and answer period about crystals and minerals.

The Centaur class visited an abandoned PNM gas powered plant in Algodones and a brand new solar power plant.

The Centaur class also invited an expert on solar energy from the NM Solar Energy Association to come to our school to present a school wide solar energy presentation.

Dr. Aldis Strautins from the National Weather Bureau in Albuquerque came to speak about weather forecasting with the Badgers and did some experiments with them as well.

The Stargazers visited the SF Children's Museum and the Explora Museum in Albuquerque where they had hands-on experiences with science topics including air pressure, light, electrical circuits and static electricity, to name a few. They also took field trips to Science Toy Magic in the Sanbusco Center and to a local playground where they experienced first hand the joys of centrifugal force and other physics topics.

Fine Art

Our students had an outstanding showing at the **4th Annual AIGA Santa Fe Ornament Auction**. We entered over 50 items for the silent auction and the kids really did a great job. Every item was bid on and purchased and the AIGA members were very pleased at the huge turnout of people from our school. It was very exciting for the kids to see their artwork in this professional art setting and especially exciting to watch the bidding progress! **Proceeds from this auction will benefit our school scholarship fund.**

Our local Lions Club invited our students ages 11-14 to participate in the United Nations Peace Poster Contest. Three local schools were chosen to participate this year, our school, ATC and Monte del Sol. The winner of this international poster contest has their artwork placed in the United Nations.

We all would like to thank Norbu's Mom, Susan, for the wonderful display panels that were delivered, and setup (thank you Luke!) just in time for the Peace Poster judging. The judges came on Friday and were very impressed with all of the artwork from our school. They spoke to the three classes that participated about the criteria their art was judged on; creativity, the theme of "celebration of peace" and artistic merit. They took an hour and a half to decide on the winners, the ones they felt best demonstrated their criteria. It was a really hard decision. We will soon have a page up on our website displaying our recent student artwork from the auction and the Peace Poster contest.

The judges from the Lion's Club chose the following student posters:

1st place...Chance Willey (\$100 savings bond)
2nd place...Kiera O'Brien (\$75 savings bond)
3rd place...Shanti Epp (\$50 savings bond)

Honorable Mentions went to:

Corey Leatherwood, Mason Dowling
& Benet Comeau.

Congratulations to the winners and to all the participants for all your hard work! Parents please stop by the art room and take a look!

Peace Jam Club

Our afterschool Peace Jam club is off to a great start this year. At the beginning of the year, the club shared and learned about local and global problems that they were concerned about. The students chose several topics to focus on this fall.

The first topic they chose to address was local homeless teens.

The students were very concerned when they heard that Youth Shelters and Family Services were closing the only teen homeless shelter in town. They were especially distressed when they learned that homeless teens were all sleeping outside and that they were being given tents and sleeping bags! Last year, our Peace Jam club brought much needed supplies to the teen homeless center and made a public service announcement advising runaway teens to go to this center. The kids couldn't get over the fact that there are several shelters for animals who are homeless and abused, but nowhere for teens to go! When they heard that the center was closing, they all wrote letters to the Mayor asking him to help. When the Mayor's office heard about our kids, they decided to let them come for a private one hour meeting with the Mayor. The students will be going next week! We'll let you know how it goes.

The Peace Jam club also raised money for the Pamoja Project in Africa which helps aids orphans in Tanzania and, with their bake sale money, have purchased 100 ONE bracelets for the ONE campaign in Africa. The One campaign is the "campaign to make poverty history." The students learned that every 3 seconds someone dies from extreme poverty. Our peace jam students are currently selling these rubber ONE bracelets for \$1 each. You can purchase them from the office or any student who is wearing an extra white ONE bracelet. All proceeds go directly back to the ONE campaign. You can also help by visiting their website:

<http://www.one.org/>

The Peace Jam club also found out about the young Panchen Lama from Tibet who was kidnapped by Chinese authorities over 10 years ago. The students all wrote letters to Secretary General Kofi Annan asking him to pass a resolution which would secure the freedom of this sacred young Tibetan leader.

I am very proud of these peace jam students and look forward to lots more great work this year!

-Rayna Dineen

Community Service

Our 8th graders have been doing community service every Friday since the first week of school. We have students helping out at the Food Depot, The Food Depot has been very enthusiastic with their praise of our students, noting that they work harder than most other students who volunteer there and leave less of a mess!

We have students who have been working at Challenge New Mexico Therapeutic horseback riding program, although they will soon start work at a new site. There is a group of students who have been assisting Ms. Blake's first grade class at Cesar Chavez Elementary school and a few students who help out in our own unicorn class. We have been receiving funding for our community service at Cesar Chavez from the City Children and Youth Commission for 5 years now! They provide funding for the classroom our students work in- the students and the teacher identify areas of need and we are able to use this grant to buy much needed art and educational materials. Ms. Blake recently said, "My students are really benefiting socially and academically from their work with your students."

Here are some of our student's comments about their community service experiences so far:

Dale: (Food Depot) My favorite thing about community service is knowing that I am helping a good cause- helping the communities future. I am organizing food to be given to the public.

Kyle: (Cesar Chavez) When the children can't solve a problem sometimes, I show compassion to them and then they solve the problem! In community service, you should not expect anything in return, you are supposed to perform it from the goodness of your heart.

Benet: (Cesar Chavez) I think this community service will help make me a better person, because it has already helped me to realize how lucky I am, and that I really should be grateful for what I have. I will do my best to make their lives easier and better. I hope to see them grow and learn more and more every week, and by seeing them do it, I should myself, too.

Parent Ads & Community Events for Families and Children

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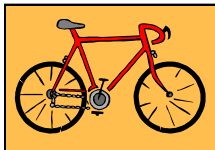
Santa Fe Skating Club Presents:
"Skating through the Looking Glass"
(an original skating adventure in
Wonderland)
Saturday, December 9th
2 Shows: 2:30-4:00 pm & 5:30-7:00 pm
Genoveva Chavez Community Center
\$8 age 13-adult / \$5 age 3-12 / under 3 free

**Swingin' Suites
Moving Dance People
Theater's Annual
Holiday Dance show**

will be held on Dec 1 - 3 at the
James A. Little Theater. Come
and see Malia, Micaela, Elle
and Wes!

Christmas in Madrid! Come join this great annual event, beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday, December 2nd is the Madrid Christmas Parade (kids are encouraged to join, just meet at 3:45 at the south end of town). Christmas Open House begins that evening, with shops open late (until 9 p.m. or so), Santa, and stage coach rides through our lovely lit up town. Open House will be held every Sat & Sun in December except for the 24th. For more information, call 471-8888 or email tamjstewart@yahoo.com

If anyone would like to donate an unwrapped gift to the Santa Fe Fire Fighters Association to be distributed to needy children please contact Paul Moreno (Andrew and Jacob's dad) for information or any other help.



CPR Training for Middle School Students

Thanks to Paul Moreno, Andrew and Jacob's dad, our middle school students are learning CPR and basic first aid! We are very grateful that he is offering this service free of charge. Just think how well prepared our middle school babysitters will be now!

Pandemonium Productions Presents:



Performances:

James A. Little Theatre
Friday, Nov 17th at 7 pm
Saturday and Sunday,
Nov 18th and 19th at 2 pm

Come and see our students Mark and Gioia &
two alumni, Ann and Grace.

PAINLESS FUNDRAISING

- ✓ Use your **LOCAL's CARE Card**- we have more cards you can give to family and friends!
- ✓ **Make sure you have your Albertsons preferred shopper card set up to benefit our school** and just present it every time you shop and we receive a percentage! It's our best fundraiser!
- ✓ **Smith's** also has an Earn & Learn program. Just sign up and designate our school as your school of choice. Present your card at checkout and Smiths will automatically donate up to 5% of your purchases to our school. To enroll, call 1-800-764-8897 or log onto www.smithsfoodanddrug.com
- ✓ Go to www.schoolpop.com before shopping online and we receive a percentage at no cost to you! You can also get a Schoolpop Visa card.
- ✓ **Target:** You can get a Target card to help our school- just go to their website www.target.com or call 1-800-316-6142 and tell them our account number is 115315!
- ✓ **Office Depot-** Just tell them the name of our school at check out and again, we receive a small percentage of your purchase at no cost to you!
- ✓ **Recycling Fundraising** - Every empty toner, inkjet printer cartridge and used cell phone that we collect will earn us points towards a wide range of educational materials. Please collect them from your work and tell your friends!! We have a plastic recycling basket for this in the main building entryway.

THANKS FOR HELPING US IN SO MANY WAYS!

How You can Help our School.....

- Please consider a donation for our Capital Campaign!
- Every little bit really does help!
- We have already raised \$165,000 and our goal is \$300,000!
- We will be breaking ground this December!
- We have a matching grant of \$45,000 from the McCune Foundation and we hope that everyone can help us match it!
- Please let us know if you can make an in-kind donation of services or write a check for any amount! All donations are tax-deductible.
- Thanks so much!