



## Community News

### Santa Fe New Music

presents the inaugural Santa Fe International Festival of New Music. The focus is on music for percussion and voice and features guests including the legendary Meredith Monk, NY's hottest percussion group So Percussion, and Joseph Gramley of Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Project. There will be three concerts at the Lensic, one at the Children's Museum, and a finale on Sunday at Museum Hill with Ande Marimba (including Radha, an SFA alumni)!

There's a flyer in each building and anyone who wants more info can see Rozie, call 474-6601 or visit [www.sfnm.org](http://www.sfnm.org).

### Challenge New Mexico is having a party

to celebrate their new home and to dedicate their new facility for their therapeutic horseback riding program! The party will be held on Saturday, September 18th at 110B Caja Del Rio at 3:00. For more information, call Carlos (our wonderful middle school community service supervisor) at 470-1815.

Directions: From the Santa Fe Bypass (599) take the north frontage road to Caja del Rio Road. Turn North and it is approximately 1 mile on the right. (begin looking for our sign just past the SF Animal Shelter sign.) Follow the dirt road, marked with their signs to 100 B Caja del Rio Road.

## THANK YOU !!



Thank you to all of the parents and teachers and families who came to help over the summer and on our work day- especially Eryk Vershen and the Burns family- thanks so much for the **MANY** extra hours of help with our computers! Thanks so much to all of the families who helped out on our work day and the days surrounding the work day.....Steve Koehler, Tara Andrea and Maboud, Elba and Glency Lopez, Mariquita and Erasmo Santos, the Lenetsky Family, Ron and Karen Whitmore- thanks for all of the art supplies, wrestling mats and your help with the grounds, Ted, Walker & Althea Fleming, Michele, Veronica & Henry Monroe, Sophia & Robert Nimlo, Coltran, Susan Griggs, Jende & Jake Cohen, Arlene and Adrienne Marquez, Mary & Ethan Baker, Robin, Lauren & Noah Sarkissian- thanks so much for cleaning the floors and everything else! Tracie, Elle and Wesley Jansen, Wendy & Ryan VanderHam, Leonard, Marcus & Antonio, Kevin McPartlon, Tammy Gordon, Kass, Richard & Ann Atkinson, Jill Miyagawa, Amy, Erem and Rebekkah Birkan, Whitney Carroll (thanks for the water), Pamela, Ben, John and Julia Michaels-Fallon, Gary, Jamie and Betsy Fulreader, Jonah and Jesse, Stavrowsky Family, John Kennedy, Tony and Lucas Weiss & Anita and Santiago Vigil. Thank you to all of our wonderful teachers who spent hundreds of hours setting up their classrooms, cleaning and more cleaning and getting ready for school! Thank you Jaqui for the wonderful job you did all over the school. Thank you Greg Cliburn for continuing to keep us supplied with animal food! Thank you Phil and Chris Inoue for helping to finish the gazebo this summer! Thank you Anonymous Parent for donating 1/2 the cost of our wonderful new basketball court and hoop! Thank you Liz Jaramillo for the new basketball. Thank you Sally for doing our school recycling program! Thank you to all parents who are signing up to help feed our animals on the weekends. Thank you Tracie and Dave for your continuing help with our fish and lizards and thank you Wendy for your continuing help with our geckos! Thank you to all parents who have offered to be class representatives. Thank you Tammy for the generous donation for our Moving Images program. Thank you Pilar for all the great books and things you donated. Thank you Robin Jones for stepping into the office during the first week of school and doing a superwoman's job along with Chriss! You both saved us! Please let me know if I ever forget to thank someone in this column and please know that your help is always appreciated! **THANK YOU ONE & ALL!!**

## Wish List

**Basketball Court and Hoop-** Thanks to an anonymous parent donor, we now have a wonderful basketball court and hoop. This parent has offered to pay half of the cost if we can get parent donations for the other half! We only need another \$400!

**Computer headphones-** with long cords for the Badger and Middle School classes.

**Out door PE Shed-** for Badger/Middle School classes

**More Flagstone-** for our outdoor areas

**For Art Room:**

**Safety-Kut Printmaking Blocks** or the "The BIG Sheet" (3 sheets) to cut into 4"x 6" pieces 19.30 ea.

**Vellum** - thick transparent paper

**Blender** for paper making

**Wooden Chairs** -to be painted on, if we collect enough for a class.

**Roof-** A new roof (durable outdoor fabric) on the Unicorn/Stargazer Little Tykes Treehouse structure

**Fish-** If anyone would like to go fish shopping, you can let your child pick out a salt water fish for the Stargazer tank. Thank you Dave and Tracie for all of your help with the beautiful tank! You can check with Tracie if you're not sure what kind of fish to get.

**Please note-**

**All donations (both in kind and monetary) to our school are deeply appreciated and are tax- deductible!**

**Let us know if you would like a fundraising packet or a video to send to someone who might be interested in helping our school.**

## Ways you can help!

1. **Animal Feeding-** Please sign up for animal feeding on the weekends.. The sign up sheet and instructions are in the new entry room in the main building. There is also a clipboard in the animal shed with complete details.

2. **Rock Work-** would anyone like to help dig out our french drains and lower our retention pond and replace the rock?

3. **Fall Festival-** See page for details We need volunteers to help with our fall festival.

4. **Scholastic Book Order-** Would anyone like to volunteer to do the Scholastic Book Orders for their child's class? We send them out every other month or so. We don't need a volunteer for the middle school however. It's a fun and relatively easy way to help out the school.

## Foundation Support

### City of Santa Fe Grant

Thank you to the City of Santa Fe Children and Youth Commission for their generous grant of \$2800 for reading and math materials for our school and for our Middle School Tutoring Program with Cesar Chavez Elementary School. This is our third year receiving support from the Children and Youth Commission!

### Children Youth and Families

Congratulations to our school for receiving a grant from the State Department of Children, Youth and Families. We were awarded a generous multi-year grant which will help fund our accreditation process and an administrative assistant for the school, in addition to other much needed items! We are currently in the second year of this grant. Thanks to Cathy Weber, Kathy Etre and Marta Weiss for writing a fantastic, complicated and challenging grant! There were 70 applicants statewide applying for this grant and only 19 schools were chosen!

### Scholarship Fund

Unfortunately, none of these wonderful grants can be used for scholarships and we do need to raise more money for our scholarship fund. Please let us know if you have any friends or relatives who might be interested in making a tax-deductible donation to our scholarship fund. We have a fundraising letter and video that we can mail to anyone you think might be interested. We also hope that some parents will contribute to this fund. EVERY donation really helps-lots of smaller donations can add up to a full scholarship! Thank you! We will have our annual fundraising campaign this year in November. Please let us know if you would like to help in anyway with fundraising!

In New Mexico, there are too few programs programs that allow and encourage young people to be actual contributors to the world around them, and honor those contributions. Young people need ways to explore, discover and develop their interests, skills, and talents and they need to be recognized for their accomplishments.

Our Badgers and Middle School students are all doing community service this year.

The Badger class (4-6th) will be volunteering with our Unicorn class on a regular basis and also doing some environmental community service as a part of their Field Guide Expedition.

The 7 and 8th grade Middle School students will each complete a six week session of community service this Fall.

Currently, 4 middle school students (Annie, Ann, Alex and Arin) are volunteering in a 1st grade classroom at Cesar Chavez Elementary School. They are working on a literacy

project which involves helping the students research animals, write a script, learn songs and perform a play. Several of the girls volunteered at Cesar Chavez last year and the students were very excited to see them again.

Two middle school students are tutoring in the Badger class (Grace and Ben) and two are assisting in the Unicorn class (Clayton and Koral).

Eight middle school students are volunteering at Challenge New Mexico's Therapeutic Horseback Program (Takeo, Betsy, Nyssa, Galen, Elias, Adrian, Antonio, Jordan).

They are all off to a great start this year and we wish a very successful season of giving!

## Afterschool Enrichment Class Sign Ups

At the end of each month, we will hand out an afterschool sign-up “grid” for the next month. This is all you need to sign up for afterschool classes this year. If your child is currently in an afterschool class, then your child will automatically be accepted again the next month **IF** you return the grid and attached payment prior to the new month starting. If you do not return the grid and payment, we have no way of knowing that you wish to continue with your current classes and we may give the space to someone on the waiting list. You may also sign up and pay for a few months in advance if you wish.

Many afterschool classes are currently full, but a few currently have spaces.

### **The classes which currently have space are:**

1. **Marimba lessons *during the school day*** for **Unicorn students with Lucas Nash** on Mondays. \$6 for a private 15 minute lesson and \$10 for a private 1/2 hour lesson.

2. **Afterschool marimba class for young students** on Mondays from 3:15-4:15. \$10/class.

3. **Afterschool marimba class for older students** on Mondays from 4:15-5:15. \$10/class.

4. **Creative Dance** class with Annabella St. Peter. It is a lot of fun! Tuesdays, 3:15-4:15. \$35/month.

5. **Wrestling** on Weds. 3:15-4:30, \$35/month. Starts Oct. 13th

6. **Basketball**, Thursdays, 3:15-4:30, \$35/month.

7. There may be space in **Homework Club** on different days. Drop-ins are also Ok if there is room.

8. **Jazz, Modern dance class** for older students on Tuesdays from 4:10-5:30 with Ariel White. \$35/month

**Openings often occur unexpectedly from month to month, so please let Rayna know if you are interested in a class that is currently full, so she can let you know if an opening occurs.**

## The “Turtle”

Following our wonderful community picnic at Shidoni Sculpture Park, several Badger and Middle School students accompanied our United World College guests back to the school where they proceeded to make a “Dirtle Turtle.”

We plan to transform our campus over the next few years into a sustainable, green campus and school. In order to honor the beginning of this process, we decided to make a turtle, in honor of the original inhabitants of America, the Native Americans, who called America, Turtle Island.

The kids worked really hard moving dirt by shovels and wheelbarrows and hands for over an hour until we finally used Anna Bunker’s truck! Thank you ANNA! It was a lot of work to move all that dirt, although it may not look like much now! Then the kids made the turtle’s body, and placed flagstone all around to make the turtle’s shell. They moved a really big rock from across campus and placed it down as the head. We are still hoping to plant a drought resistant ground cover in the spaces between the flagstone. Any ideas?

The United World College students were so excited by the turtle that they have decided to make their own turtle at their school- with at least 80 flagstones, each representing one of their student’s home country.

# Parents Night Out Overseas Trip Fundraisers

RECYCLE and HELP OUR  
SCHOOL !!

This year, our middle school students are raising money for their overseas trips to Japan, France and Mexico.

One way they are raising money will be by offering "Parents Night Out" evenings.

For \$20 you can leave your child at our school (Unicorn Class) from 7:00-10:00pm and the middle school students and a teacher from our school will babysit your child. There will be a discount for multiple children (e.g.- \$30 for two children). Many children come in their pajamas and bring a blanket and a pillow. We ask that all children have dinner before they come, but we do offer snacks and drinks. We usually play outside and then come in and play games and watch movies like a great, big sleepover.

It's a lot of fun and you can enjoy a great night out!

Spaces will be given to the first 20 children who are signed up.

We hope to offer this a couple times each month.

The first Parent's Night Out will be Friday, Sept. 24th to raise money for our student trip to France.

You can sign up for this first Parent's Night Out by placing a note and check with your children's names and ages in Rayna's box in the Main Building.

Unfortunately we cannot provide care for children under the age of 3.

Siblings who do not attend our school are welcome to attend.

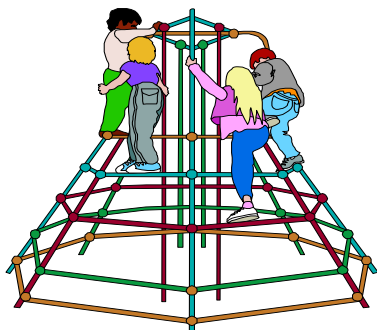
## Recycling Fundraising :

Every empty toner, inkjet printer cartridge and used cell phone that we collect will earn us points towards a wide range of educational materials, including technology, playground equipment and sports equipment! Please collect them from your work and tell your friends!! .

Please save all:

Ink jet cartridges, old cell phones in working condition, laser jet cartridges in their original box and toner cartridges from copiers. Any business or home can donate to this program.

We have a small plastic green recycling bin in the shoerom where small items can be placed.



## Why “Arts?”

I am often asked why is our school called “Santa Fe School for the Arts” since we are not really a school “for the arts!”

We are however, a school that believes that integrating the arts is a vital aspect of a strong academic education. We chose our name knowing that many of the best schools in the nation are called “school for the arts” for the same reasons as us.

Here are a few of our reasons why.

Extensive research has been conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, UCLA, the Carnegie Foundation and the John and Catherine MacArthur Foundation in collaboration with The President’s Committee on the Arts and Humanities on the beneficial impact of involvement with the arts on academic achievement. The data are compelling and consistently demonstrate a high correlation between participation in the arts and academic achievement. (Arts meaning visual arts, music, drama, dance etc.)

One longitudinal study of over 25,000 children conducted by UCLA found that students with high levels of arts participation outperform non arts participating students in every measure. Many studies show that the highest educational achievement is shown for students who also have music performance experience.

The ultimate challenge for American education is to place all children on pathways toward success in school and in life. These studies have found that through engagement with the arts, young people can better begin lifelong journeys of developing their capabilities and contributing to the world around them. The arts teach young people how to learn by giving them the first step; the desire to learn.

For example, the Chicago Arts Partnership studied programs for youth for a decade- sports/ academic, community involvement and the arts. The studies showed that youth who participated in any of these programs did better in school and in their personal lives than did other young people from the same socioeconomic backgrounds. However, to their surprise, the youth who participated in arts programs and

learned in arts integrated environments were doing the best of all.

The arts often connect learning experiences to the world of real work and can provide new challenges for students who are already successful. The arts nurture creativity and help children learn to express themselves. The arts can also help reach students in ways that they are not otherwise being reached as the arts regularly engage multiple skills and abilities. The development of cognitive, social and personal competencies are all addressed when the arts are integrated and valued in education. Music, for example, can train the mind in skills such as organizing complex material and analyzing patterns. We consider science to be part of the arts as well, much as a Bachelor of Arts includes science, mathematics and humanities.

On a personal note, I am aware that much of what I learned in school has been forgotten (until I have to teach it again!) and that the things that I remember best are those aspects of my education that were taught to me in an interesting way, integrated with the arts.

For example, I can still remember the Greek alphabet which I learned to the tune of Jingle Bells! All of my best teachers, who inspired me to be curious about the world and do my best, were teachers who used the arts to enrich the curriculum. And that’s some of why we’re called, Santa Fe School for the Arts.



## Parent Mailboxes and Email Addresses

Every parent has a mailbox. Please check your mailbox everyday if you can.

Payments and papers for the school can be placed in any of the following places:

Rayna's folder in the Badger class (on top of the mailboxes)

Rayna's mailbox in the main building (in the hallway on the Unicorn sign in table)

The drawer in the Middle School rolltop desk which says "All Papers and Payments Here"

PLEASE do not put any notices or flyers in other parent's mailboxes without first asking Rayna.

Please do not put birthday invitations in school mailboxes unless all the children in the class are invited!

PLEASE do not email any parents or forward information to parents on our school email list.

This is only to be used for school sanctioned communication.

Please note there is a Parent to Parent Community Bulletin Board outside the Stargazer Classroom and in the Middle School Lobby for parents to post notices about upcoming workshops, their own work, items for sale, wanted posters etc... We can also place your community news and requests in this newsletter.

## Birthdays for Unicorns & Stargazers

One of our parents suggested a wonderful way to celebrate your young child's birthday at school which is quite popular at several other local schools.

In honor of your child's birthday, he or she can choose a favorite book that the school does not have, to donate to their class library. The book is then shared in the morning as part of the child's birthday celebration ritual and the child also gets a gentle reminder that giving is just as important as receiving.

Please remember that you do not need to bring toys, presents or food.

\*Since we have many students with food allergies in the Unicorn and Stargazer classes, we would request that parents of Unicorns and Stargazers **not** bring in food treats for birthdays- we can share ideas of other things if you really want to bring in something additional for all of the kids.

Please be sure to check in with your child's teacher regarding your child's birthday as it approaches.



## Painless Fundraising

Have you ever wondered whether it is worth the trouble to show your **Albertsons Community Partners card** to the cashier? Well, it is! In four years we have received over \$3,000 from Albertsons! So, a big thank you to everyone who is using their Albertsons school community card! It really adds up! Please let Rayna know if you lost your card or need more for friends and family. We do have more!!

**Smith's** also has an Earn & Learn program. Just sign up for a Smith's Fresh Values card and designate SF School for the Arts as your school of choice and go shopping at any of their stores. 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 visit one of their stores for an application, or log onto [www.smithsfoodanddrug.com](http://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com)

**Another easy way to Help-Remember Schoolpop?** Our online shopping school connection has already raised hundreds of dollars! Thank you online shopping parents! Just go to [www.schoolpop.com](http://www.schoolpop.com) and click on our school first (if you register we get \$5- you can even register your kids!) and then go shopping online at the more than 150 sites connected with schoolpop. There is no cost to the shopper, and we receive a percentage of each purchase! You can also get a Schoolpop Visa Card which works the same way.

We have also signed up with **Target** - so if you would like to get a Target Guest or Visa Card (it is a credit card), each time you use the card (at Target, but also at other stores) our school gets a small percentage - just be sure to specify our school when you get the card. You can apply online at their website [www.target.com](http://www.target.com) or call 1-800-316-6142.

Friends and relatives can also use **Schoolpop, Target, Smiths and Albertsons** cards! Just let us know if you need more cards.

Our school also has an account at **Double Take**, a wonderful consignment shop on Aztec Street, with great used and new clothes for children, men and women plus lots of toys, household items and jewelry. Anytime Tuesday through Friday, you can bring in clothes on hangers, or toys and books etc. and the staff there will decide which of your items they will accept for consignment. Call them first(989-8886) for more details. Our school account number is **1283A**.

We purchase educational materials for the school there with our store credit. We recently purchased some wonderful children books with narrative tapes for our reading/listening centers.

Dear Santa Fe School for the Arts Parents,

## Communication

As parents, the safety of our children is naturally our first concern. We ask that everyone please help us to keep our driveway and parking lots safe for everyone.

PLEASE make sure that you drive **VERY slowly** anywhere on or near the school grounds. I know that we are all sometimes in a rush to get to the next place, but please just take a few breaths and drive onto school property as if you had all the time in the world.

We often have very small children walking in the parking lots and on the sidewalks. They may not be visible at all times, so please look ahead and move very slowly.

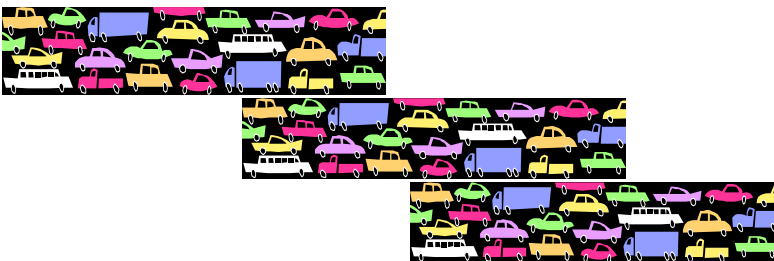
PLEASE also, **come to a complete STOP**, prior to driving onto the sidewalk by our driveway. Neighborhood children are often walking there and we must be the ones to look out for them.

Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding about this important issue.

Open and honest communication is essential to a positive school experience for your child. Please let us know as soon as possible if there are any major changes in your child's life, so we can be supportive at school. (all information is confidential). We, in turn, will keep you informed of any events which may have been upsetting to your child at school, or any significant changes in the school environment which might affect your child's sense of well-being at school. We value your feedback and concerns, and will do our best to facilitate daily communication so that we can all flourish in an atmosphere of honesty, integrity and kindness.

If you have a concern or suggestion, Please don't wait to speak to someone. If you hear a rumor, please check it out before spreading it around. You can always speak to any member of the staff at the end of the day, or call Brian Dineen, Executive Director at 988-3399, or call any teacher afterschool or at home. In addition to our biannual parent teacher conferences, please remember that all teachers are available to schedule a sit-down talk whenever needed.

Please remember: you know your child best, and we will all be able to do a better job if we all work together.



## Fall Festival



We will have our annual **Fall Festival on Friday, October 29th from 12:00-3:00**. Our past two old-fashioned Fall festivals were both a huge success thanks to the many parents and students who pitched in!

We are hoping to again have some booths with old fashioned carnival games, like the fishing booth and the floating ducks, along with our famous Treasure Dig, Polaroid Booth and Face Painting.

The festival and all of the booths are always free to SFA families, although we will charge a nominal fee to visitors. We will also have a special fundraiser booth to help raise money for the middle school overseas trips.

Can anyone help sponsor having a bounce house again? Pony rides?

Would any parents like to help organize a cake walk and a food booth? Anyone want to organize the whole festival?

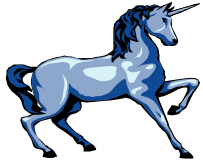
Are any parents interested in getting prizes for the booths (stickers, pencils, erasers etc.-anything but candy!) We have catalogs you can order from....

Would any parents like to play music?  
Any new ideas?

We invite everyone to come in costume on Halloween, but please remember that since we have preschoolers at our school, we do not want any gory, bloody or very scary costumes at school.

All Unicorns are invited to the Festival, even those who do not usually attend school on Fridays.

Please let Rayna know if you would like to help in any way!



## Unicorn Quotes

**Wyatte:** I wish that the rich people won't be mean to the poor people, cause they have more food, but the poor people have to make all the stuff and they don't have much food and they got to go far to get water.

**Sarafina:** I wish that white people who aren't usually nice to black people would be nice to black people and there'd be no more wars.

**Ethan:** I wish all the people were gone to the red planet where there's volcanoes and water and it would be fun.

**Madeline:** I wish everyone was a mermaid and they saw seashells and eat fish and see everything under the sea.

**Adrienne:** I wish people could be happy and see beautiful butterflies all the time.

**Alicia:** I wish nobody would kill other people so they could make new friends.

**Lewis:** My mom went to Lost Vegas. It's lost, but she found it.

**Blue:** I'm really good with animals. When I grow up, I want to be a veganarian.

**Cole:** I like Taillou (Calliou), but I don't like the Tebetullies (Teletubbies).

**Wyatte:** I wish people wouldn't throw trash in the ocean cause animals would die like dolphins, sharks, sea lions and all the fish.

**John:** They could get really sick!

**Noa Noa:** And then they would die.

**Chime:** And then they couldn't talk!

**Kyla:** I wish I could help all the animals.

**Madeline:** I wish everyone would live very happy and it was so pretty everywhere.