



## Santa Fe School for the Arts & Sciences Newsletter

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Parent Teacher Conferences November 8-9**  
**No School for All Students**  
**Childcare available on November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Please call to reserve a space for your child.**

**Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**MS French and Spanish students invited to UWC for**  
**European Cultural Night! 8:00 pm**

**November 12<sup>th</sup> - Stargazer Class visits Tesuque**  
**Pueblo Feast Day. All parents are invited to join us.**

**Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> - Peace Poster Judging**  
**AND United World College invites our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Grade students to participate in a high ropes course**  
**at the SFCC from 2:00-5:00.**

**Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**SFSAS Parent Association Meeting**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> - Stargazer class visits Southwest**  
**Children's Theater to See Jack and Jill and the**  
**Beanstalk from 9:00-10:00.**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> - Recycle Santa Fe Art Festival**  
**El Museo Cultural 1615 Paseo de Peralta**  
**6:00 pm: Trash Fashion & Costume Contest**  
**November 17-18: free admission to festival**

**November 20<sup>th</sup> - Bradbury Science Museum visits our**  
**School to provide special science classes for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Thanksgiving Break- November 21-24**  
**End of First Trimester- November 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **SAVE THIS DATE**

**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**"WINTERCOMES"**  
**6:00-9:00 pm**

An evening showcasing and celebrating  
student work, art and music.

Wintercomes is also a potluck  
and a chance to get together  
with the entire school community.

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to  
see a snapshot of what is going on all over the  
school!

**PLEASE DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!**  
**WE NEED ALL STUDENTS TO**  
**ATTEND !**

### **SAVE THESE DATES!!**

Parents of Students in Unicorns, Stargazers,  
Centaur's and Badgers:  
Please save these dates:

January 7<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> - important play rehearsals  
Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> - Very important  
rehearsal at Santa Fe High School  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> - final dress rehearsals  
January 25<sup>th</sup> - Matinee at 12:30  
Evening show at 6:30

## Fall Snapshots



Centaurs on a field trip to Audobon Wildlife Center.



Kiera's entry for the Human Rights Magazine.



Chime hard at work on her coil pot.



Enjoying music class with Liang-yeh



Unicorns harvesting from their garden

## Badger Business

Greetings from the Badger Class.

We've been having fun and working hard.

We continue to do field studies at Sunrise Springs every Thursday. The students really appreciate the beauty and serenity and love working in the gardens. They are making maps of the Japanese Tea Garden, writing stories about fictional plants, composing poetry about the plants they are studying, drawing sketches and conducting research. The students will soon be contacting sign-makers to research pricing and materials for signs so that we can create a botanical garden walk.

We would like to thank Sunrise Springs for letting us use their grounds as our classroom. We love it!

The students seem to love math and we are cruising. We are now entering the world of pre-algebra and the students are up to the challenge.

The Badgers are currently in book clubs and it is such a joy to listen to them discuss plot, character, and make predictions about what they are reading. I feel like I'm in a college literature class at times.

Last week, we went on a fieldtrip to the Audubon. We learned about plant pollination and played some fun games in the beautiful gardens.

The kids love all of their specials. Students are learning about body parts and food in Spanish. In Art, they are making wonderful pieces out of recycled materials. Eddy always has them running and laughing in P.E. A.S.L. and Drama are a blast.

Please enjoy some of their wonderful poems about plants and Sunrise Springs.

### Bluey (a poem about a Blue Spruce)

Name speaks all that's true.

Needles stay frosty blue,

Through winters cold and summers old

Needles prefer to stay.

Growing on mountain side, river small,

Sky above gray and wide.

Settled in winters snow.

Silence as we know.

*By Anson Schwegmann*

### Giant Sequoia

As I sit here on the cold sidewalk, I look up and see a giant masterpiece.

I think to myself what it would feel like to look down on the world from that amazing height.

I lie down and look at a yellow jacket crawling slowly in the short grass.

I'm sitting in a cold breeze, so I move in the sun with my friends.

It's a special feeling being here.

That is what it's like to be in the presence of an amazing tree like the Giant Sequoia.

*By Wesley Jansen*

An excerpt from

### The Eyes of a Tree

The dabbled light falls through the trees in silence. All is still except for a few leaves whispering in the wind. The lake is of golden light, shining off of the new day. All is quiet here...nothing to disturb the fall naturalness of the earth. No one ventures here. There is much to smell and feel to touch the beauty of it all. For that is my worst fear. Nothing should be taken away from this world far from yours, but still we are both here, sharing this beauty with others. The winds wisp across us in harmony with each other. All is still...nothing dares move for fear of the cold winter which will be coming. The paths turn a golden color as if to welcome all fearful things as the temperature falls. The path is covered with gold and copper like gifts showered from above.

*By Sarah Weber Colvin*

## Stargazer Scoop

In the Stargazer classroom we are continuing our study of Pueblo Indians, focusing this month on traditional storytelling. We are also exploring pottery. During the daily read aloud have been reading a biography of Maria Montoya Martinez, the well known potter. We then watched a film which showed Maria and her son firing pots on an outdoor fire at San Ildefonso Pueblo.

We then went on a surprise field trip to Santa Clara Pueblo. Nancy Youngblood (the very famous potter) invited us to watch her fire a pot the traditional way. This was an incredibly special opportunity for our kids! The children watched her heat the platform with fire, set the pot in place, rebuild the fire, smother the fire with manure at the right moment, and remove the pot when it was finished. When the children asked questions, Gabriel asked who was more famous, Nancy or Maria Montoya Martinez. Nancy thought for a moment and replied that she thought Maria was. (Maria is no longer living)

In art, the children are making their own pots using the coil method. We will be painting them with colored slip and firing them in our kiln. We have created a graph, using the data in our family surveys to see which cultural influences each child's family brings to our group. The children were delighted to find similar ancestry among many of them.

During our daily circle we have been learning 2 words a week in Keres, Jerry's native language, and are now inserting those words into the stories he reads during our weekly native story telling time. We are reading Native American stories and non-fiction about the Pueblo culture in Reader's Workshop. Here we are learning how to determine what is important when we read and how to infer the meaning of words we don't know or the meaning of a story as a way to deepen our comprehension.

In math we continue to learn about numbers, how to line them up on number lines and put them on number grids. We are learning to skip count and add and subtract. We are creating simple functions by determining "*what's my rule*" in a series of numbers. We continue to learn about time and money and have begun exploring geometry, beginning with learning about lines and line segments using pretzel sticks to create polygons. We are making connections between geometry and the organic and geometric shapes we find on traditional Pueblo pottery.

Don't forget our trip to Tesuque Pueblo on November 12! Everyone is invited.

Noah, Cole and Gabriel working on their pottery.



Kai, Julianna and Chloe and class learning geometry with geo boards and pretzels and movement!



## The Centaur Report

**Over here in the magical land where Centaurs roam, there has been some excitement brewing. The Witch's Stew was a gooey success at the Fall Festival and everyone had a splendid time. Thank you Centaur parents for helping in so many ways.**

**In math workshop we have been solving many math challenges and navigating our way through some seriously long addition and subtraction problems. We have also started to find our way through some multiplication problems. Last week we used many different types of measurement as we got messy with the annual pumpkin math challenge.**

**Everyone is working hard on our US state expedition. We are getting ready to finish up our incredibly detailed state maps and continue working on our wide variety of characters from our 16 states. Students are working through several drafts of their projects and realizing what quality work they are capable of. We look forward to sharing our hard work, and a little surprise, during our Wintercomes Showcase!**

**Enjoy the Book Critic's Corner below!**

### **Book Critic's Corner**

*Peter and the Shadow Thieves* by Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson

"It's a great book! Lots of cool things happen in the story. When I read it I want to read on and on."-Anjali

*Goosebumps: It Came From Beneath the Kitchen Sink* by R.L. Stine

"I like this book because it's spooky and I like spooky stuff."-John

*Nicky* by Ann Howard Creel

"Nicky is a ten year old girl whose life gets changed through training a service dog." –Lauren

*Ramona the Pest* by Beverly Cleary

"Ramona is not a babyish preschooler anymore! She is in kindergarten and she is a big trouble maker."-Tilcara

*How to be Cool in the Third Grade* by Puffey Wilson

"It's cool because Robbie York is in the third grade and so am I!" –Isabel

*The Time Warp Trio* by Jon Scieszka

"It's all about kids that go into the past and meet a gladiator. The gladiator is very mean and they run from him." - Lewis

## Middle School News

The Middle School has been hard at work in all of their classes and has been wonderful to work with!

In Humanities, both grades have been involved in professional debates about the Bill of Rights. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade participated in a debate about the Second Amendment, The Right to Bear Arms and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade debated the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment and how it pertains to everyday situation surrounding privacy rights. The students really impressed the judges with their public speaking skills and the research and evidence they brought to their debates.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade has finished up their Human Rights Magazine with the College of Santa Fe and had the opportunity to visit 'Los Desparecidos' art installation at Site Santa Fe. The students were really impressed with the artwork and felt the power and history behind the artwork.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade also recently visited an unusual art installation on Canyon Road which focused on Human Rights. They also visited the Chalk Farm Art gallery on Canyon Road as a part of their Language Arts unit. They are focusing on the 6+ writing traits and using a wide range of word choice in their essays and stories. The students were blown away by the work of Vladimir Kush and highly recommend this gallery to anyone who hasn't yet visited.

The Drama students recently completed their auditions for their big spring musical, Fiddler on the Roof. The talent was amazing and it was incredibly hard to choose which students would get each part. They have started reading through their scripts and are learning about Russian history and Pogroms in preparation for this play. In Digital Arts, the students have been learning about Flash animation and working on Photoshop to make amazing self portraits.

In Math, the students are working their way into more and more challenging Algebra and they are also working on their architectural designs for their house projects.

In Art the students have been getting ready for the Recycled Art Show and were recently photographed and interviewed for the Albuquerque Journal North!

In Moving Images the students are all wrapping up their filming and are starting to edit their films. We can't give anything away right now about the content of these films, but we guarantee that you'll love them! In French, the students recently finished making children's books in French and writing Halloween stories in Japanese. They have been singing and dancing in Spanish and having a great time! Our French and Spanish students have also been invited to the UWC European Cultural Day!

In science, the students have completed a number of hands on field trips and are finishing up their expedition on the Prairie Dogs on our property. They have all completed large research papers on Prairie Dogs, including scientific maps of our property. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be presenting their findings to the younger classes and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be presenting their finding to the school board. The fate of our prairie dogs rests in their hands!

The Peace Jam club is planning a major activism demonstration on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. A number of the students are planning to sleep outside overnight on the grounds of the city hall to protest the lack of housing for the homeless this winter. It has reached crisis proportions and there is no housing for parents with children or homeless teens or teen parents. The students have the support of the mayor and the police and hope to get a lot of media attention. Our Peace Jam students are also silk-screening t-shirts for our "Awareness" campaign to bring about more awareness in teens about human rights issues through the use of fashionable t-shirts that have a powerful message.

All in all, the middle school students are very busy and working hard and we are very proud of them!

SFSAS Middle School Staff

# Amy's Art Space

Mark your calendars.. Come see the Centaurs, Badgers, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders work in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Recycle Santa Fe Art Festival at El Museo Cultural. Don't miss this special event! Don't miss the Trash Fashion and Costume show on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** 5pm-9pm (Fashion Show 7pm!) \$5 entry

**Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** 8am-5pm (free)

**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** 10am-5pm (free)

Here is a sneak peak from each class:

Jordan's trash fashion (7<sup>th</sup>)



Ferny's recycled hubcap art (8<sup>th</sup>)



Sarah's recycled art "The Demented Dog" (6<sup>th</sup>)



Sarafina's wire sculpture (3<sup>rd</sup>)



Landon preparing to do his artwork (2<sup>nd</sup>)

## UNICORN UPDATES

The Unicorns have been doing a lot of traveling during their international expedition. They even made their own passports (complete with photographs!) which get stamped each time they visit a new country.

They recently traveled to Mexico! They learned about Day of the Dead / *El Día de los muertos* from Jonah and his Dad, Jerry, and created whimsical skulls which for some, represented a deceased grandparent or pet. They placed them on the altar that Jonah and Jerry created. Then, we flew back to New Mexico and Alexandra and her Mom, Kathy, shared pictures of their family tradition of Halloween. Alexandra designed pumpkins that her Mom cut out for her, made spooky desserts, decorated their house for trick or treaters, and of course dressed up each year. For snack that day Alexandra brought yummy healthy ingredients that the Unicorn's put together to make a spider. The Unicorns will continue learning about Mexico and New Mexico: counting in Spanish, saying hello / *hola* and goodbye / *adiós* and more.

The Unicorns also traveled to Asia. Mira's Dad Krishnan came in and taught the Unicorns an ancient form of exercise called Qi Gung and showed us on our world map where his Mom was born in Malaysia. Kira and her parents Wendy and Eric came in dressed in their Chinese clothes and taught us some Cantonese. We flew to China and learned a lot about Chinese culture there with the help of Liang-yeh and Juli and Stella's moms. Stella wore clothes from China and Wendy, her mom, told the Chinese story about the goddess and the rabbit in the moon, commemorating the Harvest Moon Festival in China. The Unicorn class ate moon cakes! The Unicorns looked at Chinese numbers with Julie and her mom. They are learning to count to five in Chinese and also how to write numbers one, two, and three.

### Unicorn Quotes

- ❖ Jonah to William: "I'm taller than you and that's okay. We're still friends!"
- ❖ Kids were making the letter "D" out of chocolate sauce and whipped cream. Megan declared, "It's the never taste I ever had!"
- ❖ William: "My brother grows every day, every two days I grow."
- ❖ Jonah: "I meditate at my house so I don't feel jealous."
- ❖ Jerry: "How much is 15?"  
Mikey: "A lot!"
  
- ❖ Michael V.: "I had a good dream last night, and it was about SINGING!"
- ❖ Benji (holding up a pair of metal scissors): "These are olden-day scissors."
- ❖ Jonah: "I have eagle eyes."  
Kiran: "I have eagle eyes too."  
Blaze: "I have panda eyes!"
  
- ❖ Loden: "For Halloween, I'm going to be the Pirate of the Bean!"
- ❖ Fae: "These sparkly shoes are like the ones on Lawrence Welk!"
- ❖ Jonah: "My mom speaks Spanish. She's half Mexico."
- ❖ Mikey: "Do you know what I'm going to be when I grow up? I'm going to be a scientist. And I'm going to figure out if aliens are really real or if they're just real in space. And I'm going to find the name of the man who built the stairs [at the Loretto Chapel]."
  
- ❖ William: "I made this elephant out of clay and it is very FRAGIBLE."
- ❖ Tenzin (watching Suzanne wipe water off the slide): "You're a good teacher!"
- ❖ Mikey (after hearing Gary play *Puff the Magic Dragon* on the guitar): "That was better than better!"
- ❖ Suzanne was playing *Cool Jazz Cats* on the CD player. She asked the Unicorns what kind of cats they wanted to be: Megan: "I'm going to be a watermelon cat!"  
Benji: "A painted green cat!"  
Blaze: "I glow in the dark!"  
Alexandra: "I want to be a blue cat."
- ❖ Jonah: "I like to cough. When I sit down and cough, it makes me jump and that's fun!"



Unicorns learning hammer dulcimer – thanks Gary!!



Kayla and Stella fly to China!



The whole Unicorn class flies to China!

William and Naima enjoy their Chinese hats

Unicorns Tenzin, Leo and Megan enjoy African drumming.



Christopher & his Centaur buddy, Lewis.

Juli & her mom share about China

## THANK YOU NOTES

We have continued to have a truly wonderful outpouring of wonderful parent volunteers and donations so far this year.

Thank you to all of the parents who are delivering our burritos each week.

Thank you to the parents who sponsored the Big Bounce House this year at our Fall Festival and thank you to the parents who sponsored the Pony Rides this year! The kids really appreciated your generosity! It was a great treat to have so much wonderful help in so many ways.

Thank you so much to all of our fantastic fall festival volunteers and chaperones. Thanks so much to everyone who brought food for the potluck and prizes for the games. Thank you to our wonderful musicians!

Thank you to following parents who helped prepare the gardens for winter: Pam Plauth, Tim Bajema, Luke Pierpont and John Delamater.

There's always something to do if you'd like to get involved with our grounds- just let Chriss or Cynthia know you'd like to help and we'll add you to the email list for Gardenteers.

### Amy's Art Room Thanks to:

**Sunny Zamora** from the **Children's Museum** for donating material from her wonderful recycled collection!

**Keith Wilkinson** from **Wilkinson & Company** for donating & cutting to size 30 sheets of cardboard!

**Joseph Fuller** from **Books & More Books** for donating books and videos.

**The Hospice Thrift store** for donating odds and ends.

**Todd Stiewing** for finding the perfect piece of recycled wood for displaying the Centaur's wire sculptures!

**Special thanks to Anita Hernandez (Santiago's Mom)** for helping to carry artwork, photograph artwork, fill out entry forms, and for helping in art class with set up and clean up every class!

### Stargazer HALLOWEEN STORIES

On Halloween I heard "boo!". I didn't know what it was. A witch came out of the house. I was scared of coming in the house. A mummy came out, but...it was kids!!!!!!!!!!!! They wanted to trick-or-treat. So, we did. By Okema

Once upon a time there was a witch with a black cat and she lived in a haunted house. One night, they had a party in the haunted house and the ghost met the skeleton and they went into the kitchen and they drank hot chocolate...but... the skeleton couldn't drink hot chocolate! By Chime

On Halloween a ghost met a skeleton with candy. The ghost said, "You know that stuff will rot your teeth!" The skeleton said, "Oh, no! My teeth and my bones are all I have left!" The Ghost said, "You should eat a pumpkin instead." So the skeleton found a Jack-O-Lantern and tried to eat it. The Jack-O-Lantern said "boo" and the skeleton got scared and dropped the pumpkin. Right on top of a witch's head! The witch screamed, "Help me, help me and my black cat!" The witch was a costume on a kid who was trick-or-treating. So, the skeleton took the pumpkin off the kids head. They all laughed and had a happy Halloween! By Landon

## Wish List

Display panels for the art room

Upright Piano!!

Great keyboard for chorus, voice and drama

Old copies of the Magazine Architectural Digest, Dwell or any other interior design or architectural maps for the middle school.

2 Laptop computers with Windows XP

2 digital cameras for our Digital Photography class

Donations for our Fencing Club (\$120 each for fencing gear for scholarship students)

All donations are tax deductible

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP.....

Wintercomes- We need parents to help organize the potluck and parking for Wintercomes!

Musical: Is any interested in helping to find costumes and props ready for the musical in January?

KILNS- Does anyone have expertise with kilns? We are grateful for the donation of a kiln, but we need some help using it!

PROPS- Can anyone build us a couple of oversized fake cribs for one of our plays?



### SNOW DAYS

If we have a delayed opening or are canceling school due to icy road conditions or snow, you can listen to the radio or watch TV for the public school closings or **call our school cell phone, 920-9709** and listen to the message! If there is no snow day message, then we have school as usual. We follow SF Public School delays and school closures.

Zag's  
Dad

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