



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

You are invited to.....

❄ WINTERCOMES ❄

Showcasing & Celebrating student work, projects, art & song

**Thursday, December 11th
5:30 - 8:30 pm**

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

Mandatory for all students!

We hope all parents can attend and see what the whole school has been doing!

**See page 5 and please note the times for your child's
museum viewing and performance!**

WINTER BREAK: December 22-January 2nd

Back to School: January 5th

No School: January 19th Martin Luther King Jr. Day

School Play: Friday, January 30th

Stargazer Scoop

We are continuing our year long expedition on life in Colonial New Mexico. We are looking more deeply into apple growing and are spending time in class reading about apples and considering them from a scientific perspective. Did you know that the Spanish were the first ones to bring apples to this continent? When easterners first came west with their seeds and saplings, they discovered that the people here, both native and Spanish, were already growing apples.

We were recently invited to Velarde to visit the oldest apple orchard in New Mexico, by none other than Joy Velarde herself. She gave us a beautiful tour of the orchards that have been in her husband's family for 400 years and she was able to answer many of the children's questions. Here are some of the things they learned:

1. Velarde has been around for years.
2. Once apple trees are bigger, they start to grow faster.
3. There are 7,500 apple trees in the orchard in Velarde.
4. Apples fall when it gets cold and when they fall on the ground they get bruised, then the apples get black.
5. Ms. Velarde is from Kansas.
6. They flood the orchard.
7. Different apples have different names.
8. They used acequias to water the orchard and didn't need to get watered with watering cans.
9. The trees need water.
10. Trees live all the way to 80 years, but they don't just live, people take care of them and when they get cold there is a wheel that brings the cold air up so they don't freeze.
11. When they get old they cut them down.
12. People eat apples and animals eat apples too.
13. An apple tree takes years to grow and when it grows you can pick it and eat it and gather some for your family.
14. Some people think that apples are tasty.
15. If it looks like the apple blossoms are going to freeze, they would burn wood under the trees.
16. When apple trees are too old or die, you have to take them out of the ground.
17. If you pick an apple you don't have to wash it before eating it.
18. Apples are grown in Velarde, New Mexico.
19. You can't eat apples off the ground because there might be bugs in them and you could get sick.
20. They also grow other fruit trees in their orchard, like peach and pear.
21. They did not put spray on the trees.
22. They cut down the old trees so the new trees to grow.
23. The Spanish brought the apple trees before the English did.
24. They get lots of apples from the orchard.
25. They planted the trees in rows.
26. They planted alfalfa under and between the trees.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Need a great Babysitter?

Call me, Betsy Fulreader at 795-8821.

I'm a senior at SFHS, graduated from School for the Arts & Sciences, I'm 17 and I drive my own car.

My dad is Gary the junior high math teacher. My brother is Jamie, who is in Matt's class. And my mom is Cynthia, whom many of you may know.

Please consider calling, I'd love to play with your kids! =D ~and at the same time, you'd get a night out!

MADRID CHRISTMAS PARADE & OPEN HOUSE

4 p.m., Saturday, December 6th*

followed by Madrid Christmas
Open House

Shops open late serving
refreshments ~ Xmas lights ~ Santa

~
Carriage rides ~ every weekend in
December

*Kids are encouraged to join parade
-- to join, meet at the south end of
Madrid at 3:45 ~

call 424-0882/Tamara for more info.

Swingin' Suites *A New Mexican version of* *"The Nutcracker"*

at the James A. Little Theater
Friday, December 5th,
Saturday, December 6th
& a Sunday, December 7th matinee.

Anjali, Elle, Micaela, Nicky, Sabrina and
Wesley will all be in this wonderful
Moving People Dance show!

SANTA FE OPERA GALA CHRISTMAS BENEFIT

Sam Connan, a fifth grade student in the Badger class, will be a featured soloist at the Santa Fe Opera Gala Christmas Benefit to be held on December 13th.

Sam, who is part of the Santa Fe Opera's Young Voices program, will be singing "Don't Cry Mother Dear," from the opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Menotti.

BADGER BUSINESS

Museum Mania is under way. We have been to several museums and each one has been fascinating. The students have had a wonderful time exploring their local resources and some of the students have gone back to the museums with family members.

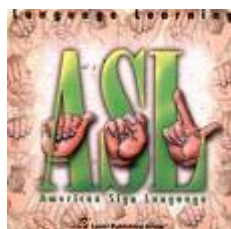
Last week, we visited the International Folk Art Museum and we were all blown away. The color, detail and joy expressed in the artwork was amazing. One student said, "This museum has finally made me really appreciate art!"

The students have been working diligently on their stories and reviews of the museums. We have been critiquing each others work and revising until the students feel they have a quality piece.

In the next few weeks, we will continue to visit a handful of museums. This week, we will visit the Spanish Colonial Art Museum. The students will be working to finish up their projects and some may want to work at home.



The Badgers also recently visited the NM School for the Deaf with their ASL teacher Megan Goldberg, who also works at NMSD. The students loved it and had an amazing time with the deaf students there. They played games, practiced their signing and made new friends. The Badgers were pleased to see how well they could communicate and the deaf students were thrilled to have such a great time with us.





Wintercomes!



MUSEUMS & PERFORMANCES

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

*Classrooms will be open for viewing student work for
1 ½ hours each*

5:30 - 7:00 – **Unicorn** Students Museum open
(UNICORN PERFORMANCE AT 6:00)

5:30 - 7:00 – **Stargazer** Students Museum open
(STARGAZER PERFORMANCE AT 6:30)

6:00 - 7:30 – **Centaur** Students Museum open
(CENTAUR PERFORMANCE AT 7:00)

6:30 - 8:00- **Badger* Students** Museum open
(BADGER PERFORMANCE AT 7:30)

(***Please Note:** Badgers perform at 7:30 in the Middle School Art Rm)

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

All classes will also have artwork displayed in the Middle School building in the DaVinci Room and the lobby!

School Store at Wintercomes!

**Don't miss our amazing school store sale during wintercomes!
Save some of your holiday shopping for our school store- we
have beautiful jewelry, shirts, hats, scarves and really cute
things from Japan.**

All proceeds benefit the middle school overseas trip fund.

PAINLESS FUNDRAISING

- ✓ Use your **LOCAL's CARE** Card- we have more cards you can give to family and friends!
- ✓ Please show your **Albertsons card** 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 for a Smith's Fresh Values card and designate our school 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
- ✓ 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 which works the same way.
- ✓ You can also 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!
- ✓ Whenever you shop at Office Depot, tell them the name of our school 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, including technology, playground equipment and sports equipment! Please collect them from your work and tell your friends!! We have a plastic recycling basket in the main building entryway.
- ✓ **Peace Cards**- order our peace cards instead of buying store bought cards. Stop by the office to see our selection of student peace cards. The theme was "Peace Begins with Me."
- ✓ **School Store**- stop by our school store and see if there are any gifts you can buy from the school. We really appreciate your support. Plus, our prices are great!
- ✓ **RAFFLE TICKET**- buy a raffle ticket and win an i-pod touch or a weekend in Taos at a gorgeous home.

THANKS FOR HELPING US IN SO MANY WAYS!

TWO SCHOOL RAFFLES

(stop by the office today to buy a ticket for either or both raffles!)

Win an i-pod touch: \$5 ticket.....Win a brand new i-pod touch!

Taos Vacation Rental: \$10/ticket.....Win two nights in Taos! Friends of Robin Jones have graciously donated their gorgeous vacation rental home for a raffle prize for our school. Two nights in a lovely, two bedroom home with a den, loft /meditation room, two bath, deck, koi pond, garden, private hot tub, fully equipped kitchen, laundry & beautiful artwork, right in town.

Just a stroll to the galleries and cafes, right around the corner from

El Monte Sagrado Resort- leave your car at home!

There will be other prizes as well connected with this raffle!

Winning tickets will be announced at our school play on January 30th

Please consider buying a raffle ticket or pick up a bunch and sell them to your friends!

Middle School News

The middle school students have been working hard these past two months in all of their classes. In humanities, they recently completed an intensive mini-expedition on the presidential election. All students learned about the election process, the history behind the electoral college and the issues and platforms of many different candidates. The students all participated in an educational forum, during which they each researched and presented information on the main issues of the election- they also found the differences and similarities between the two major candidates. The purpose of this forum was to help educate each student so they could make an educated decision about who they wanted to vote for for president.

Our middle school students also took part in the online National Mock Student Election. Our school was officially registered and each student had the opportunity to cast their ballots for candidates running for various political offices, including Senator and President, a few days before the actual election. This student election has successfully predicted the presidential election outcome every year for the past 50 years, except once!

After the election, students wrote essays explaining how it felt to take part in the mock election. The mock election organizers were so impressed with our student essays that they emailed me as soon as they received them and asked permission to put excerpts of their essays on their website. Here are some excerpts from those essays:

What the Mock Election Meant to Me



It was quite an amazing experience to vote in the mock election. It gave me a sense of accomplishment, like I really made a difference in the actual election. When I was younger, I would dream about someday being able to vote. I remember when I used to say, "I want a 5 year old to be president". "I want 8 year olds to be able to legally vote". Well, maybe kids can't legally vote, but with this mock election, we are one step closer. To this day, I am still grateful that our country gives us the right and the opportunity to vote, even if it is just a mock election.

I don't think that they realize it, but adults are influenced by kids a lot. It is nice to know that even if it didn't really count, some people will realize that this is our future as well!

The issue that I care about most is the environment. I feel at home in the outdoors and it is really important to me to protect our wilderness.

-Josh Zimmer

To me, being allowed to take place in a mock-election was an honor. It not only made me feel like I was making a difference, but it was also like I was equal to everyone else who took this small survey. Of course, it could never be compared to a real presidential election, but I still felt like I was making some kind of difference as to who would be president.

I also thought it was very remarkable that I, a thirteen year old boy, was voting. I was choosing the candidate I believe is right for our country and placing my vote, like an adult. It made me feel very mature. I really liked the feeling that ran through my body when I pressed the mouse clicker, a tingly feeling that started from the finger that was clicking the mouse down to the tip of my toes. This was the feeling of satisfaction. It was very satisfying indeed,

knowing that my vote would be cast with thousands of other students, all of whom were probably just as excited as I was.

All in all, I thought the mock-election gave students a chance to know what it feels like to vote and take part in such a major event in US history.

-Jesse Koehler



I have always wanted a chance to cast my ballot and make a difference in the outcome of the election. Ever since the first presidential election that I can remember, I have desired to vote. When I was younger I didn't actually take it seriously and only wanted to be like my parents. But as I get older and more involved in politics, I really want to be able to support my country and vote for the candidate that I believe will help our world.

When I voted in the Mock Election, I finally felt that I was making a difference in a decision that would have a major effect on the country for the next four years. I know that the Mock Election has a large influence on the actual election and I think that it is great for children to know that their vote counts too. After the election, it was great knowing that I helped to elect our country's president. I will look back on this election as the first time I voted for president.

Overall, it was a wonderful experience to finally vote. I enjoyed being able to say "I voted too!" I must still wait eight more years before I can legally vote in the elections, but until then I hope I can always participate in the Mock election.

-Kiana Jupiter

SFSAS Peace Jam Afterschool Club News

Nursing Home Performance: Our Afterschool Peace Jam Club, Youth United, and our advanced marimba band, will be performing at the Rosemount Assisted Living Home on Rodeo Road on Wednesday afterschool. Our students are often in high demand to perform at local eldercare homes and we are happy to be able to do it! Our students will be singing, playing piano and marimba and spreading holiday cheer.

O Ambassadors: Our Youth United group has also been chosen as an O Ambassadors student group. This means that our kids will be working with the Oprah show program and Free the Children to help make a difference in the lives of children around the world. This program encourages young people to become active global citizens. The program is inspiring thousands of youth to make a difference for their peers in developing countries by working toward the UN Millennium Development Goals.

Disability Awareness: This year Youth United has chosen to create awareness around Disability Rights in Santa Fe. They have met with students and parents at our school who

have disabilities and are researching what needs to be done in Santa Fe. The students would like to raise awareness about the needs of people with disabilities (ie. teaching people about the importance of not parking in handicapped parking spaces or in the marked areas around those spaces) and creating more fun opportunities, parks, games, playgrounds, for kids with disabilities. Our students are planning on making a public service announcement in addition to creating some fun, accessible, play opportunities here at our school and possibly elsewhere in town..

As you know, our school is committed to being fully accessible, and our kids care a lot about making it as accessible as possible. After all, that is why we are building the new classrooms which will hopefully be finished any day now! *Anyone who might be interested in helping with these endeavors or making a donation, is welcome to come to a Peace Jam club meeting on Weds. at 3:30 in the middle school art room (DaVinci Room).*

Middle School Dance Thanks

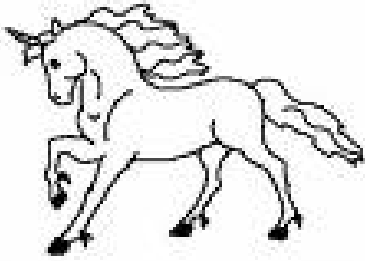
The Middle School students and parents hosted a middle school dance in November and, thanks to a great turnout of students from all over Santa Fe, raised \$400 for the overseas trip fund.

Thank you to Rocking Rollers, our parent chaperones, Susan Whelan for her homemade ice cream and organizing talents, and Kathy Tari for chaperoning and for getting to so many donations for our food table, our raffle and dance prizes.

THANK YOU!!

**Albertson's
El Dorado Supermarket
Regal Theaters
Water Boyz
Santa Fe Candle
Zafarano Starbucks
CCA
Papa Murphy's
Tribes
Mucho Sandwich
Ivy's Nails
Joe's Diner & Pizza etc... donated a \$15 gift card
Starbuck's De Vargas
The Screen donated 10 admission tickets
The Film Center donated 10 admission ticket
Chocolate Smith donated a \$20 gift certificate
Java Joe's donated a \$20 gift certificate
Pharmaca donated a \$20 gift certificate**

Unicorn Updates



Recently, we discovered that mice had been eating the corn in the Unicorn community garden. So, the Unicorns decided to make humane mouse traps and in the weeks that followed, they had a wonderfully inventive time making mouse traps out of recycled art. The mouse traps were entered in the Recycled art show and thanks to all the kids and parents who visited the Recycle Art Show to support the many great school entries.



Our indoor garden is producing lettuce, kale, carrots, zucchini, and carrots. We'll soon be eating salad and more! The Unicorns water the plants and harvest when appropriate.

How does Nature help us?

The Unicorns were asked one of their Expedition guiding questions, "How does nature help us?" and here are some of their answers;

Cyrus: Nature gives us food and water and trees to breathe.

Megan: It helps us to make food.

Alexandra: Helps people make pancakes.

Kayla: Nature helps you.

Blaze: It gives us oxygen.

Iza: If we cut down all the trees in the world we would have oxygen. When we breathe the tree leaves take in the carbon dioxide, turn it into clean air.

Skylar: Nature helps us to grow things like our garden and it helps us have more ideas than just sit around and just watch movies.

Devi: People need air so they can breathe, because people can die if they don't have air.

Tom: Because we need air, and if we have dirt to breathe we would die.

Mushegh: Nature helps us. And nature is delicate and we don't want to break it.

Uma: Nature helps us because it gives us food and air so we don't die.

UNICORN QUOTABLE QUOTES

Kiran, Blaze, and Cyrus were sitting at the art table creating yin-yang symbols. Robin asked what they were drawing and they replied "The ink in one egg."

Leo to Megan, "That's a T-Rex and he's a meat eater and you're meat!"

Megan (about a problem): "I figured it out all by myself in my brain."

Stella: "What does your Daddy look like?"

Jan, "Well, he has shirts. And socks. And pants."

Megan: "Did you know that Tinker Bell is made out of nature?"

Unicorns are Thankful for.....

Kayla: I'm thankful for the sunlight and for apple kisses.

Christopher: I'm thankful for Thanksgiving because that was Mommy's birthday.

Iza: I'm thankful for the leaves that give me oxygen and the breeze that the leaves give me.

Kiran: I'm thankful for the sun and the moon.

Jan; I am thankful for my friends and that I play with my sister Iza.

Fae: I'm thankful for the whole world and all the planets.

Megan: I'm thankful for nature and trees and leaves and sun.

Skylar: I'm thankful for my friends.

Stella: I'm thankful for hugs and kisses and sunlight and sleeping and the moon.

Leo: I'm thankful for everything in the whole wide world.

Alexandra: I'm thankful for all my friends.

Blaze: I'm thankful for the sun and moon.

Cyrus: I'm thankful for this school and the whole world.



School Musicals: Tales from the British Isle

On Friday, January 30th, the Unicorns & Badgers will be performing “Winnie the Pooh” and the Stargazers & Centaurs will be performing a folk tale from Ireland called, “The Seal Maiden.”

Both plays will be performed at the matinee show, 10:30 am and the evening show, 7:30 pm. Winnie the Pooh will go on first in each show, followed by the Seal Maiden after intermission.

The performances will be held at the National Dance Institute (where we performed Free to Be You and Me last year.) All students will need to be at the theater early to get in costume and makeup.

HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH OUR PLAYS

The Seal Maiden (Stargazers & Centaurs)

We need the following items and help:

1. **Stargazer girls who are mermaids** need blue or green tights and a blue or green leotard with long sleeves. You don't have to buy these if you don't own them- just let us know if you have them or not.

- please let us know if you can find these items for your child and please bring them into school in a clearly labled paper bag with handles by December 15th.



3. **Stargazer and most Centaur** girls also need a peasant like skirt and top.

Again, you don't need to buy these, just let us know.

-please let us know if you can find these items for your child and please bring them into school in a clearly labled paper bag with handles by December 15th.

4. **Stargazer and Centaur boys** are Irish fishermen and need solid color pants, not jeans, and button down shirts, older or worn out and solid color is best. Centaur boys also need fisherman's caps and vests. Please just let us know what you have.

- please let us know if you can find these items for your child and please bring them into school in a clearly labeled paper bag with handles by December 15th.

5. **Seals:** The girls who are also playing the role of seals (Isabel, Julianna, Sabrina, Sina, Merit, Makai, Kai M), also need tights or leggings.



Props Needed: fishing nets, small wooden table and chairs and wooden bowls, old copper cooking pot, small boats, fishing poles and small nets.

Volunteers: We need a few people to help sew the seal and mermaid outfits! We also need some volunteers to help paint scenery.

Winnie the Pooh (unicorns & badgers)

1. **All Unicorns** will be bumblebees in the play and need a black long sleeved shirt (turtleneck or t-shirt is fine) and black pants or leggings.

- please let us know if you can find these items for your child and please bring them into school in a clearly labeled paper bag with handles by December 15th. Please don't buy these unless you want to. Just let us know what you have at home. Thanks!



Each Badger student will have their own costume and we will need to make most of these.

I would greatly appreciate some volunteers to help sew some of these costumes in December or over winter break. Please let us know if you would like to make a particular costume.

Props: A bunch of fake honeypots, old tree stump and hive, props for Rabbit's home.

Volunteers: We need some volunteers to help make and paint backdrops and sew costumes.

Intermission

Concessions outside? We are not allowed to have food inside the theater this year. If any parents would be interested in setting up food outside, that would be great! Sadly, we have to eat it outside as well! Maybe warm cider, hot chocolate, warm? Any ideas?

VOLUNTEERS:

Flowers: We will also need a volunteer to buy and sell flowers for our budding actors.....

Intermission: We will need volunteers to help backstage at intermission too.

Ticket Selling: We will need volunteers to sell and take tickets.

Play Program

Program: We need a volunteer to help make the play program.

Ads: We also need someone willing to help us collect and create ads for the program. Our program ads help cover the cost of the play, mike rental, costumes, props, musicians, etc....



HOLIDAY GIVING



Many parents have been asking how we will be helping the community this winter. Each year the families at our school have been very generous and have always donated and helped out many families and people in need in Santa Fe.

This year we are collecting gifts for children at Cesar Chavez (where our middle school students volunteer) and Agua Fria Elementary School (Tilcara's mom's classroom). We are also collecting items for homeless teens at Youth Shelters and Family Services and food for Bienvenidos and Food Depot (where our middle schoolers also volunteer).

We have wish lists from these places and we will be collecting these items in the Stargazer/Unicorn lobby and the Middle School Lobby.

Please don't wrap anything this year!

We are excited to give these gifts directly to parents who can choose what their children need and want and wrap them themselves so that they are the ones giving the gifts.

Please bring new or almost new coats, hats and gloves for both young children and teens. Please bring new toys and new or almost new books for elementary school and preschool students.

Please bring in canned food and non-perishable food.

We can give a tax donation form for all donations.

Thank you so much!

Remember: Please bring all canned food, coats, hats, gloves and toys to the Stargazer/Unicorn lobby or the Middle School lobby by December 18th.

School Wish List



Small two wheeler bikes for the Stargazer class



A digital camera for the Digital Arts class



Flat Screen Monitors for our computers

A laptop computer with Windows XP

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Volunteer to help with our school plays
(see pages 12-14)

Help us find a great place to have our school store in December
We are looking for a community holiday sale or store location where we
can sell our holiday gift items.

Make a donation for our school scholarship fund or our overseas trip
fund

Give something to our holiday giving program (see page 15)

Sell Raffle Tickets to friends and family and co-workers!
(see page 6)

Make a donation of coats, toys or canned food to our holiday giving
program (see page 15)



The Centaur Report

The Centaurs have been lost in space the past few weeks. We are learning a tremendous amount about our solar system and the outer regions of space. Everyone did some wonderful field work at the Santa Fe Community College's planetarium. We made four visits to the planetarium where we learned about the planets, constellations, light years, and our night sky. We also made a trip to the local library and came back with plenty of research materials. Everyone has been tracking the moon phases at home and learning about the role of gravity in the universe. Everyone is working hard on their trading cards and developing some great ideas for our final model of the solar system!

In math workshop we have entered the world of geometry. We are learning about perspective and how we look at shapes and objects. We have also been having interesting conversations about the differences between two and three dimensional objects. Everyone is building the knowledge they will use to make geometric buildings, complete with instructions and 3-D drawings of their creations.

As part of our poetry unit in language arts, the Centaurs created some amazing planetary poetry in the form of Haiku. They are on display for a little while longer in our classroom. Here are a few for you to enjoy!

Planetary Haiku

Sun by the *Centaur Class*

A blazing hot start
Gigantic sphere warms the Earth
Shining out in space

Mercury by *Lewis*

I am Mercury
Filled with huge craters
It is the hottest planet
With all its gasses

Venus by *Gabriel*

Filled with gas inside
Second planet from the sun
Earth's closest neighbor

Earth by *Chime*

The Earth is active
Birds fly in the sky so bright
In the Earth's white clouds

Neptune *Kai M.*

Neptune is so cold
It's made of gas and ice
Four beautiful rings

Earth by *Chime*

The wind is blowing
The trees dancing nicely
The Earth spins slowly

Mars *Kai T.*

Next to Jupiter
The fourth planet from the sun
And it has two moons

Mars *Landon*

Before Jupiter
A red and rocky planet
Mars is after Earth

Jupiter *Sofia*

A red gas giant
Much larger than our own Earth
A gas hurricane

Neptune *Alicia*

Neptune is so cold
A bright blue planet in space
So far from the sun

Pluto *Sabrina*

Pluto's very cold
And Pluto is very small
It is an ice ball

Jupiter *John*

Jupiter has rings
You can't see them well at all
But they're really there

Saturn *Merit*

With rings around it
The sixth planet from the sun
Orbits the bright star

Saturn *Isabel*

Most visible rings
The sixth planet from the sun
A gassy planet

Uranus *Julianna*

Uranus is cold
It is the seventh planet
It has fifteen moons

Uranus *Sina*

Spins when it circles
Eleven rings it has so,
Fifteen moons that glow

Pluto *Serena*

Pluto is so cold
It is cold, tiny bright star
It is sweet, good night

Venus *Noa*

Filled with huge craters
It is the hottest planet
With all its gasses



Winter Camp

WILL YOU STILL BE WORKING WHEN SCHOOL LETS OUT?
DO YOU NEED TIME TO SHOP AND CLEAN BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS?
DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO RUN, JUMP, CREATE AND PLAY?

HAVE YOUR CHILD COME JOIN US AT OUR THREE-DAY WINTER CAMP!

CHINTAN WILL RUN THE CAMP AND WILL BE ASSISTED BY MIDDLE SCHOOLERS.
THE CAMP WILL PROVIDE WINTER CRAFTS AND GAMES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES.

CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN
MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 22ND, 23RD, AND 24TH.

9 AM TO 3 PM



\$100.00 FOR ALL THREE DAYS
\$40.00 PER DAY
OR
\$10.00 HOUR DROP IN FEE

ONLY 16 SPACES ARE AVAILABLE SO PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE ASAP.
PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE AND IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND YOUR MONEY WILL BE
REFUNDED IN FULL IF WE FILL THE SPACE YOU HAVE RESERVED.

PLEASE BRING SNACK AND LUNCH DAILY.

THIS IS A FUNDRAISER.
ALL WORK IS VOLUNTEER AND PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO
THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OVERSEAS FUND.

CHEAPER THAN A BABYSITTER!
WE NEED MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS CAMP!

Recycle Santa Fe Art Festival & Art Class Updates

Megan Goldberg, our art teacher: "I would like to congratulate all of the art students this trimester for putting so much hard work into their recycled art projects. A huge congratulations to Elliot and Solomon who took 1st and 3rd place, respectively, in the teen category at the Recycle Santa Fe Trash Fashion Show! Great work guys. You should be proud! Congratulations to all of our fashion show participants, everyone of you did a fantastic job. You can see pictures of all of their outfits in the DaVinci Room at Wintercomes and we have a video of the show as well.

Also, congratulations to the Stargazers for winning 3rd place in the Student Art Exhibit and raising \$60 for Heifer International by selling their painted tiles. Nice! The Badgers did a great job finishing up their robots, and the Centaurs Contrasting Color Collages looked magnificent at the show. The Middle School students, who didn't participate in the Fashion Show, created some stunning recycled art pieces that were also on display during Recycle Santa Fe. If you didn't get a chance to see the show at Recycle Santa Fe, don't worry. You can see it in the DaVinci Room during Wintercomes! You can also see the framed article from the Santa Fe New Mexican about our students and this event in the middle school lobby.

Sarah Pierpont, New Mexico Recycling Coalition Deputy Director: "SFSAS helped to make the 10th Annual Recycle Santa Fe Art Festival a huge success by participating in the youth juried art exhibit and the Trash Fashion and Costume Contest. Congratulations to the Stargazers for winning third prize in the "Child" division of the Youth Juried Art Exhibit. The class sold six of their entries to raise \$60 for their Heifer International project. Congratulations also to Elliot Hield and Solomon Taishoff for winning prizes in the Teen Division of the Trash Fashion and Costume Contest. Elliot won first prize for his "The Baggy Suit" outfit made completely out of recycled chip bags and Solomon won third prize for his "Recyclone" outfit. They were chosen out of over 20 Teen entries! The winners won \$150 and \$50 respectively.



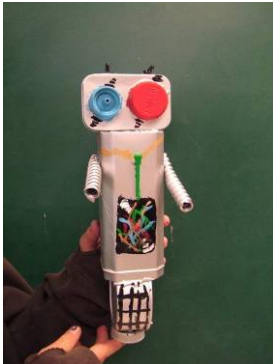
Robert and Doran with their Green Car Recycled Sculptures



Badger Abstract Paintings from Art Class

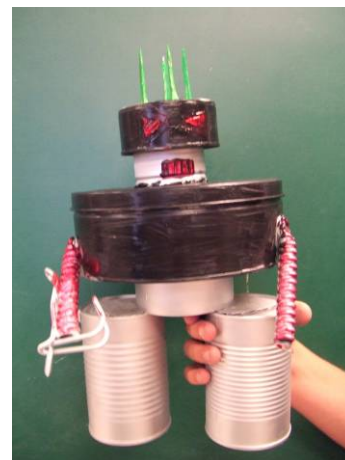
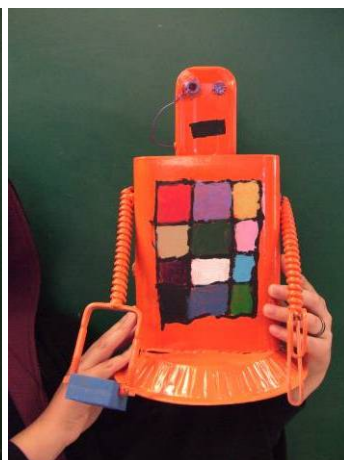
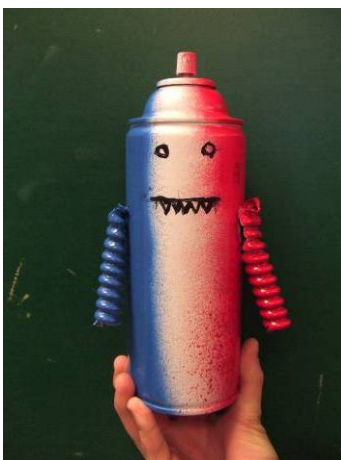


The Stargazers are working on their Spanish Retablos. Here is a first draft of Jonah's Hunter from the Spanish Colonial time period. Thank you Luke Pierpont for making the wood for the retablos!

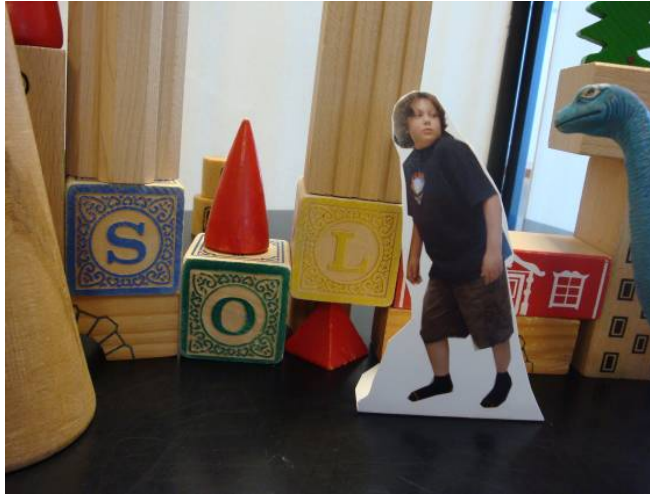


If you remember from the last newsletter, we published a few pictures of the Badger class unfinished robots. Here are a few of the finished projects. As Tilcara was looking at the display of the freshly painted robots she exclaimed, "I remember when they were just little cans!"

Don't forget to see them all at Wintercomes!



The digital photography class is also having fun and working hard on their “Mini-Me” projects. Check out their Wintercomes exhibit in the Cave.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following families and individuals who made generous donations to our school scholarship fund this year:

Kalsang Lungtok and family, Motta-Ellsworth family, Gardopee-Cohen family, Bixby family, Fulreader family, Carol and Arnold Rubin, VLG Foundation, Jen-Zweig family, and the Bajema-O’Neill family.

We hope that everyone will consider giving a donation to our school scholarship fund this year. Even a little bit goes a long way and it all adds up in the end to helping more children attend or stay at our school.

100% of your donation goes to our scholarship fund!

Thank you to the Frost Foundation for your recent generous donation for our school capital campaign!

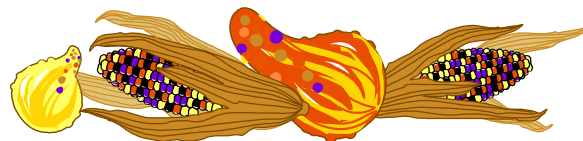
Thank you Satara for the magazines for our art class and thank you Eddie and Jason for the foam core donations for our art class.

Thank you to all parents who donated fabric or items for the recycled art and fashion show.

Thank you Perli for our new marimba and all of your help with fundraising!

Thank you Charles for the new color printer.

**AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU TO
ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THE
2008 FALL FESTIVAL
A GREAT SUCCESS!**



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It was so delicious!**

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Thanks Laine & Julie for your generous donation of items for the Middle School trip sale table.

Thanks to all who chaperoned children.

Thanks to all who brought pumpkins, pot-luck food, and goodies for the Cake Walk.

Thank you Middle School students and all parents who helped to make the Wild Rumpus and the Haunted Carnival a great success!

**Our apologies if we forgot to name anyone.
We appreciate all of your help very much!**

