



KIVA KIDS

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Mission, Vision and Culture Committee

A collection of parents, board members, teachers, and staff are meeting every Monday at 3PM to discuss the value and application of the Elementary/Middles School Mission and Vision statements. The founding board crafted the vision and mission statements of the school, and then produced a document to outline how stakeholders can put these statements in practice.

Included below are the Mission and Vision statements for your to review:

Vision - Children's Kiva Montessori School will provide a vibrant and engaging learning environment based on the teachings of Dr. Maria Montessori that supports all students academic excellence and ability to become empowered, creative, lifelong learners responsible for themselves, their community, and their environment.

Mission - Children's Kiva Montessori School uses Authentic Montessori methods, Community-Based educational approaches, and integrated academics (STEAM) to support student academic success, responsibility, and independence.

To help put the Mission and Vision statements into every day practice by teachers, staff, administration, board members, parents, and students is a document which was drafted in

September of 2014 by the founding board. It was originally called Montessori Touchstones, but is now referred to as Community Goals and Expectations, Since the document is quite lengthy, just the introductory section has been included in today's Kiva Kids:

From the Desk of Ms. Susan



The Destination Imagination competition was a great deal of fun to attend. It was fascinating watching the different challenges and presentations by the various school. Very proud of our students and their sponsor, Ms. Cassy.

This week will end the PARCC testing and allow our students a bit of a break for a few days.

Please be sure to attend the City Council meeting this Tuesday and wear RED to support our school.

As always is you have questions or suggestions please feel free to call me on my cell at (970) 759-5869.

A Message from your Board of Directors

- We extend our appreciation to our Kiva community for their support at both the Planning and Zoning Meeting earlier this month and also at our recent board meeting. Your presence, input, and passion are

at our recent board meeting. Your presence, input, and passion are what makes our school such a great place. Upcoming meetings to be aware of:

- i. City Council meets on Tuesday, April 25th - it is anticipated that the City will review our conditional use permit for 2306 and 2310 E. Empire. Please come and show your support for our school by being present and wearing our school color...red! You do not have to say a word, just your presence will show your support. Please note, that regardless of the outcome of the meeting, there are still many, many hurdles to cross and decisions to make as to whether or not this is the best place for our school.
- ii. The next board meeting, unless posted otherwise, will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 5:15 pm., please note the new time. Our meetings are always open to the public.

Children's Kiva Montessori Week At A Glance 5 day week

Monday, April 24th --

- ** Mission and Vision Committee Meeting - 3:00pm - Beech Campus
- ** Lower Elementary Field Trip to the Dinosaur Museum in Blanding, Utah

Tuesday, April 25th --

- ** Kiva Cafe' 7:30 - 7:45

Wednesday, April 26th --

- ** Wednesday Club - Advanced Cooking

Thursday, April 27th --

- ** Kiva Cafe' 7:30 - 7:45
- ** Arbor Day - 4th Grade Students - Parque Di Vida 12:30 - 2:00pm

Friday, April 28th --

Saturday, April 29th --

- Children's Fair at the Cortez Rec Center
- Kiva PTO Garage Sale at the Children's House

- Our school is a place for every child
- Children are the most valuable resource on earth
- A child can achieve greatness through the use of peaceful hands
- Children are active learners with an innate desire and ability to learn
- Children learn best when given the opportunity for hands-on exploration and discovery
- Children learn best when they are interested in what they are learning
- Children learn best when development of positive self esteem, a sense of inner awareness, and a sense of security is cultivated
- Children thrive when they feel a sense of choice and control
- Movement and cognition are closely interrelated; movement enhances thinking and learning
- Education should be cultivated based on intrinsic rewards (satisfaction for a job well done) not extrinsic rewards (gifts, money, high grades)
- Every child develops at his/her own rate
- Children learn well from and with peers

The committee will be working on this section Monday, April 24th at 3PM in the west building. You are invited to join us!

Science of the Fine Arts Fair

The Science of the Fine Arts Fair was very successful. It was enjoyable to see the projects that our students researched and presented to the audience members. A great job was done by all.



This is our final week of testing for all 3rd through 8th grade students. If you have any questions about these tests, please feel free to contact Ms. Susan.

