



KIVA KIDS

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Kiva's Week at a Glance Five Day Week for Students

From the Desk of Ms. Susan

It's December, where has the time gone. If you are anything like me, it feels like it just snuck up on us. I'm not quite ready for the semester to be over.

We have many activities going on this month, as is always the case in December. Please be sure to join us when you can. Mr. Dusty will begin the Destination Imagination after school program this Monday, December 4th at 3:00pm. Montessori Philosophy Night is Tuesday, and the list goes on.

This week your student brought home the Annual Appeal. Our Board of Directors thought it important to share with our families as well as our community as a whole. I hope you enjoy seeing some of the amazing things that are happening at the school.

As always if you have questions or suggestions please feel free to call me on my cell at (970) 759-5869 or email me at susan.likes@kivacharter.org.

Winter Program

The Winter Program will be held, December 14th at 6:00pm in the Auditorium at the Montezuma Cortez High School. A note went home this past week regarding volunteer and material needs. If you are able to assist with Set Building, please join us on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday at the Beech Campus.

Additional details for the program will be coming home this

Monday, December 4th -

Destination Imagination 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Beech Campus

Tuesday, December 5th -

Kiva Cafe' 7:30 - 7:45am

Set Building Night - 3:00 - 6:00pm - Beech Campus

SAC Meeting - 4:00pm - Beech Campus

Montessori Philosophy Night featuring the Upper Elementary Classroom - 6:00pm - Beech Campus

Wednesday, December 6th

Early Release - 1:15pm

Thursday, December 7th -

Kiva Cafe' 7:30 - 7:45am

Set Building Night - 3:00 - 6:00pm - Beech Campus

Finance Committee Meeting - 5:15pm - Beech Campus

Friday, December 1st

Additional details for the program will be coming home this week for your students. We hope to see you there.

Friday, December 13th

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

A Note from your Board of Directors

We are delighted to congratulate our Head of School, Susan Owen-Likes, on a **major** accomplishment! On December 15th, Susan will have completed her Master of Arts in Montessori Leadership through Sarasota University. Congratulations Susan!

Kiva Cafe' Cocoa Orders

The Kiva Café is now taking pre-orders for cocoa mix. If you would like to purchase some Kiva Cocoa to take home over Winter Break you can make a pre-order anytime between now and Friday, December 15th. We will make up a bag with the amount of mix you requested and directions on preparing your own cocoa. These bags will be delivered at the end of the school day on Wednesday, December 20th.

Middle School Project

On December 20th, the middle school will be building a set of eight stools for our classroom. We are in need of some help in order to make this project work. We will need some tools in order to make shaping the wood possible (drills, saw, sander). We will also need some volunteers to help supervise using those tools to ensure safety. If you can help in any way please contact Mr. John at john.whitehead@kivacharter.org.

Montessori Tidbit

Maria Montessori held perseverance as a true indication of internal development. She said, "After concentration . . . comes perseverance. . . It marks the beginning of yet another stage in character formation. . . It is the ability to carry through . . ." Children begin to develop perseverance by performing tasks independently. Appropriate modeling of the task is important as is occasional adult intervention at certain times. This intervention needs to decrease steadily as the children learn to do things for themselves. Independence is the foundation for perseverance; children persist in doing a task until it is done correctly. They develop a sense of satisfaction in a job well done and grow in self confidence, which fosters their continued willingness to accept challenges. In turn, this gives the child myriad opportunities to succeed and accomplish both short and long term goals. When they fail, they are able to look at the failure as an opportunity to reflect on what to do differently next time. This quality is often referred to as "grit" in current writing and research about education and it includes having patience with challenges and failure. Recent studies show that perseverance is a better predictor of college success than academic achievement in High School.

The Importance of Breakfast

Did you know? Kiddos who eat breakfast do better in school, are more likely to participate in physical activities, and tend to eat healthier overall. So tomorrow morning, don't run out the door on an empty stomach. Fuel up with a healthy breakfast!

A Peek Forward - Save these important Dates

December 11th - Children's House Board Meeting - 5:00 - Empire Campus
December 12th - PTO Meeting - 5:30pm - Trinity Lutheran Church
December 14th - Winter Program - 6:00pm - MCHS Auditorium
December 18th - CKMS Board Meeting - 5:30pm - Beech Campus
December 21st - January 5th - Winter Break