



# KIVA KIDS



## From the Desk of Ms. Susan

February is already upon us. It's hard to believe the first month of the year has already passed. The students seem to be really enjoying both Art and German.

Our teachers are hard at work keeping students focused and continuing to reach their academic goals. It is such an amazing process to be a part of. We are so lucky to have the amazing team that we do.

This next week we have a teacher workday. Staff will be participating in some amazing professional development from American Montessori Society. We are very lucky that we have this opportunity.

Parent Teacher conferences are coming up the end of the month. Please be on the lookout for information coming home from your child's individual teacher.

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](mailto:susan.likes@kivacharter.org).

## Kiva's Week at a Glance Four Day Week for Students

Monday, February 5th - Destination  
Imagination - 3:00 - 4:00

Tuesday, February 6th - Kiva Cafe - 7:30am  
- 7:45am - Beech Campus  
Upper El Field Trip to Boggy Draw  
School Accountability Meeting - 4:00pm -  
Beech Campus

Wednesday - February 7th -  
Early Release 1:15pm

Thursday - February 8th - Kiva Cafe -  
7:30am - 7:45am - Beech Campus  
Finance Committee Meeting - 5:30pm - Beech  
Campus

Friday - February 9th - No School for  
Students - Teacher Workday

# A Note from the Board of Directors



The Children's Kiva Board of Directors is excited to announce that we have entered into a contract to purchase the Justice Building 601 N Mildred, Cortez, CO 81321, from the Montezuma County Commissioners. We continue to develop budgets, timelines, funding, construction, and other aspects of this process to ensure that this building will fit our school's future needs while keeping within a financially responsible budget.

We will be updating you as often and in-depth as possible as we continue this work.

We would like to extend our extreme gratitude to the Montezuma County Commissioners and staff for their supportive, understanding and friendly negotiations through-out this process. They continue to support our community to ensure a great location for our school. Please join us in our appreciation.

- February 6th - Upper El Field Trip to Boggy Draw
- February 6th - School Accountability Committee - 4:00 - Beech Campus
- February 8th - Finance Committee Meeting - 5:30pm - Beech Campus
- February 9th - No School - Teacher Workday
- February 12th - Children's House Board Meeting - 5:30pm - Empire Campus
- February 15th - Family Innovation Night - 5:30pm - Beech Campus
- February 19th - No School - Presidents Day
- February 21st - Parent Meeting for Potential New Parents - 12:30pm - Beech Campus
- February 23rd - No School - Teacher Workday
- February 24th - Sub Orientation - 11:00am - 1:00pm - Beech Campus
- February 26th - CKMS Board Meeting - 5:30pm - Beech Campus
- Feb 26 - March 1 - Parent Teacher Conferences - Beech Campus

## Family Innovation Night

Please join us for the Family Innovation Night, Thursday, February 15th at 5:30pm. We will be introducing to parents what will be expected for student projects, how the design cycle works, and some other really fascinating things. Please plan to join us at this time.



## Montessori Tidbit

Speak Like a Montessorian Feb 2, 2018

One difference often found between Montessori teachers and other educators is the way they speak. You might regularly hear teachers, coaches, or even yourself, saying, "Good job!" Many people consider this to be positive reinforcement without recognizing the judgment included as well as the effect it may have on our children. Montessorians identify and validate the effort children make, focusing on process rather than product. One might hear, "You concentrated for thirty minutes on your addition problems," rather than, "Good job, you got them all right!" Without realizing it, many adults promote children being "praise junkies", and they become completely dependent on our evaluation of their work or behavior. This keeps the child looking to us for more approval rather than forming their own, independent judgments. We do not want our children to grow into adults who continue to need others to tell them how well they did.

The specific, thoughtful way in which we encourage and support our children is what makes all the difference. Praise generally motivates children to get more praise. Genuine, specific comments about the effort or attitude your child exhibited, or commentary on how their work helped the class or family are

less likely to create children who crave praise and more likely to create children who focus on positive, internal qualities.

Often, Montessori teachers ask children questions about their work rather than commenting on it. When your child asks you, "Is it good?" Or, "Do you like my \_\_\_\_\_?" Rather than answering the question, ask one of your own. Ask what she likes about the work, what her favorite part is, or the way she accomplished the task. This helps your child begin to evaluate her own work and effort without looking for external approval, which aids self-confidence and a sense of capability. In addition, Montessori teachers often make observations, such as, "I noticed several children picking up their own spoons." This is

## Student Pickup and Drop Off

A gentle reminder, please make sure to drop off and pick up your students, using the Drop Off Zone on North Street. Please DO NOT park on Beech Street or North Street, or behind the businesses off of Main. I realize it is very cold out at this time, but please be respectful of our business neighbors and their need for close parking as well. Thank you for all your assistance in this matter.



## Health Tips for our Kiddos

As we finish up the Cold and Flu season that has been devastating the area, please be sure to remember what you can to help your student stay as healthy as possible. Children need 8-10 hours of sleep per night to stay at their peak. Make sure they are getting plenty of rest each day. Water, water, water. Make sure they are staying hydrated. Keep the sugar at bay. Sugar helps weaken your immune system. Just a few tips and reminders of what we can each do to stay as healthy as possible.



## Southwest Colorado Concert Series

On February 9th, WindSync, a professional woodwind quintet will be performing in the M-CHS Ralph E. Vavak Theater in Cortez.

Hailed by the Houston Chronicle as "revolutionary chamber musicians", WindSync is internationally recognized for dramatic and engaging interpretations of classical music. The young, adventurous crew plays exclusively from memory, including elements of staging and choreography, and focuses on building a connection

and choreography, and focuses on building a connection with audiences through dynamic concert programming and charismatic stage presence. Dedicated to showcasing contemporary music and expanding wind quintet repertoire, the group also relies heavily on a large body of original arrangements of classical masterworks in order to build innovative and thematic programs, and is strongly committed to educational enrichment and promoting arts engagement through concerts dedicated to inspiring children, members of the community, and audiences with disabilities.

WindSync will be in concert at 7pm on February 9th at M-CHS. As always, the **first 50 students** to stop by the will call desk will get in free. Auditorium doors will open at 6:40pm for students.

"I noticed several children picking up their rugs quietly." This is preferable to saying, "I like the way Frederick is putting away his rug," because it is a statement without judgments attached.

The next time you are tempted to praise your child, try noticing something specific, or ask a question instead.

## Art Class Needs

- **Ms. Celeste is needing the following items for an upcoming Art Project. If you are able to donate any of the following please let her know at [celeste.lambson@kivacharter.org](mailto:celeste.lambson@kivacharter.org) or Ms. Wendy at [wendy.weygandt@kivacharter.org](mailto:wendy.weygandt@kivacharter.org). Thanks so much for your help.**
- 7-12 loaves of White bread - for sculpting material - Can be outdated as it is not for consumption
- 100 ft of Wax Paper
- Drinking Straws
- Tooth Picks
- One bottle of Lemon Juice
- Box of disposable gloves - Non-latex