



KIVA KIDS

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A Message from your Board of Directors

The Board of Directors and the Building and Location committee are actively searching for a facility to accommodate our school for 2017-2018 school year. We understand how important location is to our school community and we are carefully taking into consideration all aspects of ensuring a safe and engaging learning environment.

From the Desk of Ms. Susan

Wow what a busy and exciting week we have coming up. Looking at our Week at a Glance I am amazed at what we have going on at our school.

The Durango Powerhouse will be with the Middle School this week. They will be visiting the other classes over the next few weeks.

Crow Canyon will be with our Upper Elementary and Middle School, and next week they will be in the Lower Elementary Classrooms. We truly are blessed to live in the location that we do.

We have a rich source of history and culture that surrounds us. I am excited that our students get to take part in these opportunities.

We bring Mindfulness back in to the classroom this week. Each day I will be bringing a new lesson to one of the classrooms. I am excited to share this information with our students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call my cell phone at (970) 759-5869 or stop by the school.

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

Monday, February 6th --

- ** Crow Canyon with Upper Elementary - 9:15-10:15
- ** Crow Canyon with Middle School - 10:30-11:30
- ** PTO - 5:30pm - Beech campus

Tuesday, February 7th --

- ** Kiva Cafe' 7:30 - 7:45
- ** Crow Canyon with Upper Elementary - 9:15-10:15

- ** Crow Canyon with Middle School - 10:30-11:30

- ** SAC Committee Meeting - 4:00 pm - Beech Campus

Wednesday, February 8th --

- ** Crow Canyon with Upper Elementary - 9:15-10:15

Crow Canyon Activities

Crow Canyon will be visiting our school Monday through Wednesday of next week to meet with our Upper Elementary and Middle School classes. We will be learning about what culture is and exploring our own culture. We will also be learning about the cultural history of some of the people who lived around Cortez hundreds of years ago. Activities will include rope making.

weaving, and pottery. (All items brought by Crow Canyon will be replicas. No real artifacts will be presented.)

** Crow Canyon with Middle School - 10:30-11:30
** Wednesday Clubs - Dance and Advanced Robotics

Little Free Library

During our previous school year our students developed a little free library that resides outside of our school. Currently, our Little Free Library is in need of some more books to share with our community at large. Do you have any books that you were planning on giving away? If so, please think about our Little Free Library as your donor. Thank you for your consideration.

Montessori Principles of Education

Dr. Maria Montessori was an amazing woman. To know her life story, is one in which you become enthralled that she was able to accomplish the things in her lifetime, and the time period in which she was alive. It is truly amazing.

Dr. Montessori believed in the idea that Movement and Cognition are closely intertwined to our learning. As a physician she understood that the body was not designed to sit in the same spot for long periods of time. As adults we stretch, move and re-position every so often. She took this idea to the child. Children are not meant to sit in the same spot for hours on end, which can be found in a traditional classroom. Especially ones from the time period in which Dr. Montessori was alive. Dr. Montessori believed that movement should be worked into the classroom.

You can see this principle with children removing their works and taking them to their rugs or work areas, and when they are completed they put the work back in the same spot in which they found it.

Thursday, February 9th --

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

** Durango Powerhouse with Middle School -
The Physics of Tomato Throwing 9:00 - 11:00

Friday, February 10th --

School Wide Expectations

At the beginning of the semester we began a review of our school wide expectations with our students. Hopefully, you have heard about some, or all of them. We are sharing our expectations of our students with you, so that you can review them with your child, and if you have questions we can answer them for you. Each week we will share a few areas and their expectations. If you have any questions, or concerns please do not hesitate to ask. We welcome your suggestions and concerns.

Walking on the Sidewalk

**Walking peacefully on the sidewalk
No Running, Skipping, Jumping or Pushing**

Walking in the Hallways

Silent voices- this needs to include teachers/staff/other adults visiting building - it is easy to forget that we disrupt and distract classes, too

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