



KIVA KIDS

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From the Desk of Ms. Susan

How can it possibly be the end of January already. And where is the snow? So thankful to see the students and staff starting to get over this miserable cold that seems to be everywhere.

Be sure to fill out your Parent Survey if you have not already done so. This information is used to continue to improve our school during this school year and in the future. Your voice is important.

Please be sure to send warm clothing as the temperature is starting to stay low during the day, and we do try to get the students outside into the fresh air each day.

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.

A Little Bit about Mr. Sean

I am very excited to join the Kiva Family and to be able to work with the students in experiencing the German language, culture,

and traditions. I am not a native German speaker, but studied German in high school and college and lived in Germany as an exchange student (in Meerbusch, near Dusseldorf.)

Teaching is not my first career- I started at Cornell University on a Navy ROTC scholarship, earned a B.S. in



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

Monday, January 29th - Destination

Imagination - 3:00 - 4:00

CKMS Work Session - 5:30pm - Beech Campus

CKMS Board Meeting - 7:00m - Beech Campus

Tuesday, January 30th - Kiva Cafe - 7:30am

- 7:45am - Beech Campus

Wednesday - January 31st - Middle School

Walking Field Trip to the Cortez Public Library

Early Release 1:15pm

Thursday - February 1st - Kiva Cafe -

7:30am - 7:45am - Beech Campus

Friday - February 2nd - Kiva Cafe - 7:30am

to 7:45am - Beech Campus

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

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Civil and Environmental Engineering, and was commissioned as a Navy Officer upon graduating. I served a little over 4 years, teaching offshore sailing and then serving aboard USS Hepburn (FF 1055) for two western Pacific/Persian Gulf deployments. After leaving the Navy, I went to work at Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine, as an engineer designing and building ships. I stayed with BIW for 17 years and was on the design team for many new ships. In addition, I spent approximately 18 months working on the design of our current missile defense system. In 2003 I was asked to work in the Pentagon on the staff of the Secretary of Defense, so for another period of time I reviewed major defense systems and the acquisition process itself as part of audit and improvement efforts.

I left the Washington DC area behind some years ago and have done a variety of things since: substitute teaching, managed a large gym (7500+ members), and developed curriculum for a series of engineering courses for the Defense Acquisition University.

I think of myself as an East Coast boy, born in Connecticut, grew up in New Jersey, went to college in New York and grad school in Maryland. The Navy and the defense business led me to eventually live in California, Maine, Virginia, and Louisiana.

I have two grown daughters and a grandson and granddaughter. I love skiing, sailing, and cycling; you will often see me cycling around town.

A Little bit about Ms. Celeste

My mother was going to name me Adam, but realized that it was not appropriate for the girl I turned out to be and, thank goodness she didn't follow suggestions from her friends and call me Adamanda, she named me Celeste instead. I have 4 sisters and 2 brothers and was raised in Boulder until I went to college at BYU. From there I went to various places around the globe (Israel and London) and eventually returned to finish up my schooling and also to meet my husband, Kevn Lambson.



We started off in Provo, UT, then moved to Cleveland, OH where Kevn went to a year of art school, then Denver, Parker, Fountain Green, UT, Albuquerque, Prescott Valley, AZ, and finally to Lewis CO. We have 4 kids; 3 boys and 1 girl, with the 2 youngest still at home.

Our dream has always been to create a home that we wanted, and to implement some artistic license to go along with it, so, finally, we are building a strawbale home.

I have taught in many capacities and love to tackle new and exciting projects. Although I don't have extensive formal art training, I do have a strong artistic sense that I've been able to bring to bear on architectural and interior design. I love to draw and doodle and have enjoyed teaching your kids thus far. My goal is to have them have a "portfolio" to take home after having an art show before the end of the year.

I welcome any suggestions in terms of projects and would love to have any type of art material you currently are not using and wish to donate... Paper, pens, pencils, scissors, clay, paint, pallets, etc. Thank you for having such terrific kids! They are

parking as well. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

A Peek Forward - Save these important Dates

January 29th - CKMS Board Meeting - 5:30pm - Work Session - 7:00pm - Board Meeting - Beech Campus
February 2nd - Nominations Committee Meeting - 1:00pm - Cortez Library
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

Montessori Tidbit

Montessori Teacher Tips for Families

In Montessori philosophy, parents are neither the boss of their child, nor are they their servant. Your role is that of a wise guide who supports them and understands them. Children need clear, consistent limits and it falls to parents to set them. The Montessori approach to setting limits and enforcing boundaries is neither 'permissive' nor 'authoritarian'. Actually, our method means children have freedom, but within clear and consistent limits.

Have a few specific rules for behavior and be consistent and vigilant in applying these rules.

If safety is in question, gently and physically remove the child from danger.

Be willing to explain the reasoning behind the rule. (We use words rather than fists. This way we can solve our problems without anyone being hurt.)

Limits and rules can be adjusted as children grow.

Be understanding when your child is angry or sad because you are holding firmly to the rules. It is difficult to see our child crying and upset, but being consistent helps your child internalize the values that you are teaching them. Your consistency allows them to trust that you mean what you say and they will begin to learn how to do things with simple reminders rather than constant conflict. Consistency also helps a child learn to predict situations and how other people are likely to respond. A child who has learned to live within certain consistent limits will develop the ability to handle increased levels of freedom, and thus develop more and more control of their actions and choices.

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In this way, the child eventually develops self-discipline.

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.

