



# KIVA KIDS

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## CHILDREN'S KIVA

MONTESSORI SCHOOL

### From the Desk of Ms. Susan

I hope you had a fantastic break. One that was relaxing and provided some much needed rejuvenation. As we come into this week, I look forward to seeing the students and enjoy hearing about their adventures.

We have an exciting opportunity coming up on Friday. Our students have been invited to participate in a program at the Cortez Middle School. We will be walking both directions, as it is not far from our school. Be sure to send your students with warm clothing. I am certainly excited for our kids to see this program.

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).

### A Peek Forward - Save these important Dates

January 15th - No School - Martin Luther King Day  
 January 16th - 5:30pm - PTO Meeting - Trinity Lutheran Church  
 January 17th - 12:30pm - Parent Meeting for Potential New Parents - Beech Campus  
 January 19th - 11:00am - Fundraising Committee Meeting - Empire Campus  
 January 22nd - 5:30pm - Children's House Board Meeting - Empire Campus  
 January 27th - 10:30am - Substitute Orientation - Beech Campus  
 January 29th - 5:30pm - CKMS Board Meeting - Beech Campus  
 February 2nd - 1pm - Nominations and Board Development Committee Meeting - Cortez City Library

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

Monday, January 8th - Finance Committee Meeting - 5:15pm - Beech Campus

Tuesday, January 9th - Kiva Cafe - 7:30am - 7:45am - Beech Campus  
 School Accountability Committee Meeting - 4:00 pm - Beech Campus

Wednesday - January 10th - Early Release 1:15pm

Thursday - January 11th - Kiva Cafe - 7:30am - 7:45am - Beech Campus

Friday - January 12th - Kiva Cafe - 7:30am to 7:45am - Beech Campus  
 10:00 am CorTEZ Talks program for students at Cortez Middle School



# Montessori Tidbit

As we return to school after winter break, this is a perfect time to revisit the idea of normalization. Normalization does not relate to "normal" in the sense we most frequently use the word, rather, it is an anthropological term referring to becoming a contributing member of society. In a Montessori classroom this refers to the process of children learning to focus and concentrate for sustained periods of time and taking enjoyment in learning and personal achievement. Children who are normalized are able to concentrate and make constructive work choices while working freely in the environment. They are peaceful and patient and exhibit self-control and self-discipline. Children who do not yet show these habits are at a different developmental stage and will need reminders and modeling to assist them as they grow.

Maria Montessori described normalization as, "the most important single result of our whole work." She named four characteristics that children who are normalized display; they are a love of work, concentration, self-discipline, and sociability. The child's love of work includes the ability to find joy and peace in work and making appropriately challenging work choices. Concentration develops as children utilize Montessori materials and become able to focus for longer periods of time. Perseverance and determination to carry through with challenges are an indicator of the child who has developed self-discipline. Sociability is evident when a child respects others' choices, their work, and recognizes their own responsibility to the class community. Let us all reflect on the important role normalization plays in Montessori education.

## MYSTERY READERS NEEDED

The school will be starting a new program using Mystery Readers. These readers will come in to the classroom and spend approximately 30 minutes reading to students. It could be the entire class or small groups. We hope to kick this program off, no later than January 22nd. If you are able to spare 30 minutes per week, please contact Ms. Wendy with your dates of the week, and times, and we will get a schedule ready to go. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Susan.

## CorTEZ Talks

January 12, 2018

Robert Boudwin \*. My Life as a NBA Hall of Fame Mascot

First National Bank presents Robert Boudwin, National Basketball Association mascot performer as Clutch the Bear will talk on:

VOCATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL LIMITATIONS ARE SELF IMPOSED ILLUSIONS

How I created a giant teddy bear for a team named the Houston Rockets and went from making minimum wage to a 21 year career traveling the globe earning a quarter million dollars a year, for over a decade.

YOU WILL LEAVE INSPIRED!

FREE January 12, 2018 7:00pm (DOORS OPEN AT 6:15pm)  
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CALL 970-564-4095 or 970-564-4096 for further information.