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# KIVA KIDS

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CHILDREN'S KIVA



MONTESSORI SCHOOL

## From the Desk of Ms. Susan

I hope you are enjoying your day. Mother's Day always makes me a bit reflective of the amazing women I have in my life, that have helped guide my way.

My own Mom of course. She is in the process of packing her home, and moving to Cortez over the summer. She has been in that house for 47 years, and this is no easy task, especially at the age of 78.

My first grade teacher, Cathy Wasinger, who ended up being my piano teacher through high school, and was a mentor to me all through college.

My Colorado momma, Cindy, who even though I am not hers by birth, she still loves me and has accepted me into her family with open arms.

And probably most importantly for me, my daughter, Lizabeth. She is one of the strongest young women I know. She stands up for those that no one else will even when it is not easy or popular at the mighty age of 13. I can't wait to see what she grows into.

## Kiva's Week at a Glance

5 day week for students

Monday, May 14th

Tuesday, May 15th - Kiva PTO - 5:30pm -  
Trinity Lutheran Church

Wednesday, May 16th -  
Early Release 1:15pm

Thursday, May 17th - Lower Elementary  
Empire Electric Field Trip  
Kindergarten Bridge Ceremony - 5:15 -  
Empire Campus

Friday - May 18th - Upper Elementary  
Track Field at CMS - 8am - 2pm

Saturday - May 19th - Bake sale - 8am to  
2pm - City Market

Sunday - May 20th - Bake sale - 8am to

Today is a day to celebrate the many women in our lives. I hope you have been as blessed as I have with many strong ones at the various stages of your life.

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 Note from the PTO

The PTO would like to send out a MEGA TON of APPRECIATION to all the parents, teachers, staff, volunteers, and donors that made the Spring Yard Sale such a success! Together we raised \$1,678.36 which goes into the PTO bank account and can be used for future funding requests and PTO outreach. THANK YOU ALL for your dedication to our school, YOU ROCK!



We hope you will join us on Tuesday, May 15th, for our final PTO meeting of the year where we will talk about an end of year celebration in the park, and funding for the new E/MS building. As always, childcare will be provided. SEE YOU THERE!

## Why Scratch?

"..most students will not grow up to become professional programmers, just as most will not become professional writers. But learning to program offers benefits for everyone: it enables students to express themselves more fully and creatively, helps them develop as logical thinkers, and helps them understand the workings of the new technologies that they encounter everywhere in their everyday lives."

Source: <https://llk.media.mit.edu/scratch/Learning-with-Scratch.pdf>

## No Hot Lunches after May 22nd

There will be no hot lunches after May 22nd. This is when the Manaugh kitchen closes for the Summer. Please be sure to send your student will a packed lunch from home after that date.



## Montessori Tidbit

"Follow the child," is a phrase that most familiar with Montessori have heard multiple times. This means to spend ample time observing the child, to come to know their interests and learning styles. In this way, teachers can engage the children with works that spark interest and excitement. Maria Montessori said, "The essential thing is for the task to arouse such an interest that it engages the child's whole personality." If our classrooms focus on this, we find children wanting to concentrate on their work; they have deep and sustained engagement. One main goal of Montessori programs is to foster a child's intrinsic desire to learn. Guides accomplish this by connecting children with materials that meet their interest, needs and developmental level. When we begin from the child's agenda rather than our own (paying particular attention to their interests) and their concentration and desire to work are in place, we can nurture and strengthen this desire to learn and then encourage and ask children to branch out. If children are to reach their potential, interest is not to be underestimated. If we ask or expect children to be interested in everything at once, we are following a more traditional model of education in which the child is a more passive recipient of learning, and we have created an unfair expectation. "Follow the child," can serve as a reminder and help us be true to Maria Montessori's vision for education.

## A Peek Forward

- May 24th - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Power House in Durango
- May 24th - Upper EI Field Trip to Boggy Draw
- May 24th - 9th Grade Field Trip to the Escape Room
- May 25th - No School - Teacher Workday
- May 28th - No School
- May 29th - Lower Elementary Field Trip to Crow Canyon
- May 30th - Middle School will be cooking lunch for the entire school
- May 31st - Upper EI/Middle School Field Trip to Crow Canyon
- June 1st - SPARK IN THE PARK - 12noon Dismissal - Last Day of School

