



KIVA KIDS



From the Desk of Ms. Susan

Here we are winding down to the last weeks of school. It is always a time to take a step back and look at the amazing things we accomplished this year, and all the things we still want to accomplish.

This past week was one of many activities and meetings. One that moved me in many ways was the PTO meeting from this past week. Our PTO has graciously donated \$3,000 to the school's Building Fund. This was most unexpected and very appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTO in their many fundraisers over the course of the year, and what a thank you to be extended to the members of the PTO for such an amazing gift. I don't know that I will be able to convey my appreciate enough.

Our new Finance Director, Urulu Yazzie begins this week. We are very excited to have him on board for the end of the year.

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.

Kiva's Week at a Glance

4 day week for students

Monday, May 21st - CKMS Board Work Session - 5:30pm - Beech Campus
CKMS Board Meeting - 7:00pm - Beech Campus

Tuesday, May 22nd

Wednesday, May 23rd - Early Release 1:15pm

Thursday, May 24th - 3rd Grade Power House Field Trip
Upper El - Taylor Creek Field Trip
8th Grade Escape Room Field Trip

Friday - May 25th - No School for Students - Teacher Workday

No Hot Lunches after May 22nd

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



A Peek Forward

- 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 30th - 12:45 - 1:15 - 8th Grade Celebration and annual Slide Show presentation
- May 31st - Upper El/Middle School Field Trip to Crow Canyon
- June 1st - SPARK IN THE PARK - 12noon Dismissal - Last Day of School



"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.