



KIVA KIDS

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From the Desk of Ms. Susan



Kiva's Week at a Glance

Monday, October 2nd - Count Day

**Tuesday, October 3rd - SAC Meeting 4:00pm
- Beech Campus**

**Wednesday, October 4th - Early Release -
1:15PM**

**Thursday, October 5th - Kiva Cafe' 7:30 -
7:45 - Beech Campus**

**Friday, October 6th - Kiva Cafe' 7:30-
7:45am - Beech Campus**

October 2nd Count Day

As a Colorado Public School, Children's Kiva Montessori School is funded by the Colorado Department of Education. Tomorrow, October 2nd, is Count Day. The enrollment on this day, determines our funding for the next year. Please be sure if at all possible to have your student attend. If your student is not feeling well, please be sure the let the office know so that they may be excused.



A Note from Your Board of Directors

Welcome to fall in beautiful Southwest Colorado! We hope you are enjoying the changing of the seasons and noticing the normalization that is taking place in our school. We are grateful for our students, staff, and school community.



October has finally arrived, and with it snow in the high country, and rain down below. I had the pleasure to drive over Lone Cone this weekend from Nucla, and the colors were amazing. It was a wonderful reminder of the truly amazing area that we live in.

As we head in to October the weather continues to change and vary day to day. As always, send your student with layers, and perhaps rain/mud gear, as we try to get them outside everyday.

school community.

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 Ms. Nancy

I am Ms. Nancy and the new Assistant Teacher to Ms. RayLynne. I am new to education, but I am excited to be here with all of you and to learn new things.

I was born in Utah and have lived in all of the four corner states except for New Mexico. I have also lived in California and Wyoming. I have decided that I enjoy the vast differences and beauty of the mountains as well as the desert. I think the weather here in Colorado is the best!

I have had different experiences working and volunteering at places such as Boy Scouts of America, a hardware store/gift shop, an assisted living residence, child care, schools and church. I have appreciated each opportunity. I have 3 grown daughters who live in Utah and Arkansas.

I love being a mom, being with my husband, watching sunsets and clouds, taking pictures, baking, colors, the seasons, cats, and children's books. I also love to have a good laugh, enjoy listening to music, and being with kids of any age.

My favorite foods are lasagna, oranges, pineapple, cheesecake, and ice cream. Although, when I was in elementary school, my FAVORITE food was liver and macaroni and cheese. My parents knew how to cook it! I look forward to a wonderful year here at Kiva with all of you.

Two of our E/M S Board of Directors attended the Action for Healthy Kids Seminar held last week at the Cortez Rec Center. We learned about opportunities for wellness training for staff, more wellness and movement opportunities and ideas for students, and grant/funding opportunities available for our school. One great take away was the attached flyer. This illustration demonstrates student's brain activity while testing with and without 20 minutes of activity prior to commencing the test. We are excited to explore these opportunities and ways they can be implemented into our school community.

[Active Living Research](#)

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Student Drop Off and Pick Up is designated at the Loading Zone in front of the glass shop on North Street. If you would like to park and bring your student in to school or pick them up, please be sure to park behind 18 N. Beech in the Visitor's parking lot.



Please be considerate of the businesses on North and Beech Streets by not parking on these streets during pickup and drop off. If you have questions please see Ms. Susan.

Picture Day

Picture Day for Children's Kiva will be held October 10th and October 12th, weather permitting in the afternoons during your students work cycle. Flyers will be sent home this week, with further information. Ms. LaPita Arviso, a former Kiva parent will be taking our pictures once again this year.



Reading Tips for Home

Research proves that the single most effective thing a parent can do to insure academic success is to read to kids at home, OFTEN.

This does several things:

- Sends the message that reading is important (if parent stops busy schedule to read).
- Sends the message that the child is important (see above).
- Lets the child hear the flow of language (which helps speech, reading, and writing).
- Fosters a love of books by associating reading with quality parent time.