



# KIVA KIDS

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## From the Desk of Ms. Susan

The month of October is coming to end. How is the year going by so quickly. Your students are working very hard on their Peace projects that they will be sharing with you at the upcoming Stone Soup and Gallery. This should be an amazing event. I do hope you can join the school that evening.

With the multitude of events coming up in the next few months, a new section has been added, A Peek Forward. Please look here for events to be added to your ever busy calendar.

The teachers are working tirelessly with your students, and getting prepared for Parent Teacher Conferences next week. Notes will be coming home directly with details if they have not already.

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 your Board of Directors

### Resolution of Support

We, as the Children's Kiva Montessori School Board of Directors, hereby state our support for the proposed 3-B Mill Levy Override.

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

**Monday, October 30th - CKMS Board - Executive Session - Seeley Oil - 5:30pm**

**Tuesday, October 31st - Kiva Cafe' 7:30 - 7:45 - Beech Campus**

**Lower Elementary Classes - Field Trip to Monticello Science Museum**

**Upper Elementary Class - Bat Day**

**Wednesday, November 1st - Early Release - 1:15PM**

**Thursday, November 2nd - Kiva Cafe' 7:30 - 7:45 - Beech Campus**

**Friday, November 3rd - No School for Students. Teacher Workday.**

## Halloween Celebrations

Children's Kiva Montessori School asks that costumes and goodies be kept at home on this day. By being aware and respectful of our diverse community and all our beliefs we ask that these special celebrations

remain with the family.

We believe that passage of this item will strengthen the schools in the RE-1 district and serve to further the purposes of education in the community.

Adopted at the Board Meeting on October 23, 2017.



# Wild West Book Fair!

Monday, November 6 -  
Thursday, November 9

## A Peek Forward - Save these important Dates

- November 6th, School Accountability Committee - 4pm - Beech Campus
- November 6th to November 9th - Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 6th to November 9th - Wild West Book Fair
- November 10th, No School - Teacher Workday
- November 14th, PTO Meeting - 5:30pm - Trinity Lutheran Church
- November 16th, Stone Soup - 6:00pm - Montezuma County Annex Building
- November 20th to November 24th - Fall Break
- December 5th - Montessori Philosophy Night focusing on the Upper Elementary Classroom - 6:00pm - Beech Campus
- December 14th - Winter Program - 6:00pm - MCHS Auditorium
- December 21st - January 5th - Winter Break

## Montessori Tidbit

"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed." ~Maria Montessori

Self reliance is a key goal in Montessori education. This develops over time and requires adults to allow children to choose and complete certain tasks for themselves. Making choices and then dealing with the consequences are an integral part of Montessori classrooms. This permits children to become aware of their choices and learn from mistakes. Ultimately, the children develop a sense of trust in their own decision making which, in turn, strengthens their self confidence and self reliance.

Remember, it is common for the child to take a while, make mistakes, and even struggle a bit. Do not take over for the child (as this takes away their ownership, hinders their development and teaches them that someone else will do it for them), but assist the child if they ask. Specific feedback, encouragement, natural and logical consequences and thoughtful reflection are all powerful teaching tools. These will help the child come to view mistakes as learning opportunities rather than failures.

The fall Book Fair is fast approaching. Volunteering at the Book Fair is one of the most rewarding ways to get involved in helping students become better readers!

Volunteers are still needed during:

Lunch hour (12:00 - 1:00) on Tues 11/7 and Wed 11/8

After school (2:45 - 4:00) on Tues 11/7 and Thurs 11/9

The Book Fair is the same week as parent teacher conferences. Please text or call Angie Seeley at [802-558-3453](tel:802-558-3453) with the time(s) you can help. Thank you.

## The Importance of Math

Until a child sees the value of math, they will not engage with this learning.

Math is used in all areas of our lives so it is important for students to know that math is not something they just do at school.

Have students count objects as they help around the house, number steps in a recipe, identify which things are bigger, taller, heavier etc.

Older students can keep a personal budget, help with making change, do measuring when ordering tile, paint, etc. A tape measure makes a great present for children!

Any time you encourage your child to use math in a real life setting you are building their math skills.