



KIVA KIDS

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CHILDREN'S KIVA

MONTESSORI SCHOOL

From the Desk of Ms. Susan

The weather has sure cooled off in the evenings this past week. Winter is just around the corner. Please send your child with a jacket in the mornings.

Also, our Lost and Found is overflowing, please stop by to see if your child is missing anything. All items left after Friday, November 4th, will be donated to a local charity thrift store.

Just a gentle reminder for all parents, that our school does not celebrate Halloween with parties or costumes on that day. We respectfully request that those celebrations remain at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call my cell phone at (970) 759-5869 or stop by the school.

Attention - Changes to the Calendar

There have been a few changes to the school calendar, please note them below.

Gallery Night - Scheduled for November 17th. This has been postponed to the Spring.

Winter Program - December 13th at MCHS. This has been changed from December 15th

Building & Location Committee

The B&L Committee has been working diligently to explore options for the Elementary / Middle school's building and location in both the near and distant future. We have been meeting bi-weekly with a variety of community members, parents, a charter school building specialist, and committee members. From these meetings we have learned about planning for an expansion, renovation, and/or new site construction and how to pay for the same. The prices for major renovations or new site construction are very significant, starting at about 2 million. Part of the reason it is so expensive is that the regulations for school buildings are very strict. The only reason we were able to receive our approval for our current location without comparable cost was because the building already had an education occupancy rating from when it was occupied by Whirligigs.

We understand it is important that we are responsive and responsible for our school's physical space needs. Staff and parents have done a remarkable job in our current location. Staff also believe they can continue to offer an outstanding education where we are for another year or two if needed. We ask for your patience while we continue to work to find a better location for our school. If you would like details about funding, budgets, or growth models please email or call, I am happy to take time to explore this with you.

With Gratitude,

Julie Suckla, Chair
Building & Location Committee
CKMS Board Member

Children's Kiva Montessori Week At A Glance

5 Day WEEK (Mon-Fri)

Monday, October 31st --

** Health and Wellness Meeting - 9am

** Bridge Shelter Field Trip - Mr. John's Class

been changed from December 15th.

Spring Program - May 18th at MCHS. This has been changed from May 16th.

Be sure to update your calendar with these new dates.

Duo Del Sol Concert

Our second live music performance of the SouthWest Colorado Concerts 2016-2017 season is just over two weeks away. On Monday November 7th, the amazing Duo Del Sol will be performing in the M-CHS Ralph E. Vavak Auditorium in Cortez.

Guitarist Tom Farrell and violinist Javier Orman of Duo del Sol have been called "avant-sonic acrobats" by L.A. Weekly and "exceptional genius" by U.S. Am Entertainment Magazine.

With masterful skill and unstoppable intensity, Duo Del Sol creates a rich musical landscape featuring a fusion of styles including Latin, jazz, classical and traditional folk. Pushing their instruments beyond the usual limits, Duo Del Sol's acoustic guitar and violin channel a host of other instruments to produce a result that must be heard to be believed.

Duo Del Sol will be in concert at 7 PM on Monday, November 7th at M-CHS. As always, the **first 50 students** to stop by the will call desk will get in free. Auditorium doors will open at 6:40 PM for students.

Book Fair Wrap Up

Thank you to all who helped make our first Book Fair a huge success! Thank you for supporting the Lunch with a Loved One and visiting the Fair with your child. Thank you for providing good homes for almost 300 books. Thank you for helping with the sales and for working behind the scenes. Due to the combined efforts of many families, our Staff will be able to use \$1,500 Scholastic Dollars to buy books, supplies, and furnishings. Your efforts are truly appreciated, and we look forward eagerly to our next Fair!

Kiva Ski Club

This year Children's Kiva will be participating in the Telluride Learn to Ski program with the RE-1 School District. Students can Ski or Snowboard with this program.

Flyers with information went home this past week.

Costs are as follows:

\$135 for Lessons and Lift tickets

\$51 for Rentals

Tuesday, November 1st --

** Kiva Cafe 7:30 - 7:45

** Bridge Shelter Field Trip - Ms. Paula's Class

** SAC Meeting - 4pm - Beech Campus

Wednesday, November 2nd --

** Wednesday Clubs: Robotics Clubs and Homeade Gifts and Crafts Club

Thursday, November 3rd --

** Kiva Cafe 7:30 - 7:45

** Bridge Shelter Field Trip - Ms. Lindsay's Class

Friday, November 4th --

** Bridge Shelter Field Trip - Ms. Cassy's Class

Children's Kiva PTO

The next meeting for Kiva Parents and Teachers Organization (PTO) is scheduled for Monday, November 7th from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at Kiva Children's House. All parents and teachers are invited to come. Free childcare is being provided. If you have a suggestion or a question, please come to the Kiva PTO meeting.

At this meeting we will be discussing upcoming plans for the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th. Parade lineup is at 12 and the parade starts at 1 pm. Anyone who is interested in helping with this event please contact Kiva PTO at kivapto@gmail.com. We will also be discussing status report from the Building and Location Committee and are looking forward to some reports from teachers about the special events they have been doing with the children.

PTO would like to publicly thank the parents who volunteered to bring meals to our teachers at Kiva Charter during the parent teacher conferences. A BIG thanks to Angie Seeley, Stacey Weyand, Alex Prime, Erin Tanner and Wendy Daniel.

Kiva PTO has been hard at work for our schools. This last month we funded a dry erasable white board with musical staff lines for Ms. Brooke's music classes at Kiva Charter. We also funded "Bat Snacks" for a special education event with teachers Ms. Lindsay and Ms. Whitehead at Kiva Charter.

If you have a suggestion or a question, please come to the Kiva PTO meeting. We have so many amazing parents and teachers in our school. We look forward to getting to know each other. If you are not able to attend but have something that you would like to ask please email it to

kivapto@gmail.com. Thank you.

Dena Thomason
Kiva PTO President

\$40 for transportation to and from Telluride

Registration packets are due November 4th. If you have any questions please see Ms. Susan.