

# KIVA KIDS

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## From the Desk of Ms. Susan

On my drive home from Norwood yesterday, I had the opportunity to come over the top of Lone Cone. The colors are slowly changing, showing the beginning of fall. This is my favorite time of year, cool in the mornings and late evenings, but still lots of sun and warmth in the afternoons.

Remember to send your students in layers for the ever changing Colorado weather.

Students have finished the first round of STAR testing. These will begin again in December as we measure for mid-year growth. We are always trying to make sure that our students are succeeding, and that we are succeeding for them.

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 Little Bit about Mr. Dusty

Hello, my name is Mr. Dusty, and I'm the new Drama teacher!

I'm from Idaho, but have lived all over the Western USA. I studied Theatre and Mass Communication at Idaho State University. After finishing my degree, I moved to Hollywood, California, where I took improvisational

theatre classes at Upright Citizen's Brigade and answered phones at the world famous KROQ (radio station). After that I produced a morning radio show in Salt Lake City, where I met my wife (just married!) My wife and I moved to the Four Corners' area 9 months ago. She is a nurse in the Emergency Room in Shiprock. We have a 1-year-old son, named Oliver. I love dogs, all kinds of sandwiches, and riding bikes. I have previously worked as a bike mechanic, a cook, and a radio DJ, but of all the jobs I've had, I'm most excited to be teaching Drama at the Kiva!

## Kiva's Week at a Glance

**Monday, September 18th - Children's House Board Meeting, 5:30pm - Empire Campus**

**Tuesday, September 19th - Kiva Cafe' 7:30-7:45am - Beech Campus**

**Wednesday, September 20th - Potential New Parent Meeting - 12:30 - Beech Campus  
Early Release 1:15pm**

**Thursday, September 21st - Kiva Cafe' 7:30 - 7:45 - Beech Campus  
International Day of Peace**

**Friday, September 22nd - Kiva Cafe' 7:30-7:45am - Beech Campus**

## 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.

## Kiva Cafe' Returns

# 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.

Kiva Cafe' will re-open Tuesday morning at 7:30am. Our middle school students will once again be serving hot cocoa, tea, coffee and bottled water. This year, the Kiva Cafe' will be presenting their own take on Hot Cocoa. Be sure to support our Middle Schoolers as they begin their new business venture.