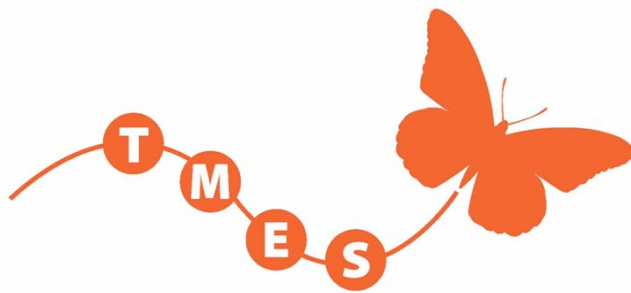


TMES

School Activities and Events



This information has been compiled to give TMES parents an overview of our school culture.

2010/2011 School Year

Parent Education

Montessori Education is unique. TMES strives to educate all families in the Montessori philosophy, Montessori teaching methods, and the history of Maria Montessori herself. The dedicated staff at TMES will offer several opportunities throughout the year for parents to become more educated about the teaching method and history through various Montessori Overview/Parent Education Nights. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend these presentations. The first Parent Education Night will be in the fall and the second Parent Education Night is scheduled for April 29th, 2011, the night before our annual Golf Tourney, along with a portion of the Silent Auction items. This is always a really fun and exciting night with lots of great deals on lots of great items!

Don't miss it!

Parent Teacher Circle (PTC)

Parent Teacher Circle began as a way to help build communication between the parents and teachers at TMES. One day a month, a committee formed by: teachers from Kindergarten, 6-9, 9-12, Mid-school and Fine Arts will meet with parents from all levels to discuss upcoming school events, parent volunteer opportunities, and brainstorm together to make TMES the best it can be. We will be alternating between every 2nd Tuesday after school and every second Friday morning of the month, in an attempt to try to meet the schedules of more families.

Coffee in the Commons

Every other month we will host a Friday morning coffee along with the PTC meeting (information above) for community building in the Commons area of TMES. Please join us for free coffee and a great way to meet your fellow TMES parents!

Pizza Fridays

The new Montessori Middle School students will be starting a business serving pizza every Friday. More information will come out soon on this fun venture for our TMMS students.

Pillow Concert

A pillow concert is a short informal concert given by various violin/orchestra classes of TMES. These concerts are held once a month after school in the music room. Parents, teachers and family members are welcome to attend.

Hummingbird Overnight Trips

The upper elementary classes begin their year with an overnight camping trip to Hummingbird Music Camp in the beautiful Jemez Mountains. This outdoor classroom and community building trip often becomes a lifelong memory of the 9-12 and middle school experience.

International Children's Day

International Children's Day was started by the United Nations in recognition of children around the world. TMES will recognize this day on October 20th, 2010. During this month students study different continents and children in other lands. Each student dresses up as a child from another country, makes a flag from that country and brings a pot luck dish from representing food from their country to share with the TMES community. We have a school wide flag parade, musical entertainment and a pot luck luncheon with all who can join us. Always a wonderful celebration!

Mercado/ TMES Flea Market

This year our 2nd Annual TMES Mercado will also include a TMES Flea Market! On Saturday, November 13th, 2010, we will have many vendors of all different mediums from throughout NM join us at TMES for an arts and crafts fair. We are also adding a parent-run Flea Market outside on the TMES campus during the Mercado. Weather you are in the market for some great holiday gifts or some cool flea market finds this is sure to be a fun day for all!

Jog-A-Thon

This is one of our major fund raisers. This year we will run on October 8th. Parents and students work hard to gather pledges for the number of laps a student can complete in a given amount of time. This is a great opportunity to give some time to the school.

Volunteers are essential.

Last year we raised almost 15,000 dollars, way to go TMES!

Conference for Student Success

This is the **first** of three conferences of the year. This conference, scheduled for October 21st and 22nd, 2010, is meant to be a way for families and teachers to find out more about goals and plans for the year.

TMES Conferences

Three times a year, TMES teachers will hold conferences with parents. The first (above mentioned) and third (April 28th and 29th, 2011) conference are typical parent/teacher conferences. The middle or second conference (January 28th, 2011) is a student led conference in which the child leads their caregivers through a conference. *There is no school or childcare for children during conferences.*

Scholastic Book Fair

TMES hosts two book fairs a year. The middle school students will host the first book fair to raise money for their Big Trip and the second book fair is rotated from K, 6-9 and Fine Arts. The first book fair is November 30 – December 3, 2010 (great holiday presents) and the second book fair is towards the end of the year.

Thanksgiving

TMES celebrates Thanksgiving by finding a way to give to others. Each class will pick an Outreach organization and focus on the gift of giving. TMES also has 3 days off for vacation during Thanksgiving week so families can spend time together.

Classroom Winter Parties

During December, before winter break, the children learn about all December holidays. The last school day of the year is usually shared by bringing holiday goodies and enjoying a year-end party in individual classrooms.

Friendship Party

This has become an annual fun-raiser for the "Big Trip." All students and families are invited to attend the evening event. There are games, prizes, silent auction baskets, cake decorating contest, cake walk, dancing, karaoke and food for the family. It is scheduled for February 11th, 2011.

NMSBA Testing

The State of New Mexico requires all students third grade and above to take the Standards Based Assessment. TMES is proud to announce since becoming a charter school, we have met or exceeded Annual Yearly Progress goals (AYP). GO TMES! This is a very important time of the year. This year, test dates begin March 22nd, 2011 and end April 20th, 2011. If you have a 3rd – 7th grade student, please do *not* plan any absences during this time. Attendance and participation is required during testing dates and is a factor in our AYP determination.

Science, Art, Invention Fairs

The TMES staff has created a three year cycle of learning opportunities for our students. TMES rotates through a Science Fair ('09-'10), Art Fair ('10-'11) and Invention Convention ('11-'12). All students participate at their age appropriate level to create and present their final product. Kinder, 1st and 2nd will be involved in a class project (and may do their own project as well) and 3rd - 7th year students are required to enter a project they have made at home. Everyone is a winner with a participation certificate, and there is also a time for students to receive feedback by volunteer judges from our community.

This year's rotation is the TMES Art Fair. It is scheduled for April 21st, 2011.

TMES Golf Tournament and Silent Auction

This spring TMES will hold its 5th Annual Golf Tournament and Silent Auction at Isleta Eagle Golf Course on Saturday, April 30th, 2011. The event has been a wonderful time for TMES to gain support from area businesses and community members, as well as being our biggest fundraiser. This year we will ask everyone to participate in one way or another. Some ways to participate are: donating/finding a silent auction item, volunteering at the event or prior to the event, attending and/or purchasing a silent auction item, finding/donating prizes or goodie bag items, golfing or finding someone to golf, etc. Start thinking of how you would like to participate now!

Music Concert

The TMES Music Program will host an end of the year (mid May) concert in which all TMES students will be able to show their audience how hard they have worked playing their instruments and learning music.

Sixth Year's "Big Trip"

Over the years, the Upper Elementary graduating class has travelled to study the flora and fauna of the Channel Islands as well as the unique geology of the Colorado Plateau at the Canyonlands Field Institute and visited Cottonwood Gulch. Last year the 6th years spent an amazing five days in the Cottonwood Gulch. This traveling classroom experience has become a highlight of the upper elementary students' years. This trip involves fund raising as well as a commitment to be responsible, mature citizens representing TMES as they travel.

This year 6th graders are planning to travel to Cottonwood Gulch again.

TMES Talent Show

As the year comes to a close, TMES opens the stage to those students who want to share their talents. The TMES talent show committee, (mostly students) are in charge of the time, date, place, acts, and talents. If you are interested in helping with the Talent Show, please let us know. It is tentatively scheduled for May 25th, 2011.

***** Please note:*** See the official TMES school calendar for No School/No Childcare dates due to teacher inservice, holidays, etc. All event/activity dates are subject to change! ********