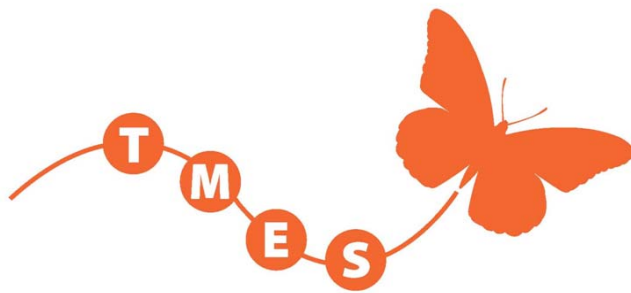


TMES

School Activities and Events



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

2011/2012 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. One of the Parent Education Nights is scheduled for April 27th, 2012, 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 (most months), 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!

Pillow Concert

A pillow concert is a short informal concert given by various violin/orchestra classes of TMES. These concerts are held various times throughout the year. 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.

Grandparent's Day

TMES is excited to add a new event this year; the 1st Annual TMES Grandparent's Day. All grandparents (and honorary grandparents) are invited to spend the day with their grandchild at TMES. There will be a Strings concert, morning social, a tour of TMES, classroom time and more. This special event is schedule for September 28th, 2011.

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 19th, 2011. During the month of October, 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!

Jog-A-Thon

This is one of our major fund raisers every year. This year we will run on Friday, October 7th. 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!

TMES Conferences

Three times a year, TMES teachers will hold conferences with parents. The first (mentioned below) and third (April 26th and 27th, 2012) conference are typical parent/teacher conferences. The middle or second conference (January 28th, 2012) 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.*

Conference for Student Success

This is the **first** of three conferences of the year. This conference, scheduled for October 20th and 21st, 2011, is meant to be a way for families and teachers to find out more about goals and plans for 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 (November 23rd-25th) 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.

TMES Talent Show

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 January 13th, 2012.

Friendship Party

This has become an annual fun-raiser for the "Big Trip." All students and families are invited to attend the evening event on February 10th. There are games, prizes, silent auction baskets, cake decorating contest, cake walk, dancing, karaoke and food for the family.

Science, Art, Invention Fairs

The TMES staff has created a three year cycle of learning opportunities for our students. TMES rotates through an Invention Convention ('11-'12), Science Fair ('12-'13), and Art Fair ('13-'14). 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 - 8th 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 Invention Convention. It is scheduled for March 7th, 2012.

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.

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) every year! GO TMES! This is a very important time of the year. This year, test dates begin March 20th, 2012 and end April 20th, 2012. If you have a 3rd – 8th 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.

TMES Golf Tournament and Silent Auction

This spring TMES will hold its 6th Annual Golf Tournament and Silent Auction, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 28th, 2012. 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!

The "Big Trips" for 6th – 8th Years

Over the years, TMES students have traveled 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 middle school students' years. These trips involve fund raising as well as a commitment to be responsible, mature citizens representing TMES & TMMS as they travel. This year 6th graders are planning to travel to Cottonwood Gulch again.

**** Please note:** See the official TMES school calendar for No School/No Childcare dates due to teacher inservice, holidays, etc. The Event Calendar is also available on our website for your convenience. All event/activity dates are subject to change! **