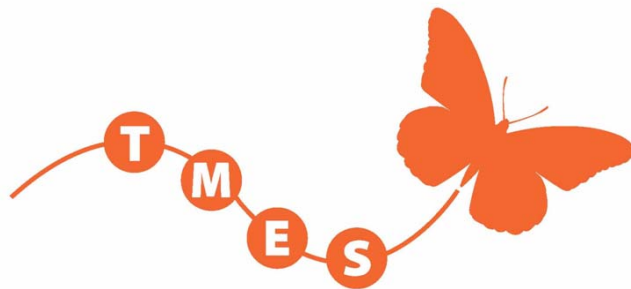


TMES

School Activities and Events



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

2009/2010 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.

Open House/Orientation

All levels will hold an open house/orientation within the first month of school. These meetings are designed to keep TMES families part of the learning process. Teachers will focus on procedures and students will show parents some of their works. This is an important time to get to know your child's teacher and the classroom culture.

Parent Teacher Circle

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, 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.

DIBELS Test

The Kindergarten students are tested twice yearly with a test called the DIBELS. This test is designed to assess certain skill levels when students begin Kindergarten and again before they move up to the next level of Montessori. This is a required test by the state on New Mexico for every Kindergarten student.

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 experience.

Fall Break- October 9th – 12th

This is a four day weekend for students in early October. This break usually coincides with the Balloon Fiesta.

International Children's Day

International Children's Day was started by the United Nations in recognition of children around the world.

TMES recognizes this day on October 30th, 2009. 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!

Conference for Student Success

This is the first of three conferences of the year. This conference is meant to be a way for families and teachers to find out more about goals and plans for the year. 9-12 will present SBA results. Report cards will not be given at this conference.

TMES Conferences

Three times a year, TMES teachers will hold conferences with parents. The first (above mentioned) and third conferences are typical parent teacher conferences and the middle or second conference is a student led conference in which the child leads their caregivers through a conference.

These days are posted in the school calendar. There is no school or childcare for children during conferences.

Jog-A-Thon

This is one of our major fund raisers. This year we will run on November 6th. 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 over 15,000 dollars, way to go TMES!

Family Science Night

TMES has partnered with Sandia Labs to bring Science to the school. Family Science Night is an opportunity to bring the whole family to TMES. All ages can learn about science and get their hands on experiments. TMES offers pizza for dinner and everyone really enjoys themselves. Check the calendar.

Scholastic Book Fair

TMES hosts two book fairs a year. The upper elementary students 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 usually sometime in early December (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 one full week of vacation during Thanksgiving week so families can spend time together.

Winter Carnival

This has become an annual fun-raiser for the 9-12 class, who is raising money for the "Big Trip." All students and families are invited to attend the evening event. There are games, prizes, silent auction baskets, a cake decorating contest, cake walk, and food for the family.

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.

Montessori Spirit Week

The first Casa De Bambini was opened in Italy on January 6th, 1907.

During 2007, many Montessori schools observed the 100 year celebration of Montessori Education. Last year, TMES implemented its first Montessori Spirit week and we will celebrate Dr. Montessori again this year. TMES will celebrate spirit week the first full week of January, which is the 11th-15th.

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 ('07), Art Fair ('08) and Invention Convention ('09). 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, 4th, 5th and 6th year students are required to enter a project they have made at home. Everyone is a winner with a participation ribbon, and there is also a time for students to receive feedback by volunteer judges from our community.

This year's rotation is the TMES Science Fair.

NMSBA Testing

New Mexico State requires all students starting in third grade to test for Standards Based Assessments. TMES is proud to announce since becoming a charter school, we have made annual yearly progress or passed the AYP ever year. GO TMES! This is a very important time of the year. This year, test dates have changed to begin March 23rd and end April 24th. Please, if you have a 3rd -6th grade student, do not plan any absences during this time. Attendance and participation is required during testing dates and is a factor in our AYP score.

TMES Golf Tournament and Silent Auction

This spring TMES will hold its 4th Annual Golf Tournament and Silent Auction at Isleta Eagle Golf Course on Saturday, April 25th. 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 Concerts

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. Last year the 6th years spent an amazing five days in the Gila Wilderness. 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 again by the Gila, hosted by the Cottonwood Gulch Outfitters.

3rd Year "Moving-Up" Trip

Once again, an overnight camping trip is planned to build community. This trip is a rite of passage for the third year students. The participants of this trip are the third years moving up to the upper elementary, third year teachers, fourth and fifth year students, and upper elementary teachers.

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.

Assorted Field Trips

Montessori Education believes the child should be a part of their community. Learning happens while doing and therefore the child needs to do. All TMES classrooms will participate in "outings" that complement their curriculum. TMES teachers plan to give your children the best experiences when they leave the classroom. This is a time for parent volunteers to help by joining the class for excursions, while always following the specific guidelines given by the teachers.