



## Happy Holiday's!

### Principal's News

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Welcome to TMES! I am so honored to be the principal of such an incredible school, with dedicated staff and involved families. We are all truly fortunate to be involved in this innovative venture in education. Thank you for being such an important part of our success as a school and your child's success in life. It takes everyone working together to give our children a world class education.

Attendance in school is crucial to the success of our students. If your child misses 12 minutes a day of school, that is 1 hour a week of instruction. Add that up over a month's or a year's time and it quickly equates to actual days missed. It is very important to make school a priority and have children in school *everyday, on time*, unless they are sick. Try to schedule doctor and dentist appointments after school hours. Let your child know that attendance is extremely important and that unless they're sick, they must be in school. Be

a good example yourself by staying positive about your daily duties. Show them that promptness is an important attribute to have. A student who is ten minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year. Being involved in your child's homework and school activities shows them that education is important and you are interested in their learning. Discuss with your child what happened at school each day. Emphasizing school as important and a priority now, set's your child up for success in the future. Research shows that attendance is the single most important factor in school success. Remember, learning builds day by day, especially in a Montessori classroom. A child who misses a day of school, misses a day of learning. We are here to ensure the success of all of our students. Make school a priority and that will play a major role in the success of your child.

Mary Jane Besante

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### International Children's Day

October 31, 2008: International Children's Day was a huge success! We want to thank all who participated for making it such a great day. Great fun was had by all. This was the first time we used the commons and put to use the folding doors in Ms. Canice's room. It was a standing room only event! The parade and performances were a big hit. Our new neighbors came out to see the parade. The performances ranged from singing to dancing to teachers performing. Thanks again to all who helped make the event such a special day for our students and especially for following the parking rules!



## Office Notes....

- If your child has received immunizations since we received a copy of their immunization record, please remember to give us an updated copy.
- Please remember to call the front desk if your child will be out sick or to school late. A voicemail will be sufficient if you want to call before the school day starts or you may also send an email to [reception@tmesnm.com](mailto:reception@tmesnm.com)
- Every first Wednesday of the month is Staff Planning Day with all students being released early at 12:30. Kindergarteners are released at the same time as the rest of the students, at 12:30. Aftercare is not available on Early Release Days.
- Please remember to keep track of how many days your child attended before or after care and pre-pay for childcare use at TMES. After care ends at 6:00 pm. It is your responsibility to pay after care staff \$1.00 per minute that you are late after 6:00 pm.

## Kudos- We really want to thank...

We have some great parent volunteers who go above and beyond! Thank you for volunteering at TMES and making our school great!

Thank you

- Becky Caalim
- Melissa Fangio
- Michelle Dickey
- Ann and Chris Baca
- Ruth Duran
- Angela Kuli
- Joan Salisbury
- Diego Lucero
- Missy Liotta

## Just too many to thank....

TMES has an amazing amount of parents who have volunteered for various events and we do not want to forget any names. Thank you for being so great and volunteering for:

- International Children's Day
- Family Science Night
- Make a Difference Day
- Jog-a-thon

We could not have had such great events without you!

## Some Quick Notes....

- It is a good idea to have a change of clothing in your child's bag at all times in case of an accident, etc. Especially Kindergarteners.
- We have a TMES parent who is looking for childcare options during Early Release days. If you know of anyone or if you are interested in being a childcare provider during those days, please email [reception@tmesnm.com](mailto:reception@tmesnm.com).
- Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather. It gets cold out on the playground!



## TMES Fundraising

TMES currently has two major fundraisers going on.

- **Octopus Car Wash Coupons-** Every \$14 coupon we sell, we get to keep \$7 of it! This is an easy way to help raise money for our school. The coupons are great gifts too! Order forms have been sent home in communication folders. We have currently sold 175 coupons and our goal is to sell 400 coupons. Help us meet our goal and tell friends, family and co-workers about this great opportunity! Coupons are good until Jan. 9, 2009.
- **The Brick Campaign-** TMES is selling personalized bricks to be placed in a prominent position at our new location. For only \$100, this gift will 'last forever'! Order forms are available online. Sample bricks are located in the entryway of the school. What an excellent way to support our school and give a unique, special gift!

## Winter Family Party

The Annual TMES Winter Family Party, hosted by the 9-12 community, is scheduled for Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. This is a fun-filled evening where the students get a chance to party with their peers and family. This year's Winter Party is sure to be a success with dancing, karaoke, games, food, prizes and of course our famous cake-walk! What a fun way to wrap up the first semester! If you are interested in helping host this event, Ms. Angela Garcia would love to hear from you. You may e-mail her at [anggye@comcast.net](mailto:anggye@comcast.net). More information about this event will come home soon in the communication folders. This is a great event to bring the whole family to! We hope to see everyone there!

## International Children's Day



Ms. Phyllis took these great pictures of International Children's Day- Thank you Ms. Phyllis!

*Above-* Matias Shedden and Ronin Stewart

*Right top-* Emma Kostelecky

*Right bottom-* Loren Cornwell and Marlynae Lavalais

## 'Catch up with Ms. Kari'

*Ms. Kari is the TMES Director of Development and her column, 'Catch up with Ms. Kari' will be a regular item in our newsletter.*

What an incredible change this year has been for me. I am no longer a teacher of my own classroom; instead I am involved in everyone's class. It has brought me so much fulfillment to work with all the teachers and students at TMES. What a joy it has been to observe the learning that takes place at every age level. Along with the observations, I travel around the school with my "bag of tricks" giving Montessori lessons to students of all levels. I was telling a friend about how much I enjoy this part of my job...I have somehow taken on a celebrity status when I give guest lessons, I guess I have always wanted to be a star.

In addition to my Mentor position, I am also involved in the fund raising and events. Thank you to all who have helped with the events thus far; Make a Difference Day, Jog-A-Thon and Family Science Night. The parent support has been overwhelming and I feel so lucky to

have dependable parents to work with. Speaking of the Jog-a-Thon, we still need to get the pledge money in. The money is needed for so many things this year. If you have yet to turn in your pledge sheet, please do so asap.

Parent Teacher Circle is something I will continue to run. We had our first meeting on November 12. All grade levels and Fine Arts were well represented and several parents attended. Issues raised were parent education, volunteer opportunities, playground safety, and community. Discussion was given to each topic and parents were asked to bring two TMES friends to the next meeting. Please join us and be a member of the TMES team. Remember, the second Wednesday of every month is PTC. We meet from 4:00 to 5:00 in Ms. Phyllis's art room. This is a great way to meet parents and build community at TMES.

Until next time, I leave you with a quote that applies to all of us, "Work is necessary; it can be nothing less than a passion; a person is happy in accomplishment."  
Dr. Maria Montessori

Ms. Kari, Director of Development



## Holiday Concert Opportunities

The winter break is a perfect time to take your family to see the symphony, a choir or just some local music. Here are some suggestions from Ms. Alissa:

- December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm, Cibola H.S.- ABQ Junior Orchestra (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades)
- December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm, St. Andrew Presbyterian and Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm, Keller Hall- ABQ Philharmonic Comm. Orchestra (Ms. Canice's is in it!)
- December 14<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 4:30pm, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal- Early Antique Instructional Ensemble
- January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm, Faith Lutheran- ABQ Chamber Soloists
- For other opportunities visit <http://www.unm.edu/~shapiro/music>

### Collaborative Council

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## Student Letter

*The following is a TMES student who graduated last year. She emailed Ms. Kari in August to share her first day experience at Bosque Prep. Just recently she shared her glowing report card with Ms. Kari- she is doing great!*

Hi Ms.Kari!

It's Anum Graham! I just wanted to let you know that I started school at Bosque today! I also wanted to let you know how much last year meant to me. Today in all my classes like math and social studies I knew all the stuff the teachers were talking about. I learned alot in your classes!

The Montessori School and you really taught me how to be myself. I learned

that other students look up to other students who are respectful and kind. It helped me make alot of new friends today. I miss everyone at TMES, In fact, I already miss Elementary school!

The Big trip helped me alot by teaching me that life isn't always the way you plan. You also taught me that I can make it by myself without my parents and I can make it through anything. The Big Trip has made a huge impact on how i think of myself. To sum it up, i learned to be brave and take risks.

I promise ill come visit as soon as i can. It'll be good for me to see some old friends and teachers!

Best of wishes,  
Anum

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We are also sending this via e-mail! If you do not receive this via e-mail, please update your e-mail address (if you have one) at the front desk!

## \*\*\* Important Upcoming Events \*\*\*

### November:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> thru Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break- *NO SCHOOL/ NO CHILDCARE*

### December:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> thru Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - Scholastic Book Fair- Thursday night is Family Night with extended hours till

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Staff Planning Day- *Early Release @ 12:30* (whole school, K-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Pillow Concert at 3:30 pm- Parent Class Performers

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Winter Carnival Party from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. All ages welcome!

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>- Last day of school in 2008- regular, full day 8:30 am- 3:30 pm, childcare available

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> - Winter Break- *NO SCHOOL/NO CHILDCARE*

### January:

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Winter Break- *NO SCHOOL/NO CHILDCARE*

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - First day back to school in 2009- regular, full day 8:30 am- 3:30 pm, childcare available

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Staff Planning Day- *Early Release @ 12:30* (whole school, K-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>- MLK Jr. Day- *NO SCHOOL/NO CHILDCARE*