



Principal's News

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Another incredible year at TMES! There are many reasons why TMES is rated one of the best in New Mexico; our talented and dedicated teaching and support staff, our engaged student learners, your homes that support education, and the TMES community as a whole that comes together to invest in student learning and education experiences centered on the mission of creating students who are self directed, collaborative, community contributors, complex thinkers and quality producers. Congratulations to one and all.

I thank you for the gift of working with TMES students, staff and families. I am proud to be the Principal of TMES! I hope that the summer months ahead bring you the gift of togetherness of family, rest and relaxation; and of

course some family learning opportunities for your children! There is a great list of mostly free things to do with your children over the summer on page 3 of this newsletter called, 'Things to do in ABQ- Summer 2010 edition'. I encourage you to try some of the amazing and fun opportunities available to us in this wonderful city of ours. I bet you will find that your child's intelligence will make you proud and willingness to try new things will surprise you. Enjoy your time together!

We will start the new school year on August 9th when we begin a new journey and strive to nurture hearts and minds of our students in 2010-11. We are '*Aligned with culture, moving with spirit!*'
-Mary Jane Besante, TMES Principal

Golf Tournament & Silent Auction Wrap-up

First of all, thank you! The TMES Community really came together to help with this fundraiser. We had an amazing amount of items donated for the auctions, lots of volunteers and many families that went above and beyond to help make this fundraiser a success! I am happy to report that we brought in close to \$18,000 and netted close to \$12,000 when all was said and done. Our biggest expense is of course the per player cost to Isleta which ended up costing a total of \$5,635. We don't make a lot off the player fees; however they bring in a lot of money from the Silent Auction items, cash donations, etc. Other than that large chunk, our costs are very low. The Goodie Bag Sponsorship items were enough to fill the goodie bags for the golfers without us having to purchase but \$30 worth of items! Even the cloth bags themselves were donated from the

Sunflower Market! Only free forms of advertising were used to get the word out about the event so we did not incur any advertising costs. We made over \$5,000 in the Silent Auctions from the Parent Education Night and the Golf Tournament! The sponsorships signs and banner typically cost us over \$600 however one of our very generous parents donated all the signs for the event! Thank you again Alex Little from Artistic Sign Shop for your help and generosity! The winners of the Class Challenge Contest were as follows: First Place- Mr. Derek's class, Second Place- Ms. Susan's class, and Third Place- Ms. Lisa's class. The winners all received special surprises, Ms. Susan's class won a hot chocolate party and Mr. Derek's class won a pizza party! Thank you to all of our wonderful families for your hard work in supporting TMES in raising money for our Assistant's salaries!

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Office Notes....

- Don't forget to get your child's immunizations completed if needed or a new exemption form completed by the start of the new school year. It is state law that every child must be up-to-date or have a valid exemption form on file before school starts!
- The annual TMES registration dates are as follows:
 - July 22nd & 23rd from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 - Saturday, July 31st from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Every TMES student must have a completed registration packet filled out *every* year so please don't miss these dates! Call TMES with any questions.

Great job 9-12 classes!

A guest speaker came to TMES on May 19th to speak to the 9-12 students about water testing. Here is what he had to say about our students after his visit:

Hi Sherry,

All three classes were great. Of all the schools I visit, yours is definitely at the top for knowledge and behavior for that age group. Happy end of the school year! ~Matt
Way to go 9-12!

Thank you to our Overall Sponsors

Please support those who support us!

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Kudos- We really want to thank...

ALL of our wonderful families!

You have all come together in so many ways to support TMES and we want to thank each and every one of you! We have had another great year at TMES and we share in our success thanks to you. We can't thank you enough for the hours of volunteering you have done, your generosity of your donations and the effort to do your part in helping us create an incredible school for our students. We thank you all for being so involved! So give yourself a pat on the back and know that we truly appreciate everything you do for our school!



(left) TMES Grandparent, Theresa Padilla, is the resident Popcorn Popping Queen! Thank you Theresa!

(Right) The TMES 6th year students on their way to their 'Big Trip'. It was an incredible journey for all!

A Note from Ms. Kari

Another year has passed and we continue to celebrate our wonderful students and their families as well as our incredible teachers and educational assistants we have at TMES. With each passing year, we strive to bring our best to this community and provide the finest in Montessori education as well as our Fine Arts program. TMES families... you asked for it, you got it! The excitement continues as we embark on our TMMS Middle School program. We are so proud to announce that 95% of our 5th and 6th year students will be staying on to start TMMS. This program will continue to offer our families the wonderful community, compassionate staff and dedication to true Montessori philosophy and practices already found in the Elementary School, now geared toward the adolescent. I, for one, am looking forward to teaching some of my former first and second year students...wow aren't we all growing up! Even as I type those words, I am reminded of this quote from Mari Montessori...*"The real teachers of the Montessori classrooms are the children themselves."* Thank you TMES for nurturing an environment where this is possible! ~Ms. Kari

The 'Big Trip' was a success!

The 6th Year Big Trip was a great experience!

The 6th years spent five days community building and experiencing unique nature scapes in New Mexico this past week from May 13-17th. They enjoyed amazing activities led by the Cottonwood Gulch Foundation including rock climbing, a low ropes course, baking bread in an orno, making yucca fiber in a Native American traditional way, visiting Chaco Culture National Park and camping at Ah-shi-sle-pah. This trip would not have been possible without the unwavering support of TMES families that have helped sponsor the 6th year fundraising.

A special thanks needs to go out to Ms. Alicia, who not only lent her family's popcorn machine all year for 6th year popcorn sales, but who also arranged a family visit in Gallup, NM, for the students on their journey.

Ms. Theresa Padilla also must be acknowledged for her selfless sacrifices. She spent countless Friday's popping popcorn, often by herself, to help the 6th years fundraise for their trip. Thank you so much, Theresa, for your generosity and kindness! It helped make the Big Trip an unforgettable experience! ~ Ms. Sherry



Things to do in ABQ- Summer 2010 edition

- **FREE Friday Night Movies in ABQ-** Enjoy some classic American cinema outdoors at the downtown Albuquerque Civic Plaza for FREE! There are 5 opportunities to do so during the summer. Great free family fun event! Check this site for more details: <http://albuquerque.about.com/od/attractions/qt/FreeMovies.htm>
- **Listen to local music at ABQ Farmers Markets for FREE-** Growers Markets are now free concerts during the summer! Enjoy shopping locally grown produce while listening to fabulous live music from local bands. Go here for more details: <http://albuquerque.about.com/od/attractions/qt/SummerMusicFarmersMarkets.htm>
- **Arts in the Park-** FREE classic Sunday entertainment all summer long at public parks through out the city! Go to: <http://albuquerque.about.com/od/attractions/qt/ArtsinParks.htm> for more info on this fun family event.
- **FREE events at your local library-** Libraries all around Albuquerque have FREE events throughout the summer for all ages, including arts & crafts, movies, games, book clubs, theater, poetry, story time, etc. Go to: http://www.cabq.gov/library/activitycategory_families.html to see the schedule of events.
- **Kids Bowl for FREE all summer-** Leisure Bowl on Lomas is participating in a program to allow kids age 15 and younger to bowl 2 FREE games a day! Go to: www.kidsbowlfree.com for all the details. There is also a special deal for adults too!
- **NM BioPark Society-** Visit their website at <http://www.bioparksociety.org/society> for fun family activities, ideas, discounts, events, etc.
- **Site full of great ideas and links for summer ideas-** <http://www.cabq.gov/fun/summer>
- **List of FREE things to do with kids in ABQ-** <http://albuquerque.about.com/od/attractions/tp/FreeKidFun.htm>
- **Great resource of things to do in ABQ-** The Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau has a great site to find all things Albuquerque! Just go to <http://itsatrip.org/events/summer/default.aspx> to find a huge list of events and happenings around town. Many are free or very low-cost so get out and have some fun this summer!

TMES Newsletter Advertising

Would you like to advertise in our TMES Parent Newsletter? TMES is now accepting ads for Parent Newsletters. This is a great opportunity to advertise your business or service in an affordable way to families of over 310 TMES students! The newsletters are sent via email to all of our families and are also on our website for all of the public to view at any time. What a great way to show your support of our fabulous school and get your name out there at the same time! All ads will need final approval of our Administration. The prices are as follows:

- \$25 for business card size ad
- \$50 for ¼ page size ad
- \$100 for ½ page size ad
- \$200 for full page size ad

Contact MJ for more info on this great opportunity!

Did You Know...?

- We had 72 players, 15 total Sponsors, over 130 items in the silent auctions, \$1,340 in cash donations, and sold \$540 in Mulligan's to the players at the golf tournament!
- **We are currently #89 in the entire country** in the 'America's Favorite School Contest' on Greatschools.com! Go to: <http://www.care2.com/schoolcontest/3501/234/> to put in your vote now if you haven't done so! The contest ends this Friday, May 21st. We are flattered and appreciate all the nice comments parents have made on the site about TMES. Thank you, we love our TMES community too!
- TMES has about 70 parents who have completed a background check to volunteer at the school. If you have not gotten one done yet, please see Ms. Belinda in the office for the paperwork. Thank you to all of our parents and families for being so involved in TMES!

Returning Student Registration Info

Returning student registration is scheduled for July 22, 23 & 31. Please remember that parents must complete a registration packet for each child, **every** year. Your child will not be able to attend school until the registration packet is complete! Up-to-date contact info is essential for us to have in case of an emergency. The packets *may not* be taken out of the building; they must be completed at the school. Come prepared to fill our the packet with your updated pick-up list, phone numbers, email addresses for correspondence, shot records, etc.

Special thanks to Keep New Mexico

This year, TMES has been very fortunate to receive two Solid Waste, Litter Control, and Recycling Grants from Keep New Mexico Beautiful totaling \$1,400! Keep New Mexico Beautiful is supporting our efforts to continue our school-wide paper recycling program as well as establish a sustainable composting program. The grant funds have been used to purchase three composting bins, one of which is a vermi-composting bin (worms), stainless steel containers for each classroom to collect vegetable and fruit scraps from lunch, and Earthbox containers to house the finished compost for classroom planting projects. TMES is so lucky to be one of many schools KNMB has supported through their grant program. As an organization, KNMB has a long tradition of funding school projects for beautification and solid waste control. TMES is one step closer to practicing more ecological friendly methods of handling our waste and compostable materials. Many thanks to KNMB for making our recycling and composting programs take shape!

On that note, we are looking for volunteer parents to help implement a recycling/composting/gardening program within the school next year. The curriculum will be developed this summer and will involve classroom visits to educate students at TMES about these issues. If you are interested in learning more please contact Ms. Sherry at: sgwyn@tmesnm.com.



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News from the Fine Arts Department

Art-

- We are excited to inform you that Mr. John will be our new full time Art teacher starting in the 2010-2011 school year! Ms. Phyllis will not be working full time anymore but will join us to do special projects with our students. Ms. Phyllis has been with us since TMES began and we will miss seeing her face everyday but are so happy to be able to have her continue with TMES in this new endeavor. Thank you Ms. Phyllis for creating such an incredible Art program and welcome Mr. John!

Music-

Summer Music schedule- great family fun events!

- Zoo Music Fridays \$10 Adults Children 3-12 \$2 June 18-July 30
<http://cabq.gov/biopark/garden/summernights.html>
- New Mexico Jazz Festival July 13-25 <http://www.newmexicोजazzfestival.org>
- Santa Fe Chamber Festival- Rehearsals in Santa Fe and Albuquerque are FREE!!
<http://sfcmf.org/concert-calendar/open-rehearsal-schedule>
- Symphony Under the Stars \$15 adults, \$5 children under 12
<http://www.nmso.org/concerts/symphony.php>
- Hummingbird Music Camp <http://www.hummingbirdmusiccamp.org>
- New Mexico Suzuki Institute Deadline for on-time enrollment June 1st
<http://www.nmsuzuki.org>

Rust Removal- FREE to any TMES Student! You may come to as many or few of these dates as you can. All classes at TMES. Class will be organized based on attendance.

- Tuesdays: 6/8 and 6/29 7/13 and 7/27 2pm and 5pm

If you need to set a separate appointment to check in and get tuned and are available Tuesdays or Wednesdays, email ahamilton@tmesnm.com I can find a time for you!

Box Tops Spring Contest

Keep collecting those Box Tops over the summer! The Spring 2010 Box Tops Contest was won by Ms. Angie's class with a total of 410 Box Tops! Their class enjoyed a pizza party and a \$50 gift certificate for the class, all courtesy of our parent Box Tops Coordinator, Cici DeValle. Thank you Cici! And thank you TMES for continuing to collect and send in the Box Tops. This year, TMES raised a total of \$402.70 from Box Tops. We hope to double that next year but every penny is a help to TMES. We can earn up to \$20,000 per year!

A Letter from a TMES Parent

Dear Ms. Sherri,

I wanted to write a quick note thanking you for the extra time you spent doing some one-on-one math tutoring. My son has struggled with math and therefore is sure that he hates it. However; he came home from school yesterday with a completely new attitude. He has decided that he loves math- particularly long division! Thank you so much for taking the initiative to sit down with just him to work on something that he was not understanding. We can not express what a relief it is to see his perspective change and to grow confidence in himself when it comes to math. Thank you again, - A TMES Parent

*** Important Upcoming Events ***

May-

Friday 21st- TMES Talent Show Performances. 6-9 @ 9:30 am, Kinder & 9-12 @ 1:30 pm. Please join us!

Wednesday 26th - Last day of school for students! Early dismissal @ 1:00 pm. NO Before or After Care available.

June-

Tuesday 8th & Tuesday 29th - Rust Removal with Ms. Alissa at TMES, 2:00 and 5:00 pm, All TMES students welcome!

July-

Tuesday 13th & Tuesday 27th - Rust Removal with Ms. Alissa at TMES, 2:00 and 5:00 pm, All TMES students welcome!

Thursday 22nd & Friday, 23rd - Returning student registration, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Saturday 31st - Returning student registration, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

August-

Monday 9th- First day of class for the 2010-2011 school year! A kindergarten abbreviated schedule will come out soon.



Staying Safe in the Sun Facts Sheet



With summer almost upon us in New Mexico, we can look forward to blue skies and long sunny days. The sun is an important part of our lives providing our bodies with essential Vitamin D. It often has a positive impact on our moods, and makes social and sports events possible. Unfortunately, sun exposure presents risk factors that can lead to skin damage, eye damage and even skin cancer. Most children receive between 50-80% of their lifetime sun exposure before age 18 therefore it is important to be aware of **sun safety**.

Here are some guidelines that offer protection from sun damage:

- ❖ Apply sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. Fair-skinned people should use a higher SPF. Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside so that a good layer of protection can form. Reapply every 2 hours and more frequently with swimming and strenuous exercise.
- ❖ Choose a “broad spectrum” sunscreen which protects against UVA and UVB rays.
- ❖ Avoid sun exposure during peak hours of 10am-4pm as the sun's rays are the strongest during this time, even on cloudy days. Seek shade when possible.
- ❖ Wear a wide brim hat to protect eyes, ears and head.
- ❖ Wear sunglasses that provide 100% UV protection.
- ❖ Wear lightweight, loose fitting clothing that protects a large area of skin. Tightly woven fabrics are best.

As good role models we can teach our child(ren) **sun safety** that will last a lifetime.

Sharon Richardson RN OCN

Sources: American Cancer Society
Skin Cancer Foundation

The Montessori Elementary School '10 -'11 Calendar

August 2010

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August 2010 21

5 Teachers Return
5-6, Registration/Orientation
9 First Day of Class

September 2010 21

6 Labor Day
10 *Mid-Term Progress Report
28 40th day

October 2010 16

22 *Report Cards First Trimester
21,22 Parent -Teacher
Conferences
25 - 29 Fall Break

November 2010 18

1 Montessori Teacher
Development Day
24 - 26 Thanksgiving Break

December 2011 13

8 80th day
17 *Mid Term Progress Report
19 - 31 Winter Recess

January 2011 19

3 Montessori Teacher
Development Day
17 MLK Jr. Holiday
28 Student Led Parent Conferences

February 2011 19

18 *Report Cards Second Trimester
18 120th Day
21 President's Day Holiday

March 2011 17

14,- 18 Spring Break
21 Montessori Teacher
Development Day

April 2011 20

8 *Mid Term Progress Report
22 Vernal Holiday
28,29 Parent -Teacher
Conferences

May 2011 18

2 Montessori Teacher
Development Day
26 *Last Trimester Report Card
26 Last Day of classes
Early Dismissal 1:00

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Total Days 180

Make-up Snow Days
May 27, 31, June 1