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**No School**  
April 14

**Last Day  
of School**  
May 24



Caleb Salisbury, Hannah Guebelle, and Matias Shedden demonstrate the three hypotheses for their science project: 1) It will float; 2) It will shrink; 3) It will pop.

## Next Year Looks Better Than Ever at TMES

by Anne Uhring, TMES Collaborative Council President

What good news we have from the Collaborative Council! Our **budget for next year is healthy**, and this fall siblings of every student now enrolled at TMES will be offered a spot at the school. Currently, there are four lottery spaces in the 9-12 classes for new students. Our entire waiting list is 75 students, with 75% requesting kindergarten.

Our state budget for the fall will cover seven teachers with four educational assistants, basically what we have now. That translates into two K-1 classrooms, three 6-9 classrooms, and two 9-12 classrooms. The Council would like to see an **educational assistant in every classroom**, which will require fundraising of \$60,000.

To accomplish this goal for OUR children, we need your support with the **Jog-A-Thon** (April 20) and the **Golf Tournament** (May 12 - and yes, mulligans are for sale!!). We are also forming a nonprofit organization to run a **summer program and a before- and after-care program** next year. So please consider TMES first this summer when your children need something to do, and, once the nonprofit is underway, your child care costs are tax deductible. Also, **volunteers are needed for the nonprofit**, so if you get the recruitment call, and even if you don't, now is the time to step up.

In other news, all staff, including educational assistants, and possibly substitutes, will receive **Montessori training** this summer, paid for by a federal grant for charter schools.

Watch for a wonderful transformation of the playground, as we received a **\$70,000 capital outlay appropriation** from the state legislature. Please thank State Senators Kent Cravens and Mark Boitano along with Representative Ed Sandoval—they're the ones who made this happen. It looks like **\$20,000 will go for library books and \$50,000 for playground equipment.** (continued on page 2)

## Next Year *(continued from page 1)*

Playground guru and all around great kinder parent **Keith Fleming** will need some help installing all this equipment this summer, so watch your e-mails for a couple of “BE THERE” gatherings at the playground.

Now, if you have not signed up for the 21st century, economically sound and web-connected **TMES e-mail address list**, log in and get connected. Please e-mail our Council treasurer **Joanne Li** at [joli73@comcast.net](mailto:joli73@comcast.net) to get on the list.

For comments anytime, please e-mail me, **Anne Uhring**, at [auhring@tvi.edu](mailto:auhring@tvi.edu). Thanks for listening.

## Participate in the TMES Budget Forum

Ever wondered about where the school’s funding comes from? Had questions about the expenses the school incurs in a year? Come and participate in the **Budget Forum on Tuesday, April 18, at 5:30 pm** at the school. The Finance Committee is hosting its second meeting this month to review and prepare the 2006-2007 TMES Budget. The final budget will be presented to the Collaborative Council on April 27 for its approval and submission to the state.

## Jog-A-Thon Next Week

*Thursday, April 20*

The **TMES Jog-A-Thon will be held next Thursday, April 20**, beginning at 9 am on the playground.

Donation forms were sent home in communication folders last week—ask your family and friends for pledges (minimum of \$1 per lap or you can set an amount).

The Jog-A-Thon will last most of the day with each class participating for 30 minutes at a time (kindergarten children will participate for 20 minutes). We need 5 parent volunteers for each class to help with tallying the laps, filling water cups for the kids, etc. If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet posted outside of each classroom door. As long as we get enough volunteers for each class, we will assign the parents to their children’s classes to help support the kids as they run the course. If you have any questions, please contact **Rebecca Bailet** at 342-9458.

## TMES Golf Tournament

*Friday, May 12*

Our second big event for the spring is the **Golf Tournament and Silent Auction to be held on Friday, May 12**. Our committee directors, **Melissa David** for the Golf Tournament and **Monica Noce** for the Silent Auction, need sponsors, volunteers, and items for the auction.

A 2-page form was sent home to all parents to fill out and return to TMES for the Golf Tournament. Another form was sent home to parents requesting donations for the Silent Auction. Parents and students are asked to donate at least one item to the assigned theme baskets for each class.

If you have any questions regarding the golf tournament, please contact **Melissa David** at 892-2636. If you have any questions regarding the silent auction, please contact **Monica Noce** at 884-4323. We need help from all of you to make this event a great success!

## Updated School Calendar

Thursday  
April 13

**Science Expo Awards Assembly**, 2 pm on the playground

Tuesday  
April 18

**Budget Forum**, 5:30 pm at the school. **NEW!**  
Everyone is welcome!

Thursday  
April 20

**TMES Jog-A-Thon**, 9 am on the playground

Friday  
April 14

**Vernal Holiday**, No School

Wednesday  
April 26

**Spring Music Concert**, Sandia Preparatory Theater  
6:00 pm, Ms. Canice's students  
7:30 pm, Ms. Angela's students

Thursday  
April 27

**TMES Collaborative Council meeting** **NEW!**  
5:30 pm at the school

Friday  
May 6

**Deadline** for May newsletter

Friday  
May 12

**TMES Golf Tournament, Dinner, and Silent Auction**  
Chamisa Hills Country Club in Rio Rancho  
Golf Tournament, 1 pm  
Dinner and Auction, 6 pm

Wednesday  
May 24

**Graduation and Last Day of School**  
School closes at 1 pm.

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### Parent Committees

#### Fundraising and Development

Contact: **Kerry Perry** at [perrykerry@aol.com](mailto:perrykerry@aol.com)

#### Playground and Green Thumb

Contact: **Keith Fleming**, 259-3827 or [ahelpinghandnm@comcast.net](mailto:ahelpinghandnm@comcast.net)

#### Publicity, Communications, and Volunteers

Contact: **Laura Buell**, 891-1995 or [nmbuells@yahoo.com](mailto:nmbuells@yahoo.com)

# Kudos

. . . to **Elsie** from Forever Green for donating a truck load of plants for the entryway. And to **Kathy Young** for trimming and re-potting the donated plants.

. . . to **the Kholwadwalas**, TMES parents and the owners of Wild Noodles, for the fabulous food and for donating part of their proceeds to TMES.

. . . to **Rebecca Bailet, Molly Benavidez, Polly Ann Martinez, and Connie Trujillo** for their continuous help at the front desk.

Have an item for the Kudos section? Please send it to Jill Riester at [riesterr@msn.com](mailto:riesterr@msn.com) or call 281-1337.

## Violin Concert on April 26

Make plans to attend the TMES Music Concert on Thursday, April 26, at Sandia Preparatory Theater to see and hear the children's violin performances. **Ms. Canice's** students will perform from 6 pm to 7 pm and **Ms. Angela's** students 7:30 pm to 8:15 pm. Students are welcome to attend both concerts, but please remember to enter during the applause so the performers are not disturbed.

If you can help by volunteering the night of the performance, please let **Ms. Canice** or **Ms. Angela** know.

## Do You Work at Intel?

Did you know that Intel will donate \$200 to TMES for every 20 hours you spend volunteering at the school? Intel's Volunteer Matching Grant Program is a win-win for the school: volunteer time plus free money! If you work at Intel and are interested in participating in the program, please contact **Eleanor Radius**, TMES parent volunteer, for more information.



**Antonio Ebell** and **Rosemary Casey** observe and measure changes during their science experiment.

## Help the Teachers!

Looking for some way to help out your child's teacher? Volunteer for playground or front desk duty! You don't have to make a long-term commitment, just do whatever you can. Every little bit gives the teachers, including **Ms. Canice** and **Ms. Angela**, more time for planning and preparation. If you'd like to help, please let **Ms. Phyllis** know.

### Teacher Wish Lists

A large carpet remnant is needed for the violin room. Please see **Ms. Canice** or **Ms. Angela** if you have something that might work.