



April News from the Director:

Events on the Horizon:

Attend Your Parent Teacher Conference: This Friday, April 7th, is parent teacher conference day. If you have not signed up for a conference it is not too late; your conference serves as your child's mid-semester or third quarter progress report. The 6th – 8th grade conferences will be student led, please be sure to bring your student along. We hope that you will find the information helpful and that there is a lot to celebrate regarding your student's growth and learning this year. We have about eight and one half weeks of school left to optimize instruction and fun; let's go for a strong and positive finish! While at the school for your conference, please check through the Lost & Found at the front door to gather any lost or left behind clothing! Also we need all parents to take the Quality of Education Survey and Kindergarten through 2nd grade parents to take a survey to provide support and feedback to for their teachers.

Anansi's 1st Annual Spring Fling Fundraiser: Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 8th and plan to attend Anansi's Spring Fling at the Taos Mesa Brewing from 2-5pm! This is a family event and fundraiser to benefit the Anansi Charter School educational programming. At the event, we will have bingo, a cupcake walk, soft serve yogurt, and more! In addition, our annual art show which features the arts from all grade levels will be hung at the Taos Mesa Brewing. Play a little bingo, socialize with friends, raise a little money for the school, and celebrate the artistic talents of the Anansi students, join us at the Taos Mesa Brewing from 2-5 on Saturday, April 8th! (Thank you to Dan Irion, Liza Barrett, Jen Scott, and Leslie Warnick for making this event)

State Testing for Grades 3rd – 8th: Here is our PARCC testing schedule, please have your kids get plenty of rest, feed them a good breakfast and send a snack with some protein in it.

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Work Session 1, 8:45 Work Session 2 10:30	10 Math Paper-based tests Grades 3-5	11 Math Paper-based tests Grades 3-5	12 Math Paper-based tests Grades 3-5	13 Math Paper-based tests Grades 3-5	14 No School
Work Session 1 8:45 Work Session 2 10 or 10:30	17	18 3, 5, & 7 gr. ELA 4, 6, & 8 gr ELA	19 3, 5, & 7 gr. ELA 4, 6, & 8 gr ELA	20 3, 5, & 7 gr. ELA 4, 6, & 8 gr ELA	21 Make Up Tests for grades 3, 4, & 5 ELA
Work Session 1	24 3 & 5 gr Math	25 3, 5 & 7 gr Math	26 3, 5 & 7 gr Math	27 3, 5 & 7 gr Math	28

8:45 Work Session 2 10:30	4 gr Math	4, 6, & 8 gr Math	4, 6, & 8 gr Math	4, 6, & 8 gr Math	Make up tests for Math all grades
Work Session 1 Work Session 2	1 Make up tests day	2 Make up tests day	3 Make up tests day	4	5

Budget Committee Meeting: Our next meeting will take place on April 18th at 9am as well. We value parent and staff input as we develop our plans for the coming school year. The budget meeting will be held in the cafeteria at 9am. We encourage you to participate in this important process.

Read-a-thon Funds are Past Due: If you have not yet turned in your Dr. Seuss Read-a-thon pledges, it is still not too late! We ask each family to raise a minimum amount of funds to cover the cost of the end of the year field trips for the students. If you need to know the minimum amount needed please stop by the office or check in with your student’s teacher.

Earth Day Picnic at Anansi: In honor of Earth Day, Anansi will host a picnic and community beautify the grounds day at Anansi. Sink your hands into the earth to plant, weed, prune, and care for the grounds of the Anansi campus for the morning, then join us for a picnic lunch on the school grounds. Plan to bring your work gloves, some yard work tools, a water bottle, blanket, and picnic lunch. Work side by side with the children and faculty to care for your school grounds and the earth on Friday, April 21st.

Parent Help Needed & Wanted:

Prize Donations Needed for Bingo at Spring Fling Event: We are in need of prizes for our bingo games at the Spring Fling. These prizes can be as simple as gift cards from any business in Taos or an item such as a book, a mug, a scarf, a toy, or anything else you can think of! Please drop them by the office by Thursday, April 6th. We appreciate any and all donations!

Volunteers to Help Prepare & Hang the Art Show: There is a great deal of preparation involved in hanging an art exhibition and Ms. Leslie would be grateful to receive your assistance! We will be preparing the art by mounting it, pressing it, and organizing the displays prior to hanging, and then we will be hanging the show on the morning of the Spring Fling (April 8th). If you are able and interested in helping us with the preparations and hanging of the show, please contact Ms. Leslie at lwarnick@anansi.acstaos.org.

Chaperone Your Child’s End of Year Field Trip: It takes the eyes, ears, and energy of several adults to manage a safe and great field trip for the students. Please let your child’s classroom teacher know if you would be willing to assist with the preparation and/or the chaperoning of their field trip in May.

Join the Friends of Anansi Charter School Board for 2017-18: Plan to attend a Friends meeting or contact Jen Scott to learn more about the Friends of the Anansi Charter School. We are seeking new members who want to help to support the educational programming of the school.

Attend the Earth Day Picnic & Care Day: Plan to attend to help care for the grounds of Anansi and work side by side with the students and teachers to celebrate and care for the earth by caring for the gardens and grounds at Anansi, then stay for a picnic lunch with the students, 10:30-1 on Friday, April 21st at Anansi Charter School.

Quality of Education Survey: This survey is different from the new teacher survey that you just completed and helps us evaluate some of our work that we do. It also is a requirement of our school grade with the Public Education Department. Please give us your feedback, there are only 15 questions and it will take about 5 minutes for you to complete the survey. You can either submit your survey directly on line at the following link, <http://164.64.166.19/studentsurvey/surveyframe.asp> , then enter the following information:

Login: your first name

District: Taos Municipal School District

Your role: Parent.

You can then select your school: Anansi Charter School. You will need to click NA for the last five questions so that it will submit your survey. **Or**, if you are unable to get on line on a computer, you can also fill out the copy of the Quality of Education Survey attached to your newsletter; please fill out your survey and turn it in to Ms. Tracy in the school office. Thanks for your help! All surveys are due by April 28th!

Dates to Keep In Mind:

Friday, April 7: No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Student-Led Conferences grades 6-8

Saturday, April 8: Bingo Fundraiser & School Art Show at Taos Mesa Brewing

April 10-28: PARCC Assessments, Grades: 3-8 please no extended absences planned for this time period

Friday, April 14: No School, Mini Break

Tuesday, April 18: Budget Committee Meeting 9am, Governance Council Meeting, 5:30pm

Friday, April 21st: Earth Day Celebration, Work Day, & Picnic, 10:30-1pm, early dismissal day for middle school

Wednesday, April 26: Anansi Charter School Lottery Drawing, Taos Public Library, 10am

Friday, April 28th: Quality of Education Surveys Due to the Office (use link or attached survey)

May 1-May 12th: End of Year Short Cycle Assessments (all grades participate)

May 15-18th: End of year Field Trip Week

May 23-24th: Last week of classes, 8th grade graduation, field day, talent show, end of year potluck

Have a great month! Michele