



December Events at Anansi Charter School

Here is a quick list of all that we have going at school prior to our Winter Break! December is an exceptionally busy month, and we hope you can join in on some of our learning, fun, and activities that we have scheduled.

Event Schedule:

- Thursday, December 1, 2016: Celebration of Learning Grades 4-6: 2:30pm
- Saturday, December 3, 2015: Truffle Making at the Anansi Charter School Cafeteria from 9-until finished, volunteers are **needed** in the afternoon shift beginning at noon
- Monday, Dec. 5th: Pick up your truffle orders
- Wednesday, December 6th: Vision and Hearing Screenings for all students in grades K-4
- Friday, December 9th: Non-perishable food is due and will be delivered to the Armory for Taos Feeds Taos, Volunteers needed to help deliver the food
- Monday, December 12th-21st: MAP Testing Grades 1st-8th
- Wednesday, December 14th: Holiday Lunch at Anansi, (parents need to pre-order to be served lunch)
- Friday, December 16th: Truffle Sale at Cids (tell your friends)
- Thursday, 22nd: Anansi holiday Tradition: students briefly present Celebration from around the world, followed by caroling, hot chocolate, & cookies, 2:00pm
- December 23-January 9: Winter Break
- Tuesday, January 10th: School Resumes
- Thursday, January 12th: Report Cards Distributed
- Friday, January 13th: Winter Sports begin

Taos Feeds Taos Food Drive: Anansi is seeking school-wide participation in the Taos Feeds Taos Food Drive. Last year, the students set a goal of 1,500 cans of food, and this year we would like to top it! We are collecting food until December 9th at which time we will deliver the food to the Taos Feeds Taos boxing headquarters. We would be happy to have parent volunteers to help the students and the school deliver the food. Thank you for your contributions!

Sharing Holiday Traditions at Anansi: This year we are hosting our annual Sing Along and sharing traditions from around the world on the last day of school before the winter break. The students will share an element of their tradition, Senor Felipe will lead us in songs, and we

will share student baked treats and hot chocolate provided by the Friends of Anansi. Please join us on our last day of school prior to the winter break, Thursday, December 22nd at 2:00pm and share in an old Anansi tradition of singing together at our school site in our middle school court yard.

Gratitude for our Parent and Staff Volunteers: Many parents and staff members have helped to support the two major fundraisers that Anansi conducts annually, art cards and truffle sales. The art cards project is complete and it raised just under \$3,000 to assist us with the transportation and scholarships for winter sports. The cards turned out beautifully, featuring some fabulous art created by our students. This Saturday, December 3rd is truffle making day, and many parents and staff members have signed up to help. Thank you for volunteering! We will have child care for your children, while we make the truffles. We will also have some snacks, juice, and coffee for the children and the volunteers while they help. The fun begins at 9am at Anansi in the lunch room see you then! Remember to pick up your truffles on Monday morning, your truffles need to be kept cool so that they don't be spoil before they are eaten. Thanks again for supporting our fundraisers and the Winter Sports Programs that they support, your efforts are counted on and appreciated!

ESSA Survey: In lieu of re-scheduling our focus group night to discuss the re-authorizing the nation's education act, which is now known as "Every Student Succeeds Act" (formerly known as "No Child Left Behind"), a survey was created for you to take on Monkey Survey. It was sent out before Thanksgiving, and is still available for you to participate. Please watch for a re-send from Monkey Survey. If you have questions, please make an appointment with the director.

Holiday Message: Here at Anansi, we hope that each of you are able to celebrate the joy of family and friends over the holiday season, and that you all can enjoy the simple pleasures of sharing food, enjoying the outdoors, music, good books, and quiet time together. From our hearts to yours, "Peace on Earth and Good Will to All"

See you in the New Year! Michele

