



# **OCTOBER MID-MONTH UPDATES!**

**Field Trip 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades, October 25<sup>th</sup>:** Las Golondrinas Field Trip, please arrive at 7:45 for an 8am departure. All students need to bring a lunch, water bottle, and \$1.50 for the entrance fee. See your teacher for the return time. Be sure to turn in your signed permission slip for the trip.

**Parent Teacher Conferences, October 27<sup>th</sup>:** If you have not yet signed up for a conference, please stop in your child's classrooms and get signed up for a first quarter conference to review your child's progress in all subject areas. Your conference will provide you with valuable feedback, time for questions, and an opportunity to review your student's work. You will also learn about goals for the year and how to best support your child. We need your input and our charter seeks 100% participation in conferences. We believe, and research evidence shows us that parental involvement is a critical piece to student success in school. If you are unable to come to the school to sign up, please email your request to your classroom teacher, or call Tracy in the office to request assistance. Remember, the school is closed on conference day, so that you can have your teacher's undivided attention.

**Wednesday Coffee with the Director Topics:** The purpose of these meetings is to get parent feedback, answer parent questions about our school programs, and respond to your interests. Please come to one of our Wednesday morning coffee chats from 8:30-9 in the cafeteria.

- Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>: Discipline strategies and Understanding the CAPE Score
- Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>: The Arts Programs

## **Halloween Party:**

- Parent Volunteers needed 1-3:30 to help with costume changing, party festivities set up and help with activities during the party, clean up afterwards
- Bring costumes in a bag, no make-up before the party, leave the weapons at home
- The school will host parties for the students and an outdoor parade.
- Parents welcome to join the fun, come in costume, help with parties

**No After Care on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>:** We will not have after care after the Halloween party. Please pick your child up immediately following the party and enjoy the evening.

**Art Card & Truffle Sales:** Be sure to pick up your order form when you attend your parent conference on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The sale includes \$12 boxes of truffles and packets of student created art card packages for \$10 each. We ask each family to sell a minimum of six (6) packages cards or truffles. We ask every family to support raising funds for transportation and scholarships for our winter sports program. All students will choose between skiing/snowboarding, ice skating, gymnastics, or dance.

**Facility Committee Meeting:** If you have construction knowledge and an interest in maintaining a healthy, inviting, safe campus for our students, consider joining the Facility committee. You will assist in prioritizing projects and managing the maintenance budget for the school. Inquire in the office. The next meeting is scheduled for 4:30 on October 25<sup>th</sup>, child care provided during the meeting at no cost.

**Chess at Anansi:** Dennis Hedges is offering chess club at Anansi on Tuesdays from 3:30-5pm in our school library. Dennis is a retired teacher from our community and he is also an extremely skilled chess coach. This is a great opportunity for your child to learn the strategies, patience, and rules of chess. The program provides opportunities to practice the game with other students and participate in chess tournaments. Please encourage your child to give it a try.

**Intramural Basketball for Anansi Students:** Anansi supports the development of basketball skills and sportsmanship through the intramural basketball program. The teams will practice at the Taos Charter School gym one night per week. There is no cost for the program; however, if you would like your child to have an "official Anansi jersey", the cost is approximately \$20. We are also seeking parent volunteers to coach for the program. Please email Mr. B if your child is interested in playing and/or you are interested in coaching. The program is for children in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades.