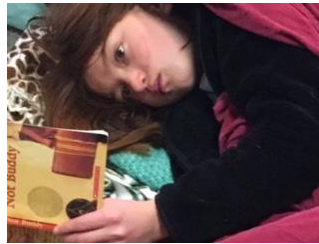


March Anansi News from the Director:



Dr. Seuss Readathon Day: We had a terrific Dr. Seuss Day on Friday, a big thank you to all of the parents who attended and helped read with students. Each class met or exceeded their goals for books, chapters, or pages read, and the students really focused in on their reading. A shout out to Susie Crawley, a.k.a., "Cat in the Ha't" for visiting our classrooms and contributing to making Dr. Seuss' Birthday a special day at Anansi. Please help your kids collect their pledges from their reading sponsors, funds are due Friday, March 23rd. All proceeds first cover the costs of the end of the year field trips for each class, and then any additional funds collected are allocated for classroom needs for students and teachers.

5th Grade Students at Robo-Rave in Espanola: Our fifth grade students culminated their robotics science unit by attending the regional Robo-Rave in Espanola on Saturday, March 3rd. During a Robo-Rave, the students have to think on their feet, act as teams, and problem solve. Many thanks to Ms. Liana and Ms Eva for preparing the students through robotics instruction and then taking them to the event.



Art Field Trips for Kindergarten & Second Grade: On Wednesday, March 7th, the 2nd grade students will take an arts field trip to the Harwood Museum and the kindergarten will be heading to an arts studio to paint their own tiles. These field trips are funded by the activity fees in conjunction with the Friends of the Anansi Charter School and organized by our wonderful arts teacher, Ms. Leslie.

New Mexico Science Standard Based Assessments (SBA): The fourth and seventh grade students will be taking the required Science SBA on March 6th, 7th, & 8th. The tests will be administered in the morning. Any student who is sick or misses a test day will have the opportunity for a makeup assessment on the Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday following Spring Break week.

Movie Night at Anansi: Mr. B is sponsoring a movie night in the Anansi Charter School library. His plan is to show the movie Cool Running, which is a PG movie. The movie is for students in 3rd grade and older. Please turn in an RSVP in the office so we know how many students to expect. While your children enjoy a movie, Sol Food is offering a buy one get one free dinner and Pizano's is offering a 10% discount for an Anansi parent night out. The movie will run from 5-7:30pm.

Golden Willow Counselors Meet with Middle School Students: The middle school students will have a presentation on the topic of the Parkland school shooting, the Parkland student response, and our own students' needs to process this tragic event. There will be a whole group conversation followed by a student activity period for their own expression and actions. The counselors will be on hand to speak with the students during the activity period. This presentation begins at 12:45 on Thursday, March 8th.

Anansi Charter School Arts Show: Ms. Leslie, along with the support of the Arts Advisory Council, and the Friends of Anansi Charter School are presenting a collective of our students' (grades K-8) in a community art show at the Stables Gallery in Taos. The opening for the show will be Friday afternoon, on March 23rd. The show will remain up through the weekend. We will have special student centered activities at the opening and a refreshments at the reception on the 23rd.

Recycle Supplies for Art Show: Ms. Leslie is currently gathering the following items and requests your donations this week and the week following spring break. Please send any and all of the following to school:

bottle caps	plastic jewels	buttons
pipe cleaners	twist ties	corks
rope/ string/ easily bendable wire	plastic lids of varying size	metal mint boxes
fabric scraps	unwanted socks	small plastic containers
spools	coils, gears & random parts	small wood scraps
smallish cardboard shapes	toilet paper rolls	straws and tubes
smaller size boxes of varying shapes like tea and butter boxes	any sort of other doodads, gadgets, & random stuff that could be used to creatively create and build small scale items in a workshop setting	

We appreciate any of your small objects that may contribute to this incredibly awesome school community creative project that will take place at the Anansi Art Show at the Stables Gallery on the 23rd. The more interesting things we can round up to build with, the better it will be! Send your supplies to the school this week or right after spring break.

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences: Parent teacher or middle school student led conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 29th. Please sign up for a conference upon the return from spring break. Our goal is for every parent to meet with his or her child's teacher for at a scheduled conference. The conference helps you understand your child's learning goals, how your child is progressing, and how you can support your child's education and school experience. Please save the date once you schedule your appointment.

Budget Committee Meetings: Budget and Calendar Committee Meetings: The budget committee will meet on Wednesday March 21st at 4:30pm to begin our work on developing the school budget for the 2018-19 school year. The next budget meeting will take place at 4:30 on Wednesday, April 18th at 4:00pm. The calendar committee will hold a community input meeting on Wednesday, March 27th at 8:30am in the cafeteria. The calendar will be sent out in advance via email and your input can be provided via email or in person on the 28th. We then use the community input that we receive from the staff and parent community to finalize our 2018-19 school calendar. We value

parent and staff input as we develop our plans for the coming school year. We encourage you to participate in this important process.

Bingo Fundraiser at Taos Mesa Brewing: The Friends of Anansi Charter School are hosting a Bingo on April 28th at Taos Mesa Brewing. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Please stay tuned for details from our coordinators!

Dates to Keep in Mind:

March 6, 7, & 8th: New Mexico SBA Science Assessment, grades 4 & 7

March 8th: Friends Meeting, 8:45, 5-7:30pm Movie Night "Cool Runnings" 5-7:30pm

March 9th: No School-Teacher In-Service

March 9-16: Spring Break

March 20, 21, & 22: Make up dates for NM SBA Science Assessment, grades 4 &

Wednesday, March 21st: 2018-19 Budget Committee Meeting, 4:30pm, Anansi Governance Council Meeting, 5:30pm

Friday, March 23rd: Read-a-thon Pledge money due, early dismissal for middle school, Anansi Art Show opening at Stables Gallery

Wednesday, March 28th: Calendar Committee Community Input Meeting, 8:30am, Anansi hosts the Taos Municipal School Board Meeting, 6:00pm

Thursday, March 29th: No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences K-5, Student-Led Parent Conferences grades 6-8

Friday, March 30th: No School, Easter Mini-Break

April 17th-30th: PARCC Assessments, Grades: 3-8, please no extended absences planned for this time period

Wednesday, April 18th: Budget Committee Meeting 4pm, Governance Council Meeting, 5:30pm

Thursday, April 19th: Anansi Charter School Lottery Drawing, Taos Public Library, 10am

Friday, April 20th: Earth Day Event at Anansi

April 28: Bingo Fundraiser at Taos Mesa Brewing