

April News from the Director: Anansi Events on the Horizon

There are several great family oriented activities this month sponsored by Anansi Charter School and the greater community of Taos. Please put these dates on your calendar to attend or better yet check in so that you can volunteer and help us!

Anansi Earth Day Event & Picnic: The Anansi student council and faculty have planned an Earth Day event at Anansi on Friday, April 20th. We will have three stations of activities from 9am-11:30 and then we will clean up for a picnic lunch. We will be serving the school lunch; however, we have a goal to have all lunches create only compostable waste rather than landfill trash. In order to have successful well run activities, we need your help! We are seeking parent volunteers to help the students with the activities that they have selected to care for the earth and grounds of their campus.

We need two parent volunteers for each of the following stations:

- Moving wood chips on to the playground: Volunteers: Rob and Sage Asplund
- Clearing rocks out of the ditch: Volunteers: _____
- Clearing rocks off and filling holes of the front soccer field: Volunteers: _____
- Planting in the garden in front of library: Volunteers: Ellen Lerner & _____
- Planting in the garden in front of 3-6 classrooms Volunteers: Ellen Lerner & _____
- Raking the grass in the yard behind the cafeteria: Volunteers: _____
- Picking up trash: Volunteers: _____
- Earth day learning activity: _____
- Adding sand to the sandbox: _____

We need two parents to join our Taos Ski Valley Campground and Trail Clean Up:

- Helping some of the 5th through 8th grade students clean up the campgrounds, clean the trail heads, and test the water in the Rio Hondo

We need volunteers to help clean State Highway 230 in front of Anansi:

- We need several parent volunteers to help clean the trash up along the highway in front of the school and north of it
- We were asked by the Des Montes Neighborhood Association and Taos County to take this project on for Earth Day

Please email me, call the school, tell your classroom teacher, or stop by the office to volunteer.

Let's Move Anansi Charter School Bike Day: The student council, Friends of Anansi Charter School, and Field Institute of Taos (FITaos) will be providing bike activities and trail rides at the Rift Trail just past the Taos Golf Course on Sunday, April 22nd. This is an event for the whole family; please join us at around 10am at the trailhead. More details to come!

Anansi 2nd Annual Spring Fling Fundraiser: Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 28th and plan to attend Anansi's Spring Fling at the Taos Mesa Brewing from 3-6pm! 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, and more at the Taos Mesa Brewing! Play a little bingo, win some amazing prizes, socialize with friends, and raise a little money for the school, join us at the Taos Mesa Brewing from 3-6 on Saturday, April 28th! (Thank you to Dan Irion, Liza Barrett, and Jen Scott for making this event) Please see the attached flyer.

Twirl’s Invent Event at Enos Garcia Elementary: Make a day of it on Saturday, April 28th and take your child first to the Invent Event which will have children’s maker spaces. The event includes over 30 wonderful community collaborators and 45+ hands-on STEAM activities including a drone rodeo, a low rider hydraulics exploration, solar power, robotics, coding, virtual reality, wood play, fiber arts, metal tooling, nature and clay play, a human copier machine and lots more!! This is an incredible, interactive event for your child to feel empowered to create and explore possibilities. Attend the Invent Event from 12-3, and then head out to the Anansi Spring Fling for Bingo and supper at Taos Mesa Brewing from 3-6pm.

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	16	17	18	19	20
Work Session 2	3, 5, & 7 gr. ELA	3, 5, & 7 gr. ELA	3, 5, & 7 gr. ELA	3, 5, & 7 gr. ELA	Earth Day Event & Picnic & Early dismissal for all
10:30	4, 6, & 8 gr ELA	4, 6, & 8 gr ELA	4, 6, & 8 gr ELA	4, 6, & 8 gr ELA	
Work Session 1	23	24	25	26	27
8:45	3, 5 & 7 gr Math	3, 5 & 7 gr Math	3, 5 & 7 gr Math	3, 5 & 7 gr Math	Early Dismissal for all students
Work Session 2	4, 6, & 8 gr Math	4, 6, & 8 gr Math	4, 6, & 8 gr Math	4, 6, & 8 gr Math	
10 or 10:30					
Work Session 1	30	1	2	3	4
8:45	Make up tests	Make up tests	Make up tests	Make up tests	
Work Session 2					
10:30					

Additional Early Dismissal Day for Middle School: All of the faculty of the Anansi Charter School need to be available to participate in a safe school training for the afternoon of April 27th from 2-5:30pm. Since we schedule more than the required hours for our students and did not need to use any this year for snow days, we are adding one additional early dismissal day for our middle school students. All students will be dismissed from school at 1:30pm on Friday, April 27th. Bus service will be available for middle school students who need the bus on this day along with the younger children.

Event Dates at a Glance for April:

April 16-27th: PARCC Testing for grades three through eight

April 18th: Anansi Charter School Budget Committee Meeting 4-5:15 in the Library, Anansi Governance Council Meeting, 5:30 in the library

April 20th: Earth Day at Anansi, Parent volunteers are needed, 9-11:30, picnic lunch at 11:45, early dismissal for middle school

April 22nd: Let's Move Anansi Family Bike Day at the Rift Trail, 10am

April 27th: Early dismissal for middle school

April 28th: Invent Event, 12-3 at Enos Garcia, Anansi Spring Fling Bingo Fundraiser, 3-6pm at Taos Mesa Brewing