

PARCC Assessments are Complete and Short Cycle Assessments are Starting: Hooray! All of our required state assessments for students in grades 3rd through 8th are completed, with the exception of the a few make-up assessments for students who were absent last week. Over the next two weeks, we will complete our computer-based MAP assessments for reading and math. The students in grades kindergarten through third will also take their End of Year IStation assessment. The short cycle assessments indicate the growth in learning for each individual student in the school. Our goal is for a minimum of 85% of our students meeting their growth targets for the year.

Middle School Math Night: Our middle school math teachers will be hosting a math night with the students and parents. It will be an interactive night of fun and flexible mind work on Thursday, May 3rd. The sixth grade families are invited from 5-5:45 and the eighth grade families from 5:45-6:30pm. Come test your logic and play games with us!

End of Year Field Trips: All classes will be taking field trips during the month of May. The Read-a-thon was the vehicle for fundraising for the end of year trips with the expectation being that each family contribute the minimum request for his or her classroom for their respective trips. If you did not raise funds through the read-a-thon, you will have received a field trip invoice in the amount needed for the trip. The field trips are a celebration of student learning and accomplishments and most of the trips are tied to the content learned in their classrooms and also provide an opportunity to have fun while meeting physical challenges. The trips scheduled this year are as follows:

- Kindergarten: Swimming at Youth & Family Center followed by pizza & play at Kit Carson Park, and a walk for jumping & tumbling at High Altitude. parents are welcome to join and some are needed as chaperones (May 17th)
- 1st Grade: Wild Rivers for hiking, outdoor activities with FITaos, and a barbeque lunch, parents are welcome to join and assist with the trip (May 15th)
- 2nd & 3rd Grade: Trip to Meow Wolf in Santa Fe & lunch at Souper Salad (May 9th)
- 4th Grade: Rock Climbing Trip at Tres Piedras, kite flying & ice cream (May 14th)
- 5th Grade: Three day away camp experience at Camp Shaver in the Jemez, (May 15th -17th)
- 6th Grade: Chama River & Ghost Ranch Camping & Hiking (May 7th-8th-)
- 7th Grade: Three day camping trip to Chaco Canyon. (dates May 15th -17th)
- 8th Grade: Overnight Camping Trip, Orilla Verde camp ground, duckie float in the State Park, race course rafting, & hiking (May 9th-10th)

All details will be provided by individual classrooms.

K-2 Celebration of the Caribbean: This year the Kindergarten through 2nd grade students will be performing a Caribbean inspired play, cultural dances, and Haitian drumming, singing & dance. to celebrate their learning in their social studies unit of study about the rich cultures of the Caribbean. This unit integrates the arts, life sciences, geography, literature, and music. *The K-2nd grade Celebration will be held on May 11th at 11:00am.*

RoboRave: Anansi students will be traveling to Albuquerque to participate in the RoboRave competition on May 10th and 11th. The students have programmed their “bots” for a variety of competitions. We wish them the best of luck in this challenging, “problem solve on your feet competition!”

Lunch Service ends May 22nd: This year we will have lunch right up until the next to the last day of school. We will not serve lunch on Wednesday, May 23rd, because we have our school-wide potluck brunch following our end of year celebration, honoring the students.

Talent Show Tryouts & Event: We will be conducting auditions at school for the talent show please watch for the details to be coming your way soon! We encourage all students to consider sharing their talent be it through dance, song, comedy skits, magic tricks, rap, gymnastics, martial arts or any other hidden talent that we have not yet learned of...The rules of the show submittals will be outlined on the registration form. When you receive your registration form, please review it and assist your student in preparing to participate in the show. ***The students will perform in the talent show on Tuesday, May 22nd at 2:00pm.***

Field Day, May 21st: We will be hosting our annual Field Day event on Monday, May 21st starting at 9am with silly relays and games for our kindergarten through second grade students. The third through fifth grade students will have their field day from 10:30 until 12 noon. The sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students will then come together after lunch at 1pm for their field day. At varying times the classes will participate in a variety of games and activities on the playground. Parents are welcome to attend and help out with the games and activities.

Eighth Grade Graduation, Tuesday, May 23rd at 6pm: The first graduating 8th grade class will have their graduation ceremony at the Anansi Charter School in the multi-purpose room and portal. The ceremony will begin at 6pm with a reception to follow. Be sure to walk the hall that day to see each student’s personal poster presentation.

Book Exchange Book Donations: We will host our annual book exchange on Tuesday morning, May 22nd. In preparation of the book exchange. We ask each student to donate two books that he or she have read and are ready to share with someone else. There will be boxes in the front of the school entrance, on the library portal, and at the intermediate grade classrooms to collect books. This is a great way to pick up some new summer reads. Please drop of your books for the exchange by May 17th.

Last Day of School Celebration and Potluck: Our last day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23rd and will not be a traditional school day. The students may arrive at school at the regular time between 8 and 8:30; however, the day will really begin with individual class presentations at 9:30am in each individual classroom. At 10:30 the entire school of students will be presented to our parents. The community will then come together to enjoy a potluck brunch picnic. We will dismiss for summer at noon. There will be bus service in the morning; however, we will not offer bus service at the end of the day. The potluck is organized so that each class is responsible for bringing specific foods to be shared so that we are sure to have a balanced brunch, please select from the following choices:

- Kindergarten & First Grade Families: Side dish, salad, or fruit
- Second, Third, Fourth, & Fifth Grade Families: Sandwiches or quiche
- Sixth & Seventh Grade Families: Desserts
- Friends of Anansi will provide paper products and drinks

Dates to Remember in May:

May 2nd: First Grade Art Field Trip at 12:30pm

May 3rd: Middle School Math Night: 5-5:45 6th grade families, 5:45-6:30 8th grade families

May : 7-11: Teacher Appreciation Week, please remember to express your appreciation to the teachers who work so hard with your children!

May 1st -18th: Short Cycle Assessments, grades K-8

May 2nd: Spanish Placement Test at Taos High School for 8th graders, 7:40am at The Taos High School

May 7-8th: 6th Grade Field Trip

May 9th: 2nd & 3rd Grade Field Trip

May 9th & 10th: 8th Grade Field Trip

May 11th: RoboRave Competition Albuquerque, K-2 Caribbean Celebration of Learning Performance, 11am at Anansi

May 5th-17th: Bring in two books to contribute to the Anansi Book Exchange

May 14th: 4th Grade Field Trip

May 15-17th: 7th Grade Field Trip to Chaco Canyon, 5th Grade Field Trip Camp Shaver

May 15-16th: 8th Grade Field Trip to Sand Dunes & Hooper Hot Springs

May 15th: 1st Grade Field Trip to Wild Rivers

May 16th: 4pm Budget Meeting, Anansi Charter School Governance Council Meeting, 5:30pm

May 17th: Kindergarten Field Trip Day

May 18th: No School-Teacher In-Service Day

May 21st: Field Day, 9-10:15 (K-2), 10:30-12 (3-5), 1:30-3 (6-7)

May 22nd: Book Exchange, Talent Show 2:00pm, 8th Grade Graduation, 6pm

May 23rd: Last Day of School, Classroom Ceremonies 9:15am, School-wide Presentation 10:15am, Potluck Brunch to follow, 10:30-Noon, (see the menu above in newsletter), No end of the day bus service

Have a fabulous summer!
Anansi Charter School will resume on August 15th!