



September News from the Director

Congratulations! Anansi Charter Earns an A: Anansi earned in an A on the school report card provided by the New Mexico Public Education Department. The report card reflects student achievement on the PARCC assessment, the growth students make on the PARCC assessment, input from students' and parents' surveys regarding teacher instruction, and student attendance. This grade is earned and owned by the students and faculty, and supported by parents. Congratulations to all, we had a great year! Anansi is the top performing school in the greater Taos area.

Turn in Your Summer Reading Log: In the spring we sent out our summer reading bags with all of our students; which included a book to read, a reading log, and booklists to help you find books to read. Turn in your log by Friday, September 7th and your child will receive earned prizes at Back to School Night. We are still hoping that parents can find the reading bags and books that were given to the students last May. We would like to have these bags for use each year, a big thanks to all who returned their books, bags, and logs.

Back to School Night: Please plan to attend Back to School night along with your child, our goal is for 100% attendance and participation. A portion of the evening is spent enjoying hands on activities so that your child can guide you through experiences that happen in the classroom and part of the time is teacher presentation and question and answer for parents. This is an important event to learn about the year's instructional goals, homework policies, schedules, and each grade level curricular overview. Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday September 12th for grades K-5 and Thursday, September 13th for grades 6-8. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will meet from 5-6pm and the 3rd through 5th grade will meet from 6-7pm. The middle school meeting will meet from 5:30-6:30pm.

1st Family Let's Move Event: The Friends of Anansi sponsor three family oriented activities per school year and the first one is the hike to Williams Lake. The purpose of the hike is to bring our school families together to socialize, get some physical activity together, and enjoy the outdoors. Families should meet in the parking lot for the William's Lake Trailhead above Taos Ski Valley at 10am, there will be signs and a meet and greet committee to launch the hike. Families can choose to picnic at the lake, or they may choose to shorten the hike and come back to picnic, play outdoor games, and socialize near the trailhead. Our hike day is scheduled for September 16th. Hope to see you there!

Field Trips: The kindergarten through second grade students will be taking their annual fall hike field trip on Friday, September 21st. If you are able to join your child for this fun trip, please let your classroom teacher know. The third grade class will be taking a field trip to the DH Lawrence Ranch on Thursday, September 27th. There will also be field trips this fall to support the fall arts and their studies of New Mexico history and culture. Our field trips are sponsored by the Friends of Anansi Charter School activity fund. Please remember if you choose to join us for field trips, leave dogs at home, you will find our field trip chaperone policies attached.

Picture Day for Students: School pictures for students in grades K-3 and sibling group pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, September 25th throughout the day. Pictures for students in grades 4-8 are scheduled for Wednesday, September 26th throughout the day. Make up dates have not yet been scheduled. The Anansi school pictures are taken outdoors by Southern Exposure Photography. Our photographer recommends dressing students in solid colors rather than prints for a better photo. The photos are taken outdoors on the school grounds in our natural environment and lighting. Forms will be sent home and will also be available on the school website: anansicharterschool.org soon.

Coffee with the Director: The purpose of Coffee with the Director is to gather parent input through discussion and provide learning opportunities. These gatherings will take place in the lunch on the 4th Wednesday morning of each month from 8:35 until 9:30. Stop by with your cup and grab some coffee and join in for a few minutes. Our first Coffee with the Director will begin on September 26th and the topic is a presentation on understanding Emotional Intelligence and preview of a tool that we use at Anansi. We will watch a brief video and then follow it with questions and discussion.

Dates to Keep In Mind: *(Remember you will find these dates on the monthly calendar on the Anansi Charter School website, anansicharterschool.org)*

September 7th: Last Day to Turn in Reading Logs

September 12th: Back To School Night Grades K-2nd: 5-6pm, Grades 3rd-5th 6-7pm

September 13th: Back To School Night, 5th-8th Grades: 5:30-6:30

September 16th: Williams Lake Hike, 10am

September 19th: Friends of Anansi Meeting, 8:45am, in cafeteria, Governance Council, 5:30 Anansi Library

September 21st: K-2nd grade hike field trip

September 25th: K-3 & Siblings Picture Day

September 26th :4-8 Picture Day, Coffee with Director EQ Presentation & Discussion

September 27th: 3rd Grade DH Lawrence Field Trip

September 28th: No School, Teacher In-Service Day

Monday October 1st: No School, Taos Pueblo Day