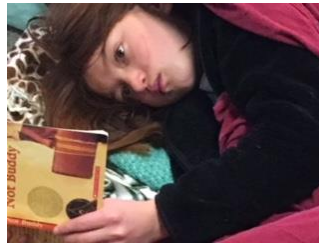


## March Anansi News from the Director:



**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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

**5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**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:

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| 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. The calendar committee will hold a community input meeting on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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, & 8<sup>th</sup>:** New Mexico SBA Science Assessment, grades 4 & 7

**March 8<sup>th</sup>:** Friends Meeting, 8:45, 5-7:30pm Movie Night "Cool Runnings" 5-7:30pm

**March 9<sup>th</sup>:** 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 21<sup>st</sup>:** 2018-19 Budget Committee Meeting, 4:30pm, Anansi Governance Council Meeting, 5:30pm

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

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

**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:** No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences K-5, Student-Led Parent Conferences grades 6-8

**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>:** No School, Easter Mini-Break

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

**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>:** Budget Committee Meeting 4pm, Governance Council Meeting, 5:30pm

**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>:** Anansi Charter School Lottery Drawing, Taos Public Library, 10am

**Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>:** Earth Day Event at Anansi

**April 28:** Bingo Fundraiser at Taos Mesa Brewing