

NO BUS or LUNCH SERVICE THIS FRIDAY, MAY 3RD! The Taos Schools does not have school this Friday; therefore, Anansi students will need parent transportation to school and every student will need a lunch from home. Sorry for any inconvenience.

NM State Transitional Assessments are In Process and Short Cycle Assessments are Starting Soon: All of our required state assessments for students in grades 3rd through 8th are completed for English Language Arts, with the exception of the a few make-up assessments for students who were absent last week and we are beginning Math Assessments on April 30th. The students have found the testing load to have lightened significantly and felt prepared from their year of work. Next week we will begin our End of Year MAP assessments to track our growth over the course of the school year in grades first through eighth. 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.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Teacher Appreciation Week begins on May 6th and continues through the rest of the week. How can you show your appreciation? Contribute a few dollars to the fund to provide gifts, flowers, and a luncheon for the teachers next week. Help your child to write a thank you note to their teachers for teaching them, caring for them, guiding them, and challenging them this year.

Order a Middle School Year Book: The 8th grade class has put together a fantastic yearbook for students in grades 6-8. Get yours for only \$20 either by paying in the office, or online. Go to <https://www.memorybook.com/online-pay/parent-pay/> and enter school code 176968. You will need to Register as a New User.

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 15th)
- 1st Grade: Wild Rivers at the El Aguaje Group Shelter 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 Harding Mines in Penasco (May 8th)
- 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 13th -15th)
- 6th Grade: Rio Grande River in Pilar & Camping & Hiking (May 15th-16th)
- 7th Grade: Three day camping trip to Chaco Canyon. (dates May 13th -15th)
- 8th Grade: Glorieta Retreat Center (May 15th-16th)

All field trip details will be provided by individual classrooms.

K-2 Celebration of the Coral Reef This year the Kindergarten through 2nd grade students will be performing a Coral Reef inspired play. to celebrate their learning in their social studies unit of study about the biome of the coral reefs. This unit integrates the arts, life sciences, geography, literature, and music. *The K-2nd grade Celebration will be held on May 10th at 11:00am and will be followed by a reception with a small bake sale to raise funds for the Reef Replanting Project in the Florida Keys.*

RoboRave: Anansi students will be traveling to Albuquerque to participate in the RoboRave competition on May 3rd and 4th. 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 21st: 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 21st at 2:00pm.***

Field Day, May 20th: We will be hosting our annual Field Day event on Monday, May 20th starting at 9:30am at the Baca Park. Students will be transported to the park on the Anansi school bus, beginning at 9am. We will conduct field day activities with 3 grades at a time, starting with K-2 students and ending with 6-8th grade students. Students will need to wear their sneakers, bring a water bottle, and a sack lunch. Parents are welcome to join in the fun. We will return to school in the afternoon prior to dismissal times.

Eighth Grade Graduation, Tuesday, May 21st at 6:00pm: 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 6:00pm 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 Thursday, May 16th from 9-11:30. 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.

Beginning Monday, May 6th, there will be boxes in the front of the school entrance, on the library portal, and at the intermediate grade classrooms to collect books. Summer reading is so important for keeping continuing to learn, build vocabulary, and maintain reading skills and the book exchange is a great way to pick up some new summer reads. Please drop of your books for the exchange by May 14th.

Last Day of School Celebration and Potluck: Our last day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd 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 1 st - 16 th :	Completion of State Testing & End of Year Map Testing
May 1 st :	Budget Committee Meeting 4pm
May 2 nd :	Budget Approval for the 2019-20 School Year, 5:30pm, Anansi Library
May 3 rd :	No Bus Service, No School Lunch, <u>Full School Day</u> for Middle School
May 3 rd -4 th :	Robo Rave in Albuquerque
May: 6-10:	Teacher Appreciation Week, please remember to express your appreciation to the teachers who work so hard with your children!
May 8 th :	2 nd & 3 rd Grade Field Trip, Harding Mine
May 10 th :	K-2 Coral Reef Celebration of Learning Performance, 11am at Anansi, Early Dismissal Day for Middle School
May 10 th :	Last Day to Order a Middle School Year Book
May 6 th -14 th :	Bring in two books to contribute to the Anansi Book Exchange
May 14 th :	4 th Grade Field Trip Rock Climbing in Tres Piedras
May 13-15 th :	7 th Grade Field Trip to Chaco Canyon, 5 th Grade Field Trip Camp Shaver
May 15-16 th :	8 th Grade Field Trip to Glorieta Retreat Center
May 15 th :	1 st Grade Field Trip to Wild Rivers, Kinder Field Trip Day
May 16 th :	School-Wide Book Exchange
May 17 th :	No School-Teacher In-Service Day
May 20 th :	Field Day, 9:30-2 at Baca Park
May 21 st :	Talent Show 2:00pm, 8 th Grade Graduation, 6pm
May 23 rd :	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!