

## March News from the Director

**Flu & Viruses are Still Here:** We are still having students contracting influenza, cold viruses, strep throat, and a few cases of pneumonia. If your child is showing symptoms of respiratory illnesses, mild fevers, body aches, please take a day at home to provide rest to your child. The additional rest may help to avoid a more serious ailment. Also the CDC is currently suggesting that the number one method of avoiding illness is washing hands with soap and drying them afterwards and avoiding touching our "T-Zone"; eyes, noses, and mouths. Thanks for helping us to do our best to keep our school environment healthy!

**Dr. Seuss Read-a-thon 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. Most classes met or exceeded their goals for books, chapters, or pages read. It is a great pleasure to see entire school engage in reading. Please help your kids collect their pledges from their reading sponsors, **funds are due Friday, April 3<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.

**Note of Appreciation from EVTA:** Embudo Valley Tutoring Association wishes to thank all participants in the February chocolate fundraiser, approximately \$800 for the free tutoring services delivered at Anansi Charter School. These funds will provide about one and a half months of tutoring. Currently EVTA is serving 15 students in grades 3-6 at our school. We appreciate your school-wide support! Eva Behrens, EVTA coordinator & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Anansi Teacher

**Parent Movie Night Series At Anansi:** We have two powerful films scheduled at Anansi Charter School for parents. The first in the series is "The Mask We Live In"; this film ultimately illustrates how we, as a society, can raise a healthier generation of boys and young men. The second film, MissRepresentation is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our movies will begin at 6pm and we will provide child care for those who need it. We will charge \$5 per child for the care, we will provide pizza for all who order through the school office for \$2/slice. We hope you will consider participating in this series.

**Bingo Fundraiser at Taos Mesa Brewing:** The Friends of Anansi Charter School are hosting a Bingo on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Taos Mesa Brewing. Currently we are seeking assistance with gathering donations to create Bingo Prize Baskets. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Please stay tuned for details from our coordinators!

**New Mexico Standards Based Assessment Schedules:** Here is our schedule of our mandatory state assessments this year

NM-Science Assessment: March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grades 5 & 8

NM-Science Assessment Make up Dates: March: 23, 24, & 25

NM- MSSA (Measures of Student Success & Achievement) Assessment: April 20-30<sup>th</sup> Grades 3-8

NM-MSSA Make Up Dates: May 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

**Spring Parent Teacher Conferences:** Parent teacher or middle school student led conferences are scheduled for Friday, April 3<sup>rd</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 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 Begin in March:** We begin planning our budget for the 2020-2021 school year this month, and we value community input. Our meetings are always held at 4pm in the Anansi library. Our meeting dates are March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, April 29<sup>th</sup>, and May 20<sup>th</sup>. Join us learn about the budgeting process for the school.

**Anansi Charter School Student Support Fee:** This year we have received more than 50% of the requested student support fees that are used to purchase classroom supplies, pay for field trips, give bonuses to teachers, and pay for classroom enrichment activities. The Friends of Anansi Charter School support all the extra activities that make an Anansi education a cut above, and assist in retaining our high quality teachers by supporting them in their classroom endeavors. If you have not yet contributed to our school support fund, it is not too late! You can make your \$100 contribution with a credit card, check, or cash. The foundation then will provide a tax deduction letter for you.

### **Dates to Keep in Mind:**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>:** Calendar Committee Meeting, 4pm Library

**March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>:** New Mexico State Science Assessment, grades 5 & 8

**March 11<sup>th</sup>:** Calendar Committee Meeting, 4pm Library

**March 12<sup>th</sup>:** Parent Movie Night w/ child care, 6pm

**March 13<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Early dismissal (1:30 for all students)

**March 16-20:** Spring Break, No School

**March 23, 24, & 25:** Make up dates for NM SBA Science Assessment, grades 4 & 7

**March 25<sup>th</sup>:** Friends Meeting, 8:45, 2020-21 Budget Committee Meeting, 4:00pm, Anansi Governance Council Meeting, 5:30pm

**March 28<sup>th</sup>:** Bingo Fundraiser at Taos Mesa Brewing, 3-6pm

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Parent Movie Night, 6pm, child care provided

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences K-5, Student-Led Parent Conferences grades 6-8, Read-a-thon Pledge Money Due

**April 10-13:** Mini Break, No School

**April 15<sup>th</sup>:** Budget Committee Meeting 4pm, Governance Council Meeting, 5:30pm

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>:** Earth Day Event at Anansi

**April 20<sup>th</sup>-May 8<sup>th</sup>:** NM State Assessments, Grades: 3-8, please no extended absences planned for this time period

**April 24<sup>th</sup>:** Earth Day Event at Anansi 9-11:30, Parent involvement needed

**April 29<sup>th</sup>:** Budget Committee Meeting, 4pm