

Anansi Charter School September News from the Director

A Note of Gratitude: We have now completed two full weeks of school, and thanks to your assistance and support we are off to a smooth and positive start to our school year. In the classrooms routines are getting established and we are beginning to see our students respond well to the structure and expectations of school. We appreciate your assistance with:

- Arriving to school on time
- Sending a water bottle for your child on a daily basis
- Sending snack on your child's scheduled snack day
- Reading communications from the school and your child's teacher
- Communicating with the school if you have a need, concern or question

Thanks for being a great partner with your child's teacher and the school so that we can together create the best possible experience for your kids.

Upcoming events:

September School Lunch Menu: Please review the school lunch menu and turn in the September order form for the lunches you plan to purchase for the month for your child along with your payment unless your child qualifies for free or reduced fee lunches. **The lunch form is due by Tuesday, August 30th.** If you plan to have your child eat everyday all school year, you are welcome to pay in advance by the semester or by the month. Anansi accepts cash, check or credit card payments for the school lunch. Click here for a lunch menu and order form (or find them attached to the email).

- Link: [September School Lunch Menu & Order Form](#)

No School on Labor Day: Anansi Charter School will be closed on Monday, August 5th in observance of this national holiday.

School Picture Day: Southern Exposure Photography will be on the Anansi Charter School campus on Wednesday, September 7th. All students will have an individual picture and a class picture taken. In addition, siblings will have a group photo taken. Anansi school photos are taken out of doors in the natural environment as the background; often solid colored clothing works best. We will have a school retake date on September 28th for absent students and students whose parents request a retake of the photo.

Family Engagement Activities: Tentatively we are partnering with Twirl, Inspire Kitchen, and our own Literacy Team to provide a family event. Twirl will be providing a creative social emotional learning activity that will be incorporated into the Paseo at the end of September, Inspire Kitchen will give families the opportunity to sample foods that are included in the school lunch program, and our literacy team will be providing activities to support families in bringing books to life in the home. Our planned date is Thursday, September 8th, immediately following our school day. Please stay tuned for additional details.

Back to School Night: We will be hosting Back to School Night the week of September 12th. This is an evening for you to get a glimpse of the work that has been started, learn about the curriculum your children will be engaged for learning this year, how the classroom works and how you can be

involved in your child's education. We are firming up our dates and I will be sending them out very soon! This night is for kids and their parents to attend and takes place in the evening.

Governance Council Meeting: The Anansi Charter School governing board meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month, their September meeting will be held on September 21st at 5:30pm. Agendas may be requested from the Anansi Charter School Director two days prior to the meeting.

The link for this month's virtual meeting is [Join with Google Meet](https://meet.google.com/bdj-shbj-mib) meet.google.com/bdj-shbj-mib or

[Join by phone](tel:+15057381846)

(US) +1 505-738-1846 PIN: 920 593 594#

Emergency Drills: During the first weeks of school, we are required by state statute to conduct a series of Fire Drills, Evacuation Drills, and Lockdown Drills. We have a fire drill scheduled for September 1st, then we will be practicing our Evacuation Drill with the assistance of the Sheriff's Department on September 7th, followed by our Lockdown Drill on September 13th. For our Evacuation Drill we practice heading over to the Sheriff's Armory Building for our first drill our students will learn where their class re-unification site is located and then they will reboard the school activity bus to return back to Anansi. All grades will have the opportunity to experience this process. For the Lockdown Drill the students will learn the safe location and procedure within their classrooms or school campus in the event that a lockdown or shelter in place is required. If you have further questions, please contact me at my email address: mhunt@anansi.acstaos.org.

Friends of Anansi Charter School Board Meeting and News: The not for profit board for the Anansi Charter School meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 8:45am on the school campus. Please join us if you are interested in the work of the Friends of the Anansi Charter School Board. The Friends awarded the prizes to the parents selected from the Activity Fee Raffle. The following parents of the following Anansi students were awarded a pass to Ojo Caliente.

Daniel Coss, 5th grade

Miguel Garcia, 3rd grade

Kaitlyn Gutierrez, 8th grade

Jordan Jones, 6th grade

Luke McCullough, 1st grade

Josie Rawlison-Elliot, Kindergarten

Hailey Vigil, Kindergarten

Congratulations!

The Friends of Anansi also provided the prizes for the Anansi Charter School summer reading project for students in grades 1 through 8. Our literacy coach, Blue MacHardy presented prizes to our

summer readers in our first assembly on Friday, August 23rd. Kudos for the great reading that took place over the summer!

Onward with our fantastic school year! Thank you, Ms. Michele