



Santa Fe School for the Arts Newsletter

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Friday, November 11th

No School
Veteran's Day

Saturday, November 12th

6:30 pm
SFSA Clothes Swap for
Moms & Daughters
Grades 3 and up

Sunday, November 13

10:00-5:00 at Santa Fe High School
SF Japanese Matsuri Festival
Visit our booth!
See page

Tuesday, November 15th

Badger Class Field Trip to see
musical Annie
Bus leaves at 9:00am

Tuesday, November 15th

Middle School Field Trip
to the Bradbury Science Museum
Bus leaves at 9:00 am

Weds. November 16th

Peace Jam Club visits
United World College
Leaving school at 1:00pm.

Thurs. November 17th

Badger class field trip to see
musical CATS
Bus leaves at 9:00 am

Thursday, November 17th

Ana Baca, author, visits
Centaur Class
In honor of Ryan VanderHam,
Reading Rainbow story writing
contest winner
10:00-11:00am

November 29 and 30th
Stargazer Prehistoric Museum!

Thursday, November 17th

Stargazer and Centaur
Class trip to see musical CATS
Bus leaves at 12:00

Friday, November 18th

7th Grade & Stargazer Field Trip to the
Natural History Museum

Thursday, December 1st

AIGA fundraiser for SFSA
Hotel Santa Fe 6-9pm see pg.

Thurs. December 1st

Badger Class Field Trip
to Bradbury Science Museum

Friday, Dec. 2nd– Parents Night Out

Tues. December 6th

Centaur Class visits Bradbury
Science Museum

Tues. December 6th

High School Options Night
for 8th grade students &
their parents
6:30 pm in the middle school

Friday, December 9th

Bradbury Science Museum
visits our school
offering science classes for
Grades 3-8

Saturday, Dec. 10th

Santa Fe Film Festival
showcases 7 of our
student films at 12:30pm
at the Scottish Rite Temple

Thursday, December 15th

SFSA WINTER SHOW
6:30 pm at Capital High School
Potluck to follow

Community News

This **Friday, November 11th**, at the NDI Dance Barns come and see Gioia, Micaela, Elle, Cody and Bryce perform with Moving People Dance, Aspen Dance and NDI! Tickets are cheap and the show starts at 7:30!

ANNIE! Don't miss this show! Come and see Gioia Berlin and Mark Clifford in Pandemonium Theater's production of Annie! November 11-12 at 7:00 pm, November 13, 19 and 20 at 2 pm. At the James A. Little Theater. \$6-8, but the first 100 kids in the door the first weekend. See page 13 for details. Call 982-3327 for more info. The Badgers will be seeing this show next week.

Southwest Children's Theater presents **Beauty and The Beast.** Come and see Lucas Weiss in this fairy tale at the Santa Fe Playhouse on Nov. 12 and 19th at 2:00 and 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Call 984-3055.

CATS IN Santa Fe!

The hit musical "Cats" with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber which ran for a record setting 21 years in London and 18 years on Broadway makes its' New Mexico premiere at the Armory for the Arts Theater on November 11, 2005 and runs through November 20, 2005. It is being performed by SFPA's City Different Players (aged 8 to 12) and selected members of the very talented Teen Ensemble.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 984-1370. All tickets are \$7. Public performances are: Nov. 11 at 7:00 pm, Sat. Nov. 12 at 2:00 pm, Sun. Nov. 13 at 2:00 pm, Sat. Nov. 19 at 2:00 pm and Sun. Nov. 20 at 2:00 pm. The Stargazer, Centaur and Badger classes will be going to see this show!

Swingin' Suites 2005

December 2, 7:30 pm, December 3, 7:30 pm

December 4, 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

James A. Little Theatre

Moving People Dance Theatre and Moving People Too! join in this Holiday Extravaganza. Original choreography with several twists on the traditional Nutcracker tale set to Jazz renditions of the classic Tchaikovsky score by Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn, and Glen Miller. Come and see Micaela and Elle perform!

Santa Fe Botanical Gardens again offers their 5th annual **FREE Make and Take Holiday Craft workshop!** Just for kids ages 5-12 on Sunday, December 4th, 1:00-4:00 pm at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 428-1684 for more info.

Santa Fe Youth Symphony

Come and See our middle school students perform on Dec. 9 at the St Francis Auditorium. Sophia Nimlo on Trumpet and Sara Wooldridge on Oboe in the Symphonic Band and Mason Dowling on Trumpet in the Jazz Band!

THANK YOU !!



Thank you Claire Romero and Dean Balsamo for delivering our burritos every Wednesday! Thank you Kirsten, Chriss, Leonora and Katie for doing our school Scholastic orders! Special thanks to Wanicha for buying the wonderful Bounce House for our school! Thank you Beverly and Chuck for doing the professional digital photo booth at the fall fest. Thank you Hennie for setting up and running the great craft booth. Thank you Leslie Smith for being such a wonderful gypsy fortune teller! Thank you Chris Leslie for bringing the coffin and helping with set up! Thanks to the following parents for your much needed help at the fall festival; Leonora Lorenzo, Pam Michaels, Laurie Dedomenico, Cheryl Gardopee, Whitney Carroll, Wendy VandherHam, Wendy Lopez and Russell Harris, Clara Soister. Special thanks to all of the parents who brought prizes, cakes, food and paper goods. Thank you to all of the wonderful fall fest chaperones! The festival went very smoothly thanks to everyone's help! Thank you Becca for bringing your fog machine and other props for the haunted scavenger hunt. Thank you Veronica for bringing your sound machine. Thank you Emma for bringing the face paints for the younger children. Thank you Jerry Carthy for filling the air at our festival with your wonderful Irish music! Thank you Steve and Helen Siegler for the computer donation. Thank you Stargazer and Centaur parents who are helping chaperone field trips. Thank you to everyone who has been bringing recycled ink and toner cartridges. Thank you parents for coming on time in the morning and at pickup time! Thank you Stephen Etre for bringing your amazing car and helping the moving images students with their film. Thank you Jim Cummings for bringing the rabbit so many times for the My Sister Alice movie. Thank you Michele Monroe for all of your hard work raising money for a school laminator! Your hard work paid off! Thank you Taya for the books for the Stargazer class! Please let me know if I ever forget to thank someone in this column and please know that your help is always appreciated!

THANK YOU ONE & ALL!!

Wish List

For Todd's & Unicorn Class

Digital Camera for each class

For the Middle School

*Boom Mike for Moving Images program

*Folding screens, dividers for moving images and art classes.

*Wooden Chairs for the art classes to paint.

Flagstone- for our outdoor areas

Basketball hoop for the other side of our court

More trikes, bikes and wagons for the playground

Ramps or rails for the skateboard kids

Donations for our school scholarship fund (every little bit helps!)

Please note-

All donations (both in kind and monetary) to our school are deeply appreciated and are tax- deductible!

Let us know if you would like a fundraising packet or a video to send to someone who might be interested in helping our school.

Ways you can help!

- 1. JUNGLE BOOK**– Would you like to help with the Jungle Book play? We need volunteers to help make sets and costumes for Jungle Book! We have items that can be made at your home with your kids and things that can be done at school. Please let Rayna know if you would like to help! See page 4 for details.
- 2. Website**– We need a new web savvy person to help us update and add information and photos to our website!
- 3. Winter Show**– We need volunteers to help coordinate bringing tables to Capital High School for our Winter Show, Thursday, December 15th. We also need volunteers to help coordinate the potluck and Heifer Fund raising activities.
- 4. Fundraising Committee**– We are starting a fundraising committee at our school. Please email santafeschool@aol.com if you would like to be informed of our next meeting. It will be lots of fun as there seem to be some great ideas floating around!
- 5. Parents Association**– Wendy VanderHam is starting a parents association. Please email santafeschool@aol.com if you would like to be involved in supporting our teachers and our school in a more hands on way.

Foundation Support

Ethel Jane Bunting Foundation

SFSA is very grateful to the Ethel Jane Bunting Foundation for their generous donation for our school scholarship fund.

Educate New Mexico

Thank you Educate New Mexico! Educate New Mexico has chosen two of our students to receive four years of tuition assistance. This award automatically covers siblings as well! Any family receiving financial aid (or who wishes to) may be eligible to receive an ENM grant!

Please visit their website at www.educatenm.com for more information about how to apply for this wonderful program.

Frost Foundation

Santa Fe School for the Arts sends out a huge thank you to the Frost Foundation for their very generous grant to our school! This is the first year we have received a grant from the Frost Foundation and we are very grateful!

Annual Campaign

We are in the middle of our annual fundraising drive for our scholarship fund. We hope that everyone can give something to help us during this important time. No amount is too small! Please help us continue to maintain the wonderful diversity at our school.

Jungle Book Play

As you have all probably heard by now, the Unicorn, Stargazer, Centaur and Badger classes will be performing the musical,

Jungle Book on Feb. 3rd at Santa Fe High School. There will be matinee and evening performances. Tickets will go on sale in January.

You can help with the play in the following ways:

1. Finding clothes for costumes!

Unicorns: the Unicorn students are going to be monkeys in this play. Please let me know if you have brown or black long sleeved shirts or pants for your child or another child. Please keep an eye out for these items at Goodwill and other inexpensive stores.

2. Help make monkey tails! We will put notices in your mailbox about afterschool sewing days— or you can make things at home!

Stargazers: Stargazers are going to be wolves, monkeys, elephants, butterflies, bees and ants! Rayna will send home info. about your child and what kind of clothes they will need.

Centaur will be monkeys, wolves and elephants. Rayna will send home info. about your child and what kind of clothes they will need.

Badgers will be vultures, bears, snakes, orangutans, elephants and humans. Rayna will send home info. about your child and what kind of clothes they will need.

3. You can help by making wolf hoods, elephant tails, wolf tails, butterfly and bee antennae either at school or at home! We will provide the materials and design.

In the meantime, if anyone has any gray, brown or black turtleneck or long sleeved shirts or pants— please let Rayna know!

We will probably need every one we can find!

4. We also need help making vines and props.



Stargazer News

The Stargazer class has been learning about Prehistoric mammals and have been busy finishing up their prehistoric trading cards. The final drafts of our color drawings are finished and Lewis' Mom is printing them for us. We have been working on writing information pieces about our animals, researching with the help of our Badger Buddies and writing reports and blurbs for the back of the cards. The final drafts are all in and the kids are excited to see the final product. Each child will get 16 of his/her cards and attempt to create a whole set by trading with classmates after naming the animal and one interesting fact about it. We are gearing up to more fully discover how prehistoric people lived. We will be working on our living museum, creating artifacts: clothing, food, shelter, tools, art etc. The date for the museum has been changed to November 29th and 30th because we need more time to prepare. Chintan will send out a flyer announcing the hours that the museum will take place.

Stargazer quotes-

John McCarthy held the gate open for Amy.

Amy: "John, you're so nice. How'd you get so nice?"

John: " I don't know. I just got bigger, and that's what you're supposed to do!"

Amy: "I love your dress Jasmine. Did someone make it?"

Jasmine: No. My Mom won it.

Amy: *Really?* How'd she win it?"

Jasmine: She won it on EBay. First someone else was going to win it then my mom offered to give more money."

Amy to Jacob: "What are you playing?"

Jacob: "Prehistoric"

Alicia asked if it looked like she was wearing lipstick (her lips were red from having a cold) At recess she pulled her shirt up over her mouth and said," I'm too pretty to show my lips today."

Lauren was reading her paper about the leptictidium and Jasmine asked her "Did you say it evolved into a shoe or a shrew? I just couldn't tell"

Centaur Quote

During a recent Parent's Night Out, Tatyana was taking care of her rabbit who had just had a surgical procedure done. She asked for some helpers to watch the rabbit. Ben, Jamie, Lewis and Nicky jumped up to help and Tatyana said, "I got security guards for my rabbit!"

Badger Quote

Chance handed an apple to Rayna and said, "Apple for the teacher. It's an ancient technique!"

Family Classifieds

JEEP CHEROKEE FOR SALE:

Anita (Santiago's mom) is selling her Jeep Cherokee. It is a 1997 in very good condition. With new tires and a great interior. It only has 62,000 miles on it. The car may need some alternator or transmission work. Please spread the word. If Anita sells this jeep, she may be able to get the wheelchair accessible van she really needs!

House Sit Available in December!

Some friends of Rayna are looking for someone to housesit their beautiful 3 bedroom home in Canada de Los Alamos (near El Gancho) from Dec. 9- January 11. Call Rayna at 424-1651 if you know someone dependable who needs a place to stay during that time.

Drum Set– Does anyone have a drum set for sale? Please let Rayna know.

Thursday, December 15th Santa Fe School for the Arts Winter Show 6:30 pm

This year our Winter show & potluck will again be held at the Capital High School Theater.

We hope to also raise money for Heifer International, as we do each year, by selling items and accepting donations. We will have our annual potluck following the show in the lobby at Capa.

Parents Night Out Friday, December 2nd

This year, our middle school students are raising money for our school scholarship fund.

One way they are raising money is by offering "Parents Night Out" evenings.

For \$20 you can leave your child at our school (in the Unicorn Class) from 7:00-10:00 pm and the middle school students and a teacher from our school will babysit your child. There will be a discount for multiple children (e.g.- \$35 for two children). Many children come in their pajamas and bring a blanket and a pillow. We ask that all children have dinner before they come, but we do offer snacks and drinks. We usually play outside and then come in and play games and watch movies like a great, big sleepover.

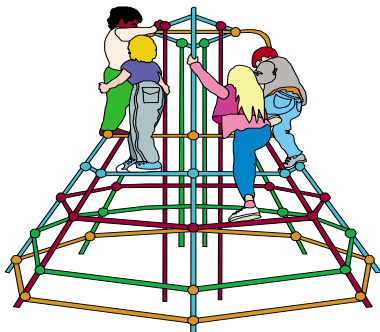
It's a lot of fun and you can enjoy a great night out!

Spaces will be given to the first 20 children who are signed up.

We hope to offer this at least once each month.

The next Parent's Night Out will be
Friday, December 9th

You can sign up for this first Parent's Night Out by placing a note and check with your children's names and ages in the tuition drawer/envelope in each building. Please note that the check is for PNO! Unfortunately we cannot provide care for children under the age of 3. Siblings who do not attend our school are welcome to attend.



Japanese Class Happenings

We've been having great fun in Japanese classes this year. We had the koto playing storyteller last month, and this month we have a Japanese woman coming to help the

kids make koinobori (fish flags that represent strength), that will decorate the entrance to the Santa Fe JIN Aki Matsuri (Fall Festival) next Sunday the 13th. We hope to take both classes for a lunch at KasaSoba next month.

The older students have finished their self portraits, and are working on mangas, and song translation, including learning lots of new kanji. The younger students have finished half of the hiragana alphabet, and are doing a unit on families in Japanese. They will be doing an alphabet book after they finish learning all of the hiragana.

Hopefully next month we will have a Japanese man come to the 8th grade class and help them with shuuji (calligraphy). And for whatever kids have the chance, there is an exhibit of Japanese photography at College of Santa Fe, and one including Japanese pottery at MoIFA in November and December.

- Shari Osgood

Santa Fe JIN Festival

Sunday, November 13th

10:00-5:00pm

At the Santa Fe High School Gym

Please stop by the Santa Fe JIN (Japanese Intercultural Network) Aki Matsuri Festival next Sunday, November 13th. **Our Santa Fe School for the Arts Anime Club will have a booth at this festival**, raising money for our scholarship fund. There will be wonderful music, food, art and items for sale at this special once a year event. This is a great festival for experiencing the many different aspects of Japanese culture. We hope all of our Japanese students will attend as well and practice their Japanese!

SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY



The Southside Santa Fe Public Library plans to open in September 2006. We are so lucky - this new 25,000 square foot building of books is very close to SFSA! Quite a few schools, including ours, participated in a coin drive to raise money for the library's new books and materials. Some of the Middle School students decorated the collection jars, and we raised over \$300! We have been awarded three bricks that will be inscribed to our specifications. The bricks will become part of the library's outside walkways.

Todd's class used this money raising campaign as an opportunity to practice their math skills – a perfect way for the students to experience a real world application of math! Way to go, Todd!

Thanks to everyone who contributed money to this project. I'm hoping that we can attend the opening ceremony in September.

- Katie Irving

Special Thanks to Katie for organizing this fundraising drive!

The Santa Fe Film Festival will have a special Youth Film Festival showing on **December 10th at 12:30 at the Scottish Rite Temple**. They have chosen to premiere 7 of our middle school student films, in addition to other student films from around the state. The films are free for children and students.

They will be showing the following SFSA student films:

BullyBoy: by Rebekah Birkan, Jenna Soister Ver-shen, Veronica Monroe, Dyami Clement

Possessed Playground by Jordan Hoffman, Josh Bohosky and Elias Burke

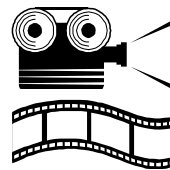
Lost by Ben Lenetsky, Clayton Lobaugh, Galen Stoller, Ann Atkinson

R.E.M. (Rapid Eye Movement) by Dyami Clement, Arin Dineen, Sara Wooldridge, Jordan Hoffman

Someone Else's Shoes by Sara Wooldridge, Clay Balsamo, Dale Jenkins, Forest Bourland

Northern Star by Arin Dineen, Ann Atkinson, Liz Coward

Skate Santa Fe: by Conor McPartlon, Baker Warmath, Brandon Whitmore



**Santa Fe School for the Arts
Special Film Night for
students in Grades 5-8!**

Saturday, November 19th at
6:30 in the middle school.

Free Admission for SFSA film students.

All others- \$3 each.

Snacks will also be available for sale. Come and see all of the films our students have made in the last year and a half!

Come and see Duckie, Friend, Portrait, Illuminati, Soldiers of Misfortune, Time Warp, My Sister Alice and many more!

This film night is not appropriate for younger students.

New Mexico Super-Computing Challenge



David Bailey, our wonderful Robotics and Phys. Ed teacher has begun a Super Computing Challenge Program at our school this year.

The mission of the Supercomputing Challenge is to improve students' understanding and use of technology by developing their skills in scientific inquiry, modeling, computing, communications, and team work. The Supercomputing Challenge is an exciting program that offers a truly unique experience to students in our state. The opportunity to work on the most powerful computers in the world is currently available to only a very few students in the entire United States, but in New Mexico, it is just one of the benefits of living in the "Land of Enchantment."

The Supercomputing Challenge is a program encompassing the school year in which teams of students complete science projects using high-performance supercomputers. Each team of up to five students and a sponsoring teacher defines and works on a single computational project of its own choosing.

Throughout the program, help and support are given to the teams by their project advisors and the Supercomputing Challenge organizers and sponsors.

The Supercomputing Challenge is open to all interested students in grades 7 through 12 on a non-selective basis. The important requirement for participating is a real desire to learn about science and computing.

Our Supercomputing team meets afterschool on Fridays from 3:15-4:30 at our school.

Supercomputing Challenge teams tackle a range of interesting problems to solve. The most successful projects address a topic that holds great interest for the team. In recent years, ideas for projects have come from Astronomy, Geology, Physics, Ecology, Mathematics, Economics, Sociology, and Computer Science. It is very important that the problem a team chooses is what we call "real world" and not imaginary. A "real world" problem has measurable components. We use the term Computational Science to refer to science problems that we wish to solve and explain using computer models.

Those teams who make significant progress on their projects can enter them in the competition for awards of savings bonds and scholarships for the individuals and computer equipment for the school. Team trophies are also awarded for: Teamwork, Best Written Report, Best Professional Presentation, Electronic Search & Browse, Creativity and Innovation, Environmental Modeling, High Performance, Multimedia and the Judges' Special Award.

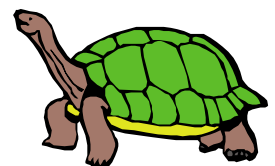
In the middle of the year, Sandia National Laboratory hosts a tour with talks and demonstrations of technology developed at Sandia. The year culminates at Los Alamos National Laboratory in late April with a Project Expo and Judging followed by an Awards Ceremony.

This current Challenge Year opened with an overnight conference at the Glorieta Conference Center where students attend talks and tutorials on essential knowledge for successful completion of the Challenge. Four of our middle school students have entered into the challenge along with over 100 other teams around the state—Norbu Frances, Mason Dowling, DJ Jenkins and Garrett Grantham-Philips. Our students had the opportunity to talk with scientists about their project and learn more about computer programming and computational science. They also had a chance to start making computer models using Starlogo software. The final outcome of the conference was getting their abstract of their project up on the website.

We are still looking for another mentor knowledgeable about Sea Turtles. Here is their abstract:

Problem: How the breeding cycle of the Hawksbill sea turtle is effected by natural and human events. The Hawksbill is an endangered species due to poaching and nesting habitat destruction. By modeling these effects we hope to gain information to help preserve the future of the Hawksbill Sea-Turtle.

Our Supercomputing team meets afterschool on Fridays from 3:15-4:30 in our middle school science room (The Cave).



Painless Fundraising

Have you ever wondered whether it is worth the trouble to show your **Albertsons Community Partners card** to the cashier? Well, it is! Every three months we receive a check for over \$300 from Albertsons! So, a big thank you to everyone who is using their Albertsons school community card! It really adds up! Please let Rayna know if you lost your card or need more for friends and family. We do have more!! **PLEASE USE THIS CARD! It really adds up.**

Smith's also has an Earn & Learn program. Just sign up for a Smith's Fresh Values card and designate SF School for the Arts as your school of choice and go shopping at any of their stores. Present your card at checkout and Smiths will automatically donate up to 5% of your purchases to our school. To enroll, call 1-800-764-8897 or visit one of their stores for an application, or log onto www.smithsfoodanddrug.com

We have also signed up with Target - so if you would like to get a Target Guest or Visa Card (it is a credit card), each time you use the card (at Target, but also at other stores) our school gets a small percentage - just be sure to specify our school when you get the card. You can apply online at their website www.target.com or call 1-800-316-6142. Friends and relatives can also use **Target, Smiths and Albertsons** cards! Just let us know if you need more cards.

Quixtar: Jesse's parents are involved with a program called Quixtar which will benefit our school each time you use it. Quixtar has affiliate partners like Office Max, Barnes & Noble, Oriental Trading Co., Harry and David, Sharper Image, MCI, Circuit City, Hearthsong, Magic Cabin and hundreds more. This program provides an easy and cost effective one stop shopping service that delivers products right to your door. They specialize in offering environmentally friendly cleaning products, organic vitamins, health and beauty care products, healthy snacks and drinks. They also have thousands of brand name products like Campbells, Kelloggs, Adidas, New Balance, Nabisco, Kodak and Whirlpool. Steve and Nancy get their dog food, toilet paper and cleaning products in this way. They can show you how to purchase everything you need from the comfort of your own home and have it delivered to your door. The website keeps track of items purchased by people and businesses who want to support the school and sends us a bonus check each month. Please be sure to call Steve or Nancy first at 473-5308 or email them at skoehler@gboalliance.com

Dinner at SteaksSmith

Don't forget!

STEAKSMITH at El Gancho on Tuesday, Nov. 8th!

On Tues. Nov. 8th, SteaksSmith has offered to **donate 20% of their dining room sales to our school scholarship fund** from 5:00-9:30 pm!!

Please call SteaksSmith at 988-3333 to make a reservation
(not required, but recommended)!

Thank you Tom and Rosemarie!

**PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY!
LET'S FILL THE RESTAURANT!**

Stay in a 2 bedroom condo in Pagosa Springs for a week!

We have received a donation of a one week stay in a condo in Pagosa Springs from November 27th- December 4th!

The condominium is fully furnished including washer, dryer, dishwasher, sleeps eight, has a full kitchen (actually two full kitchens since connecting doors can be locked off, so there are actually 2 individual one-bedroom condominiums). There is free access to the recreation center, with exercise facilities, a full-sized pool with lap lanes, and the condominium sits on a beginner's golf course. Another "normal" golf course adjoins the property. It's about 40 miles or so from Wolf Creek ski area. Who knows, with as much snow as Wolf Creek gets, maybe it will be open by then.

We are accepting silent auction bids for this great donation at our email address,

santafeschool@aol.com.

This could be a great gift to give to a relative!

Thank you Wanicha's boss!

Special Guests Visit SFSA

During the past month, we have had many wonderful guests visit our school and share their talents and wisdom with our students.

Author Marc Talbert, renowned author of young adult books, lives in Tesuque and spoke with the 7th and 8th grade students about writing and books. He answered questions and led the students through a writing exercise. He was a very interesting and inspiring speaker and our students asked superb questions. They were all very keen to write following his visit.

African Drummer Fred Simpson visited our school and gave two master drumming classes to students in grades Pre-k-8th! It was a very challenging and exciting class for everyone. You can see photos of these classes in the Unicorn/Stargazer building entryway.

Perhaps the most exciting visit was from **Brent Daniels, a composer, sound designer and recording artist** who uses the latest in computer technology to sculpt sound and create music. With a digital sampling workstation, Brent showed the students the important relationship between computers and composing. He was very funny and gave students the opportunity to be part of an on the spot music creation and song composition that had us all rolling on the floor! Brent also stressed the importance of staying in school and doing your best, learning math and practicing keyboard! Brent has made many TV and movie soundtracks including, Charlie's Angels, 3000 Miles to Graceland, La Femme Nikita and many more. Centaurs, Badgers and Middle School students all attended this fantastic assembly.

Elizabeth Falconer, a master Koto player, and Storyteller visited our school and shared Japanese folk tales using puppets and props and inspiring music with our K-8th grade students. She even let our students play her 6' long koto! She had the students counting and speaking in Japanese throughout her assembly.

Several artists have come to the middle school lately to assist with critiquing their humanities portraits of Muslims and scientists around the world, including, local artist, **Dan Bodelson**, born and raised in Santa Fe, who shows his art in the Nedra Matucci Gallery and **Robert Nimlo**, a local artist and father of Lili and Sophia who gave one on one critique sessions for our students. **Suzanne Shakespeare and Amy Birkan, both artists and teachers** at our school also offered their artistic expertise for the portrait work and led successful critique sessions.

Khadija Chudnoff is a **16 year old Muslim girl** who attends school here in Santa Fe. She came to speak with the 8th grade students who are studying ancient and modern day Iraq and Iran and Islam. Khadija is a practicing Muslim who wears a head scarf when she is out in public. She brought examples of clothing for men and women and allowed our students to try them on. She was very well-spoken, sweet and well-prepared and answered our students questions quite well.

Rebekah Birkan's paternal grandparents also came to answer questions about life in Turkey, Islam and the Middle East. Her grandmother spoke a little English and brought a delicious Middle Eastern Dish. The students had wonderful questions prepared in advance and learned a lot from their visit.

AIGA Ornament Auction benefits Santa Fe School for the Arts

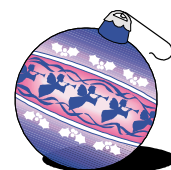
**Dec. 1 at Hotel
Santa Fe
from 6:00-9:00pm**

Make an ornament yourself or ask an artist or a child you know to make an ornament and help our school scholarship fund!

The Santa Fe Chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Arts has chosen our school to be the recipient of their annual ornament auction!

The ornaments are made by everyone who would like to make one, including well know artists and are not necessarily connected to any particular holiday or religion. All ornaments are accepted into the auction!

All ornaments are requested by Nov. 21st. Go to aigasantafe.org/auction to download an entry form.



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Snow Days

Our school and our students continue to be dedicated to serving others and helping the world in whatever ways we can. This winter we are reaching out in two different ways.

1. We will again work with Heifer International to help families in need around the world and in America as well. Many of our students feel very connected to this organization now and feel that giving life-sustaining animals to people in need is one of the best ways to help others. Our school store and our Winter show will support Heifer this year.

2. We will also be collecting donations to send to Tibetan orphans who are attending boarding school in Dharmasala, India. We have several families at our school who have a connection to the Tibetan Children's School there.

Heifer International is a non-profit program that tackles the problem of hunger one family or one community at a time with gifts of farm animals which become ongoing sources of food and income. Everyone who receives a Heifer animal agrees to pass on one of their animals' offspring to another family in need. Heifer also gives intensive training to each family before they receive their animal to teach the family proper animal husbandry and caretaking.

Each year our students watch a Heifer International video which illustrates the extreme poverty that many children all over the world experience everyday and the tremendous difference one farm animal can make. For example, one gift of chickens will start laying eggs at 6 months and can lay up to 200 eggs a year, providing a reliable source of protein for children who otherwise subsist on mostly starches. Extra eggs can be sold to pay for school, clothes and medicine. In the vegetable garden, chickens will peck at bugs and weeds, scratch up the soil and enrich it with droppings. Llamas, the animal chosen by the Stargazer class last year, provide Heifer families with invaluable sources of transportation, income and wool, which is prized for making blankets, ponchos, carpet and rope. Llamas are remarkably disease resistant and require little care. They can carry small loads for long distances over rugged slopes at high altitudes and their padded feet don't damage the fragile terrain and their selective browsing doesn't destroy sparse vegetation.

I am very grateful that our school community always steps forward to support projects like these here and around the world. We will continue to have our school store from time to time at to help us continue to support these projects. Last year our students chose to purchase the following gifts for poor families from Heifer International; a a share of a water buffalo for a family in Cambodia, Nepal or the Philippines; a goat; a share of a llama for an indigenous family in Bolivia, Peru or Ecuador; a gift of trees; a clutch of chickens; a gift of ducks; a gift of geese; and a gift of rabbits!

We follow the closing schedule of the Santa Fe public schools. If we have a delayed opening or are canceling school due to icy road conditions or snow, you can watch the news on any major TV channel. If the Santa Fe Public Schools are closed or delayed, then we are too. You can also listen to the radio and listen for the public school closings, or call our school cell phone, 920-9709 (not the regular school number) and listen to the message!

If there is a two hour delay, then all classes will begin at 10:30 am.

Occasionally, there is a two hour delay at first and then schools are closed for the day. So, please remember to keep checking the TV and radio during a two hour delay to make sure that schools are indeed on a 2 hour delay. A 2 hour delay for us means we start school at 10:30 am.

ANNIE! POPULAR MUSICAL INSPIRES YOUTH THEATRE TO OFFER FREE TICKETS TO KIDS

Join Pandemonium Production for the musical that celebrates the season of giving--- *Annie* opens November 11th at 7 pm at the James A. Little Theatre, and continuing November 12 at 7pm, and November 13, 19 and 20 at 2pm. Performed by the Pandemonium Players, an ensemble of 43 students, ages 7-17, this heartfelt musical conveys the importance of family, friendship and goodwill.

Depression-era New York and the "Hard Knock Life" of an orphanage can't keep a spunky young girl from believing that "The sun will come out tomorrow." In tribute to the spirit of the *Annie*, sponsors of show have made a special opportunity possible-- during the first weekend, the first 100 kids in the door at each show are free!

"With special thanks to **The Frost Foundation, the Hilboldt/Stolley Family, Rosanna Vazquez Law Offices and Beaver Toyota**, we are thrilled to give away three hundred tickets to kids during our first weekend of shows," said Pandemonium's Executive Director Christopher Leslie. "We wanted to give back to those families who have been our loyal patrons and also reach some who haven't had an opportunity to attend our productions."

Directed by Leslie with musical direction by Mark Parker and choreography by Elisabeth Demmer, *Annie* tells the story of an orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. The musical is based on the popular comic strip created by Harold Gray, "Little Orphan Annie," which debuted in *The New York Daily News* on August 5, 1924. Lyricist-director Martin Charnin transformed the comic strip into a musical comedy with composer Charles Strouse and librettist Thomas Meehan. The musical opened on Broadway on April 21, 1977, and went on to win seven Tony Awards.

In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil schemes, befriends President Franklin Roosevelt and finds a new family with billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal assistant Grace Farrell, and a loveable mutt named Sandy. With such favorite songs as *Tomorrow, It's A Hard Knock Life*, and *You're Never Fully Dressed Without A Smile*, *Annie* is certain to warm your heart.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids (unless you're one of the "First 100 Kids Free" during the first weekend of shows).

Call 982-3327 for tickets.

Performance Schedule at the James A. Little Theater

November 11 & 12 at 7pm

November 13, 19, 20 at 2pm

THANK YOU ARTISANS

The Artisans store on Canyon Road recently closed and Ron Whitmore, owner of Artisans and a parent at our school, offered to donate some art materials to our school. He very generously donated an amazing array of wonderful art materials, most of which we never could have afforded to buy, including high quality colored pencils, paper, paintbrushes and lots more.

Please show Artisans your gratitude by remembering to shop at Artisans on Cerrillos road.

THANKS AGAIN!

National Geographic Geography Bee

Our school is going to participate in the National Geographic Geography Bee for the third year in a row.

The Bee will be held in January in our middle school. This is a nationwide contest for students in grades 4-8 who are not older than 15. With a first place prize of a \$25,000 college scholarship, plus other prizes, the Bee is designed to encourage the teaching and study of geography. Each school must hold it's own Bee and only one winner per school is allowed to take the written, qualifying test. The first place winner from each state then advances to the national level. Last year, Mason Dowling, our school winner, advanced to the state level after passing a difficult qualifying exam.

Questions at all levels of the Bee address geography in it's broadest sense. Some questions will require a knowledge of place-names and of the location of cultural and physical features. The distribution and patterns of language, religions, economic activities, populations and political systems will also be covered. Students may be asked about cultural and physical regions, or about physical phenomena, such as tectonic activity, landforms, climate, bodies of water, soils and flora and fauna. The changes in places and regions through time, including how people have modified the environment may be addressed. Tools geographers use such as maps, instruments, graphs and statistics may be the subject of other questions.

We encourage all students to visit the GEOBEE quiz at www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee

Most students who compete in this sort of competition, study all year long in anticipation of the Bee. We hope to get our students excited about geography, and in learning as much as they can about the world!

We strongly encourage all students to participate and start studying geography whenever you can! Everyone has a chance to win if they know their facts!

Centaur News

The Centaur students are really into writing this year. In fact, some of the students have even begun writing newspaper articles and comics in their free time! Here is a sample article from Sarah Weber Colvin's newspaper.

Sports

By Sarah Weber Colvin

The new game on the playground is Soccer, even the teachers are involved. We have refs and everything! Other news is that the slide has gone from being the most popular to less popular. Basketball is really huge. Scooters are now way, way down. Crash pads are nice once in a while. In the Badger yard, they have a new game called Sprout Ball. It's exciting and very fun. I heard it's more popular than Gaga!

More Centaur News

The Centaurs recently visited the Explora! Science Museum in Albuquerque as part of their expedition on Simple Machines. They loved the museum and really impressed the docents with their breadth of scientific knowledge. The Centaurs also put together a wonderful new bike/wagon for the Unicorn playground, using their new found simple machine skills and will be surprising the Unicorns with this gift next week.

The Centaurs also really enjoyed the visit from Tim Bajema and Chriss O'Neill, Ben's parents, who brought a cider press to school. All of the kids from Unicorns to Centaurs had a chance to try out the press and drink the delicious, fresh cider. The Centaurs were really intrigued by the workings of the press and it was a great addition to their expedition.

Thanks Tim and Chriss!

Peace Day

On September 21st, our school participated in a worldwide Peace Day event. At 12:00 noon, all of our students gathered along with millions of others around the world to make a wish for peace. Students of all ages shared their wishes, Kristina Huckabee sang her original song, “Look Around” and the Badger girls sang “Imagine” for the whole school. It was a moving ceremony. Peace Day has been supported by the Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela and countless other leaders around the world as a small, but important step toward world peace. On this day, all countries are asked to refrain from fighting so that aid agencies can bring supplies in and give people everywhere at least one day of peace. You can visit this website for more information about the movement, www.peaceday.org.

Our Peace Jam students all wrote the Mayor of Santa Fe last year asking that he declare September 21st International Peace Day. They never thought they would receive a letter back. They not only received a letter back, but an official proclamation from the mayor making Sept. 21st Annual Peace Day in Santa Fe! The students were thrilled and got their first taste of how they can make a difference if they work together.

This year, many students shared their thoughts about peace with us. Here are some Badger thoughts.

Tashi- If one false step can lead to a fight, or even the end of a civilization, I hope that soon each and every one of us in this world can realize when we take those false steps and stop taking the steps that lead to hatred and violence.

Jesse– Was there peace in the past? Well, a little. Is there peace now? I don't believe so. Will there be peace in the future? I don't know. Well, how about America– no, the world, makes a vow to give peace for next generation and the next, next, next. I could go on forever but I think you get my drift.

Maddy– The Song of Peace. The song of peace is not something you can play a trumpet or guitar or a flute. It's not played with any instrument. It's played with your soul and heart. The song of peace is something when you can drop your weapon and see the world around you as an equal brother or sister. None of us is richer or poorer. We are all one circle of love, trust and community. We all gather and hold hands so we may make this circle a reality. So this world will make it a reality and we can all be the song of peace. We are the Peace. We are the ones to change!

Micaela– I wish people would stop fighting and start helping, stop hurting and start healing. I wish there would be peace in all the world. Peace.

Badger Student- I just hope that everyday around the world is just like today. I hope that everyone finds that loving place in their heart and that love takes over the war. I also wish that all the homeless and people who lost their homes in the hurricanes will get better lives soon.

Corrina– Peace– How can you explain it? How can you find it? How can you use it? How can you learn it? Learn by love, by the love you can find in each and every heart assembled here. I hope that all can find the love in your heart and in love and life itself. Find the peace in your heart and send it to all who need it– whether it's here or across the entire world, think of them and think of Peace. Peace. Peace.

Megan– Peace means happiness and compromise. Peace means no fighting, no wars, no arguments. Peace means thinking before you act. Peace means living as one.

Bryce– What peace means to me is that everybody in the world will do nothing mean and there will be no war.

Sachi– I think peace is when no one is fighting and everyone is nice. No one is yelling or screaming, we are all just friends. That's what peace means to me and I think it would be great to have a whole day like that.