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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Monday, May 7th- 7th grade portfolio presentations – school as usual for all

**Friday, May 11th
 Alice in Wonderland play
 At Capital High School
 12:30 and 6:30 (see page 7 for details)
 Get your tickets now!**

**May 14th and 15th
 No School
 8th Grade Portfolio Presentations
 and Parent Teacher conferences for
 all classes**

**Weds. May 16th
 Step up Day
 (see page 11 for details)**

**Thursday, May 17th
 Capital Campaign
 Dinner Fundraiser
 at Vanessa's! (see page 5 for details)
 Make your reservations now!**

**Friday, May 18th
 8th Grade Mentorship Festival at our
 school
 9:00-11:00
 (see page 5 for details)**

**Saturday, May 19th
 Our Garage Sale
 (see page 6 for details)
 Come and help our school!**

**Sunday, May 20th
 Our very own film Festival!
 at the Santa Fe Film Center
 1:00-3:00 pm Don't miss this!
 See page 6 for details**

**GRADUATION
 4:30 at the Scottish Rite Temple
 (see page 2 for details)**

**Last Day of School
 Thursday, May 24th
 12:00 release time**

Quote of the Month

Lauren Sarkissian (3rd grade student)

“I would rather spend a thousand dollars on a solar panel, then a million dollars on fossil fuels.”

Summercomes

Our 2006-2007 **Graduation** Ceremony, "Summercomes," will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd at 4:30 at the Scottish Rite Temple.

This ceremony honors all of our students and we hope every student and all parents will attend.

The ceremony usually lasts about 1 ½ hours and is followed by a potluck.

Each class is requested to bring a different item:

Unicorn class: Drinks

Stargazer class: Appetizers or side dishes

Centaur class: Desserts

Badger Class: Plates, cups, utensils, napkins

Middle School: Main dishes

Thanks to All the Unicorn Families for a Wonderful Year!

From Suzanne, Jerry, Laura, and Robin

End of the Year Unicorn Party

for parents and students

Friday May 11th

**Meet at school at 10:30 am,
then walk with us to the park near
Cesar Chavez Elementary School**

We'll play, chat and eat.

**We will then all walk to Capital High for the
12:30 matinee of Alice in Wonderland
performed by our Badger and Middle School students.**

This play is free for the Unicorns, but we hope all of you can come.

Adult tickets only \$5.00

THE STARGAZER SCOOP

The Stargazers have been exploring and photographing historic sites in Santa Fe and here are some of the things they noticed, wondered, and learned..

THE PALACE OF THE GOVENORS

I noticed...

The mudwagon or stagecoach had compartments to hold things.

The jail isn't there anymore.

A gun that had a sword on it.

There was a coffin thing (a horse drawn hearse).

On the state seal the feathers were made out of spoons.

I wonder...

If the chapel inside is a Catholic church.

When the Governors Palace was built and how old it is now.

If the stagecoach was called a mud wagon because it went in mud.

Why they made the palace smaller?

What they did with the jail.

Why the building had so many doors.

I learned...

That the chapel floor is made of mud, clay, water, hay, bits of wood and cow's blood.

Don Diego DeVargas was his name, and he came back and said he was sorry for taking the Indians food and water.

13 people fit in the carriage.

The Spanish and the Pueblo Indians were the first to be at the Palace.

THE LAMY BUILDING aka ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

I noticed...

The third floor was gone.

It used to have a bell tower.

It was made out of adobe.

It was St. Michael's College in 1882.

It was built in 1878.

I wonder...

How the third floor burned down.

Why the third floor was wood.

When it burned down.

Why they never rebuilt the third floor.

Why they renamed it.

Why we can't go inside.

LA FONDA HOTEL

I noticed...
On the map it says it used to
be called The Exchange Hotel.
It used to be one story, but
now it is three stories.
There is a restaurant and café
in it.
There is a Cowboy on the men's
room and a flamenco dancer on
the women's.

I wonder...
Why is it at the end of the
trail.
How old it is and when it was
built.
Why it got destroyed and
rebuilt.
Why they changed the name of
it.
If Billy the Kid worked there

THE SANTA FE TRAIN DEPOT

I noticed...
The building is very old.
The building looks new.
It is made of adobe.
It is still being used.
The building is quite small.

I wonder...
Where the train goes to.
What is in the train there.
If there are any trains left
from 1882.
If these are the old tracks.
How far do the tracks go.
What did the old trains look
like.

April Breeze

By: Lauren Sarkissian

As you walk into spring

You suddenly feel a cool breeze

Rush through your hair.

It's early in the morning

Watch the sun rise.

You know the sweet smell of

April is rushing through mid air.

As coyotes howl,

Birds sing,

To spread the news that spring is here!

My Tree House

*I go outside every day
And see my friends ready to play.*

*We go to my tree house that is covered in shade
And look at the sculpture that we all made.*

*We go up the ladder one by one
Just ready to have some awesome fun.*

*Now we are looking up at the sky
I really want to jump out the window and fly.*

By Wesley Jansen

One Hundred Words

Written by Sarafina Borowska on the
100th day of school
(2nd grade student in the Stargazer class)

One hundred is a number so nice,
One hundred cubes can be cold as ice.

One Hundred could be so huge and big,
One Hundred fairies could fit on a pig.

One Hundred likes to run and play,
One Hundred kids can save the day.

One Hundred can really dance and sing,
One Hundred bells go bing, bing, ring.

One Hundred is such a dramatic act,
One Hundred stories and songs in fact.

One Hundred likes to be very funny,
One Hundred bees make good honey.

One Hundred cannot say anymore,
One Hundred now is out the door!

NO MORE!

Middle School Mentorship Festival

**Friday, May 18th
9:00am-11:00 am in the middle school.**

Each 8th grade student will be presenting their projects and reports and will be discussing their mentorships at this festival. Students will each have a turn to present to the audience and answer questions as well.

Come and see our students talk about paleontology, dance and art education, video game construction, photography, film making, sculpture, graphic design, capoeira, computer repair, baking, prop making and more!

DINNER AT VANESSIE'S & \$50,000!

On Thursday, May 17th, Vanessa's is donating 20% of their proceeds to our school Capital Campaign. This is our only fundraiser this fall for our Capital Campaign.

We recently received an anonymous matching grant of \$50,000 for our capital campaign and we know we can meet this challenge with everyone's help!

Everyone can help!
Each donation you make now is basically doubled thanks to this donation!

Please let us know if you know any businesses, friends or relatives who might like to donate, especially knowing that each dollar they give will be matched 1 : 1 !!

Plan a party at Vanessa's on May 17th- invite your friends, tell your co-workers! Reserve a table and have a great time helping our school!

We have already raised \$250,000 and have \$100,000 left to go.

We deeply appreciate your help!

Peace Jam Club News

The movie our Peace Jam club made about teen homelessness called "The Other Side of the Tracks" won the Mayor's Youth Film contest. The students donated their cash prize of \$250 to Youth Shelters and Family Services.

This film also won first place at the Espanola Film Festival in the Community category. Each student donated their cash prize to St. Elizabeth's Homeless Shelter.

If you have not had the chance to see this film, be sure to come to our film festival on May 20th at the SF Film Center, or you can view it online. Just go to the Santa Fe Arts & Culture website:

www.santafeartsandculture.org/magazine/videos/

Our Peace Jam is also teaming up with some Santa Fe High School alumni and other SFHS students who are designing a line of t-shirts that will appeal to young people's fashion sense and yet raise money for children's rights around the world. One shirt, for example, will feature a sewing machine with handcuffs attached to it- to highlight the horrors of child labor. The group will begin silkscreening their designs at Warehouse 21's temporary fashion design space. They have named their organization "Awareness." If anyone has any connections to grass roots t-shirt businesses, please let us know. We also need a copyright lawyer to help advise this creative team.

Our Peace Jam club has accomplished a lot this year and we are very proud of them. We will miss our hard working 8th graders but are confident that the new group next year will carry on their good work!

Santa Fe School for the Arts & Sciences End of the Year Garage Sale

Saturday, May 19
9:00-2:00

in the parking lot at St. Bede's
Episcopal Church corner of San
Mateo and St. Francis

This event is always tons of fun
and everyone finds lots of
treasures!

We need your help, your stuff
and your strong arms!

SFSAS Film Festival

Sunday, May 21
1:00-3:00

at the Santa Fe Film Center
(formerly known as the
Cinemacafe)

This is your chance to see all of
our wonderful student films
from the past year. Many of
these feature younger students
as well! You will see all of our
award winning films.

Our students have won over 10
film awards this year alone!

UNICORN QUOTES

Megan sticks a laminated letter onto Robin and says, "You're letter of the week."

Jack during free play, "I'm flying on the outer space baby ship."

Makai was wrapped up in several white clothes. "Do I look like a duck egg?"

Berke was telling Benji how to not say the answer out loud in circle, "Hold it in your mouth."

During free-play Makai and Camille were playing ducks. Makai, "Sister! I mean Quack! We're late on the airplane, quack, quack!" Camille, "Quack?"
Makai, "Quack hurry!!"

Jonah playing with the accordion during free-play, "It's like this thing is chewing!"

Makai during a conversation about light said, "The rays of the sun make your eyes go up into peaches."

Jonah announced to the class, "Everybody, I have an announcement to make! We found nature! Behind the kiva there was a ladybug, a gopher, and a two-headed bug!"

"TV's bad for your brain!" Noah

Michael: "I saw a one eyed sea lion at the zoo." Benji: "You mean a cyclops?"

Makai: "I'm a teenager and my name is Ducky Duckworth. My sisters are Sophie, Yellowy and Erd."

Blaze: "You should know that you can't drink string."

Megan: "You take off my jacket Suzanne cause you're my teacher helper."

Noah to Rayna: "Rock on!" (posing like a hard core rocker dude)

Rayna: "Where did you hear that?"

Noah: When I was little.

"When you're 16 you start wearing ripped jeans and skeletons" Makai

Jonah helping Suzanne bury a hole out on the Unicorn yard. "I just don't care about myself, I care about the school too. I want to help the kids from falling in the hole."

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Please come and see our play on Friday, May 11th at 12:30 or 6:30pm at
Capital High School's
Bryan Fant Theater for the Performing Arts.

Our Badger and Middle School students will be performing this wacky musical.

We will be taking the younger students to see the 12:30 matinee at no charge to you, but we hope ALL Parents will come to see it with us (you can walk over with us or you can meet us there),
or come to the evening show. Please!

We need your support. Please tell your friends to come as well.

Sara's mom, Beverly Wooldridge, has generously offered to head up the concession stand for the Alice in Wonderland play.

We need volunteers to help sell the concessions before the play, during intermission and after the play and we need food and drinks.

We also hope that ALL parents can bring some food or drink that we can sell!

Please email Bev at sfrose@comcast.net or call her at 984-2921

And don't be late for this very important date!

*We need helpers after the play to help us clean up and move everything back to school!

SPREAD THE WORD! THERE ARE PLENTY OF SEATS FOR BOTH SHOWS.





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Roman Ramsey 505-677-3261



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\$50 from each SFSAS purchase will be contributed back to the school.





School Needs

* Videocamera for the Centaur Class

*We need a garage sale organizer for our May 19th Garage Sale and a storage space. Plus we need your stuff!

*Donations of thread for Fashion Design and sewing machine needles (standard size 14)

- For the play: 4 fun, sturdy chairs, Oyster shells, small black unitard, someone to paint a small brick wall, someone to sew pom poms on joker costumes, an old looking suitcase or briefcase, brown floppy rabbit ears, white roses (fake), two long, colorful tablecloths,

We are looking for a caretaker for the school over the summer. We would like someone to sleep in the Badger building (at least on the weekends) and help take care of the grounds and feed the animals. If the person does "fix it work", that is even better!

At the least, I would like to have a car(that looks like it works!) parked in front of the Badger building now and over the summer too.

if you'd like to help with any of these – please contact Rayna- THANKS!

Badgers Visit to the New Mexico School for the Deaf

"They were all really nice and I hope we get to go there again. I wish I could be as good at sign language as they all were. They are people and they are just like the kids at other schools. They just don't talk the way we do. So yeah, they are just like the people who speak French, or the people who speak all the other languages.

I think that we are all the same and yet at the same time, we are all different. I think that our class trip to the school for the deaf taught me that and I really, really can't wait to go again. I hope that we do and we get to meet all those kids we met from before."-Sarah

"Overall I'm very glad I got to the deaf school because of how much I learned, how much fun I had, and because my mind was opened to the fact that we're all one."-Lucas

I had a great time at the school for the deaf. The translator really helped because they sign so fast. I enjoyed the games. I liked Pacman the best. All the games were great- they looked so easy but they were hard."-Anson

"I always enjoy spending time at NMSD. This time was no different. I really enjoyed meeting new students and I enjoyed playing some games. I love all the new signs I can learn just by observing them. I feel slightly nervous every time I go there, but they're all so nice, I calm down quickly."-Corrina

"It was especially fun this year because the students we were with would help you understand things that you didn't understand. So sure, maybe they can't hear, but is that all our body depends on? Well no, it isn't. That is only one of the six senses. I eagerly await the next time we are able to spend time with the deaf students again! I will always love to be with them." -Tashi

It was really funny when the girl that was being Brittany Spears pretended to shave her head. When we talked one on one, it was very interesting to find out what their life has been like. I also really liked when we all sat in a circle and we were allowed to ask questions. They all had really interesting stories and things to say."-Gioia

3 words describing the school for the deaf trip: awesome, amazing and I want to come back! Everybody was so nice! If you didn't understand something, they would help you. I think it would be really cool to have a job as a translator for deaf or hearing people. I learned a lot of things."-Josh

"One of my favorite things when we were there was when we had a deaf culture conversation. I loved that the deaf kids were open and willing to answer our questions. Every time we go there I meet new people and make new friends and every time my sign gets better and better, by watching them sign I pick up new signs, that I will always remember."-Elle.

In the Middle of Spring

By: Merari Santos

The workers work hard when the sun is shiny.

And when the clouds block the sun; they stop

Because the snow falls from the nice beautiful sky

And they go home

The snow kills the flowers and the flowers die.

You can see the beautiful green grass

It is gone because the snow covers everything,

Everything is silent.

The sun shines out

And the snow melts.

You can see the kids playing in the beautiful grass again.

The workers work hard again

And we say what a beautiful day.

The sky is cool and clear.

What a wonderful day.

Sun Come Back

By: Santiago Vigil.

Spring is here!

The warm flowers blooming.

Let's run out and play dear.

The bees are buzzing,

And the butterflies are flying.

The birds are chirping making a beautiful sound.

But just when you think it's getting fun.

Its getting breezy and rain is coming!

Oh no there goes the sun!

I ran inside as fast as a roadrunner.

Boom! Boom! Boom! The lightning struck!

Oh, what a bummer.

Capital Campaign

Thank you so much to the families & teachers who have already made a donation to our Capital Campaign.

We truly hope everyone will still consider making a donation.

Donations directed towards our Capital Campaign will now be matched by the generous \$50,000 matching grant we recently received!

Any size donation is deeply appreciated and much needed. Every little bit really does add up and we can reach our goal if everyone helps! This campaign will not only help us build the new classrooms, but we will also be able to dramatically improve our parking and grounds!

We are also looking for in kind donations of building supplies and landscaping services. Please let us know if you can make an in-kind donation of services or supplies.

We have sent out our Capital Campaign brochure and donation request packet to the larger community. Please let us know if you have any friends or relatives to whom you would like to send a packet. We can give you our donation request letter to include and you can write your own personal note on it or you can handwrite your own.

Please remember, all donations are tax-deductible.

We know this is a challenging time for everyone, but if we all chip in as best we can, we can make this dream come true!

Step-Up Day

Our annual step day is fast approaching. On Weds. May 16th, all students will have the chance to spend the morning with the teacher and students that they will be with next year.

This means that the kindergarteners will spend the morning in Chintan's class, the 2nd graders will visit Todd's class, the 4th graders will visit Matt's class and the 6th graders will spend the morning with the 7th graders.

You can bring your kids directly to their "new" class in the morning.

Step-Up day lasts from 8:30 until after lunch and we have found it to be a great way to relieve kids anxieties and to meet some of the students they will be with next year. They usually come away excited about their new teacher and a bit more relaxed about the future.

All 6th graders will need to be at school at 8:15 however since middle school starts at 8:15!!

Thank you!

Santa Fe Stage Premiere of the Disney Hit Movie...

Join Pandemonium Productions for the Santa Fe premiere of the musical based on the original television movie, *Disney's High School Musical*, at the James A. Little Theatre, on May 5, 11 & 12 at 7pm; May 6 & 13 at 2pm. Performed by the Pandemonium Players, an ensemble of 40 students ages 8-16, the musical features all of the contagious music, dance and drama from the movie.

Directed by Christopher Leslie (Jack's dad) with musical direction by Eliot Fisher and choreography by Erica Gionfriddo, *High School Musical* is a modern-day Romeo and Juliet story that explores the power of friendship and importance of being your own person. So, *Get'cha Head in the Game* and get'cha self to the theatre for this spectacular show.

The second Saturday show, May 12th, features a special **Sing-A-Long performance** that allows the audience to sing-a-long with the actors to all of the hit songs. (Words will be projected onto a screen.)

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL Performance Schedule

May 4, 5, 11, 12* at 7pm
May 6 & 13 at 2pm

JAMES A. LITTLE THEATRE (1060 Cerrillos Rd.)

\$10 for adults/\$6 for kids under 12
Call 982-3327 to reserve tickets
*special Sing-A-Long performance

Come and see Gioia on the 12th or 13th!

Congratulations Film Students!

Last Thursday night, the SF Macintosh Users Group held their first film festival. Adults and students submitted short films and 3 of our student films won the top three places!

First Place- "Super Chicken Saves the Day!" by Diego Suarez

2nd Place: "Bittersweet Predilection" by Lili Nimlo, Sara Wooldridge and Clay Balsamo

3rd Place: Head Over Heels: Dyami Clement, Jackson Birnbaum, Emily Esperanza and Brent Soloway Carlson.

At the Espanola Showing Excellence Film Festival Friday night, our students also received awards for their films:

First Place: Comedy "How not to make a movie" by Jackson Birnbaum, Gregory Archuleta, Kyle Duffy, Glency Lopez and Justin VanderHam

First Place: Community Documentary "On the other side of the tracks" (about homeless teens and adults in Santa Fe) by our Peace Jam Club.

This team donated their \$300 prize to St. Elizabeth's Shelter.

2nd Place: Community Documentary "Look Around" (a music video about war and peace set to an original song) by Megan Heard, Kristina Huckabee and Glency Lopez

2nd Place: Drama

"Head over Heels" (teen relationship angst) Dyami Clement, Jackson Birnbaum, Emily Esperanza, Brent Soloway Carlson

3rd Place: Animation

"Red vs Green" (an amazing flash film about making love not war) by **Kyle Giacona**

Congratulations to our great Film Department!

These films and more will be shown at our own Film Festival at the Film Center (Cinemacafe) on Sunday, May 20 at 1:00. Save this date!