



Director's Message:

Happy February. As I write this it is snowing lightly and the sun is shining. I love New Mexico! This is an exciting time of the year with skiing, ice skating and playing in the snow. Our students are working on great projects in their classrooms. 4th grade is preparing a play, 3rd grade is learning all about the solar system and 5th and 6th grade are deep in the work of designing and building bridges for the bridge breaking competition on March 9th.

I would like to remind all of you that parent conferences are on February 13 and 14. You will hear from your teachers (if you haven't already) to sign up for a time. We all look forward to this time when we can sit and talk uninterrupted about your child's progress at TISA.

March 20th is the beginning of the testing window for 3rd through 6th grade state testing. At TISA we encourage our students to do their best and show us what they know. We also let them know that there will be things on the test that they don't know yet and that is OK. We are very clear that the state test is a snapshot of student knowledge and that is why we look at many points of data to indicate student growth over time. Also the state uses the data from the test in the calculation of the school grade. That is why it is important for all students to be here on time every day and do their best so the state has all the data about all our students. Thanks for your support with this.

Read below for information about exciting opportunities to be involved as parents and make your plans!

See you all soon.

Sandy Beery, Director

PTA update & Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast!

We will be having our next PTA Meeting on Tuesday February 7th at 5:30 pm at the upper building of TISA. As usual there will be pizza and childcare available. This month's Agenda is attached. Last month's minutes will be sent as soon as they are available.

We are looking for parents who want to be involved in helping with various school projects. Please be aware that you don't have to attend every meeting. Just let us know how you want to help!!!! We already have a group of parents who want to help with our upcoming Pancake Breakfast on Saturday February 11th. Hope that you were all able to sell your tickets, or of course buy them for yourself, so we can all enjoy breakfast together!!!

We are in desperate need of someone to head up our Fundraising Committee. There are volunteers to help out. We just need someone to volunteer to lead and coordinate the group. There are some great Fundraising ideas for our future. We just need someone to lead the way.

I would also like to add that your tax deductible donation to the TISA PTA will be put to great use... Perhaps a small portion of your tax refund could be donated to the TISA PTA. This will help us reach our Fundraising Goal of \$10,000 which will help to facilitate field trips this year for each of our classes; as well as help to pay for much needed art supplies for our next school year.

We truly want everyone's input. The strength of this organization is parents and teachers. We hope you will involve yourself as you see fit. As usual please feel free to email me directly with any questions, comments or concerns.

All the Best ---Lesley Kushner
TISA PTA --- president ---

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TISA Arts Expo

Guadalupe Gym Friday, February 24th

Amber Vasquez will lead Tisa Dance students in a free informal presentation of learning. Tina Sandoval will present Songs and music with the students.

5th and 6th grade 2:30-3:15
3rd and 4th grade 10:00-10:45
K-2nd grade 8:45-9:30

2012-2013 Lottery Applications!!

Lottery applications will be available March 1, 2012 for new students so spread the word. We will close the lottery Monday, April 23, 2012 and draw on Friday, April 27, 2012. During our parent/teacher conferences on Monday and Tuesday, February 13-14, parents need to fill out the returning student form and mark siblings if any. We need to have this done before the lottery starts for potential students. Thank you in advance for helping through the process.



Rachel, Layla, & Seamus bridge building!

5th & 6th Grade

TISA Taos Stick Bridge Engineering Challenge. The 5th and 6th grades will compete in the 2nd annual TISA Bridge Challenge which will take place on March 9th at the Gary Emblar Gym at Taos Charter School. Thank you to all our sponsors: Mudd 'n' Flood, Jane Compton OD, Maria Lewis, Michael McCann and United Airlines, Caroline Martinez at Wal-Mart, Taos Physical Therapy, Twirl, Cid's Grocery, Terry's Chimney Service, Accord Mediation Services, and Twirl Playspace. Support our engineers!!!

Mondays, February 6th & 13th

- Ski days
- Please pay the bus fee if haven't already, \$32.15!

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

- PTA Meeting @ TISA's upper building 5:30

Saturday, February 11, 2012

- Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast @ Masonic Lodge, 8:00-10:00am

Friday, February 10, 2012

- End of Grading Period #2

Monday & Tuesday, February 13-14th

- Parent/Teacher Conference
- Will need to fill out paperwork for returning students for 2012-2013 school year.
- No Monday Enrichment 2/13/2012
- No School 2/14/2012

Monday, February 20, 2012

- President's Day- No School

Friday, February 24, 2012

- TISA Art Expo @ Guadalupe Gym
- review above article for grade/times

Thursday, March 1, 2012

- Lottery applications available for 2012-2013

March 12-16th, 2012

- Spring Break!

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

- SBA Testing for grades 3rd-6th
- Testing will run for two weeks (Tues., Wed., Thur.) ending on April 3, 2012.