Hello TISA Families,

What a glorious start to the school year. Your children are excited to be here and are jumping right into the learning. We had our first all school gathering on Friday. The 5th & 6th grade shared with the younger students three tableaux representing, washing the dishes, crossing the street and going to the library. Kim, our 2nd grade teacher, lead the students in what is called a gesture circle and passed a gesture around the circle. They passed a big welcome gesture and a “funky” dance gesture. The older students passed two gestures in opposite directions at the same time. Great to do and watch.

We will be having a fall family gathering on October 20th with activities for families, food (potluck/barbeque), and maybe some music. Watch your e-mail and next newsletter for the date and time.

We are always looking for help with odds and ends. Our next “ask” is to help put up some simple shade structures on the playground at Manzanares. If you can help with the project and/or donate materials, please contact Nicole and let her know.

There are many parents who help with a variety of items. I would like to take this space to say a special thank you to Jeremiah Buchanan for all the “little” things he does for us like making the pallets disappear. Thanks Jeremiah.

All the best,

Sandy Beery, Director

Reminder’s

Below you will find helpful information you have heard more than once. I still have some parents who have questions regarding time of school, and drop off/pick up. Please call if you still have questions.

Kindergarten starts at 8:30 and ends at 3:30.

1st-4th grade, school starts at 8:15 and ends at 3:40. Please do not drop off your children earlier than 8am, prior to 8am is Teacher planning time.

5th and 6th grade class starts at 8:00 and ends at 3:30.

We have many children coming to class tardy, and this is not acceptable. I now have tardy slips, so if your child is more than 15 mins. late please stop by to see me. If your child is going home with someone that is not listed on the release form, please call or email me for that day!

Parking-
This has been a big problem for our Manzanares campus. Our space is just too small for parents to park and walk their child to class. Parking is available at the Municipal Parking lot by the church and also the parking lot in front of Antonio’s Restaurant. Thank you for helping make the drop off/pick up process safe and quick for our children at school.

Please remember to view our calendar on our website www.tisataos.com for important dates and events.

TISA PTA

The TISA Parent Teacher Association is in full swing and ready to take action! We had our first meeting of the School Year on Tuesday August 23rd…. it was a very positive well attended introduction for all who participated. Monthly meetings will take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at the School’s upper building.

All parents are welcome to attend meetings as often as they would like to contribute ideas, and help our school community grow in a constructive way. For more information please feel free to e-mail Lesley Kushner TISA PTA President at kush@zianet.com. We encourage all parents to get involved in any way that you can. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 13th at 5:30 pm. Pizza and childcare will be available.

Important Dates:
Fundraising Committee Meeting Tuesday 9/6/11, 4pm@ Fun Peak PTA Meeting Tuesday 9/13/11, 5:30@ TISA’s upper building.
Monday Enrichment & After Care Programs

Please refer to the calendar on our website to view program dates. After care is Tue-Fri, 3:45-5:15, and the Monday Enrichment program is from 8:00-5:15 with lunch & snacks. We are now able to help parents with more than one child to receive half off the 2nd child, this applies to both programs. Please pay in the office and see Nicole.

In anticipation of growing numbers in our Monday Enrichment and After Care Programs, we are in search of help. If you know someone who works well with kids and likes arts & crafts, please send them our way. For more info, please contact either Sandy or Nicole at the office.

Governing Council

TISA's governing council is looking for more board members to join. If you are interested or know anyone who is interested please contact Shelley Ratigan, President of the Governing Council at elpradonm@gmail.com

Thank you!

Pillow Donations Please

TISA is asking for pillow donations so our children who are in After Care and Monday Enrichment can have a cozy reading corner. You can drop off pillows in the office.

1st Grade

Who Has Seen the Wind?
Who has seen the wind?  
Neither I nor you;  
But when the leaves hang trembling 
The wind is passing through.  
Who has seen the wind?  
Neither you nor I;  
But when the trees bow down their heads 
The wind is passing by.

Christina Rossetti

2nd Grade

Second graders have made their first paper mache rock creature puppets as part of their unit "Our Earth." The puppets are inspiring creative writing projects and helping imaginations grasp the stories that all rocks have to tell.

3rd Grade

Mmm mmm Mmmm & Yummm Yumm, should say it all....Mr. Pacheco's 3rd Grade class has a cooking class every Thursday. I think I speak on behalf of the staff when I say we are very lucky to have Mr. Pacheco and his class cooking. We enjoyed chicken noodle soup made from scratch last Thursday and this Thursday we enjoyed some spaghetti, meat balls, & garlic bread. We can’t wait to see what’s in store for upcoming Thursdays!
4th Grade-"Passing the Baton"

The fourth grade has been busy studying local plants. We've been drawing trees and leaves, and learning the difference between deciduous and coniferous trees.
We've also been moving, dancing, singing, playing the recorder and painting. Please take a look at our art gallery in the upper building. Our students are participating in the show "Passing the Baton", at La Hacienda de los Martinez, August 26-October 3rd. Please go see it if you have a chance. Here's a poem about trees we've been learning:

The Oak is called the King of Trees
The Aspen quivers in the breeze;
The Poplar grows up straight and tall,
The Pear tree spreads along the wall;
The Sycamore gives pleasant shade,
The willow droops in watery glade;
The Fir tree useful timber gives,
The Beech amid the forest lives.

Samuel Calelidge

CALENDAR REMINDERS!!

Labor Day Holiday-No School
Monday, September 5, 2011
-No Monday enrichment

Governing Council Meeting
Wednesday, Septcmber 14, 2011
6:00-8:00

Lion's Club-Eye Testing
Wednesday, September 28, 2011
9am

San Geronimo Day-No School
Friday, September 30, 2011
-No after care

Passing the Baton-4th Grade
August 26-October 3

Columbus Day-No School
Monday, October 10, 2011
-No Monday Enrichment

Southern Exposure/ Photos
Wednesday & Thursday, October 5th & 6th, 2011

TISA Fall Festival
Thursday, October 20, 2011
-more info. in next newsletter and on website

EARN AND LEARN!

Use your Smith's card each time you shop a portion of what you spend comes back to TISA! The Smith's form was sent home with your child.

Call Nicole for more information!