

Welcome Parents and Students!!



**BACK TO
SCHOOL!**



TISA

Taos, New Mexico

**August, 2014
575-758-7755**

Taos Integrated School of the Arts

Director's Message:

August 5, 2014

Dear TISA Parents:

Welcome to another school year – 2014-15! TISA has an amazing group of teachers who are eager and excited to begin the learning process with your child(ren)! Before I mention the staff, I would like to thank a number of parents who helped get one of our new buildings ready. Fiona Ratzlaff, Shelly Noble, Jeremiah Buchanan, Kristen Ryan, Brendan Brady, Tashina LaRocque, Ale Collignon, Patsy Kinney and I painted over a period of a few days. Heather Nelson and Carolyn Tartaglia supplied us with pizza and other goodies. Eric Mack and David Kinney did a wonderful job of weed eating – so the grounds look a little better. THANKS!!

If you haven't stopped by our new Salazar campus, please do that. Grades K-4 will be housed there. Dr. Patsy Kinney will be doing an administrative internship with me and she will be the teacher in charge on that campus when I am not able to be there. The reason we have moved the lower grades there is because the classrooms are already structured for small children. Hopefully, by the end of this school year the entire campus will be at that location. We'll keep you posted.

We are beginning our school year with parent/student/teacher conferences. The teachers felt that it would be more productive to begin the year with conferences rather than end the year that way. Your child's teacher will contact you to schedule a time and we expect all students and at least one parent to attend. The teachers will be asking at these conferences for ways in which you can volunteer. TISA is a public state-chartered school and as such, we never have enough support. We count on our parents to volunteer in a number of ways and teachers will be sharing that with you.

Children will start their first day of school of August, 19th. Please note that the offices are staying at the Manzanares campus and any late students ten minutes or more will need a tardy slip from Nicole in the office.

Our amazing staff: Jutka Furesz, Kindergarten; Tashina LaRocque, First Grade, Patsy Kinney, Second Grade; Ale Collignon, Third Grade; Linda Seto, Fourth Grade; Angela Abbate, Fifth Grade; Naomi Cyr, Sixth Grade, Jamie Grefe, Seventh Grade; and Megan Avina, Eighth Grade and Audrey Martinez, Special Education Coordinator. We all look forward to a great year of learning for everyone.

Message from TISA PTA:

The TISA PTA is excited for the upcoming school year, and as such will be hosting the TISA Welcome Back Picnic/ Potluck, which we are so pleased to be having at the new campus on Tuesday, August 26, from 4-6pm. It will give everyone a chance to spend time together, see our new space and all the work that has been done over the summer, and to relax together as we get into the swing of the school year.

TISA PTA is looking to start fresh this year, while maintaining our traditional fundraisers and events. We're really hoping to grow our membership, so please consider joining. We are hoping for an infusion of energy and participation so that we can continue to bridge communication between teachers and parents, work to continue to provide very necessary art supplies and extras for the teachers, and generally support TISA in its efforts to grow and thrive. Being a charter school, we rely on parental participation for so much. TISA PTA needs YOU!

We are so looking forward to this brand new year and to welcoming all of the new families and students to TISA, as well as seeing the return of so many. Let's celebrate together!



August 14th, 15th & 19th

All teachers will be contacting parents via email or phone to setup a meeting time for either Thursday, August 14th or Friday, August 15th. Students should attend with parents. Technically, the student first day of school is Tuesday, August 19th. Please review the below class start and end times. Please make sure you are not dropping off your student more than ten (10) minutes prior to the start of class. If your child is more than ten (10) minutes late, you will need to get a tardy slip from the office located at 123 Manzanares Street. If you need to sign your child out early for an appointment, please do so in the office. You can also send an email to Nicole@tisataos.com or call 758-7755 to help speed up the process on pulling the child out from class.

Monday Enrichment & Aftercare

TISA is happy to announce that the Monday Enrichment Program and Aftercare Program will be up and running for the 14/15 school year. Monday Enrichment will start on Monday, August 18th from 8:00-5:00, and has a fee of \$20 per child per day. Aftercare will start on Tuesday, August 19th from 3:30-5:30. Kimberly Hamill, TISA's former 1st grade teacher will sub for Ms. Audrey until October 1st. The aftercare fee is \$5 per child per day. TISA will not be able to credit days if paid in advance, please make sure payment is being within the same week of services needed. I will send a separate email of what the Monday program entails. We do need at least 10 students every Monday in order to keep the program running and at a low cost. The programs will not run if it is a holiday or if we do not have school.

Reminders to Students

- Bring a snack, lunch & water bottle
- Bring backpack and supplies
- Dress accordingly

Reminders to Parents

Your child will need the following supplies this year:

1. backpack
2. snack
3. lunch
4. water bottle
5. transportation

Class Start & End Times

School day will be: Tuesday-Friday

Kinder 8:30-3:30

1st- 4th 8:15-3:40

5th-6th 8:00-3:50

7th-8th 8:00-4:05

Kinder-4th grade will be at 1021 Salazar Road.
575-758-3855

5th-8th grade will be at 123 Manzanares Street
PH: 575-758-7755
Fax: 575-758-7766

Mailing Address for both campuses:
PO Box 668 Taos, NM 87571

Upcoming Events

Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences

Thursday and Friday, August 14th & 15th

First Day of School

Tuesday, August 19th

TISA PTA Welcome Potluck @ 1021 Salazar Rd. TCEDC complex

Tuesday, August 26th from 4-6 p.m.

Inclement Weather TISA follows the public system for delays and closings. Please tune into your local radio station or news channels for updates. You can also sign up for text alerts through taosnews.com.

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