



February 2013

## Message from Director

### SWIMMING

I want to swim  
I want to flip  
I want to dive in  
I want to cannonball in  
I want to jump in  
I want to slide in  
Are there sharks in this pool?

--Kindergarten

### TRIANGLE

Mountain  
Pyramid  
Roof  
Nose  
Pizza piece  
beak  
A  
pine tree  
leaf  
pirate sail

■ Kindergarten



Hello TISA families. I would like to share a little of what I have learned from our fabulous teachers and what they are doing in their classes with Conscious Discipline.



Jutka taught us a song that incorporated movement. This activity provides the group with an opportunity to connect, feel a sense of unity, practice rhythms, follow a sequence and get the neurons firing and the brain ready to learn.



Megan taught us how she has her students show they care for each other. We drew a name from the hat then made a card for that person. We were to write words and/or draw pictures describing what we appreciate about that person.



Ale's class has Wish You Well Fridays in her class. Students either choose a classmate at random or choose someone in their lives. They then write a card wishing them well and providing specifics about why they are wishing them Well. Some days they write a card to themselves, wishing themselves well.



Ask your students about how they are connecting, wishing well, starting their brain and de-stressing. I am sure they would be happy to teach you what they are learning in class.



I wish you well,



Sandy Beery

# TISA "PHI" - nalists

Hi TISA! Welcome Back to TISA in 2013. We have, through great effort and perseverance, in concert with TISA Students and Teachers of all grade levels and the TISA Parent Teacher Association, identified THREE finalists for the TISA PHI Logo.

Congratulations to Drake Miera, Sasha Kushner and Harmony Bivens for creating images that, judged on their ability to communicate TISA-ness, were chosen by the PTA.

Over 50 submissions were evaluated. Many were accompanied with great stories - including Ellam Aspen, Venice and Eddie in 2nd grade and Sasha and Harmony in 3rd grade.

The top 15 logo entries are on display in the white room at the Manzanares Campus. The top three images are included here:

TISA Calendar events coming up.

SB9 mil levy and School Board elections are February 5th. PLEASE participate. SB9 = tens of thousands of dollars for TISA.

For February, parents should expect an invitation to the second round of TISA classroom CURRICULUM NIGHTS. The end of the second trimester is February 8, and PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES will take place on Monday and Tuesday February 11th and 12th. There will be no classes held on either day.

Spring Break is approaching in March from March 11 to the 15th.

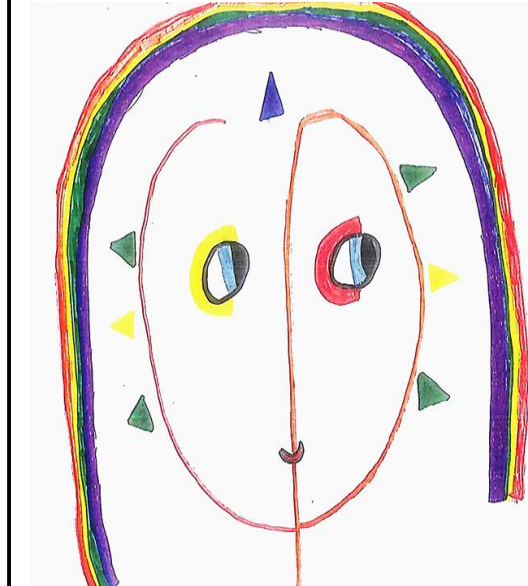
NM State SBA testing will take place from March 18th to April 5. ALL 3-7th graders must test. It is greatly easier to take the sessions sequentially without make-up days - so PLAN on Perfect Attendance during this period.

TISA Volunteerism

Mr. Kelly has a list of things that a parent volunteer could really help with. Please don't hesitate to contact him at [warren@tisataos.com](mailto:warren@tisataos.com). Small jobs or long term assignments, we can find something that will help your children's school.

Thanks,

Warren Kelly



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

2-8  
End of Grading Period

2-11 & 2-12  
Parent/teacher conferences  
No School

2-13  
Governing Council Meeting  
6pm

2-18  
Presidents Day/  
Last day of Ski Program

### Reminder Parents

TISA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Curriculum night will take place during February. Please ask your child's teacher for further information.

### From the Office

It's that time again, TISA will be sending home the, Are you returning form for the upcoming school year 2013-2014. This form will be sent out to every student on February 5th. All forms will need to be turned into your students' teacher. A great time to get this form in would be during parent/teacher conferences. If you have siblings enrolled, be sure to fill a form out for each child. We have proposed dates for our open lottery, the lottery will open on March 18th and close on April 23rd so we can draw on April 26th. It is very important we get the form back so we know how many spots we are drawing for in each grade. If you know someone who is interested in TISA, please give them our lottery dates. Please do not send them to us before the lottery opens as the lottery application will not be available. We do advertise in The Taos News, through our website, with flyers, and the radio stations. Thanks for your cooperation in advance.

Nicole



## Kindergarten

**BLOOD, BONES, and BODY BITS!**

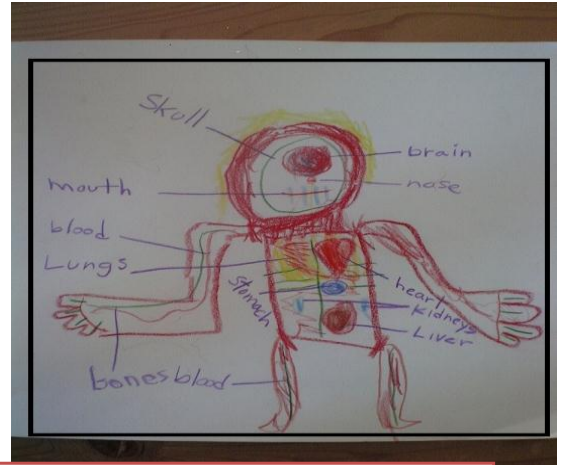
We are launching a gutsy life science unit in kindergarten.

Once we figure out which body part goes where, we will

be even making our own Frankenstein!

Coming up: parents, please stay tuned for a parent curriculum afternoon in kindergarten.

Enjoy Jeremiah Robertshaw's take on artsy human



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Less is more this month as first grade dives into subtraction with the help of number bonds and number sentences. Practice "taking away" with your child as you drive to and from school each day.

We put last weeks pizza boxes to good use as we prepare for our class generated "Moon Over TISA" folk tale. Each student has a full moon name and has decorated their moon face accordingly.

Some favorites worth howling over include the Worm Moon, Strawberry Moon, Sturgeon Moon and Full Wolf Moon just to name a few. We are all very excited for our class trip to the Taos Children's Library where we will learn how to use the computers to locate our favorite books.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

After spending some time in January learning about and discussing the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, second grade is delving into New Mexico studies and storytelling. We are working on puppet shows, a play of Aesop's fables, New Mexico maps, New Mexico animal and habitat studies and more!



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

It's hard to believe the month of February is upon us! The third grade class has been busy with the start of our Sun, Moon, and Stars unit. Over the last few weeks we have learned all about how the sun appears to move across the sky, and what causes shadows. We have been keeping science journals where we have made predictions, noted observations, and analyzed data. We have integrated the arts by making a special art Oproject which will be one of the focal points of our upcoming curriculum night. We are excited to start our study of the moon!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

The 4th grade class has been working on simplifying and reducing fractions. I'm getting a lot better at this and so is the rest of the class. We can now add and subtract common fractions as well as find equivalent fractions. Even some of our parents can't do this.

We are also working on our play and this is progressing well. Our performance includes the sword dance. Some of us are dancing and the rest are playing the recorder. The sword dancers have wooden swords and use them to make an awesome dance. The recorder people also have a very important part and need to keep the dancers moving with their music.

We're excited about some upcoming events. We will be going to the Harwood Museum to participate in their arts in education program. We can't wait to see what we'll be doing this month! We also will be going to the High Altitude Gymnastics Academy to do gymnastics once a week for the month of February! Stay tuned next month to hear more about ongoing events in the class!

Brooke Walker  
4th grade reporter

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

We had a wonderful Medieval Fair and NASA mission. We have begun our Bridge unit in getting ready for the competition on March 8th. (News of the location will come shortly!) You should have gotten Sweetheart Pancake breakfast tickets please sell and return money or unsold tickets. You can also get more! Parent Teacher conferences are Feb. 11th and 12th please make sure you have scheduled one and your child's presence is requested! Please send in snack, pencils, erasers, masking tape, glue sticks and wipes. Thanks as always for all your support. Any questions or concerns don't hesitate to call, email or drop a note or drop by.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sixth Grade is hard at work on their Greek Studies Unit in anticipation of their Welcome to Mount Olympus Open House to be held on Thursday, February 21st from 2:30-5:00. Our drama teacher, Mr. John, has written a very funny play involving mythical characters which will be performed at 2:30 and again at 4:30. We will also be researching and "becoming" one of the Greek gods or goddesses, and will share our stories. Other activities include levers and pulleys investigations from our science kits, and our collection of myths. Please join us if you can!

