

# TISA

TAOS INTEGRATED SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

## Directors Message:

Hello TISA families. I write this as the wind is picking up again. Welcome to New Mexico in the spring. Also, my nose is telling me that the juniper trees are getting busy!

I hope many of you have been able to attend your child's curriculum night activities in recent weeks. This is a great way for you as parents to stay informed about what and how the learning is happening in classrooms at TISA. I also know our teachers look forward to sharing with you.

Check out the rest of the newsletter for news of upcoming events and happenings. Remind your friends that our lottery is now open and we will be accepting lottery applications until April 23<sup>rd</sup> and will draw on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Come by and say hello and visit your child's classroom if you get a moment or two. Our teachers would love to see you.

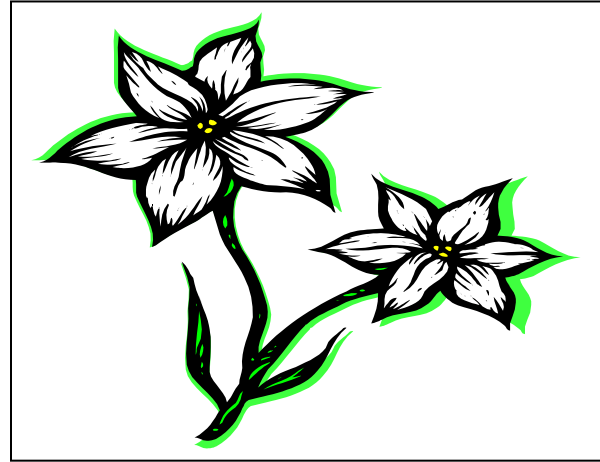
Happy Spring and hold on to your hats!

Sandy Beery



## Monday Enrichment!

The weather is slowly warming up and Ms. Maya & John Biscello have a lot of fun projects planned for the upcoming Mondays. Baking, tie dying, art lessons with Alison, science projects like the making of volcanoes, pizza making, just to name a few events of what's in store! For more information or dates on certain events, please e-mail Nicole or Maya at [nicole@tisataos.com](mailto:nicole@tisataos.com) or [mavabyv17@yahoo.com](mailto:mavabyv17@yahoo.com)



## Update from the PTA

Hello TISA Families ---

We will be having our next PTA Meeting on Tuesday, March 6th at 5:30 pm at the upper building. As usual there will be pizza and childcare available. At this month's meeting we will discuss our Spring Festival of Learning which will take place on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Guadalupe Gym. We are brainstorming on Spring Campus projects which will include a campus clean-up as well as a gardening project. If you will not be able to attend our upcoming meeting but would like to be involved with these projects, please let me know and we will put you and your ideas to work!!!!

I would also like to remind you 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.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our Tuesday Meeting!!!!

All the Best ---  
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TISA PTA --- president ---  
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*Fourth Grade*



*Kindergarten*

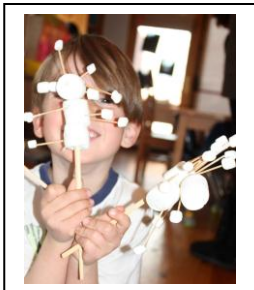
Through the theme, "Lessons of the Heart," the kindergartners have been studying the human body inside and out.

We learned about the blood, the heart, the veins and arteries, circulation, and many of the tiny particles that are working in our body day and night.

How fascinating to think the battles our body fights for our health each and every day!

We explored the blood circulation of a T-Rex and built our own pump to simulate the mechanism of the heart.

To delight our families and 1st and 2nd graders, we created "bloody puppet shows" starring "the limber platelets," "the white superheroes of the blood," and "the industrious red blood cells."



It was standing room only on Friday night as the fourth grade brought the story of The Theft of Thor's Hammer to a crowd of family members and friends. The students conveyed the story through prose and poetry as the crowd sat riveted to their seats anticipating the next action by Thor and Loki to Thrym's, Lord of the Ice Giants, demands. As in all good myths, good won over evil in the end and Thor smite the Giants with his mighty hammer Mjolnir. The evening ended with an amazing performance of the North Skelton Sword Dance by the students.

If you missed this performance, come to the April 14th celebration of learning to see it again! Thank you to John Biscello for his theater direction and to Mr. Pacheco and the third grade class for the use of their room.

The fourth grade has now begun a study of the geology of ancient New Mexico and the culture of Mesa Prieta. We are going to learn about petroglyphs and pictographs, mapping skills, timelines, archaeology and the people and culture of the ancient Tewa Pueblos and their connection to modern Pueblos. The project will also include a field work day at the site of Mesa Prieta.

*FIRST GRADE*

The 1st grade celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday! They made "Cat in the Hat" hats, ate green eggs and ham, watched Dr. Seuss movies, and read Dr. Seuss stories. Let's not forget the best part, the children got to wear their pj's all day long!

Green eggs & ham!



The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.  
-- Dr. Seuss



## ***Fifth Grade***

Tisa-Taos Stick Bridge Competition will take place on March 9 at the Gary Embler Gym at Taos Charter School from 12 to 2:30.

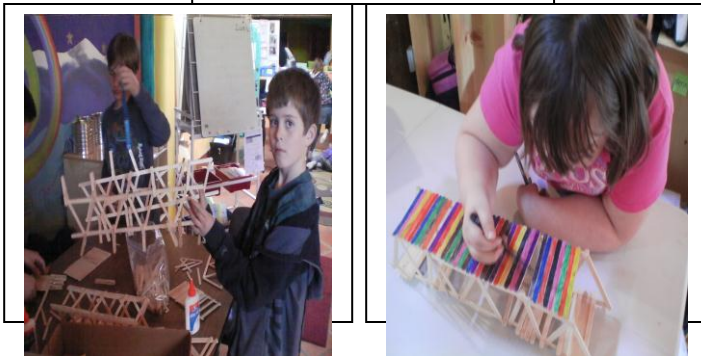
5th and 6th grade students will arrive by bus at 12:00 noon. Bring lunch and eat while judges consider Engineering Boards and bridges.

Bridges will begin breaking at 12:30 or 12:45. We hope to finish the destruction by 2:30. 5th and 6th students will board the bus at 3:00 to return to La Posta. Parents are welcome.

Parents and Community Members interested in being Judges must report to the Gary Embler Gym at noon. We would love your help. Your job should be over in an hour.

Check out some building photos,

Mr. Kelly



## ***Important Dates***

**Thursday, 3/1 Open Lottery**

**Friday, 3/2 Dr. Seuss 108<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**Tuesday, 3/6 PTA Meeting  
5:30 @TISA upper building  
Wednesday, 3/7 Fundraising  
Grant Writing meeting 5:30  
@ upper building**

**3/12-3/16- Spring Break  
-No School, No Monday  
Enrichment & No Aftercare**

**3/20-4/3, SBA Testing for  
grades 3-6th**

**Wednesday, 3/21 Governing  
Board Council Meeting  
6:00 @ TISA upper bldg.**

**Saturday, 4/14 Spring  
Festival @ Guadalupe Gym  
3:00-5:00**

**Friday, 4/6-Vernal Holiday  
No School, No Aftercare**

**Monday, 4/9- Vernal Holiday  
No Monday Enrichment**

## ***Acoustic Guitar Program***

The first round of the guitar class is about to come to an end next week. The second round will begin the week we return from Spring Break. Those students that are progressing well from the first round will continue into a Guitar II class which will continue to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A second guitar class will begin for new interested students, parents and teachers. This class will begin after Spring Break and be held on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00. If you are interested in signing up for the new guitar class, please contact Nicole and let her know as soon as possible to begin to get a head count.

### ***ATTENTION PARENTS:***

***PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE TO LOOK IN THE LOST AND FOUND BOX! THE BOX IS NOW OVER FLOWING WITH REALLY NICE COATS, SHIRTS, HATS, & EVEN A PAIR OF JEANS. COME CLAIM YOUR BELONGINGS BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE DOES!!!***