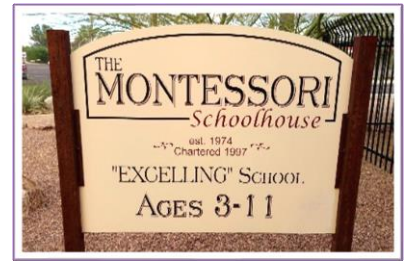


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Upcoming Events And Information

RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS ARE DUE!

RODEO BREAK
THURSDAY & FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 20TH & 21ST

SPRING BREAK
MARCH 23RD – 27TH

AZM2 TESTING
UPPER ELEM STUDENTS
MARCH 30TH – APRIL 8TH
EXACT DATES TO FOLLOW
SOON

AIMS SCIENCE TEST
GRADE 4 ONLY
MARCH 30TH – APRIL
17TH
EXACT DATE TO FOLLOW
SOON

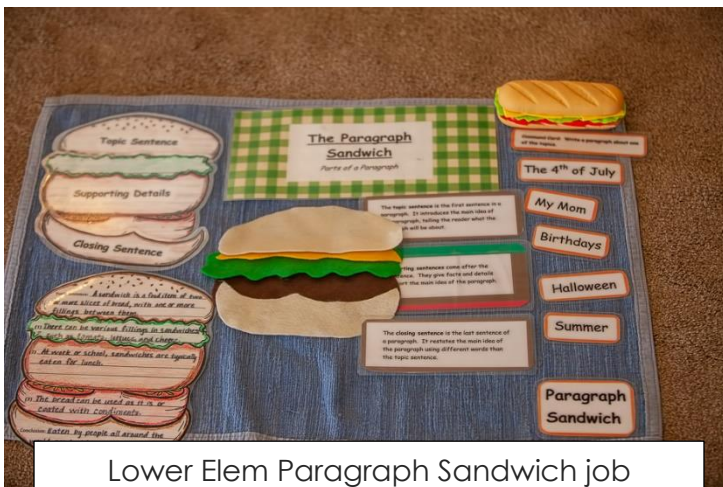
YOUR SCHOOL TAX CREDIT CAN BE DONATED UNTIL APRIL 15TH!



Dear Parents,
Welcome back! We hope the New Year is off to a great start for everyone. We are all feeling invigorated and excited for this Spring semester. We thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school and your child's education.

LOWER ELEMENTARY

The Lower Elementary classroom is still floating in space after all the spectacular projects and presentations in December: Consuming Black Holes! Planet Myths! Gondolas and Venice! Michelangelo and Galileo! We all had a great time traveling and learning. Now we venture back in time to meet **Early**



Lower Elem Paragraph Sandwich job

Humans,
the **Ice Age**
and our **Snowball Earth!** What is Giantism and why did animals adapt this way?

After some exploration of **Land and Water** forms (isthmus: rhymes with Christmas), we will stay in Ancient times and visit **Ancient Egypt**...

Math is its own array of multiples and processes. The students are practicing subtraction and know **Column-Row-Array**. This prepares them for set work and multiplication.

In **Language**, get ready for writing with imagery and **Metaphor** which launch our much-loved **Poetry** sequence.



Learning constellations with Hannah

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Upper Elementary has been busy with so many amazing projects! We recently had our **Science Fair** with 21 students participating. The evaluators who ranged from engineers, to mathematicians, to physicists, and medical doctors recommended 11 students' projects to participate in the SARSEF Science Fair in March. Congratulations to all our participants!

Another Upper El project was the successful **Choir Concert** presented last Friday. The choir performed a variety of complex pieces of music as well as fun rounds! The concert was very well received, and the audience requested two encores! Some favorites included "**Farewell, My Friend,**" "**Just Like Clockwork,**" and "**Happy.**" The choir enjoyed a pizza buffet after the concert. To celebrate our great success, we will be watching a movie on Friday: **Beethoven Lives Upstairs**. This is in preparation for our upcoming musical play: **The Binding Tale of Beethoven's Bookworms**. The performance of the musical play is **tentatively set for Sunday, May 17, 2020**. Details are firming up soon.

In other news for Upper El, we have begun a unit on **Perimeter and Area** in **Math**, **Energy** in **Science**, and **Opinion/Persuasive Writing** in **Language Arts**. The students have enjoyed finding the perimeter and area of rugs and tables in our classroom, as well as making toast to study **The Law of Conservation of Energy**. Upcoming is an **Opinion/Persuasive Letter** to a surprise recipient: parents! Look for it in the mail. In **Geography**, we are exploring the wonders of **Ancient Greece**.



ABSENCES

School policy requires all absences to be reported to the school each day your child is not in school. Is your child out for illness, an appointment or family emergency? Please give the reason for the absence. **Academic presentations are not repeated and excessive absences can have a negative effect on your child's academic success and their readiness to move to the next grade.**

TOYS AND PERSONAL ITEMS

We ask that all toys and personal items be kept at home. Big or fancy jewelry, big or fancy dresses, special pens, hats with too much decoration or other small personal items can all cause distractions in the classroom. **If it is not educational in nature, Please LEAVE IT AT HOME.**

SNACK SIGN-UP:

Please continue to sign up to **bring snack for your child's class EVERY month.** Paige's class needs 100% participation to meet every school day need during the month. Students enjoy every morsel you bring.

COATS & JACKETS

Coats and jackets left over the Winter Break are still here! Please see Rosemary to retrieve your child's clothing that was left behind. **We will donate unclaimed clothing in May.**

RE-ENROLLMENT

Please return your intent to re-enroll form ASAP. We have many families looking to enroll at our amazing school. We want to be sure we save your child's spot. **Last day to re-enroll is Friday, January 31st.**

AZ SCHOOL TAX CREDIT INFORMATION

Thank you to all the families who have already re-directed their AZ taxes to the school. We are very proud of our extra-curricular activities and these dollars will be well spent. If you have not yet contributed, please consider doing so as soon as possible. **You can allocate \$200/\$400 of your state income tax to our school until April 15th!** Ask Rosemary for details if you are unsure how this tax credit works.

OVERHEARD

Charlotte R., decorating a holiday cookie with red, blue and white frosting, swirled around:

"Kind of looks like plasma."



[Ed. Note: I'm kinda thinking this is the first First Grader to ever say that!]

Thank Yous

- ❖ Thank you to all parents and families who continue to support us with their tax credit contributions.
- ❖ Thank you, parents and families, for the delicious snacks you have been preparing and bringing.
- ❖ Thank you for always pulling forward in the Turn-A-Round.
- ❖ Thank you Ailsa Gonzalez for allowing us the use of your church for our concerts.
- ❖ Thank you to Allen for all the repairs you make to keep us working smoothly!

Enjoy our beautiful Southwest winter,

*Regine, Hannah, Olive, Perla, Paige, Maddie, Alicia, Nui,
Roxy, Josephine, Kristine, Rosemary and Matt*