

The Montessori Elementary School

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Principal's News

Wow, did the year go by fast! We truly have had a great year and are looking forward to the upcoming school year! We have accomplished a lot this year and have had some incredible events at TMES. Through the continued support from our great families and community, we have had the privilege of playing violin at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe, acquired a new greenhouse, been fortunate to win grants for various upcoming projects and were able to secure a new permanent building for our school. I want to thank each and every parent and volunteer for all the help we have received in giving our children a world-class education! Congratulations to our 2008 graduates and welcome to our new '08-'09 families! Have a safe and happy summer!

~Mary Jane Besante

Business Manager News

Thank you for your help and participation in fundraising this year. Due to a funding decrease for all district schools, we are forced to fundraise to help meet the needs for TMES overall. Please help us meet the goal of \$30,000 that we set at the beginning of the '07-'08 school year for various projects and needs. To date we have purchased classroom materials, a new kiln, several violins, musical instruments and more. Without the support from our families, we would not have the amazing program for our children that we do. The money that we fundraise will go towards a school library, playground equipment, new building needs, etc. We truly appreciate any and all fundraising participation we receive from our generous parents!

~ Stan Albrycht

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New Building Update

TMES' new building is under construction! The project has started and is slated to be completed for the upcoming school year. The building plans are available for viewing at TMES if you would like to see a layout. We still have a lot of work ahead of us with moving and setting up the school. We can use all the help we can get! Packing will start on Thursday, May 22. If you are available to help in any way, please contact Jill Riester at 281-1337 or riesterr@msn.com. Any help is appreciated! If you are not able to volunteer in May, we will need your help before school starts to set up the new classrooms. Thanks in advance for your help and support!

Personalized Bricks

Have your name etched in history! TMES is selling personalized bricks to commemorate the opening of our new, permanent building. The bricks will be placed in a prominent position at the new building. Each brick can have a maximum of 2 lines with 13 spaces or characters per line. TMES is selling each brick for only \$100! Bricks may be personalized for TMES families or individuals of TMES families. If interested in ordering a brick, or if you have any questions, e-mail MJ at reception@tmesnm.com. Don't miss this awesome opportunity to leave your mark on our new campus! Reserve a limited-edition brick today!

Fundraising and Family Fun Opportunities!!!



Octopus Car Wash Coupon Fundraiser



The Montessori Elementary School has teamed up with Octopus Car Washes to offer 'The Works' car wash coupons as a fundraiser. The coupons cost \$14.00 each and TMES gets to keep \$7.00 out of that \$14.00!

The details of this fundraiser are:

- 'The Works' car wash includes (normally sells for \$13.99 or more):
 - Full Service Car Wash
 - 2-Step Clear Coat Sealant
 - Underchassis Flush
 - Tire Shine
 - Fragrance
- The coupon may be used at any of the 6 Octopus locations in Albuquerque by July 31, 2008.
- You may pay the difference to upgrade the package if you wish.
- The \$14.00 price includes tax and large vehicles price (a savings of at least \$1.00!)
- The coupon is the same as cash (like a gift card).
- Every \$14.00 coupon you sell, we get to keep \$7.00!

These coupons would make great gifts! Don't forget about Father's Day, coaches, teachers, graduations, etc. Tell family, friends and co-workers about this great opportunity too! If you would like to purchase any car wash coupons, please send cash or check payable to "TMES" to the school address and we will send them to you in the mail. You are also welcome to stop by and pick some up during normal business hours!

Progress on Fundraisers

We have raised quite a bit of money this year through fundraising and donations. Thank you for all of support! Please help us reach our goal of \$30,000. We have several fundraising opportunities throughout the year however we are always thankful for lump sum donations! Throughout this newsletter, we have many fundraisers currently underway; please help us make them successful! If you can help in any way, please let us know. There are many ways to help. Donations of time (volunteering for school events and on committees), money or services are always appreciated!

- ❖ Octopus Car Wash- To date, we are half way to our goal of selling 200 tickets! Tickets are available at the front desk or through the mail until the expiration date of July 31st, 2008.
- ❖ Jog-A-Thon- As of 5/15/08, we have received \$5,509.00, which includes a very generous donation from a TMES grandparent of \$1,000.00! (Please try to have all money in by 5/16/08.)
- ❖ Target- We have received a total of \$205.10 so far this year.
- ❖ Cash Donations this school year for the TMES General Fund- We have received \$1,500.00 +.
- ❖ Intel- We have received \$2,000.00 this year.
- ❖ PNM Grants- We have received \$5,900.00 between two classroom grants.

FUN Family Opportunity!

TMES has set up a special opportunity (**not** a fundraiser) for our TMES families with 'The Isleta FUN Connection'. On Monday, August 4th, our families have an opportunity to get special rates on bowling and laser tag from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. The details are as follows:

- **Bowling**- The special rate is set at only \$2.00 per person, per game. The cost includes shoe rental.
- **Laser Tag**- The special rate is set at only \$3.00 per person, per game.

If you are interested in taking advance of this great opportunity, you must call and make reservations by Friday, August 1st with Tammy @ 244-8208 at The FUN Connection. This would be a great way to get families together to kick off the new school year! (FYI- The block reserved for this opportunity coincides with our golf tournament at Isleta Eagle Golf Course.)



ISLETA EAGLE GOLF COURSE

2nd Annual TMES Golf Tournament & Silent Auction

Monday, August 4th, 2008
Isleta Eagle Golf Course
4001 Highway 47 SE
Albuquerque, NM 87105

TMES is excited to present our 2nd Annual TMES Golf Tournament! This is a fun and exciting event to benefit our school! We are currently taking registrations for players and sponsors. Get your registration form in soon to take advantage of our Early Bird rates! If you know of any golfers or business owners, please tell them about our tournament! If you would like to help secure sponsorships or donations for the silent auction, we have a TMES letter available to you to ask for donations and sponsorships. Please contact MJ at reception@tmesnm.com or 796-0149 for more information. (Registration forms to follow soon.)

Start Time: 8:00 am - Shotgun start

Format: 4-Person Scramble

Hole Sponsorships: \$150 per hole

Overall Sponsorships: \$500 per company (includes prominent advertising on advertising material and at event)

Early Bird Foursome Registration: \$375 per team (before June 30th, 2008)

Foursome Registration: \$425 per team (after June 30th, 2008)

Early Bird Individual Registration Fee: \$100 per person (before June 30th, 2008)

Individual Registration Fee: \$125 per person (after June 30th, 2008)

Includes: Green Fees, Cart Fees, Range Balls, Goodie Bag, Silent Auction Buffet Lunch Following the Event

Additional Lunches for Guests: \$11.00 per person

Registration fees, sponsorships and lunches may be paid by cash, check or can be invoiced.
Please make checks payable to 'TMES'

School Supplies Option

The TMES Fundraising Committee is putting together pre-packaged school supplies for each class as an option for our parents and a fundraiser for the school. We will be sending out detailed supply lists for each class during the summer, with information on how much each pre-packaged bundle will cost. Keep a look out for the information in June!

Some Quick Notes....

- **Girl Scouts**- If you are interested in your Kindergarten daughter joining a Daisy troop, please contact Patty Timpone at 344-1040. If you have a 1st through 3rd grade girl and would be interested in Brownie Girl Scouts, please contact one of our new parents, Megan Argo at argo@law.unm.edu.
- Do you know an Intel employee? Let them know of a special program going on at Intel where a donation made to our school will be matched by the company. Tell them to go to www.easymatch.com/intel for more info. What a great way to really make a difference!

Kudos- We really want to thank...

We have some great parent volunteers! Thank you for volunteering at TMES and making our school great!

Principal

Mary Jane Besante

Business Manager/H.R.

Stan Albrycht

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We are also sending this via e-mail! If you do not receive this via e-mail, please update your e-mail address (if you have one) at: reception@tmesnm.com!

Thank you

- Michelle Dickey
- Cara Flynn
- Lynnett & Raul Griego
- Darra Giersch
- Lama Breidi
- Jill Riester
- Alex Piland
- Stacy and Spencer Visconti
- Lynn Boldt
- Theresa Fleming
- Rebecca and Daniel Baillet
- Juliette Crandall
- Chinn Tong
- Jeff & Jane Burns
- Gabrielle Meese
- Laure Derr
- Karen Tatum
- Larissa Ritter

On-going Fundraising Opportunities

Shop to earn money for TMES! Our school is now registered in three programs that give a portion of the amount you spend to TMES. In order for the money you spend to go to TMES, you must participate in the following ways:

- Smith's Food & Drug Stores 'Earn & Learn' program - Call 1-800-764-8897 (Have your Fresh Values Card number handy)
- Target 'Take Charge of Education' program - register your REDcard on Target.com or call 1-800-316-6142 (Must have a Target card to participate.)



*** Important Upcoming Events ***

May:

Wednesday 21st - Last day of '07-'08 school year (dismissal at 1:00 pm)
Thursday 22nd - First day of packing

August:

Monday 4th - 2nd Annual TMES Golf Tournament and Silent Auction
Monday 4th - Isleta FUN Connection Family Event

September:

Tuesday - Friday 2nd-5th - Registration Week (schedule will be mailed)
Monday 8th - Ice Cream Social/ Orientation Day