



La Puerta School for the Arts, Sciences and Agriculture

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Appreciation

Kindness and generosity of others has allowed La Puerta School to flourish. We offer our heartfelt appreciation to:

- Wayne & Chrimson, JulieAnne, Ann Cunningham and Sue Parker for helping at the Rummage Sale this past weekend.
- Gabriel's family for providing snacks this week.
- Gabriela Silva for being a chaperone/helper on our trip to Albuquerque to see Charlotte's Web.
- Chrimson, Wayne & Phin—Royal Door Donor.

Student-Lead Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for next Friday, October 28th. After considering feedback from last year's conferences and trying to accommodate 5 more students, I have arranged the day a little differently. I can meet with each family individually for 25 minutes. The private meeting with Mrs Erin in the yoga room will take place AFTER your child has reviewed their portfolio with you in the main classroom.

Please indicate on the notice that I will be sending out tomorrow, Thursday, your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice conference times with Mrs. Erin—keeping in mind you will need to arrive at least 1/2 before to review your child's portfolio.

Tis the Season (Cough, Cough.....Sniffle, Sniffle)

As the cold and flu season begins here in Northern New Mexico I wanted to remind you to please keep your child home if they are not feeling well and are sick. As stated in our handbook, if a child comes to school with any of the following symptoms and we don't see it until after they have been dropped off—we will call you to come take your child home: fever, diarrhea, severe rash, persistent cough, yellow or green mucus, vomiting, sore throat, pink eye, pinworms or lice. Thank you.

Important Dates & Reminders

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October 25th & 26th—Tuesday and Wednesday next week Mrs. Erin will be in Albuquerque serving on an accreditation team for a small school. Ms. Lisa Schwartzberg will be coming in to work with Mrs. Barbara on these two days.

Tuesday, October 25th—Abiquiu Library—Please remember to return library books that were checked out from Abiquiu.

Friday, October 28th—No School—Student Lead Conferences

- Please remember to send your child's signed reflection back to school each Monday.
- We are looking for small boxes that children can keep index cards in—something similar to a recipe box. If you have one that you are not using -please send it to school. Thanks!

Parent Committee

We're getting the ball rolling with forming La Puerta's Parent Committee. Gabriela Silva, Mario's mom, has agreed to take the lead in organizing our first Parent Committee Meeting. A survey will be sent out to you asking your first and second choices regarding available days of the week and times of day for scheduling the first meeting. Please send your responses back as soon as possible.

Thank you!



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Charlotte's Web

Although it was quite a journey, the children said that it was worth it to see Charlotte's Web! We've been reading the book in class, but did not make it to the end before our trip. SO the children made up their own ending to the story. I'm excited to see how they ended the story and see how it compares to the play.

After the Q&A session where the children got to ask the actors some questions, they agreed to taking a picture with us!



Food Drive

Begins next week on Monday, October 24th. Please begin sending non-perishable food items to school.



Making Paper

It only seems fitting that if the children are going to be learning about family and mapping out ancestors—they would do this on a "Family Tree." Why not learn a little more about where paper comes from at the same time? Today, Iren, taught the children how to make their own paper—and—the paper they made will be used as their family tree!

