



La Puerta School for the Arts, Sciences and Agriculture

Where we open the *DOOR* to a world of possibility!

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Appreciation

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

- Rio's family for providing snacks last week.
- Chrimson Crabtree for sending fresh snack for the children our first week.
- Salomon and Raul Manzanares for all the work they are doing on the school grounds—most recently putting up our fence and hoop house.
- Barbara Manzanares for spending Wednesday morning with us!
- Mario Manzanares for installing an air conditioner in the music studio.
- The "Hummingbirds" for donating a hummingbird feeder for our Founding Members Garden.

Weaving Demonstration with Barbara Manzanares

Barbara Manzanares, a self-taught weaver, spent Wednesday morning with us at the school. She brought lots of goodies to show and talk about with the children. She showed pictures of the dying process and passed around some plants and a bug that she uses to dye her wool. Then we got to work! We had the children weaving on three different types of looms; a Navajo Loom, a table loom and a small handheld cardboard loom. Pictures to come.....

Handwriting Without Tears

This is the handwriting program we use at La Puerta. New students will be taking home a template that shows how each letter is formed. There are also some great resources on-line at: <http://www.hwtears.com/hwt>. This program promotes writing letters from top to bottom—left to right.

Important Reminders & Dates to Remember

Wednesday, September 14th—New Mexico State Fair—We will depart the school at 8:00 am and return around 5:00pm. Remember to bring a car seat if your child is required to be in one. Also, sunscreen, hats and water bottles would be a good idea to send with your children. Remember all fees(\$15.00) for this trip are due by this Friday 9/9.

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Sunday, September 18th—El Rito Parish Fiesta—Sunday, September 18th is El Rito's Parish Fiesta.

We will set up a booth to promote La Puerta. We will also do face painting and sell baked goods. We need your help on this day between the hours of 12:00 and 4:00 to "man" our booth. Please let me know the times you will be available to help.

Tuesday, September 20th—Ghost Ranch—Get ready for an action packed—fun filled day at Ghost Ranch! We will spend our morning with Alex, the resident paleontologist, hiking to the ceolophys quarry. The afternoon will be filled with team building activities during the low ropes course. We depart La Puerta at 9:00am and return at 3:00pm. Remember all fees (\$23.00 per child) for this trip are due by Friday 9/16.

Thursday, September 22nd—School Pictures—Eyecatcher Photography Studio will be at La Puerta on Thursday, September 22. I will send home information regarding packages and prices soon. We will also take a group photo on this day.

Saturday, September 24th—Public Land's Clean-up Day—Saturday, September 14th is National Public Lands Clean-up day. Please join me at Abiquiu Lake to help clean-up. Lunch will be served and you may have an opportunity to take a ride on a boat out on the lake.