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ON THE COVER: SOREN McCLELLAND

Soren is a 10-year-old fifth grader at Atalaya Elementary who loves hockey, gaming, and rollerblading. A proud Santa Fe Capitals player, he enjoys math, solving problems, and being kind. He loves the Santa Fe Plaza, the Santa Fe Children's Museum, pug videos, looks up to his dad, and hopes to try rock climbing this year.

What are your favorite things to do for fun?

Soren: Gaming and rollerblading in my free time. I also like hockey and started when I was six. I play for the Capitals for the Santa Fe Hockey Association, and my dad is a head coach.

Do you have a favorite place to go or thing to do in New Mexico? Tell us about it.

Soren: I like visiting the Santa Fe Plaza. It is historic, and is a fun place to hang out. I also love the Children's Museum.



Four young hockey players from the Santa Fe Hockey Association practice on the ice at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center.

Who is someone you look up to, and why?

Soren: I look up to my dad. Because he is talented and a good person.

What makes you laugh or smile the most?

Soren: Funny pug videos. I am obsessed with pugs.

If you could plan the perfect day with your family, what would you do?

Soren: We would all have breakfast together and then leave on a trip outside the U.S.

Is there anything else you'd like Tumbleweeds readers to know about you or your family?

Soren: I am an only child, but have three dogs that keep me company. I was born in Fort Lauderdale. My mom is from Santa Fe, and my dad is from Pittsburgh.

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WHAT'S UP WEDNESDAY

Looking back on 2025, what's your family's favorite memory?

“Favorite memory of 2025 was my brothers family visiting me up in PNW this summer. I slumber partied late night w my niece and nephew watching movies and giggling with them” - Mandee

“I live abroad and my favorite memory with my family this year is coming to visit them at my home country for the Holidays” - Malena

“My favorite memory is the trips I had with my family to different places” - Indira

“Traveling with my mom to Chile!!” - Uma

NEW YEAR NEW POSSIBILITIES



JEN PAUL SCHROER

Hopes & Wisdom for Santa Fe's Families

This time of year always brings a familiar softness—a season filled with tradition, reflection, and the quiet hope that accompanies a fresh start. I feel it more deeply each year as my kids grow. It seems like just yesterday I was nine months pregnant with Aviva, resting and waiting, only for her to arrive early on a cold Sunday afternoon in January. Now she is turning six, and I'm reminded how quickly time moves and how precious these seasons with our children truly are.

Just a few weeks ago, she lost two teeth and looked up at me with complete

seriousness to ask, "Is the Tooth Fairy real?" It was one of those small moments that catches you by surprise—the kind that reminds you how quickly childhood unfolds, how their questions shift from magical to practical almost overnight. And it made me think about the world she is growing into, and the hopes we carry as parents for the city that surrounds her.

As I prepared to write this New Year's message, I asked my daughter, "What do you hope for Santa Fe?" She answered without hesitation. "I hope people are

The Schroer family celebrates Christmas together, looking ahead to the new year with optimism and hope.

more kind," she said. "And that people help each other more."

Her words brought me back to the heart of community. It is built day by day through small acts of care—and local government is one of the ways we organize that care. It helps us pool resources, coordinate efforts, and take on challenges that none of us could solve alone.

Santa Fe is a place where history, culture, and community run deep. Long before it became the oldest state capital in the nation, these lands were

home to indigenous communities who lived, learned, worked, created, and raised their families here for thousands of years. That deep and continuing presence enriches Santa Fe and reminds us of our shared responsibility to care for this place with intention and respect.

Today, Santa Fe is not only a world-renowned tourism destination; it is also a community filled with remarkable resources for families. We have Santa Fe Community College supporting lifelong learners and career pathways. We have arts and music organizations like the Queen Bee Music Association,

Dragonfly Art Studios, and the Santa Fe Children's Museum nurturing creativity and confidence. We have the Santa Fe Teen Center offering a place for young people to connect, explore, and grow. And countless nonprofits, educators, coaches, mentors, and volunteers pour their hearts into making this city vibrant for every generation.

As Santa Fe prepares for 2026, mayor-elect Michael Garcia has gathered his transition team and now steps into a profound responsibility for our city's future. Recent charter changes mean the mayor now votes only to break ties, so our strong mayor-council system will rely more than ever on thoughtful collaboration. Together, the council and mayor will share responsibility for setting priorities, overseeing services, and ensuring that our city government reflects the values and needs of our community.

Santa Fe is at a meaningful point of transition. With a new mayor and a strengthened council, the structure of our city government asks us—more than before—to lean into collaboration. We are a community of artists, educators, longtime families, recent transplants, faith communities, nonprofits, and small-business owners. No single perspective defines us. Our shared future will be shaped not only by policy decisions, but by how openly we listen to one another. Families, especially, bring a grounded perspective—one rooted in daily realities and long-term hope.

And families know these needs well:

We hope for a Southside that feels just as safe, welcoming, and well-resourced for working families as the Plaza feels polished and inviting for our visitors.

We look forward to smoother roads as we drive kids to school, dance rehearsals, drum lessons, basketball practice, and everything in between—especially along Cerrillos, Old Airport Road, and Agua Fria.

We imagine parks and public spaces that are clean, vibrant, and ready for every season of childhood; places where kids can swing in the crisp air on snowy mornings, skateboard after school, picnic in summer, or start a spontaneous game of tag.

We value public facilities—our libraries, rec centers, and gathering places—and hope they continue to feel accessible, welcoming, and well cared for, like the Genoveva Chavez Community Center.

We look toward a compassionate, coordinated approach to homelessness that supports dignity, strengthens community health, and helps keep families and neighborhoods safe.

We hope for an economy that grows with our children; one that creates good jobs and opportunities so future generations can build their lives here and choose Santa Fe as their lifelong home.

And we hope our tax dollars are stewarded wisely, building long-term stability and opportunity for the generations who will inherit this remarkable city.

These are the fundamentals. The everyday things that determine whether a city is not just beautiful, but genuinely livable. When they work well, the rest of Santa Fe's magic has room to flourish: its creativity, its cultural richness, its economy, its thriving nonprofit community, its educators and artists and youth programs, its sense of place and belonging.

Raising a child here reshapes the way you see the city. The places I once passed without much thought—playgrounds, libraries, trails, after-school arts programs—have become markers of the world Aviva is growing into. Her curiosity and joy make me pay attention in a new way. When she asks why a road is bumpy, or why a park gate is broken, or why someone is sleeping outside in the cold, I am reminded that our children absorb everything. Their questions become ours. Their futures depend on the choices we make today.

As we enter this new year, *Tumbleweeds* hopes to elevate the voices of those who know Santa Fe most intimately: parents, caregivers, and families. These everyday realities—roads, parks, safety, housing, opportunities—are exactly what our next mayor and council need to understand from you.

What hopes and wisdom would you share with Santa Fe's next mayor?

What changes or improvements would help make this a better city for your children to grow, learn, and thrive?

Your hopes—large or small—are part of the fabric of this city. Maybe you dream of safer crosswalks near your child's school. Maybe you hope for more teen programming, improved mental health resources, cleaner parks, or more career opportunities so your children can envision staying in Santa Fe when they grow up. Whatever it is, your voice matters.

Please send your thoughts to editor@tumbleweedsmag.com. Throughout the year, we'll share the ideas and perspectives offered by families across Northern New Mexico.

Let's begin 2026 with the spirit Aviva wished for—more kindness, more helping, more community. Together, we can build a Santa Fe that honors its past, embraces its complexities, and creates new possibilities for generations to come.

Jen Paul Schroer is a dedicated community leader with a proven track record of driving positive change. As a three-time Senate-confirmed cabinet secretary, trade association CEO, and chamber of commerce executive director, Jen has extensive experience in both the public and private sectors. As a wife and mother of two, Jen is deeply committed to improving the local community and supporting the economic well-being of families as the editor and owner of *Tumbleweeds* magazine and other ventures.



Proudly representing Santa Fe's next generation: Kahaia Aguayo, siblings Calvin and Alma, and brothers Lucas and Luis. Like Jen shares in her New Year's message, we hope for a kinder, safer, and more welcoming Santa Fe—one where our kids can grow, thrive, and choose to call home for life.



Courtesy photo: Newly elected New Mexico school board members take the oath of office on Dec. 5, 2025 in Albuquerque at the annual convention of the New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA).



Courtesy photo: New Mexico State Senator Moe Maestas speaks in Albuquerque on Sept. 18, 2025 to more than 70 high school financial literacy teachers from across the state. The teachers were attending a training on curriculum and best practices for teaching financial literacy content. Forty-nine of New Mexico's 89 school districts now require that students complete a financial literacy course in order to graduate.

Ringing in a New Year

MANDI TORREZ

Think New Mexico looks toward what's merry and bright for our education system

Education leaders, advocates, and stakeholders agree that there's never been a better time to meet the moment for New Mexico's education system. The opportunity to lead the way in multicultural education comes on the heels of the urgent need to address concerns that wait not so patiently at our doorstep: academic and social learning time lost post-pandemic, teacher shortages in math, science and special education, student mental health and disengagement, the need for improved culturally relevant teacher and administrator preparation, and the Martinez-Yazzie consolidated lawsuit, to name a few.

New Mexico has seen some investments starting to pay off. However, the return

on those investments has been slow. Statewide reading proficiency has crept up to 44% across all grade levels with a 10% increase overall since 2022. This is a result of millions of state and federal dollars being allocated for teacher training, coaching, summer school, and \$30 million for a new literacy center to be located in Albuquerque.

Math levels remain stagnant at 25%, with special education students only reaching 8.5% proficiency and for English learners reaching only 9.8%.

While test scores offer a narrow snapshot of our students, we know there is still much work to be done. It will require collaboration and coalition building, targeted funding, accountability, and a

consistent and shared vision of what is possible statewide.

The good news is that we already have promising models coming online throughout the state that refocus efforts on meeting basic student needs and moving students toward more relevant learning and life skills. For example, innovative staffing models attempt to move away from the one teacher, one classroom model while offering teachers support with collaboration and in classroom coaching. Work-based learning and career and technical education continue to offer hands-on experiences. Both receive funding but could be better studied statewide to determine student impact.

A state program will pay unhoused high school students \$500 a month if they maintain a 92% monthly attendance rate, complete all their school work, and participate in academic counseling. The students will also take financial literacy courses each month from partnering banks.

And on that note, 49 out of 89 school districts have made financial literacy a graduation requirement. Think New Mexico has built a coalition of banks, credit unions, nonprofits, state leaders, and educators committed to making learning relevant while supporting teachers along the way, including offering free training to financial literacy teachers from across the state.

Training for school board members is also a focus for the state. Think New Mexico is working with partners like the New Mexico School Board Association to make more varied opportunities available to board members, while also increasing the quality and expanding content to help board members make informed decisions on budgets, policies and accountability for their return on investments.

The challenge is to monitor success and scale up to ensure equitable access to relevant learning experiences, especially for our rural students and those populations named in the Martinez-Yazzie lawsuit: students with special needs, low-income students, English learners, and Native American students.

This fall the state has been under court order to develop an action plan to address what the courts have deemed as the state's failure to provide an adequate public education for our students in those four named groups. The nearly 200-page comprehensive plan addresses four critical areas: equitable access to high-quality instruction, equitable access to well-prepared culturally and linguistically responsive educators, equitable access to academic, social, well-being and behavioral services and effective funding, support and accountability to drive systemic improvement.

Many advocates and content experts believe the plan still falls short on metrics, specific budget allocations, and specific actions. The plaintiffs and their partners have also asked for inclusion in the process of building a plan together.

In the meantime, the legislative process rolls on and the proposed budget from the PED includes increases in key areas such as professional development, tutoring, and community schools, including:

- \$16.5M for teacher, administrator, and school board training (an increase of 9%)
- \$35M for summer programs and in-school tutoring (an increase of 21%)
- \$7M for community schools (an increase of 16.7%)
- \$5M for high-impact tutoring (an increase of 400%)
- \$7.7M for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math), artificial intelligence and outdoor classrooms (an increase of 15.6%)

The Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) and the Legislative Finance Committee also put forth proposed education budgets, which will all be considered before a final budget is approved during the next 30-day legislative session that begins in January.

The LESC, made up of legislators from the Senate and the House of Representatives, is considering endorsing the following legislation for the upcoming session:

Attendance Provisions for Students with Severe Medical Conditions: This would amend the Attendance



Courtesy photo: Education leaders celebrate 15 years of the Hispanic Education Act on Oct. 22, 2025 in Albuquerque. Former state representative Rick Miera, Hispanic Education Advisory Council (HEAC) co-chair Adam Amador, Public Education Secretary Mariana Padilla, HEAC co-chair Jennifer Gomez-Chavez, former public education secretary Veronica Garcia.

for Success Act to ensure students with disabilities are not penalized for absences related to services outlined in their Individualized Education Program (IEP), such as for medical appointments or hospitalization. It also directs the Public Education Department to issue guidance on allowable absences to protect students receiving necessary medical care.

Comprehensive Approach to Math Instruction: This proposal creates a statewide framework for math instruction, including early screening and intervention plans. It also would require timely notification of learning needs to parents. By the 2027-2028 school year, districts must implement professional learning plans aligned with these new state standards to improve student outcomes.

Allowable Responses to Student Behavior: This bill strictly defines permissible restraint and seclusion practices and prohibits dangerous methods such as chemical or prone restraint. It allows physical restraint only when there is an imminent danger of serious physical harm and enhances training and reporting requirements for school staff.

Literacy Instruction and Supports: The High-Quality Literacy Instruction Act mandates that all K-12 literacy instruction and interventions use materials grounded in the science of reading. It also establishes a reading assessment system, parent notification requirements for reading difficulties, and a coaching model for schools with low reading proficiency.

Office of Special Education: This legislation codifies the Office of Special Education within the Public Education Department to enforce laws and ensure consistent services for students with disabilities from birth through college transition. It establishes a deputy secretary of special education position and requires annual reporting on the status of special education statewide.

Suspension of Individual School Board Members: This proposal authorizes the

charter schools to contribute at least 80 percent toward the cost of employee health insurance premiums. The initiative requires a state appropriation of approximately \$73.2 million and mandates a study on the future sustainability of public school insurance programs.

Strengthening Teacher Preparation and Residencies: This bill updates the Teacher Residency Act by tying resident stipends to statutory minimum teacher salaries and allowing participants to fulfill their service commitment at any public school in New Mexico. It also clarifies that partner districts are expected, but not required, to hire residents upon completion of the program.

Mandi Torrez is the Education Reform Director for Think New Mexico, working on issues that impact the K-12 public education system. She serves on the Hispanic Education Advisory Council and is on the Board of Directors for the Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico. She is a former elementary teacher and was the 2020 New Mexico Teacher of the Year.

Public Education Department Secretary to suspend individual school board members for willful failure to perform duties or misconduct, offering a targeted alternative to suspending an entire board. The bill establishes due process rights for the accused member and limits the secretary's interim power to voting only in the event of a deadlock.

Increasing the Employer Share of Health Insurance Premiums: Beginning in fiscal year 2027, this bill requires all school districts and



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A celebrar el Año Nuevo

MANDI TORREZ

Think New Mexico se enfoca en lo que es alegre y prometedor para nuestro sistema de educación.

Líderes educativos, promotores e interesados coinciden en que no ha habido mejor momento para enfrentar el sistema educativo de Nuevo México. La oportunidad de abrir el camino en educación multicultural sigue muy de cerca la urgente necesidad de abordar los problemas que esperan, no tan pacientemente, en nuestras puertas: el aprendizaje académico y social pospandemia, la escasez de maestros de matemáticas, ciencias y educación especial, la falta de atención a la salud mental del estudiante y su desconexión con la escuela, la necesidad de mejorar la preparación de administradores y maestros en aspectos culturalmente relevantes y la consolidación de

la demanda Martinez-Yazzie, para nombrar unos cuantos.

Nuevo México ha visto el buen resultado de algunas de sus inversiones. Sin embargo, el beneficio de esas inversiones ha sido lento. A nivel estatal, la competencia en la lectura ha subido al 44 por ciento en todos los niveles de grados, con un aumento del 10 por ciento desde el 2022. Este es el resultado de millones de dólares estatales y federales asignados para la capacitación de maestros, entrenamiento, escuela de verano y \$30 millones para un nuevo centro de alfabetización situado en Albuquerque.

Los niveles en matemáticas siguen estancados en el 25 por ciento, con

estudiantes de educación especial que sólo llegan a un nivel de capacidad del 8,5 por ciento y para los que aprenden inglés, solamente del 9,8 por ciento.

Mientras que las calificaciones en las pruebas ofrecen una imagen limitada de nuestros estudiantes, sabemos que todavía queda mucho trabajo por hacer. Tomará la colaboración y la formación de coaliciones, financiamiento orientado a sectores específicos, asunción de responsabilidades y una visión compartida y consistente de lo que es posible a nivel estatal.

Lo bueno es que ya tenemos modelos prometedores en línea por todo el estado que reenfocan esfuerzos en

satisfacer las necesidades básicas de los estudiantes y orientarlos hacia un aprendizaje más relevante y destrezas para el diario vivir. Por ejemplo, innovadores modelos de dotación de personal que tratan de alejarse de aquel de un maestro, un salón de clases, mientras que ofrecen a los maestros apoyo con colaboración y entrenamiento en el aula. El aprendizaje en el medio laboral y la educación técnica y de carreras profesionales siguen ofreciendo experiencias prácticas. Ambas reciben financiamiento, no obstante podrían estudiarse mejor a nivel estatal para determinar el impacto en los estudiantes.

Un programa estatal pagará \$500 mensuales a estudiantes sin vivienda si mantienen una asistencia del 92 por ciento mensual, completan su trabajo escolar y participan en asesoría académica. Los estudiantes también tomarán cursos de educación financiera mensualmente, ofrecidos por bancos asociados con el programa.

A propósito, 49 de 89 distritos escolares incluyen la educación financiera como un requisito para graduarse. Think New Mexico ha formado una coalición de bancos, cooperativas de crédito, organizaciones no lucrativas, líderes estatales y educadores comprometidos a crear un aprendizaje relevante mientras apoyan a los maestros sobre la marcha, incluso al ofrecer capacitación gratuita a los maestros de educación financiera por todo el estado.

Entrenamiento para los miembros de la junta directiva escolar es también un enfoque del estado. Think New Mexico trabaja con colaboradores, como la Asociación de directivas escolares de Nuevo México, para ofrecer a los miembros de las directivas más oportunidades, al mismo tiempo que se aumenta la calidad y se expande el contenido para ayudarles a tomar decisiones con conocimiento de causa sobre presupuestos, políticas y asunción de responsabilidades por su rendimiento.

El reto está en supervisar el éxito y el apoyo para asegurar un acceso equitativo a experiencias de aprendizaje relevantes, especialmente para los estudiantes de áreas rurales y poblaciones mencionadas en la demanda judicial Martinez-Yazzie: estudiantes con necesidades especiales, estudiantes de bajos ingresos, estudiantes que aprenden inglés y estudiantes nativoamericanos.

En el otoño, el estado estuvo bajo una orden judicial para desarrollar un plan de acción con el fin de tratar lo que los tribunales consideran como el fracaso del estado en proveer una educación pública adecuada para nuestros estudiantes en esos cuatro grupos mencionados. El plan completo de casi 200 páginas se refiere a cuatro áreas críticas: acceso equitativo a un alto nivel de calidad en la instrucción, acceso equitativo a educadores bien preparados y cultural y lingüísticamente sensibles, acceso equitativo a servicios académicos, sociales y de bienestar y conductuales y un financiamiento efectivo, apoyo y asunción de responsabilidades para impulsar una mejora del sistema.

Muchos promotores y expertos de contenido creen que el plan todavía carece de medidas para evaluarlo, asignaciones financieras determinadas y acciones específicas. Los demandantes y sus socios también han solicitado inclusión en el proceso de crear un plan juntos.

Mientras tanto, el proceso legislativo sigue adelante y el presupuesto propuesto del Departamento de educación pública, (PED, por sus siglas en inglés), incluye aumentos en áreas claves, tales como el desarrollo profesional, tutoría y escuelas comunitarias, entre ellos:

- \$16,5M para la capacitación de maestros, administradores y miembros de la directiva escolar (un aumento del 9%)
- \$35M para programas de verano y tutoría en las escuelas (un aumento del 21%) • \$7M para escuelas comunitarias (un aumento del 16,7%)
- \$5M para tutoría de alto impacto (un aumento del 400%)
- 7,7M para STEAM (ciencias, tecnología, ingeniería, arte, matemáticas, por sus siglas en inglés), inteligencia artificial y salones de clase al aire libre (un aumento del 15,6%)

El Comité legislativo de estudios educativos (LESC, por sus siglas en inglés) y el Comité legislativo de finanzas también propusieron presupuestos de educación, los cuales se considerarán antes de aprobar el final durante la próxima sesión legislativa.

El LESC, integrado por miembros del senado y de la cámara de representantes, tiene bajo consideración respaldar las siguientes propuestas en la próxima sesión:

Disposiciones de asistencia para estudiantes con condiciones médicas serias:

Esto enmendaría la Ley de asistencia para el éxito, con el fin de asegurar que los estudiantes con discapacidades no se penalicen por ausencias relacionadas con los servicios indicados en su Programa de educación personalizado (IEP, por sus siglas en inglés), tales como citas médicas u hospitalizaciones. También instruye al Departamento de educación pública a emitir pautas sobre ausencias admisibles para proteger a los estudiantes que reciben atención médica necesaria.

Enfoque amplio a la instrucción de matemáticas: Esta propuesta crea un marco estatal para la instrucción de matemáticas, que incluye una prueba temprana y planes de intervención. Igualmente, requeriría una notificación oportuna a los padres de familia sobre las necesidades de aprendizaje del estudiante. Para el año escolar 2027-2028, los distritos deben implementar planes de aprendizaje profesionales alineados con estos nuevos estándares estatales para mejorar los resultados de los estudiantes.

Respuestas permitidas al comportamiento del estudiante: Esta propuesta define estrictamente las prácticas de reclusión y restricción permitidas y prohíbe métodos peligrosos, tales como sustancias químicas o restricción prona. Permite restricción física únicamente cuando hay un peligro inminente de daño físico grave y aumenta los requisitos para reportar y la capacitación del personal escolar.

Instrucción educativa y apoyo: La Ley de instrucción de alfabetización de alta calidad ordena que toda instrucción e intervención de alfabetización de los grados K-12 utilice materiales basados en la ciencia de la lectura.

También establece un sistema de evaluación de la lectura, requisitos de notificación a los padres de familia por dificultades en la lectura y un modelo de entrenamiento para las escuelas con baja competencia en la lectura.

Oficina de educación especial: Esta propuesta de ley codifica la Oficina de educación especial dentro del Departamento de educación pública para hacer cumplir las leyes y asegurar servicios consecuentes para los estudiantes con discapacidades desde que nacen hasta la transición a la universidad. Establece un puesto de subsecretario de educación especial y requiere reportar anualmente la situación de la educación especial en todo el estado.

Suspensión de un miembro de la directiva escolar: Esta propuesta autoriza al secretario del Departamento de educación pública para suspender a miembros de la directiva escolar por incumplimiento intencional de sus deberes o falta de ética profesional, y ofrece una alternativa específica para suspender una directiva completa. La propuesta de ley establece derechos de debido proceso para el miembro acusado y limita el poder provisorio del secretario para votar solamente en caso de un punto muerto.

Aumento a la parte del empleador de la prima de seguros de salud: A partir del año fiscal 2027, esta propuesta requiere que todos los distritos escolares y escuelas charter

contribuyan por lo menos un 80 por ciento del costo de las primas de seguro médico de los empleados. La iniciativa requiere una asignación de fondos estatales de aproximadamente \$73,2 millones y ordena un estudio sobre la sostenibilidad futura de los programas de seguro de las escuelas públicas.

Fortalecimiento de la preparación de maestros y residencias: Esta propuesta actualiza la Ley de residencia de maestros al vincular los estipendios de residencia a los salarios mínimos reglamentarios y permite a los participantes cumplir su compromiso de servicio en cualquier escuela pública de Nuevo México. También aclara que se espera, pero no se requiere, que los distritos socios contraten residentes al completar el programa.

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RETHINKING RESOLUTIONS



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GARY SCHNEIDER

How to make fitness goals stick this year

Every year, most of us make a resolution to get fit, healthy and at our best through exercise by either joining a gym, walking or running, or some other type of exercise. We may even go for a few months exercising or starting a training program, but we soon fall back into old habits. I have some tips for you below on how you can stick with your exercise or training program and improve your strength, endurance, flexibility, cardiovascular health, and bone density, and lower your risk of many illnesses.

First, set your why: Why do I want to work out? Write it down and continually refer to it. Set some SMART goals that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound. Instead of saying "I want to get fit," try "I will lose 18 pounds in three

months by doing cardio and resistance training for 55 minutes three times a week. Start slow, and set realistic goals. Measure your progress and don't give up if you falter here and there. Keep a journal of the exercises you perform and your progress. Make your goals achievable and choose activities you enjoy, so it's not a chore and turns into a lifestyle. Choose exercises that are relevant to you, and set your workouts up like an appointment—set specific days and times you want to exercise. You can do this by getting a friend to work out with you or hold you accountable. You might want to try using a personal trainer to help keep you on track and motivated, and mix up your exercises to keep things interesting such as strength training, cardio, flexibility, and hiking our great trails.



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In addition to setting your SMART goals for working out, there are five things you can do to help you get in better shape. The first is getting seven to eight hours of sleep each night. Sleep is crucial for muscle repair, growth, and overall recovery. During this time, your body releases growth hormone, rebuilds muscle tissue damaged during exercise, and restores energy, which is essential for preparing your body for your next workout. Without sufficient sleep, you risk decreased performance, increased fatigue, and slowing recovery time.

The second is lowering any stress you have. Stress negatively affects your workouts by causing issues like fatigue, reduced focus, and decreased coordination, which can impair performance and increase the risk of injury. It can also slow down recovery and negatively impact muscle repair and growth due to hormonal changes like elevated cortisol levels.

The third is getting the right amount of hydration—specifically water each day. You need 0.5 to 0.75 ounces of water per pound of body weight each day. Drinking the right amount of water before, during, and after exercise is crucial for performance and health, because it regulates body temperature, lubricates joints, supports muscle function, and prevents dehydration. Proper hydration boosts endurance, prevents muscle cramps, and helps your body recover more effectively, while even mild dehydration can significantly decrease performance



Courtesy photo: Gary Schneider

and increase the risk of heat-related illness.

The fourth is proper nutrition. A proper diet helps your workouts by providing the necessary fuel for energy, supporting muscle repair and growth, and aiding in recovery. Eating balanced meals with the right mix of carbohydrates, proteins, and fats gives you the energy to perform, while protein helps rebuild muscle fibers after exercise.

And the fifth is exercise. Exercise improves health by strengthening the

cardiovascular and musculoskeletal systems, managing weight, and reducing the risk of chronic diseases like heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain cancers. It also provides mental health benefits, such as boosting mood, improving sleep, and enhancing cognitive function and memory. Regular physical activity helps control blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar levels, and can increase energy levels and improve overall well-being.

I have been working out for more than 40 years and consider myself to be physically fit. When I first started, it was tough. I didn't always want to go to the gym, but I got a workout partner and once I saw improvements I was hooked. I just felt better.

As I have aged, I continue my workouts and have added balance and stability exercises to my resistance training and cardio. It really has become a lifestyle. I soon became a certified personal trainer and fitness instructor through the National Academy of Sports Medicine. I primarily work with seniors and tennis athletes at my home gym called Santa Fe Senior Fit. I also instruct fitness classes and personal training at Quail Run and various senior living facilities. Too often, I see people wait until they have an issue or can't do the things they like to do when they were younger. Even then, exercise at any age can be beneficial in improving strength, balance and flexibility, plus reduce your risk of many diseases. I encourage

you to start exercising now and make this a lifestyle.

As you start an exercise program, start slowly and progress from there. You want to see small victories and celebrate them. Remember to focus on your why. This will help you stay motivated and on track. I would map out at least a three month goal. Write down what you want to accomplish and how you will measure your progress. If you want to walk, start with 10 minutes a day, progress to 20 minutes and eventually 30 minutes a day. Or for a more vigorous exercise, I would suggest hiking. Santa Fe has so many nearby trails to choose from and you can see Mother Nature close up. If strength training is your choice, start with seated exercises for 12 to 20 reps and progress from there to standing exercises using dumbbells and cable machines. There are many forms of exercises and types of equipment to use, so choose what is relevant to you and fits into your why. I wish you well on your journey to better fitness and health.

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JUDY REINHARTZ

Judy's STEM Jam — connecting science and math to life, learning, and play

Get ready for a fun filled excursion and pack layers of warm clothing, including coats, gloves, and boots, along with winter-themed books and a plan for enjoying indoor and outdoor activities. Be prepared to explore the scenic winter wonderland of Northern New Mexico with its unobstructive views.

Why is winter a favorite season? It is distinctive with its crisp, invigorating cold air, offering opportunities for cuddling up in cozy places and sipping hot cocoa complete with marshmallows, playing games, and enjoying beautifully illustrated children's books.

Winter is a time to spark children's curiosity and imagination as they discover new things and ponder the "I wonder" questions. The Caldecott book *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen sets the stage for winter as children generate mental images of a young daughter and her father going owling at night. The cover tells it all and is a good place to start. Together they discover the magic of winter while walking wordlessly on the pristine snow that blankets their path. The silence is deafening, as only the father's whoo-whoo-whoo echoes through the fresh chilly air. Repeated readings of this beautiful story rooted in themes of family, quiet magic, and owls will result. Sounds like a wonderful plan for taking your family on a night walk to see if you find owls and hear their calls. On other winter walks, look for animal tracks and

compare the shapes, sizes, and depth of the prints in the snow.

Opportunities abound with sequencing the story events, role playing characters, investigating figurative language, and finding answers to why owls are nocturnal (appear at night), about their habitats (where they live), what they eat, and what they look like? The questions are almost endless. Grab some construction paper, markers, and scissors and create images of owls with simple shapes of circles and triangles, then tape them to a window to see the winter landscape. On Post-It notes write words and/or phrases, prompted by the frame "Owls can ..., have ..., are"

For families who are more adventurous, examine owl pellets (available at pelletlab.com/shop/pellets). They tell their own ecosystem story. Pellets are undigested materials of fur and bones that owls and other raptors (birds of prey) regurgitate. Dissecting pellets requires observation skills, patience, and hand washing before and after to puzzle out what was eaten, try building food chains and skeletons from the materials and bones found in them. For more information about owls, read *White Owl, Barn Owl* by Nicola Davies.

Can you imagine a winter without snow? The soft carpet under our feet, gently covers the silhouettes of trees standing stately as living sculptures, and hides fallen leaves. If not, *The Story of Snow* by Mark Cassino is for you as is *Snowflake Bentley*, a Caldecott book by Jacqueline Briggs Martin. Having a snow sensory bin available with white rice, cotton balls, and small toy animals will generate more ideas regarding snowy environments.

Did you know that a snow crystal begins as a speck and forms into a six-sided shape? These authors take a complicated topic and make it easy to understand starting with the speck that gathers water vapor. Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley was the first to photograph snowflakes (1885) and to view their unique shapes (symmetry) with a technique he developed.

Take a deeper dive into fun snowflake crafts with a square piece of paper (or coffee filter), fold it into a triangle, cut off the edges, and see the resulting design; arrange Q-tips, pipe cleaners, or popsicle sticks in snowflake shapes on paper and add paint and sequins for color; have paper snowflake races by attaching pieces of metal to the snowflakes and use small magnets to move them along, the winner is the one that crosses the finish line first (ask: does the size and/or shape of the snowflake make a difference? If so, why?); or analyze real snowflakes using a magnifying glass and compare them to pictures of real ones. For more ideas go to stemactivitiesforkids.com/winter-stem-with-snowflakes/. *The Snowy Day*, a Caldecott book by E. J. Keats features simple pleasures of winter, making snow angels, knocking snow from tree branches, and thinking of ways to save snowballs.

What do you remember about winter? I remember sledding down steep hills and streets, ice skating, holding



Courtesy photo: Be creative and design a unique snowflake.



Courtesy photo: Highlighting books included in the article.

hands with friends and playing whip on a frozen lake (yes, I was the tail), and winning snowball size challenges (using a string to check the circumferences). Take a stroll down winter memory lane with your children with Kim Norman's *Ten on the Sled*, a playful rhyming countdown, to see how many of the ten Arctic animals stay aboard going down a hill.

More winter STEM learning continues with measuring snowfall, building snow forts and mazes outdoors and indoors (with blankets and large blocks) fostering spatial, scale, and design thinking, blowing snow bubbles close to the ground made with warm water, dish soap, and sugar and watching them freeze before they pop, and painting murals on snow with spray bottles of water and food colorings. Don't forget to collect scoops of clean snow for easy sweet treats. Enjoy snow cones, homemade ice cream

with snow (cup of milk, 1/2 cup sugar, and vanilla stirring until creamy), and slushes made with favorite juices or maple syrup.

How do animals like whales keep warm in cold water? It's all about their blubber; it acts like a built-in winter coat preventing body heat from escaping. Conduct a simple investigation and find out how insulation works with kitchen items, rubber gloves, Crisco, ice, Ziplock bags, thermometers, bowls, and ice. For directions, go to bit.ly/4iyRYed.

Our reading continues with Lizann Flatt's *Sizing Up Winter*, framed in nature using a whimsical approach that gets children to look more closely at engaging illustrations of frozen rivers, snow tracks, and icy lakes with snowy owls, polar bears, and river otters for children to measure capacity, distance,

mass, and time as they become more relatable concepts.

Now let's go to the subnivean zone in Kate Messner's *Over and Under the Snow*. Reading the lyrically rich text captures the beauty of winter to find out who lives, sleeps, hides, and plays there. Continue with Jane Simmons' *Waiting for Winter* about how animals prepare their barrows and dens to huddle in and stay warm. *The Little Fern's First Winter* by the same author features Mama Rabbit and little ones, introducing another natural habitat.

Keep track of your family's (including pets) winter experiences; make a list and revisit it in April. Did you spend time outside, take walks, dream up snowy and frosty fun stories, think about people's and animals' resilience, write inspirational poems and songs about clouds, and view Mars, Jupiter, Polaris, and the constellation Orion in our night sky? For updated information, see timeanddate.com.

Winter is a special time for bundling up and leaning into cozy curiosity. Embrace the value of reading together and thrive in every environment, from the warmth of the toasty indoors to the crisp outdoors. Make lasting memories and look forward to the next exhilarating adventure—because the weather forecast shouldn't stop your family from enjoying the season to the fullest.

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FAMILY TIME



Courtesy photo: Coaches Pamela and Marcie bring the team in for a time-out.

SERVING UP CONFIDENCE

PAMELA BLACKWELL

What coaching middle school volleyball reveals about patience, parenting, and joy

Volleyballs bounced in every direction across the middle school gym, propelled by the exuberant—if not exactly coordinated—efforts of sixth- and seventh-grade girls. Most were brand new to the sport. I spotted my eldest daughter, Maya, tossing a ball in the air with the same brand-new determination.

“I can help out a couple of days a week,” I told the coaches, who stood armed with clipboards and good intentions. By the end of that first week, I’d attended

all five practices. And for five years, I’ve added a new roster to my clipboard each fall season.

I originally volunteered to spend more time with Maya at her new school—and, truthfully, to keep an unobtrusive but protective eye on our oldest child. It was a no-cut program; I wasn’t coaching the Williams sisters. But it quickly became so much more.

I knew volleyball, even earning all-state individual honors in high school. I loved other sports, too—soccer, basketball, track, tennis—but volleyball had always been special. My hands remembered the game, even after years away. But coaching, like mothering, takes far more than technical skill. It requires patience, intuition, organization, creativity, humility, and

This is the second in a series chronicling Pamela’s journey navigating career, identity and family as a professional parent. See Pamela’s first article in the September 2025 issue.

a sense of humor sturdy enough to survive a dozen middle schoolers.

That’s one reason why I recruited other moms to help. “I am not the kind of person who ever thought I’d enjoy coaching anything,” said my assistant coach, Marcie. “But I guess being a mom of two has given me patience I didn’t used to have.” She and I had once been high-school teammates and found ourselves on the sideline

coaching our daughters through an undefeated season.

They say it takes 66 days to form a habit. Our middle school volleyball “season” is closer to 25 practices lasting just over an hour. When repeatedly passing the ball backward more often than forward, despite multiple drills and encouragement, it’s frustrating but ok. They’re beginners. The point is to learn.

The White House Press Corps has nothing on inquisitive and empowered sixth-grade girls setting their pre-game expectations. Eventually a coach has to cut them off or you’ll never practice. They may scrape together only a few successful serves in a game, but every single girl shows up in uniform, ready and excited to play. You can’t teach that kind of enthusiasm.

Middle schoolers are also master negotiators when it comes to conditioning drills. No one likes conditioning, but purposeful conditioning gives strength and grit that carries beyond the sport. "I really improved this season," one player wrote me. "Even though we had to run a lot." A victory, all around.

Time-outs don't always have much to do with the game. Sometimes you realize you're not so different from the kids you're coaching. One of my sixth graders told me she didn't mind watching football in the rain because "only good things happen when it rains." When I asked what she meant, she smiled wistfully and said, "In movies, rain is always a good memory. It's so romantic." The competitive coach in me melted. Apparently, I also have the romantic heart of a sixth-grade girl.

Coaching requires preparedness. My backpack rivals Mary Poppins's carpet bag: first aid kit, chalk for measuring reach, floor dots to mark serve zones, spare jerseys, and extra knee pads. (The extras must be kept secret, or the girls won't make a habit of remembering theirs.) By season's end, only a couple of lonely hair ties remain.

But preparation is more than gear. Good coaching, like good parenting, means seeing the whole team and each individual. My children share similarities, yet each is their own person. The same is true for my players. Much of my coaching involves one-on-one pull-outs. Breaking down a skill, easing nerves, building confidence and helping a young athlete define her own goals.

Some of my favorite moments are when creativity unlocks a breakthrough. Two of my players were musical theater kids. One girl, bright and buoyant, sang Broadway tunes during drills. I used her natural projection as the team example for calling "Mine!" loudly enough to be heard on the court. Another struggled to keep her arms straight when passing, sending balls behind her. We talked about keeping her "stage"—her forearms flat and clear so the ball could "dance." It clicked.

Highlight-reel moments—big blocks, dives, and aces—are thrilling. But what gives me chills is when the entire team



Courtesy photo: Pamela coaching oldest daughter Maya in 2021.

erupts in cheers for a girl who, after weeks of effort, gets her first serve over the net. Those moments matter. They become a reservoir of confidence kids can draw from their whole lives.

Coaching your own child can be its own mystifying sport. It's hard to be objective, so assistant coaches and game stats help keep things fair. I'm clear with my children. I expect them to model sportsmanship and work hard, that they earn playing time just like everyone else.

And, unsurprisingly, kids don't always listen to their parents, even when their parent is also their coach. More than once, a mom-coaching partner and I have whispered, "Can you tell my daughter to toss the ball higher for her serve? She won't listen to me." Miraculously, the same advice from another coach works instantly. Later, your child reports it as a revelation, "Coach Sayoko said to toss it higher and she was right!" Of course she was.

I remember one game with my youngest, Anna. I instructed her to serve underhand because we needed consistent points and her overhand wasn't ready. She bounced the ball, set up, paused, and locked eyes with me. I knew that look. She tossed it high and attempted the overhand serve—straight into the net. She shrugged. I smiled. It wasn't defiance; it was risk-taking with low-stakes consequences. Not a bad instinct.

Coaching your child also gives you a front-row seat to unforgettable moments. In the seventh-grade championship match - game point - the daughter of my co-coach Anita set the ball to my daughter Maya. Maya swung big and put down the winning kill. Anita and I didn't cheer; we just turned to each other, tears in our eyes. Our girls had done it.

Coaching is one of the best things I've done. So good that even now that my daughters have moved on to high school sports, I'm still coaching the younger kids. It's so rewarding and fun to watch young athletes find joy, rise above challenges and help them experience success on their own terms.

These days, that also means driving Maya to compete in the state high school volleyball tournament and watching Anna and Marcie's daughter give tips to our new sixth-grade team. The cycle continues. Older girls lifting the younger ones, moms trading clipboards, and volleyballs still flying in every direction.

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ERICA MARTINEZ-MAESTAS

Working together ensures student success

I write this from a place of deep love, care, and commitment for our local students, families, and educators. I'm born and raised in Santa Fe, and my roots are deep and my desire to see our community thrive is strong. I've had the absolute pleasure of serving as a public-school educator for the past 25 years. From the start of my career, as a first-grade teacher in Albuquerque, it was clear to me that students with involved families not only performed better academically but were also more well-adjusted kids. I think back to one family that I had the honor of serving 20-plus years ago. Both mom and dad worked, and they had four young children. Their hands and hearts were full, but they always made sure they

were engaged. I can fondly remember an outdoor field trip where one of the grandmothers accompanied us and taught our students about traditional uses for plants. Not only was this precious grandma beaming, but so was her granddaughter and the rest of us were in awe. My biggest takeaways from this experience were the need for a village and the need for us to embrace the entire family.

Fast forward to my current position, as an elementary school principal, and the need for strong family and school partnerships is increasingly evident and needed. What does this look like? Is it parents organizing a fundraiser? How about volunteering in their child's



Courtesy photo: Students, staff, families and community members gathered for a fun family game night.



Courtesy photo: Planning the family events for the upcoming school year.

classroom or attending conferences? Homework help? My answer is, yes. It's all these things. It's parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and school staff talking before and after school, working together at school family events, and volunteering and fundraising. But it is also ensuring that your child reads every night and helping them with homework. It is also sharing meals as a family with no devices and going for a walk in the evening.

I call my school a gem in the heart of our community because it is just that. On any given day, you will find parents eating lunch with their Firebirds and volunteers reading with kids. You'll find sixth graders helping kindergarteners and first graders learning from third graders. This certainly did not happen overnight. I'm proud to share that my staff, families, and I have been working at this for seven years. We've taken the time to get to know each other, to form trusting relationships with each other and we are absolutely committed to ensuring that the needs of our students are met every single day. I tell our students that we love them and care about them every single day. We meet our students and families where they are at. Sometimes that means providing a food bag or a new coat and other times that means watching a child's dance recital or basketball game.

One family that comes to mind is led by a single parent. When I think back to just two years ago, when we met this sweet family, I can recall the distant stares, the mistrusting glances and the at times abrasive comments and conversations. The parent appeared wary and had built a strong wall around his children and family. The extended family had an even thicker wall. Over the past couple

of years, we have respectfully chipped away at the wall. We've loved them on their good days and embraced them on their not so good days. What began as unreturned hellos and good-mornings became "How are you, Mrs. Maestas" and "They have snack for their class today." From a family that barely made it to school most days to a family that attends many of our events, the transformation has been an amazing one. It's been one that has taken time, but most of all it has taken open arms and open hearts. I've been at this for a long time, and I know that while some families take a little more time to be engaged than others, all parents want the best for their kids.

Parents are juggling many hats, as are our educators. Together, we have the potential to support our most precious children as they become strong, productive adults. It is said that it takes a village and this is truer today than ever. So, where do we start? Well, as educators we need to ensure that we are not only saying that families are welcome in our schools, but that we are actively and intentionally providing opportunities for families to be engaged. Whether it is a designated time to enjoy lunch together or a music performance, families must be welcome and invited at the school site. We must move beyond simply attending parent teacher conferences and into planning events together and having hard conversations about proficiency levels and daily attendance. From the first day of school until the lights are out in May, families need to have opportunities to be actively and authentically engaged. Families: Read all the notes, ask all the questions, and ensure that you are kept up to date about your child's school. Take the time to not only check in with your child's teachers but to

also thank them for loving your baby. Prioritize engaging in school family events such as game night. And literacy night and above all, read with your child every night.

The recipe for student success is actually quite simple. Engaged families support happy, healthy, and strong kids. In our home, our own kids are now adults, and we are entering into a season of grandkids. Being a parent of young kids can feel very far away, but it's not hard for me to remember the nights of juggling homework, dinner, baths, and bedtimes. It takes prioritizing and turning an eye on the pile of laundry. It takes missing a show in your favorite series to sit and read a bedtime story. And it takes putting away all devices to enjoy a conversation over dinner. Our educators are ready to invite kids into our classrooms and we're ready to teach them to become stronger readers, writers, mathematicians, and scientists. Above all, we are ready to help them become productive and kind citizens, prepared to take on the world. The kids in our classrooms today are tomorrow's electricians, teachers, nurses, and lawyers. Without hesitation, I am sure that strong family and school partnerships have the potential to not only support our students today, but also for the many years to come.

Erica Martinez-Maestas is the proud principal of Chaparral Elementary. Born and raised in Santa Fe, Erica has served as a public school educator for 25 years.

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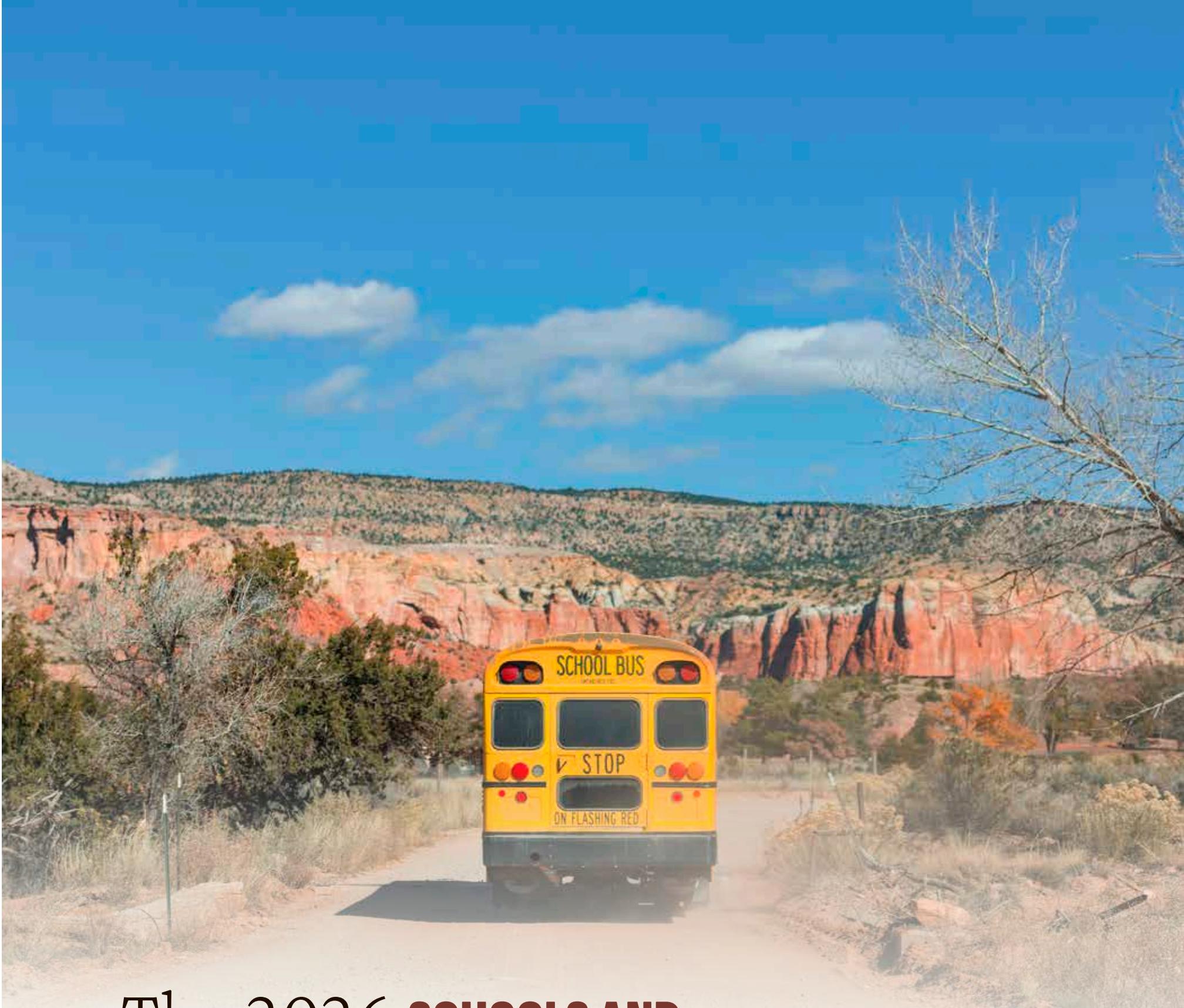
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505-988-2070 | etiquettesantafe.com

● PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

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BREAKTHROUGH SANTA FE

Breakthrough Santa Fe supports motivated public middle school students whose identities have been historically excluded from higher education on their path to college. In addition, the program provides high school and college-age young adults with a rewarding experience as teachers and mentors.

505-795-7517 | breakthroughsantafe.org

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info@firstservenewmexico.org | firstservenewmexico.org

- PERSONAL ENRICHMENT
- PRIVATE TUTORING

LEARNERS CHESS

Learners Chess is a local New Mexico nonprofit founded in 2010. We use chess as a tool to develop intellectual, social, and leadership maturity for success in school and in life. We run school chess clubs, school break chess camps, and chess tournaments for kids.

505-369-6026 | learnerschess.org

- PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF SANTA FE

Literacy Volunteers of Santa Fe is dedicated to providing free, quality tutoring to adults in reading, writing, and speaking English to strengthen our community, families, and workforce. Our student-centered tutoring programs focus on improving basic reading and writing skills, building job skills, empowering parents to help their children succeed in school, and helping immigrants prepare for citizenship.

505-428-1353 | lvsf.org

- READING
- PRIVATE TUTORING



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MATHNASIUM OF SANTA FE

At Mathnasium of Santa Fe, our tutors use the Mathnasium Method™ to help students develop a deep understanding of math. This proprietary teaching approach blends personalized learning plans with mental, verbal, visual, tactile, and written techniques, ensuring each student receives math help tailored to their unique needs

and learning styles. The Mathnasium Method™ is designed to build a strong foundation for math excellence, empowering students to truly understand and even enjoy math.

505-570-2707 | mathnasium.com/santafe/about

- MATH/STEM
- PRIVATE TUTORING

MAY CENTER FOR LEARNING

May Center for Learning is an independent, nonprofit school serving exceptional students from preschool through 8th grade and specializing in those with learning differences such as dyslexia, ADHD, and language processing disorder. A low student/teacher ratio allows us to give each student individualized instruction and support through a curriculum engaged in self-regulation, executive functioning skills, and social-emotional learning at all levels. We also provide consultation and professional development to educators across New Mexico. Our enrichment programs include a Summer LEAP program in Santa Fe and Albuquerque (June-July). Financial aid is available for both May School and Summer LEAP.

505-983-7407 | maycenter.org

- READING
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MY LITTLE HORSE LISTENER, INC

Hooves Up! is a 6-week, free program that utilizes miniature equines, career planning tools, on-site internship work experience in a therapeutic equine program, and adult 'Zoom' mentors, local and international, who support high school juniors, seniors and young adults in the Santa Fe area who are within two years of graduation and unsure of their next step into the work

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LOTTERY

THRIVE's K-8 lottery for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. Scan the QR code to apply:

El sorteo de plazas de THRIVE para los cursos de K-8 para el año escolar 2026-2027 ya está abierto. Escanee el código QR para presentar su solicitud:



or higher education world. Participants will leave with viable work experience and a career map for their next step that reflects their interests. We are particularly interested in supporting participants with disabilities who may wish to pursue higher education and/or competitive employment after high school graduation. A love for animals is a plus!

505-469-1285 | www.mylittlehorselistener.org

- COLLEGE PREP
- CAREER EXPLORATION

NEW MEXICO WILDLIFE CENTER

New Mexico Wildlife Center provides education programs utilizing live Animal Ambassadors and animal artifacts to discuss wildlife rehabilitation, natural history of native species, and how people can help wildlife. As a field trip destination, students experience some of New Mexico's great biodiversity through a staff-led tour of all the resident Ambassadors. In a classroom or virtual visit, students get a more in-depth introduction to one or two Ambassadors and their story, adaptations, and ways each individual can help the Ambassador's wild counterparts. For more information, for pricing, or to schedule a program, reach out to education@newmexicowildlifecenter.org.

505-753-9505 | www.newmexicowildlifecenter.org

- PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

READING QUEST

Reading Quest provides year-round, science of reading based, structured literacy programs for children who are reading one or more years below grade level. Our multisensory tutoring program is customized for each student, providing gamified, one on one sessions for each student. Our in-person tutoring sessions empower students to believe in themselves as they become strong, enthusiastic readers. We also offer summer tutoring and an intensive six week summer 'Reading is Magic' camp program.

505-920-9709 | readingquestcenter.org

- READING
- PRIVATE TUTORING

SANTA FE CHESS

Our kid-friendly events include school presentations, free practices with coaching, simul, prize tournaments, team matches, chess at trivia nights or SEL days, and more! We do not exclude through fees, memberships, or skill cutoffs, and anyone is welcome at our events. More information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1421334905100926>

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- PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Our weekly programs are all included with museum admission and designed



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to offer science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) activities that build upon a child's natural sense of joy and discovery. We encourage and cultivate habits of inquiry about the world, how things work, and promote plenty of fun.

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM: Wee Wednesdays toddler play

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Thursdays, 12:30 PM - 1 PM: Animal Meet & Greet

1st Thursdays, 1 PM - 2 PM: Fun with Firefighters story time and fire truck!

Fridays, 2 PM - 4 PM: Fine Art Fridays art exploration

Saturdays, 2PM - 4 PM: Science Saturdays STEM projects

505-989-8359 | santafechildrensmuseum.org/

- PERSONAL ENRICHMENT
- MATH/STEM

SANTA FE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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505-955-6781 | santafelibrary.org

- READING
- PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

SFPS GEAR UP

GEAR UP supports Santa Fe Public Schools students in grades 7-12 with free academic tutoring, mentoring, college and career exploration, and guidance on financial aid and postsecondary pathways. The program helps students build skills, set goals, and confidently prepare for life after high school.

505-467-1112 | sfps.info/page/gear-up

- COLLEGE PREP
- CAREER EXPLORATION

THE PLANETARIUM AT SANTA FE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

For more information, visit the website.

505-428-1000 | sfcc.edu/planetarium

- PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

VISTA GRANDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

A cozy community hub full of creativity, curiosity, and can't-miss activities! There's always something happening, check out the website for more information.

505-466-7323 | vglibrary.org

- READING
- PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

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EARLY CHILDHOOD



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



PRE-KINDERGARTEN



MIDDLE SCHOOL



KINDERGARTEN



HIGH SCHOOL

CHARTER SCHOOLS

MONTE DEL SOL CHARTER SCHOOL

The Monte del Sol Charter School is a small school community where every student is known and respected. Curriculum includes advanced placement (AP) dual credit and honors courses in humanities and STEM, and experiential, outdoor, and project-based learning. The mentorship program supports student-driven learning in multiple subjects. The sustainable college and career readiness program provides career and technical training with dual credit in sustainability, computer technologies, and culinary arts. Ten teaching artists help foster students' creative expression. Additional core offerings include International trips and athletics. The campus features gardens, a hydroponic greenhouse, and a daily dose of the outdoors. Admission by lottery.

NEXT OPEN HOUSE: MARCH 2ND, 2026

505-982-5225 | mdscs.org

● MIDDLE SCHOOL ● HIGH SCHOOL

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

New Mexico School for the Arts is a free public statewide high school that serves students in grades 9 through 12 with a rigorous, award-winning mastery arts training and academic program. In 2024, NMSA students surpassed state and national averages in their SAT scores—an achievement that highlights how studying the arts alongside other subjects significantly boosts student achievement. At NMSA, students immerse themselves in their chosen discipline: Creative Writing & Literature, Dance, Music, Theatre, or Visual Arts. NMSA's enrolled artist-

scholars represent 46 communities and 9 Native American Nations from all three New Mexico congressional districts. The school's free residential program provides housing for students who live 65+ miles from Santa Fe.

505-310-4194 | nmschoolforthearts.org

● HIGH SCHOOL

SUN MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

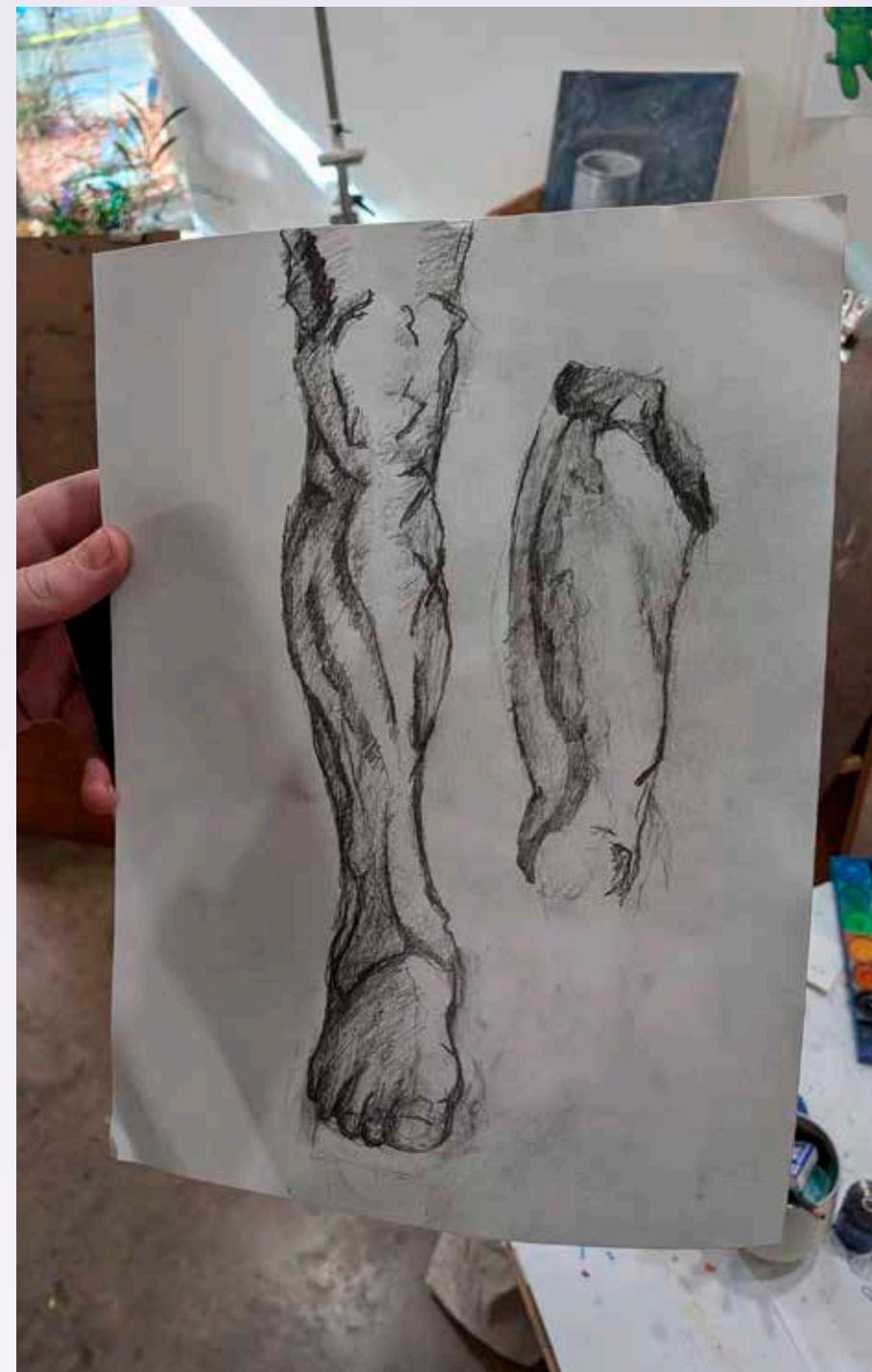
Sun Mountain is a tuition-free, public charter school that uses developmentally appropriate, holistic education to nurture the body, mind, and heart of each student on its eight acre campus. Its Waldorf-inspired curriculum unfolds over time, is wide and richly experiential: not limited to narrowly-defined 'achievement', but intended to promote capability for the art of living. The curriculum uses art, movement, and the outdoors as tools of learning throughout each day and each subject. In addition to a thematic approach to engaging and rigorous academics, Sun Mountain's integrated curriculum includes age appropriate camping trips and a class play each grade, and teaches handwork, Spanish, movement, singing and flute playing in every grade as well as orchestra in 4th-8th and woodwork 5th-8th grade. Lottery is now open for K-7th Grade for the 2026-2027 school year.

505-490-7266 | sunmountaincommunityschool.org

● KINDERGARTEN ● ELEMENTARY

THE ACADEMY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND THE CLASSICS

The Academy for Technology and the Classics was founded in 2000 to provide a classical and technology-based approach to education in a public school setting. The school aims to integrate students with a variety of learning styles and personal strengths in order to foster



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communication, literacy, critical thinking, and the personal skills necessary for college success. The academy cultivates fearless learners and is an inclusive community of scholars who boldly inspire and empower each other to think critically, build imaginatively, and courageously co-create a just world.

505-473-4282 | atcschool.org

● MIDDLE SCHOOL ● HIGH SCHOOL

THE MASTERS PROGRAM EARLY COLLEGE CHARTER SCHOOL

The Masters Program Early College Charter School has 260 students in grades 9 through 12 on the Santa Fe Community College campus. Students take core high school courses (required by the state) with charter school faculty, and may also take 11 college elective courses with college instructors. In living with a college schedule, students may have significant free time that they will manage by

themselves. If students want the responsibility of managing their time on a college campus, the Masters Program is right for them.

505-428-7320 | tmpsantafe.org

● HIGH SCHOOL

THRIVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The Thrive Community School is a diverse and affirming kindergarten through eighth grade learning community that embraces social and emotional learning practices and utilizes evidence-based teaching to advance educational equity. By using innovative approaches to drive academic achievement, eliminate disparities in student outcomes, and reinforce a positive self-concept, Thrive positions all students to follow the path of their choice. The Thrive model focuses on building strong foundations in reading and math through small group instruction, developing social and

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emotional intelligence, and cultivating passions for science and the arts.

505-982-1990 | thriveschools.org
● KINDERGARTEN ● ELEMENTARY
● MIDDLE SCHOOL

TIERRA ENCANTADA CHARTER SCHOOL

Tierra Encantada Charter School fosters bilingual proficiency and academic excellence through a culturally enriched education. We prepare students for success by promoting Spanish language mastery and ensuring access to dual credit opportunities. Our goal is for graduates to earn the New Mexico State Bilingual Seal and college credits, equipping them for a bilingual, multicultural world.

505-983-3337 | gotecs.org
● HIGH SCHOOL

TURQUOISE TRAIL CHARTER SCHOOL

Turquoise Trail Charter School is the state's oldest charter school and is as diverse as Santa Fe itself. Students come from Rio Rancho, Las Vegas, Santa Fe,

and surrounding pueblos to attend one of the highest-achieving institutions. Turquoise Trail was voted Best of Santa Fe and named a New Mexico Spotlight School, and was among the top 10 percent of schools in English language acquisition. Turquoise Trail has rigorous academic standards serving students Pre-K (age 3) through 8th grade.

505-986-4000 | ttschool.org
● EARLY CHILDHOOD ● PRE-K
● KINDERGARTEN ● ELEMENTARY
● MIDDLE SCHOOL

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

CAMINO DE PAZ MONTESSORI SCHOOL AND FARM

For more information, visit the school's website.

505-747-6707 | caminodepaz.net
● MIDDLE SCHOOL ● HIGH SCHOOL

CHILDREN'S GARDEN MONTESSORI

Children's Garden Montessori is a FOCUS Five-Star Montessori school and one of the few Montessori schools to have a state-funded Pre-K program for 3- and 4-year-olds. 75 percent of the school's families receive state funding. Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year begins in February 2024. The school has three classrooms: one classroom for kids ages 18 months to 3 years, and two classrooms for ages 3 to 6. Children must be 18 months before September 1, 2024, to enroll.

505-466-1251 | childrensgardensantafe.com
● EARLY CHILDHOOD ● PRE-K
● KINDERGARTEN

DESERT MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Established in 1979, Desert Montessori School is a distinctive hub of extraordinary education and community in Santa Fe. Our vision focuses on fostering agency, integrity, and creativity among students, staff, and the broader community. With a forward-thinking approach to Montessori education, a commitment to shared leadership, a welcoming environment, and a robust extracurricular curriculum, Desert Montessori is a place where all children can thrive.

505-983-8212 | desertmontessori.com
● EARLY CHILDHOOD ● PRE-K
● KINDERGARTEN ● ELEMENTARY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The First Presbyterian Church Child Development Center provides an educational program to preschoolers at First Presbyterian Church. The school's enrollment is limited to 80 children, ages 12 months to 5 years, and is open to those of all faiths. The Child Development Center provides a learning environment that fosters children's self-confidence and focuses on each child's individual needs. The Child Development Center collaborates with the Children, Youth, and Families Department of Santa Fe to provide a quality-based program that accommodates the needs of children in the greater Santa Fe area with its economically diverse population.

505-982-8919 | fpcsanctafe.org/cdc
● EARLY CHILDHOOD ● PRE-K
● KINDERGARTEN

GARCIA STREET CLUB

Garcia Street Club is a preschool and family resource center dedicated to serving the whole family. Located in the historic east side of Santa Fe since 1945, we provide a nurturing environment for children ages twelve months through five years. Our five-star, nationally-accredited preschool program has a long, proud history in the Santa Fe community and continues to provide well-rounded early learning programming rooted in arts, nature,



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and community. Our Reggio Emilia-inspired curriculum honors the “100 Languages of Children” and allows children to experience the wonder and joy of childhood while supporting each individual.

505-983-9512 | garciastreetclub.com

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN

GENTLE SHEPHERD LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Gentle Shepherd Lutheran Preschool is a mission outreach of Immanuel Lutheran Church. We serve children ages, 3, 4, 5 and their families by providing Christ centered early childhood education in a nurturing supportive environment.

505-983-9383 | ilc-sfnm.360unite.com

● PRE-K

GROWING UP NEW MEXICO

Growing Up New Mexico provides high-quality early childhood programs, prenatally through age 5, to families living in Santa Fe and Rio Arriba Counties. We offer home visiting services, full-day/full-year childcare and

Early Pre-K/Pre-K, family coaching and referrals to community resources, and free book distribution as an official Dolly Parton's Imagination Library affiliate. All of Growing Up New Mexico's programs are universally offered in English and Spanish. Our home visiting, family coaching, and Early Pre-K/Pre-K programs are provided for free. We accept New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) child care assistance for our child care program.

505-819-0137 | growingupnm.org

● EARLY CHILDHOOD ● PRE-K

JOURNEY MONTESSORI SCHOOL

The Journey Montessori School mission is founded on authentic Montessori methodology combined with a deep connection to nature and outdoor education. Journey's vision is to foster learning through developmentally appropriate experiences that tie together core academic subjects with natural-world experiences. Students explore concepts of constructing themselves while developing their social/emotional/cognitive intelligence and communication. They participate

in inquiry-based learning projects that foster initiative and allow for voice and choice. Students move beyond the classroom walls to connect with nature and their community. Students are prepared to face planet challenges, all within the context of where they are developmentally. Journey is AMI (Association Montessori Internationale) certified.

505-652-1986 | journeymontessorischool.org

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY ● MIDDLE SCHOOL

KIDS' CHOICE INC.

Kids' Choice is a nonprofit preschool that has been serving the community in and around Santa Fe since 1997. It offers quality care to children ages 2-5 with a mission to establish a safe, healthy, and nurturing learning environment for young children and their families. Understanding the importance of play, Kids' Choice recognizes that children work hard at what they do and play is learning for a child.

505-992-6146

● EARLY CHILDHOOD ● PRE-K

LA CASITA PRESCHOOL

La Casita Preschool is a Reggio Emilia-inspired parent cooperative school that has served the families of Santa Fe for 52 years. La Casita is five-star rated through the Early Childhood Education

and Care Department and nationally accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children. They offer a wide variety of play experiences, expressive materials, and learning experiences not available at home. Children are free to choose, observe, explore, create, and learn in a literacy rich environment especially designed for them.

505-983-2803 | lacasita.edu

● EARLY CHILDHOOD
● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN

LA MARIPOSA MONTESSORI

La Mariposa is a traditional Montessori school with certified Montessori instructors and traditional Montessori materials presented in the classrooms. Work groups are small, with children making independent, responsible decisions about their workflow and individual progress. The key programming element is the prepared environment, which encourages a child to be self-directed and develop active learning skills. The staff is committed to providing children with a well-rounded, developmentally appropriate academic program in a nurturing, well-prepared, respectful, and diverse environment. La Mariposa believes education is a lifelong endeavor and that every child has a right to grow, learn, and develop in a child-centered and well-prepared environment.

505-995-9659 | lamariposamontessori.com

● EARLY CHILDHOOD
● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY

LA PETITE ACADEMY

At La Petite Academy, we embrace each child's innate curiosity to deliver an immersive, rewarding experience, filled with wonder and discovery. Here, innovation starts early. Because we know there's nothing like a child's imagination to power inventive, inspiring experiences. Our collaborative, nurturing classrooms offer programs for infants to school-age students.

505-473-9525 | lapetite.com

● EARLY CHILDHOOD
● PRE-K

LITTLE EARTH SCHOOL

Little Earth School provides a successful program of academic excellence for children from preschool through elementary. Children learn through an integrated, developmentally appropriate and experiential curriculum that includes art, music, Spanish, yoga, environmental, and multicultural studies, and that emphasizes respect for self and others. Tuition assistance and before and after care available. Call them today to set up a tour! Maximum enrollment is 58. Established in 1978.

505-988-1968 | littleearthschool.org

● EARLY CHILDHOOD ● PRE-K
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MAY CENTER FOR LEARNING

The May Center for Learning (or May School) serves exceptional students from early childhood through 8th grade. It specializes in teaching students with learning differences such as dyslexia, ADHD, and language processing disorder. May School's student-to-teacher ratio is 8 to 1. Each student's program is individualized to meet the student's specific needs and is taught by faculty who have completed extensive training in Multisensory Structured Literacy teaching, which is the gold standard for students with learning differences.

505-780-5439 | maycenter.org
● EARLY CHILDHOOD ● PRE-K
● ELEMENTARY ● MIDDLE SCHOOL

RIO GRANDE SCHOOL

Founded in 1978, Rio Grande is a Pre-K–6 private interdisciplinary school that takes a collaborative, whole-child approach to education. Known for its academic rigor, hands-on learning, and robust co-curriculars, Rio Grande sets the bar high with a mission to challenge each child's intellect, to inspire each child's imagination, and to nurture each child's desire to learn.

505-983-1621 | riograndeschool.org
● EARLY CHILDHOOD ● PRE-K
● KINDERGARTEN ● ELEMENTARY

SANTA FE CHRISTIAN

Santa Fe Christian is a private Gospel-centered Christian school serving families with students in grades K–7 that equips children with a Biblical worldview, academic excellence, and spiritual growth. SFC's mission is to train students to know, live, and share the truth of God's Word and to raise up Christlike leaders who pursue their full potential for the glory of God. Admissions include an application, family interview, and enrollment process, with tuition assistance available for qualifying families. 505-477-4460 | santafechristian.org

● ELEMENTARY ● MIDDLE SCHOOL

SANTA FE GIRLS' SCHOOL

Dedicated to middle school girls, the Santa Fe Girls' School cultivates discerning minds, strong voices, and emotional wisdom through substantive academics and authentic student-teacher connections. We are a small school designed for this critical period of development. We provide a culture where girls develop into self-advocating, confident, and academically prepared high school students. Our thoughtful academic curricula engages our students' curiosity and excellence;

our small class size ensures that each student's abilities, challenges and accomplishments are recognized by her teachers. Our graduates go on to the public and private high schools of their choice as academic and social leaders.

NEXT OPEN HOUSE: MARCH

2ND, 2026

505-820-3188 | santafegirlsschool.org

● MIDDLE SCHOOL

SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL

For more information, visit the school's website.

505-989-6300 | sfis.k12.nm.us
● MIDDLE SCHOOL ● HIGH SCHOOL

SANTA FE MONTESSORI CHILD CARE PROGRAM

For more information, visit the school's website.

505-629-6443 | santafemonessorichildcareprogram.com

● EARLY CHILDHOOD ● PRE-K
● KINDERGARTEN

SANTA FE PREP

Santa Fe Prep (Prep) offers engaging academic courses and meaningful experiential education programs to students in 7th through 12th grades. Students learn how to solve problems big and small, explore the natural world, use technology in creative ways, and bring their ideas to life. Vibrant visual and performing arts programs, competitive athletic opportunities, and service learning are integral to a Prep education. Prep is now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year, and generous tuition assistance is available. The Malone Family Foundation Scholarship supports gifted students with demonstrated financial need.

505-982-1829 | sfprep.org
● MIDDLE SCHOOL ● HIGH SCHOOL

SANTA FE SCHOOL FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES

The Santa Fe School for Arts and Sciences is a small, private school with 140 students from preschool through 8th grade. The school boasts a five-acre campus that affords students the opportunity to learn both inside and outside the classroom. The school's commitment to meaningful learning encourages students to think critically and work collaboratively as the individual qualities and strengths of each student are nurtured. It connects high-quality academic learning to adventure and character development by using a hands-on project-

based approach that integrates the arts and sciences.

505-438-8585 | santafeschool.org

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY ● MIDDLE SCHOOL

SANTO NIÑO REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Santo Niño is built on community. Teachers, parents, and students work in concert to provide the most well-rounded and wholesome educational environment possible. Students not only learn to count, read, and play musical instruments, but also how to be a good citizen, a good family member, and a charitable person. Santo Niño has a diverse and thoughtful community of teachers who work together in harmony and joy to define the most challenging and intriguing curriculums. Teachers also provide friendship, safety, and a loving environment for the children in their classrooms.

505-424-1766 | santoninoregional.org

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY

ST. MICHAEL'S HIGH SCHOOL

For more information, visit the school's website.

505-983-7353 | stmichaelssf.org
● HIGH SCHOOL

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM PRESCHOOL

Temple Beth Shalom Preschool students benefit from small class sizes and the warmth of professional and dedicated educators. The outdoor space is an extension of the classroom where learning continues in two playgrounds and a student-tended garden. Intentional materials encourage creativity, exploration, and discovery.

505-982-6888 | sftbs.org/preschool

● EARLY CHILDHOOD ● PRE-K

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ACEQUIA MADRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Acequia Madre embraces joyful learning by helping students discover and build upon their passions. Through challenging academics, fine and performing arts, and community partnerships, students learn to contribute to their community and develop the skills needed to become lifelong learners and conscientiously engaged citizens for the future. In 2023–24, more than 70 percent of students transferred to the school from all over the city. Acequia Madre boasts a unique grade 2–4 violin program, a K–6 garden

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- Childcare for infants & toddlers—10:00
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- Youth “Initiation to Adulthood” (8th–12th)—11:15
- Family Fun Nights, Youth Retreats, Service Trips



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505-988-3295 | [www.UnitedChurchofSantaFe.org](http://UnitedChurchofSantaFe.org)

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program, and benefits from strong parent engagement. Students, staff, and parents are proud of the school's 2022 Blue Ribbon designation for outstanding academic achievement.

505-467-4000 | acequiamadre.sfps.info

● KINDERGARTEN ● ELEMENTARY

AMY BIEHL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

At Amy Biehl Community School, teachers and students are held to high expectations and engage in a rigorous education. Teachers work to encourage a child's sense of wonder and natural desire to learn in a culture that celebrates students' voices and their ability to explore, design, and collaborate. Amy Biehl serves students of the Rancho Viejo, La Cienega, Cerrillos, and Madrid communities. Amy Biehl is a true community school that provides services and supports that fit the community's needs and focuses on what students truly need to succeed.

505-467-2100 | amybiehl.sfps.info

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY

ASPEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

An Aspen education is defined by connectedness, community learning, and immersing students in real-world projects. This approach supports students in becoming scholars, explorers, collaborators, and innovators. Aspen values the community as a critical part of children's education, a place to learn empathy, seek common ground, lead toward a vision of community good, and make a difference. Aspen's students see themselves as scholars who are interdependent with each other, their community, and the natural world. We partner with many community organizations to ensure that students can achieve excellence.

505-467-4500 | aspen.sfps.info

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY ● MIDDLE SCHOOL

ATALAYA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Atalaya Elementary is a midsize school known for its small, family-friendly feel. Nestled in the foothills of the East Mountains, the team of teachers provides a strong academic foundation that seeks to instill the love of learning in every student. They believe in educating the whole child and offer a balanced curriculum of math, language arts, inquiry science, and social studies. Each classroom experience includes various grade-level traditions that are designed with a variety of community

partners such as DoD Starbase, National Dance Institute, Wise Fools, New Mexico Center for Therapeutic Riding, and the Acequias Project. These unique traditions help students experience excellence and a belief in and understanding of themselves through the program partnerships they experience.

505-467-4400 | atalaya.sfps.info

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY

CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL

Capital High School is a 9th through 12th comprehensive high school with specialized programming including AVID®, bilingual courses, advanced placement, dual credit offerings, and Medical Pathway, Business Pathway, and Computer Science Pathway. Capital High offers marching and concert band, choir, guitar, orchestra, drama, dance, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Model Legislature, DECA (for career interests in marketing, entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality, and management), HOSA-Future Health Professionals, the Interact Club, to promote international understanding, WAVE (Wellness Ambassadors to Voice and Empower), which promotes resiliency and protective factors, the Mariachi Club, the Spanish Reading Club, NM Dream Team, the largest immigrant youth-led network in New Mexico, Supercomputing, the Environmental Club, Naciones Unidas, which involves research and debate, and the Culture Club. Athletic programming includes football, boys' and girls' soccer and basketball, volleyball, cross-country, wrestling, swimming, diving, track & field, tennis, golf, dance and cheer.

505-467-1000 | capital.sfps.info

● HIGH SCHOOL

CARLOS GILBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Carlos Gilbert is dedicated to the students and community. Generations of Santa Fe families have attended this school, and we're honored to carry on the tradition. The school is within walking distance of the Santa Fe Plaza. This provides students with many opportunities to experience arts and culture at performing arts venues and museums. Carlos Gilbert has incredible parent involvement through the Parents, Teachers, Kids organization. The PTK funds several enrichment programs which are available to students.

505-467-4700 | carlosgilbert.sfps.info

● KINDERGARTEN ● ELEMENTARY

CÉSAR CHÁVEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

César Chávez Elementary School offers families a choice of a traditional English immersion program or a 50-50 dual language model (Spanish-English). Both strands serve students in grades K - 5 and support literacy development in one or two languages. We are also proud to offer pre-k classes for four-year old students. The dual language program offers a comprehensive, standards-based literacy program focused on ensuring

that students become biliterate and bilingual by 5th grade. Science and social studies are organized around themes to create student interest in learning while respecting and honoring each child's voice, personal life experience, beliefs, language and culture. Our Imaginariun inspires students to love math and supports their active participation in scientific practices and investigations.

505-467-3200 | cesarchavez.sfps.info

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY



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AFTERSCHOOL Fools

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CHAPARRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Chaparral Elementary is truly a hidden gem. Chaparral is centrally located with easy access to I-25, downtown, and southside. The experienced and dedicated staff ensure that every child grows academically, socially and emotionally. This past school year, we were recognized for showing a high percentage of growth in English Language Arts. We embrace families and provide many opportunities for families to be engaged. Students have the opportunity to engage in Art Club, 21st Century, Cooking With Kids, and Girls on the Run, as well as other activities. Chaparral is a school where everyone knows your name and where students are told they are loved and cared about every day.

505-467-1400 | chaparral.sfps.info

● KINDERGARTEN ● ELEMENTARY

DESERT SAGE ACADEMY

Desert Sage Academy (DSA) provides face-to-face online and digital learning for students in combined grades 3-6 and blended learning in grades 9 through 12. At DSA, students experience a different way of learning that allows for fewer distractions and smaller class sizes. Students can participate in the school's virtual classes from home or anywhere there's an internet connection. Lessons are provided within a synchronous schedule that allows for intensive support and intervention to foster the knowledge, critical thinking skills, and character necessary to succeed. Through its online educational platform, DSA can assist all students meet their educational goals and graduate with a high school diploma.

505-467-0301 | desertsage.sfps.info

● ELEMENTARY ● MIDDLE SCHOOL
● HIGH SCHOOL

EARLY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES HIGH SCHOOL

Early College Opportunities High School (ECO) offers a challenging curriculum designed to prepare students for higher education and vocational careers. ECO partners with Santa Fe Community College, the Institute of American Indian Arts, and San Juan College. By enrolling in dual credit courses, high school students can earn college and high school credits at the same time, accelerating their educational journey.

505-467-2701 | eco.sfps.info

● HIGH SCHOOL

EARLY LEARNING CENTER AT KAUNE

The Early Learning Center at Kaune is a warm and welcoming place for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Educators start with a foundation built on relationships and social-emotional learning. The school supports children in developing the skills they need to work, play, and interact with other members of the community. Inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach to learning, educators create classroom environments that promote curiosity, exploration, and discovery, igniting a lifelong love of learning. The school's program is accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children, which ensures programs meet ten standards of high-quality early childhood education.

505-303-3950 | growingupnm.org

● EARLY CHILDHOOD ● PRE-K

EJ MARTINEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

EJ Martinez is a smaller neighborhood school that has been home to many students and families since 1959. They foster a true community feeling and work to welcome all families and students. EJ Martinez teaches Pre-K through 6th grade and has a holistic view of education. They strive to educate in all content areas and give special attention to the social and emotional development of students. Extracurricular activities available include girls' basketball, boys' basketball, cheerleading, STEAM club, student council, and opportunities for academic tutoring.

505-467-3800 | ejmartinez.sfps.info

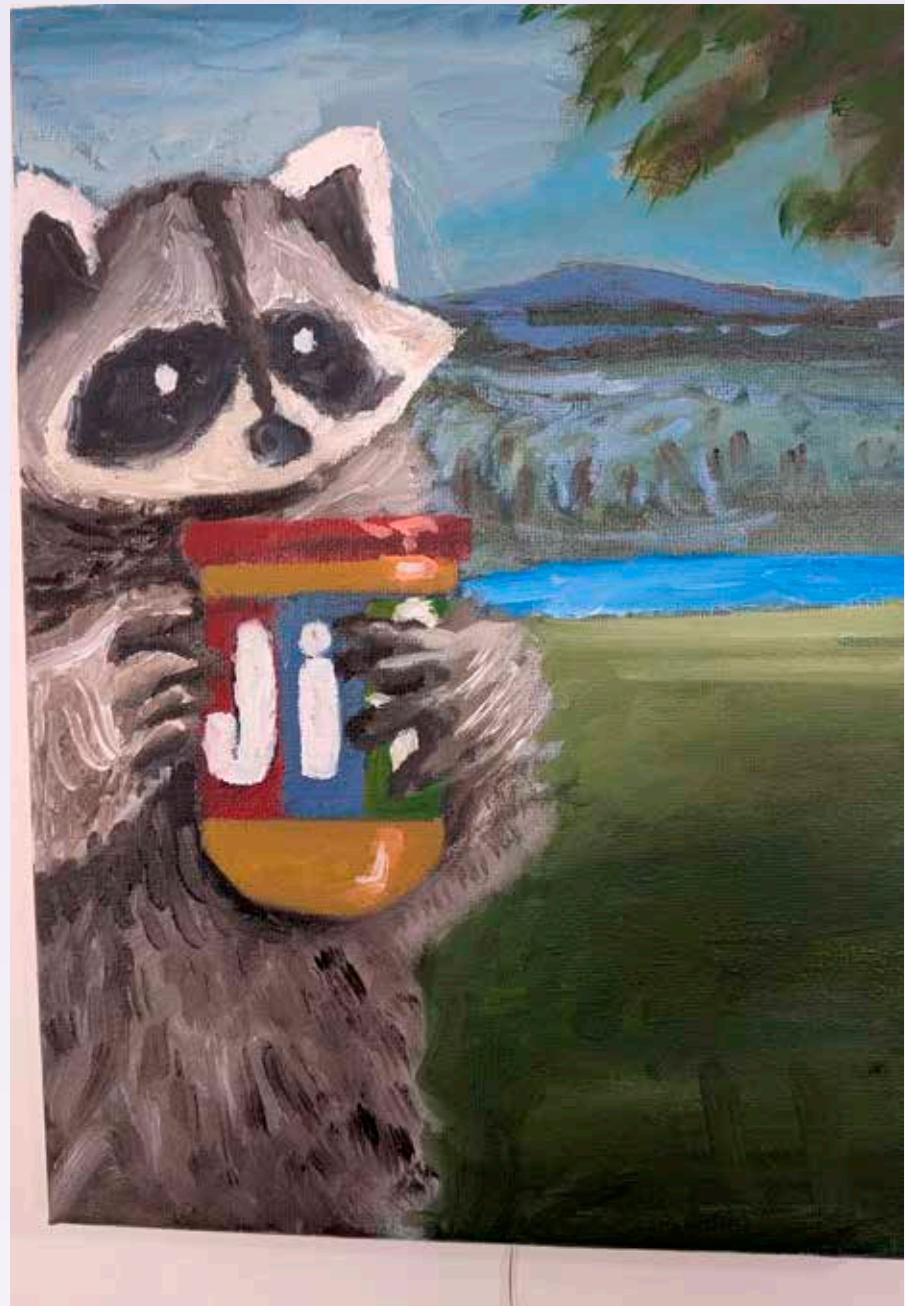
● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY

EL CAMINO REAL ACADEMY

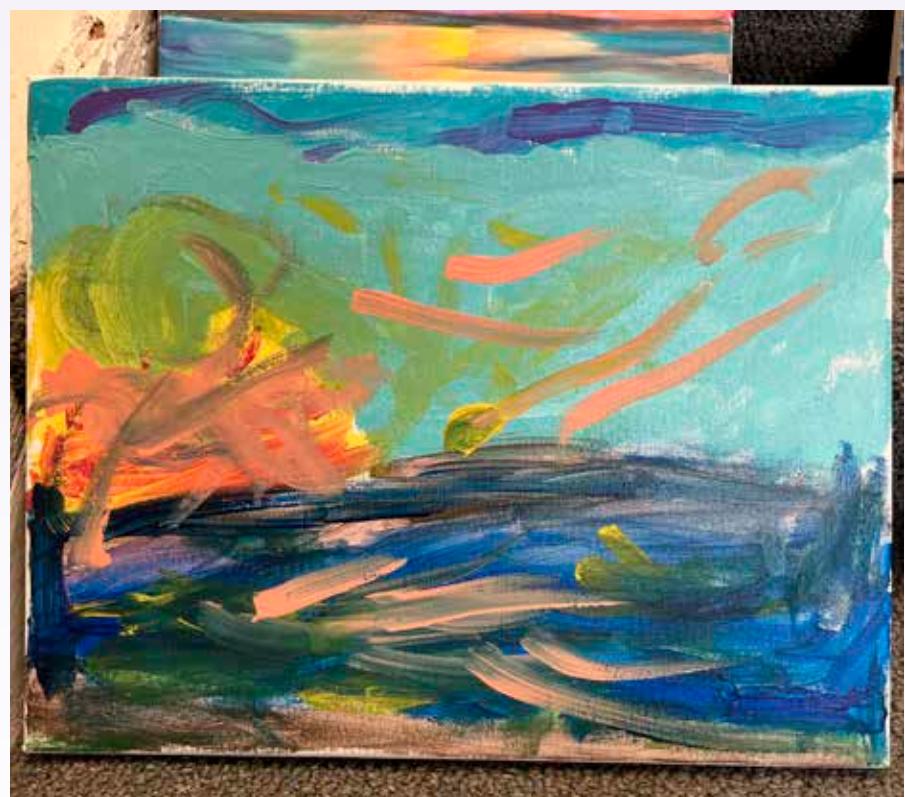
El Camino Real Academy is a dual-language, multicultural, multiliterate community of respectful, kind, responsible, creative learners striving for excellence. El Camino Real Academy is committed to dual language education for all students in grades Pre-K through 8th and is currently the only International Spanish Academy in New Mexico. El Camino Real Academy students have the opportunity to be recognized by the Ministry of Education of Spain to receive the official Spanish Seal issued by the Spanish Embassy.

505-467-1300 | ecrasfps.info

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY ● MIDDLE SCHOOL



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EL DORADO COMMUNITY SCHOOL

El Dorado Community School reflects a culture all its own. It is representative of the local and rural communities and teaches students pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. El Dorado students are offered a variety of classes with an emphasis on art and music. By the end of 8th grade, all students will have experienced choir, band, or orchestra. The school community proudly maintains a community garden through the student garden club. Students have access to various after-school sports and clubs, most of which are sponsored by or provided through the support of local community members and organizations.

505-467-4900 | eldorado.sfps.info

● PRE-K ● ELEMENTARY
● MIDDLE SCHOOL

FRANCIS X. NAVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Nestled in the middle of Santa Fe, Francis X. Nava Elementary serves approximately 180 students. Nava proudly boasts one class per grade level, and students thrive on the Nava Way: being respectful, responsible, and conscientious. Nava's vision is to rise above goals and past expectations. Every educational decision the school makes is supported by its core values: making every moment a teachable one, supporting each other to meet challenges, and looking for the positive.

505-467-1200 | nava.sfps.info

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY

GONZALES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Gonzales is a wonderful community school that is nestled in the far northern edge of the city. Gonzales offers a familial atmosphere that is focused on nurturing the whole child from kindergarten through 8th grade. Gonzales boasts robust STEAM, arts, and sports programs. The school specializes in building and fostering relationships with its students. The teachers and staff are dedicated to creating future collegians who represent the Lobo Way with an eye toward citizenship and community stewardship.

505-467-3100 | gonzales.sfps.info

● KINDERGARTEN ● ELEMENTARY
● MIDDLE SCHOOL

KEARNY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kearny values equity and each student's heritage. Kearny supports Spanish language speakers through the Heritage Model, which highlights the transferability between Spanish and English while still providing basic

maintenance of the home language. Staff partners with community organizations to support students' social-emotional and academic needs. Cooking With Kids educates and empowers children and families to choose healthy food. Offerings include girls' and boys' basketball, cheerleading, Student Council, Girls Inc., and other opportunities.

505-467-1800 | kearny.sfps.info

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY

KIDS CAMPUS AT SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

For more information, visit the school's website.

505-428-1354 | kidscampus.sfcc.edu

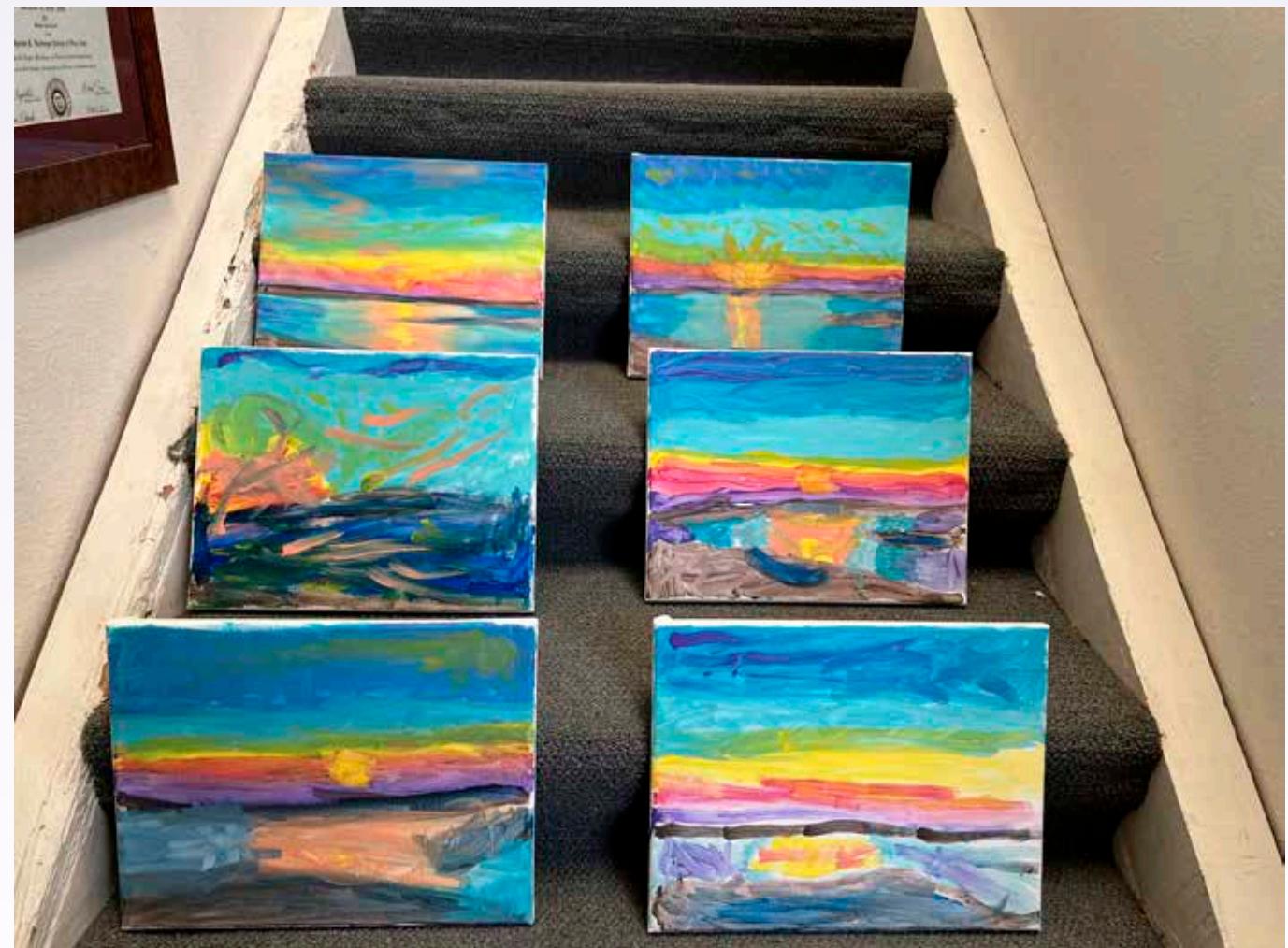
● EARLY CHILDHOOD

MANDELA INTERNATIONAL MAGNET SCHOOL

Mandela International Magnet School is the only equal access, public International Baccalaureate (IB) school in Santa Fe. Picked as the 2nd best public high school in New Mexico in 2024 by Niche.com, Mandela fully embraces the tenets and mission of



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the IB program to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. Admission is via lottery through Santa Fe Public Schools.

505-467-1901 | mims.sfps.info

● MIDDLE SCHOOL ● HIGH SCHOOL

MILAGRO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Milagro offers a wide range of arts and science opportunities, including band, orchestra, guitar, choir, and three distinct art classes. The school collaborates with community organizations to enrich the curriculum. Milagro is becoming a Computer Science academy, offering advanced math, Python, and C++ programming courses, and STEM classes in agriculture and rocket technology. The school has a greenhouse, grow room, and Apple Lab for hands-on learning. Milagro excels in sports like soccer, volleyball, baseball,

cheer, and track and field. Students are held to high academic and behavior standards and are encouraged to stay active through daily physical education and team participation.

505-467-3300 | milagro.sfps.info

● MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEW MEXICO CONNECTIONS ACADEMY

New Mexico Connections Academy is a tuition-free online public school for students throughout New Mexico in grades 4–12. Our unique program is focused on developing connections between teachers who specialize in online learning, engaged caregivers, and students in a strong circle of support.

connectionsacademy.com

● ELEMENTARY ● MIDDLE SCHOOL
● HIGH SCHOOL

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

For more information, visit the school's website.

505-476-6300 | nmsd.k12.nm.us

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY ● MIDDLE SCHOOL
● HIGH SCHOOL

NYE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Nye is a high-quality early childhood learning center that welcomes and supports all learners. Teachers are highly qualified in early childhood education and special education. Nye is equipped with several collaborative learning spaces that support inquiry-based learning, art, independence, and family engagement. The school values family partnerships and community involvement. All students are guaranteed equitable opportunities through the Santa Fe Public Schools Pre-K lottery.

505-467-4600 | nye.sfps.info

● EARLY CHILDHOOD ● PRE-K

ORTIZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bienvenidos a Ortiz Middle School!

Ortiz Middle School is unique in that it's a school dedicated solely to middle schoolers, grades 6th-8th, and it is bilingual. Ortiz has students from many parts of Santa Fe that also help to support that Dual Language Model. Many students go on to take and pass their Biliteracy Seal Tests. Even if this isn't your path, Ortiz still offers many outstanding courses and opportunities including: Junior Biomedical Sciences Career Exploration, AVID, GEAR UP, WAVE, Girl's Inc, Natural Helpers,



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An advertisement for the Santa Fe Family Health Center. It features a smiling family of three (a man, a woman, and a young girl) in the foreground. The background is a city skyline. The text "BEST WISHES for a Healthy New Year" is written in a stylized font. Below the family, the text "Santa Fe Family Health Center 4730 Beckner Rd., Santa Fe" and the phone number "505.989.4500" are displayed. A QR code is in the bottom right corner. The bottom of the ad features the logo for Presbyterian Medical Services (PMS) and social media links for Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

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Student Council, Arts, and sports. Ortiz Middle School is a great school when it comes to supporting your students and helping them get ready for life and high school.

505-467-2300 | ortiz.sfps.info

● MIDDLE SCHOOL

PIÑON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Piñon Elementary School's diverse student population affords everyone a culturally sensitive and enriched atmosphere. The Piñon school motto, "All things are possible when we work together toward a common goal," represents the community's commitment to the school and all children in Santa Fe. Piñon was named a 2020 prestigious Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, affirming the hard work of students, educators, families, and the community in creating a safe and welcoming school where students master challenging content.

505-467-1600 | pinon.sfps.info

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY

R.M. SWEENEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RM Sweeney Elementary is a bilingual school in Santa Fe, New Mexico, known for its strong commitment to fostering bilingualism and multiculturalism among its students. The school serves a diverse student body of 265 students and offers instruction in both English and Spanish, helping students achieve proficiency in both languages. RM Sweeney Elementary emphasizes academic excellence while celebrating the rich cultural heritage of its community, integrating bilingual education with a focus on literacy, math, science, and social studies.

505-467-1500 | sweeney.sfps.info

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY

RAMIREZ THOMAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ramirez Thomas Elementary's Dual Language, 50/50 model program serves students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd, whose heritage language is Spanish, by providing them with high-quality, academic instruction in Spanish and

English. Their instructional model emphasizes small group, differentiated learning opportunities so they can work to meet the needs of all students. This will continue growing one grade level per year until they have a full Kindergarten-5th strand in the 2026-27 school year. Ramirez Thomas's mission is to provide students with targeted academic and social-emotional learning opportunities that value and build on what they already know. Teachers and staff members value the partnerships between students, families, and the community.

505-467-3000 | ramirezthomas.sfps.info

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY

SALAZAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Salazar's vision is to foster an environment where students know they belong and are loved. We are committed learners who deeply value learning through challenging academics while cultivating a worldly curiosity. Whether learning indoors or outside in the beautiful garden, students are encouraged to explore and share ideas. Engagement extends to families and the community. Through joyful celebrations, outdoor learning, and STEM opportunities, Salazar secures students' paths toward a thriving future. We offer

the opportunity to learn in both English and Spanish, no matter the language spoken at home. We are dedicated to helping students find the positive strengths that they have within themselves to shine bright in the community.

505-467-3900 | salazar.sfps.info

● PRE-K ● KINDERGARTEN
● ELEMENTARY

SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL

Santa Fe High School seeks to develop lifelong learning skills, values, and knowledge so that students can become self-reliant and positive contributors to the world. Santa Fe High offers a diverse curriculum, a wide range of Advanced Placement (AP) courses and dual credit offerings, elective opportunities, and unique small learning academies that develop strong teacher-student relationships.

505-467-2400 | sfhs.sfps.info

● HIGH SCHOOL

TESUQUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tesuque Elementary is a hidden gem located north of Santa Fe in Tesuque Village. Tesuque has served the children of Tesuque, Chupadero, Rio en Medio, and Tesuque Pueblo since 1930. With an approach focused on multisensory learning beyond the classroom, Tesuque offers an academic program that meets the needs of all learners. Embedded throughout the school day is a sensory, social, and emotional curriculum. Tesuque's diverse students have daily opportunities to learn about a variety of cultures, explore the attributes of living in New Mexico, and make use of their ideas for the betterment of the world.

505-467-4100 | tesuque.sfps.info

● KINDERGARTEN ● ELEMENTARY

WOOD GORMLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Wood Gormley Elementary provides every student with a high-quality education and multiple opportunities to meet or exceed challenging grade-level math and reading standards. In a safe, caring, and inclusive environment, the school prepares students for the next grade, college, and careers. Wood Gormley, a Blue Ribbon school, strives to meet students where they are and to capitalize on their strengths to enhance their learning experiences. Wood Gormley offers a wide variety of after-school activities, including tutoring, yoga, technology club, outdoor club, chess club, lego club, art club, First Serve Tennis, basketball, cheer, lacrosse club, swim team, and more.

505-467-4800 | woodgormley.sfps.info

● KINDERGARTEN ● ELEMENTARY



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Calendar of Events

January

LEGEND

★ SPOTLIGHT



SPECIAL EVENTS

SUPPORT & COMMUNITY

SPORTS & ACTIVITY

VISUAL ARTS



PERFORMING ARTS



EDUCATION/ENRICHMENT



NATURE



ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4 Ice Arena at GCCC Hours Vary Dawn 'Til Dusk at Coronado All Day Dawn 'Til Dusk at Los Luceros All Day Family Art at NM Museum of Art-Vladem Contemporary 10 AM - 12 PM Railyard Artisan Market 10 AM - 3 PM Free First Sundays at NM Museums 10 AM - 5 PM Can You Dig It? 11AM - 3PM Eis Haus Ice Skating Rink in Taos Ski Valley 11 AM - 8 PM Animal Encounters 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	5 Ice Arena at GCCC Hours Vary ★ Winter Workshops at the Santa Fe Children's Museum 9 AM - 3:45 PM Nature Playtime 10 - 11 AM Nature up Close (Reptiles) 10:15 - 11:45 AM Kids Sing-along with Queen Bee Music 10:30 - 11:15 AM Storytime at NM Museum of Art 10:30 - 11:30 AM Toddler Time at Many Mothers 11:30 AM - 12 PM Many Mothers Play Area 12 - 2 PM Monday Funday at Meow Wolf 3 - 8 PM Paws and Pages at La Farge 4:30 - 5:30 PM Birth Talk Los Alamos 6:30 - 4:30 PM	6 Ice Arena at GCCC Hours Vary Tot Time at GCCC 8:15 AM - 9:30 AM Music and Movement in Los Alamos 9:30 - 10 AM Babytime Los Alamos 10:15 - 11 AM Eis Haus Ice Skating Rink in Taos Ski Valley 11 AM - 8 PM Animal Encounters 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Many Mothers Play Area 12 - 2 PM Special Needs/Autism Support Group 6 - 7 PM Paws and Pages at Main Library 6 - 7 PM	7 Music and Movement in Los Alamos 9:30 - 10 AM Bilingual Books and Babies at Main Library 10 - 11 AM Nature up Close 10 AM - 12 PM (Birds) , 4 PM (Planetarium) Storytime at White Rock Library 10:15 - 10:45 AM Kids Sing-along with Queen Bee - Railyard Park 10:30 - 11:15 AM Wee Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:30 AM Storytime and Craft at La Farge Library 10:30 - 11:30 AM Eis Haus Ice Skating Rink in Taos Ski Valley 11 AM - 8 PM Animal Encounters 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Many Mothers Play Area 12 - 2 PM What's Up Wednesday at Mesa Public Library 1:30 - 3 PM Teen Lounge at La Farge Library 2 - 4 PM Teen Lounge at Southside Library 3 - 5 PM Youth Chess at Main Library 5:45 - 7:45 PM
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Calendar of Events

LEGEND



SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

CELEBRATIONS & HOLIDAYS

★ SIPAPU'S BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 24 | 3 PM

Join us Saturday, January 24 as we celebrate Sipapu's heritage! Wear your throwback ski gear and party with us on the patio with music, FREE cupcakes, a retro slideshow of years past at the mountain, games + more. Our GM will be on hand for a ski mountain tour at 1:30 at the top of Lift One. Don't miss it!

★ MARDI GRAS IN THE MOUNTAINS

FEBRUARY 12 - 17

Come celebrate Mardi Gras with us in the snow-capped mountains of Red River. The unique blend of Mardi Gras and Red River traditions draws crowds from all over the country. Come experience something new with the burning of the Tchoupitoulas, a spirit that removes your troubles and worries for the coming year. The grand ball is an event for everyone to dress up and celebrate a good time in the mountains. The Mardi Gras Main Street parade showcases local businesses and their holiday spirit.

★ FEBRUARY FUN FEST AT SPIPAPU SKI

FEBRUARY 21 | 9 AM - 4 PM

Our FREE February Fun Fest Weekend celebration includes a giant snow castle and mountain-wide scavenger hunt, with heaps of fantastic prizes and more fun than you can shake a ski pole at. Costumes highly encouraged! Great prizes for costumes, races, and games!

EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

★ FIRST DAY HIKE AT ELEPHANT BUTTE DAM

JANUARY 1 | 10 AM - 1 PM

This is the only day that pedestrians are able to walk across Elephant Butte Dam! New Mexico State Parks sponsors free guided hikes at several state parks on New Year's Day, giving individuals and families an opportunity to begin the New Year connecting with the great outdoors. Elephant Butte Dam, built in 1916 and normally closed to all traffic, is open to walkers as part of the hikes. For a shorter trip, enter from the Dam overlook. Start from the parking area near the Dirt Dam on Highway 195 if you want a longer walk. Well-behaved leashed pets are welcome. Bring water and snacks, dress appropriately, and enjoy this special opportunity.



Courtesy photo: JF Mazur Art Studio.

★ S'MORES & STARGAZING AT ANGEL FIRE SKI RESORT

JANUARY 1, FEBRUARY 5 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Do you like s'mores and are you interested in learning more about the night sky or just looking at the moon, stars, galaxies, and nebulae through a telescope? Join us near the Boat House at Monte Verde Lake on select nights this season. Dress appropriately for the weather, as this event will be outdoors. Feel free to bring your chairs, blankets, and binoculars if you have them.

★ WINTER WORKSHOPS AT THE SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

JANUARY 5, 19

The Santa Fe Children's Museum is back with new workshops to fill your breaks, with days full of discovery! Winter Workshops: An Explorer's Series will spark creativity and curiosity during special hands-on sessions! Campers will be enchanted by our daily themes and educated through art, science, and play each day! Featuring brand new projects, private playtime and days jam-packed with fun! Registration required: santafechildrensmuseum.org.

**★ MAKE A BOOK,
TAKE A BOOK: A BOOK
ARTS WORKSHOP FOR
CHILDREN WITH
WILL KARP**

JANUARY 9 | 3 PM - 5 PM

Join Will Karp at the South-side Library Café Room to learn how to make a book. Children and their families will have three simple book designs to choose from. All supplies will be provided.



**★ TOUGHEST
MONSTER TRUCK
TOUR IN RIO RANCHO**

JANUARY 16 - 17

The Toughest Monster Truck Tour will return to Rio Rancho Events Center. The Toughest Monster Truck Tour begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 10 and at 6 p.m. on Saturday, January 11. Tickets are available at toughestmonstertrucks.com and at the Rio Rancho Events Center box office.

Courtesy photo: Art School Santa Fe.

**★ NEW MEXICO
BRICK CONVENTION**

JANUARY 17 - 18 |

10 AM-1 PM, 2-5 PM

New Mexico Brick Convention is returning to Expo New Mex

ico in 2026 with two times the LEGO displays. Brick Convention is the Greatest LEGO Fan Event on earth and brings all of the creative hands-on, minds-on fun of LEGO building and experiences together in one activity,

an entertainment-packed family event for children of all ages and builders of all skills and interests. Purchase tickets at www.brickconvention.com/newmexico

**★ FAMILY MOVIE
NIGHT: HUGO**

JANUARY 29

Join us for our monthly Family Movie Night with a free screening of Hugo (2011, PG)! Bring your own pillows, blankets, and stuffed animals to get cozy in our Community Room, and enjoy free popcorn and hot cocoa. Based on the book The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick, Hugo tells the story of an orphaned boy living in the walls of a Paris train station. Accompanied by the goddaughter of a toy merchant, Hugo embarks on a quest to solve a mystery left by his late father and to find a place he can call home. Magical, enchanting, and a love letter to early cinema.

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RECURRING EVENTS

SUPPORT & COMMUNITY

BABY AND TODDLER PLAY HOUR AT MAIN LIBRARY

10:30-11:30 AM

Free, unstructured play where children can explore and interact with other children and new educational toys. Learn and make social connections together with your toddler.

DATES: Every second Saturday

BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS

10:15-11 AM

Babytime is best for ages 0 to 2 and their caregivers at Mesa Public Library. Library staff share songs, bounces, and rhymes to help babies develop early literacy skills. The program might include scarves, bells, or rattles. It includes focused play and free play. Free admission.

DATES: Every Tuesday

BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS

6:30-8:30 PM

A free community talk circle for pregnant women and mothers. Birth Talk Los Alamos is a safe place to learn about options in pregnancy and childbirth. Hosted virtually.

DATES: First Monday

DAWN 'TIL DUSK DAY AT LOS LUCEROS HISTORIC SITE

SUNRISE TO SUNSET

Los Luceros Historic Site will extend its hours on the first Sunday of each month. During this time, entrance into Los Luceros is free for New Mexico residents and includes access to the site's visitor center, historic buildings, trails, and picnic areas.

DATES: First Sunday

DAWN TO DUSK AT CORONADO HISTORIC SITE

SUNRISE TO SUNSET

Coronado Historic Site offers extended hours from dawn until

dusk on the First Sunday of each month to allow visitors an opportunity to see the site at these beautiful times of day. The early mornings are a great time to see a multitude of different birds, while the evenings offer unparalleled views of the Sandia Mountains glowing pink at sunset. Activities for people of all ages are available throughout the day. First Sundays are free to all New Mexico residents with ID. Regular admission is \$7 for nonresident adults, children 16 and younger are free.

DATES: First Sunday

MEET THE MINIATURE HORSES OF MY LITTLE HORSE LISTENER

11 AM

Meet and play with the miniature therapy equines of My Little Horse Listener. Guided tours of our accessible Equine Learning Park, available every Saturday during the fall. Healthy snacks available. Free; reservations required.

DATES: Every Saturday

RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

10 AM-3 PM

The Sunday Market is dedicated to local artisans and small creative businesses and it's one of New Mexico's oldest and best-loved art markets. This is the perfect place to purchase fine art and crafts directly from the artists, a gift for a special occasion, and souvenirs and mementos.

DATES: Every Sunday

SANTA FE SATURDAY FARMERS' MARKET

8 AM-1 PM

Shop a great selection of fresh produce, eggs, meat, honey, bread, chile, apothecary items, and much more. At our market, 100% of the vegetables, fruits, and nursery plants available are grown right here in northern New Mexico. Arrive hungry and stop BY Cafe Fresh for hot coffee and a selection of ready-to-eat treats. Check out our Santa Fe Farmers' Market Gift Shop and its ev-

er-changing selection of fair trade and local items. Your purchases directly support our farmers.

DATES: Every Saturday

SPECIAL NEEDS/AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

6-7 PM

All parents and caregivers raising children with an autism diagnosis are welcome. This is an in-person meeting at Las Cumbres - Los Alamos Center. Email Abbie.Nelson@lccs-nm.org with any questions about this group.

DATES: Every Tuesday

TEEN LOUNGE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

2-4 PM

A safe space for teens to decompress after school. La Farge Library has art supplies, homework tables, laptops and Wi-Fi, board games, tea, and snacks.

DATES: Every Wednesday (except in June)

TEEN LOUNGE AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

3:00-5:00 PM

Hang out space for teens to relax with games, crafts, snacks, study rooms, and wi-fi.

DATES: Every Wednesday (except in June)

THURSDAYS ARE YOURS AT SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

4-7 PM

Extended hours and free admission for children under 17 at the Santa Fe Children's Museum.

DATES: Every Thursday

TODDLER TIME AT MANY MOTHERS

11:30 AM - 12 PM

Toddlers and caregivers, join Santa Fe Public Library at Many Mothers of Santa Fe on the first Monday of every month for a special storytime.

Enjoy rhymes, songs, movement, and stories in a lively atmosphere. This program builds on familiar experiences to introduce new vocabulary and sounds, fostering early literacy and joyful learning together. Ages 1-3.

DATES: First Monday



SPORTS & MOVEMENT

EIS HAUS ICE SKATING RINK IN TAOS SKI VALLEY

11 AM - 8 PM

Skaters of all abilities and ages will enjoy ice skating and many other activities on the ice. Large built-in fireplaces with seating adjacent to the ice offer a terrific place for family and friends to watch and socialize after a day on the mountain. Pricing: Adults \$25, youths \$20. Tickets can be purchased on-site at the Eis Haus. Price includes skate rental.

DATES: Every day, weather permitting

ICE ARENA AT GCCC

Glide into fun at the GCCC Ice Arena! Bring friends and enjoy a cool escape. Reservations required at santafenm.gov/community-services/recreation/genoveva-chavez-community-center-gccc

DATES: Every day, hours vary.

TOT TIME AT GCCC

8:15-9:30 AM

Leisure pool for kids 4 and under. No registration needed, \$2 per person.

DATES: Tuesday and Thursday

SLEDDING AT HYDE MEMORIAL STATE PARK

Take the kids up to Hyde Memorial State Park for a sledding adventure. The sled run is open daily when conditions allow, and the State Park day use fee is just \$5. Sleds and tubes are not available to rent on site, so make sure to bring your own.

DATES: Daily

VISUAL ARTS & CULTURE

ARTE PARA CHIQUITOS AT THE NATIONAL HISPANIC CULTURAL CENTER

10 AM

Arte para chiquitos is a free, monthly, 45-minute program for babies and toddlers ages

0 months to 4 years and their caregivers that cultivates creativity and self-expression through the exploration of Hispanic/Latine arts and culture. Participants explore the NHCC Museum, Performing Arts Center, and engage in artmaking, music, movement, dance, drama, and bilingual story time. NHCC instructors model age-appropriate arts techniques that celebrate self-expression, build vocabulary, and strengthen both fine-motor and gross-motor skills in a fun environment. Free Community Event. Please register here: my.nmculture.org/30048/42138, or call the NHCC Welcome Center at 505-724-4771 for assistance.

DATES: Second Tuesdays

CREATE WITH O'KEEFFE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

3:30-4:30 PM

The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and the Santa Fe Public Library are proud to offer free drop-in artmaking. Perfect for kids of all ages, expand your creativity and explore your imagination with new art activities every month. All supplies provided.

DATES: Second Thursday

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DATES: Third Thursday

CREATE WITH O'KEEFFE AT MAIN LIBRARY

3:30-4:30 PM

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DATES: Fourth Thursday



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FAMILY ART MAKING AT NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF ART- VLADEM CONTEMPORARY

10 AM-12 PM

The first Sunday of each month we invite families to join us in a fun art-making session at the new Vladem Contemporary. Explore the galleries to find inspiration and enjoy the power of creating with your loved ones and friends. Light snacks will be available. These events are free for all New Mexico residents.

DATES: First Sunday

FINE ART FRIDAYS AT SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

2-4 PM

A weekly exploration into the arts with special guests and hands-on activities.

DATES: Every Friday

FREE FAMILY FUN AT GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM

10:30 AM-2:30 PM

Bring the whole family to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum for fun activities happening throughout the day including hands-on art-making, storytime, and other surprises. Families can also enjoy free access to the Museum Galleries.

DATES: Second Sunday

FREE FIRST SUNDAYS AT NEW MEXICO MUSEUMS

10 AM-5 PM

Admission is free on the first Sunday of every month to New Mexico residents with ID to the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, the Museum of International Folk Art, the New Mexico History Museum, and the New Mexico Museum of Art.

DATES: First Sundays

MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF

3-8 PM

Make the first day of the work-week a little less Monday and a lot more Funday with Meow Wolf's weekly New Mexico 50% off appreciation discount.

DATES: Every Monday

STORYTIME AT THE NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF ART

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Join us this fall for Elements of Art: Story Time at the New Mexico Museum of Art Library. Every other Monday at 10:30 a.m., we invite children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers to learn about a basic element of art through story, song, and craft. Led by Cyndi Korzec, an early childhood educator, this program will introduce children to concepts such as color, line, and form.

DATES: Every other Monday starting 5/5.

TODDLER CRAFT AT LAFSN

10-11 AM

FSN's monthly crafts are a pleasure for grown-ups and kids. Free; drop in.

DATES: Third Wednesday & following Saturday

PERFORMING ARTS

KIDS SING-ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC

10:30-11:15 AM

Join us every Monday for joyful music and games at Queen Bee Music Association.

DATES: Every Monday

KIDS SING-ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC - RAILYARD PARK

10:30-11:15 AM

Join us for joyful music and games at the Railyard Park community room.

DATES: Every Wednesday

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

9:30-10 AM

Musical fun for children ages 0 to 6 and their caregivers. Music and Movement (M&M) is great for brain and body development. M&M uses songs, scarves, bells, rhythm sticks, and more to count, clap, sing, jump, and wiggle together.

DATES: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays at Mesa Public Library; Wednesdays at White Rock Library (closed on 1/1)

TODDLER TUNES AT LAFSN

10:30-11 AM

Children and parents sing, play instruments, and dance together, while Rachel Josephson shares simple ways to engage children in music and movement. Free; drop in.

DATES: First Wednesday

EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

AUDUBON STORYTIME & CRAFT

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Join us for a lively storytime followed by a hands-on craft for kids. This storytime is geared especially towards preschoolers and kindergarteners, though kids of all ages are welcome! Join Miss Kanah from the Randall Davey Audubon Center and Sanctuary for a very special nature storytime!

DATES: 1/14, 1/20, 1/29, 2/10, 2/18, 2/26

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

10-10:30 AM

The power of music and song is used as an introduction to language in this program for babies and toddlers. Exposure to new and different language sounds in early childhood can help children with language acquisition skills as they grow.

DATES: Every Saturday

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DATES: Every Friday

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

10-11 AM

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DATES: Every Wednesday

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

10-10:30 AM

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DATES: Every Saturday

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FREE FAMILY FUN!

Every Second Sunday at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum

Family Fun Day
217 Johnson Street
Second Sunday | 10:30 AM–2:30 PM

Bring the whole family to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum for fun activities happening throughout the day including hands-on art-making, storytime, and other surprises! Families can also enjoy free access to the Museum Galleries.

This event is free and open to the public.

Family Fun Day is offered in partnership with the Santa Fe Children's Museum and Santa Fe Public Libraries.

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CAREGIVER AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

10:15-11 AM

This gentle introductory class for children and their caregiver utilizes a curriculum based on child development theories and discovery of dance through play, which sparks a lifelong appreciation for movement arts.

DATES: First and third Saturday (except in June)

COME BUILD WITH US AT MAIN LIBRARY

2-4 PM

Come use your imagination to build your newest creation!

DATES: Fourth Saturday

FUN WITH FIREFIGHTERS AT SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

1-2 PM

Join the Santa Fe Fire Department for story time at the Santa Fe Children's Museum and then go outside to visit a fire truck. Free with admission to the museum.

DATES: First Thursday (except 1/1)

MANY MOTHERS' PLAY AREA

12-2 PM

Did You know Many Mothers has an indoor play area for children 0 to 3 years old? Monday through Thursday, 12 to 2 p.m., you and your little one are invited to stop by and play, have fun, and explore indoors.

DATES: Monday-Thursday

PAJAMA STORYTIME/ HORA DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

6:30-7:30 PM

A cozy evening storytime that includes a snack and a craft for caregivers and preschool children.

This program is in partnership with the Santa Fe Children's Museum and Growing Up New Mexico.

DATES: Every Thursday (except 1/1)



Courtesy photo: Dragonfly Art Studio.

PASEO POTTERY THROW DOWN

5-8 PM

The first Friday of every month, Paseo Pottery hosts a Pottery Throw Down to celebrate our local nonprofit organizations. Each month we will invite a local nonprofit and proceeds from the event are donated to them as our way of saying thanks for the important work they do. There will be live pottery demos, libations, music, and a chance for newbies to try their hand at the wheel with the help of our volunteers. Grab a friend and come play in the mud with us. Cost: \$25 per person.

DATES: First Friday

PAWS AND PAGES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

4:30-5:30 PM

Practice reading aloud to a friendly therapy dog from the Santa Fe Animal Shelter Pet Outreach Program. Our dogs are patient, cuddly, and love to hear stories. Reluctant readers will gain confidence and seasoned readers will

enjoy practicing their read-aloud skills in a relaxed environment.

DATES: Every Monday (except 1/19)

PAWS AND PAGES AT MAIN LIBRARY

6-7 PM

Children can practice their reading skills by sharing a story with a furry friend. This program is for early school age children. No registration required. These wonderful dogs are from the Santa Fe Animal Shelter Pet Outreach Program.

DATES: Every Tuesday

PAWS AND PAGES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Children can practice their reading skills by sharing a story with a furry friend. A local therapy dog will be here at the library eagerly waiting. This program is for early school-age children.

DATES: Every first and third Saturday

SCIENCE SATURDAYS

2-4 PM

Scientists and STEM instructors visit the Santa Fe Children's Museum to conduct experiments, explorations, and demonstrations. Free with admission. Presented in the Woods Family Outdoor Classroom.

DATES: Every Saturday

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

10:30-11:30 AM

Created with early childhood teaching techniques, this story hour and craft provide social, physical, and cognitive skill practice for kindergarten readiness. This program is for pre-school-age children.

DATES: Every Wednesday

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT MAIN LIBRARY

10:30-11:30 AM

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DATES: Every Thursday (except 1/1)

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DATES: Every Tuesday

STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK LIBRARY

10:15-10:45 AM

Children ages 3 to 5 years old are invited to attend storytime at White Rock Library. Storytime is meant to teach and affirm early literacy concepts, songs, and fun with kids who can listen to a few books and are starting to put the world together in story form. Babies and older siblings are welcome, but caregivers should be aware of the program's focus.

DATES: Every Wednesday



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WEE WEDNESDAYS

10:30-11:30 AM

Santa Fe Children's Museum offers storytime for toddlers and special exploration and activities.

DATES: Every Wednesday

WHAT'S UP WEDNESDAY AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

1:30-3 PM

Activities for elementary-age kids weekly. It might be Legos, an art project, board games, physical games, a special guest, or something else. Best for children 6 to 11 years old. Children 5 and under must have a caregiver with them.

DATES: Every Wednesday

YOUTH CHESS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

5:45-7:45 PM

Youth chess is a weekly chance for school-age youth to continue to improve their critical thinking skills through the game of chess. While playing with other youth, new techniques, strategies, and tricks are introduced. This program is for youth of all ages who know the basic elements of chess and can play without aid.

DATES: Every Wednesday

NATURE

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT THE NEW MEXICO WILDLIFE CENTER

11:30-12:30 AM

Meet an animal ambassador.

DATES: Tuesday through Sunday (except 1/1)

FIRST FRIDAY FRACTALS

8-9 PM, 9-10 PM

First Friday Fractals is the spectacular, award-winning full dome planetarium show that takes viewers on a tour of the fractals in nature and zooms through infinitely complex mathematical fractals. Featuring original music, the show is both educational and highly entertaining and suitable for audiences aged 3 and up.

DATES: First Friday

MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

1-2 PM

Come say hello to beloved corn snake Cornelius and watch him eat his weekly dinner at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. Please be aware that Cornelius will not be able to come out when he is shedding or not feeling well.

DATES: Every Thursday (except 1/1)

NATURE PLAYTIME

10-11 AM

Start the week off by playing outside at the Pajarito Environmental Education Center. An opportunity for toddlers, preschoolers, and caregivers to explore the nature center and explore the natural world. Each playtime features outdoor play, sensory exploration, and activities focused on a theme in nature. Dress for the weather, we will be outside year-round. Admission is free.

DATES: Every Monday (excluding holidays)

NATURE UP CLOSE

Meet one of our naturalists, learn about our local wildlife and plants, and explore our skies in the planetarium. All Nature Up Close events are free, but they are dependent on volunteer availability.

DATES: Mondays, 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Birds: Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Walk-In Planetarium Show:

Wednesdays 4 p.m. Gardens: Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday (except 1/1)

SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

10:30-11:30 AM

Hands-on gardening and nature-themed craft projects in the Earthworks Garden (weather permitting) at the Santa Fe Children's Museum.

DATES: Every Thursday

TORCHLIGHT PARADE & FIREWORKS AT RED RIVER SKI

7 PM

Join us every Saturday during ski season for the best show in Red River! Our Torchlight Parade &



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DATES: Every Saturday

ENTERTAINMENT

ANIME CLUB

5:30-7:30 PM

Anime Club is for anyone in grades 7 to 12. This chill program provides snacks and a comfortable place with friendly people to watch two hours of anime at the Zone at Mesa Public Library. Anime may be rated TV-14/PG-13. Art and freebies.

DATES: Second Thursday

RANDOM FANDOM

6-7 PM

Hang out time for youths in grades 7 to 12 to make stuff, play games, eat, and talk. Held at the Zone at Mesa Public Library.

DATES: Fourth Thursday



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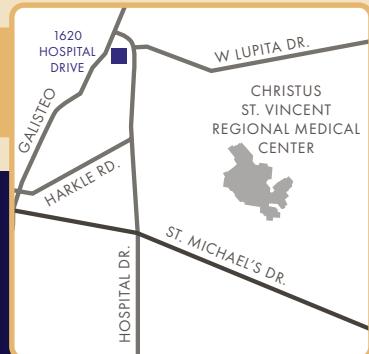
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