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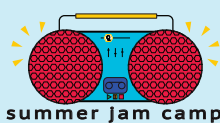
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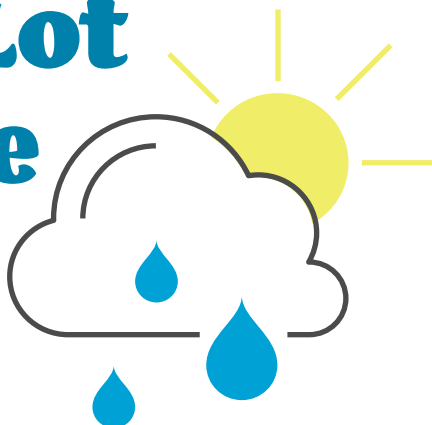
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# Notes from Jen

## Rain, Shine or a Lot of Snow... We are in this together



By Jen Paul Schroer

### As I reflect on springtime in

northern New Mexico, the uncertainty of the weather always comes to mind. The skiers and snowboarders out there dream of those last March snow days and fresh powder. Some of us can't wait to get started on that spring planting, but we get nervous about a possible late freeze. Some areas in northern New Mexico get super muddy and slushy as the snow begins to melt, postponing that deep post-winter car cleaning. April and May bring the winds and a little warmth, but we still need to wear those layers for chilly mornings and evenings. My husband has a little saying about New Mexico weather: "If you don't like the weather, just wait 15 minutes."

Tumbleweeds Magazine's spring cover photo shows how fickle New Mexico's weather can be. Our plan was to do a photoshoot with brothers Jasper (age 7) and Mateo (age 9) Ciano at Reunity Resources doing spring planting in their greenhouse, and a snowstorm whipped through New Mexico without much notice. While the snowstorm created a beautiful white background, it wasn't quite the look we were initially imagining for a spring cover. Mother Nature does as she wills, and we find a way to roll with it, day to day.

The pandemic has also brought some uncertainty, and we are all managing the best we can, day to day. The Spring 2022 issue includes articles that really touch on the challenges of uncertainty and how parents, teachers and community leaders try their absolute best during impossible circumstances.

As parents, we wake up every day not sure if our child's school or childcare program will be canceled due to a COVID-19 outbreak or a shortage of teachers. Our minds twist and turn worrying when we hear that ding notifying us that an email from the school is in our inbox. Was my family exposed? Did we expose others? Where do I find a test? (FindaTestNM.org) What is the latest guidance from the CDC? (CDC.gov/coronavirus) What do I do about my job when school is canceled? Balancing our personal lives with school and work is especially difficult right now. One of this issue's contributing writers, Giovanna Rossi, shares her labor of love, Family Friendly New Mexico, with our readers in her article titled, "Finding the Work/Life Balance is a Community Affair"; see page 26.

Some of our favorite family-friendly businesses can't find enough workers to run their programs and services at full capacity. And some businesses decided to close temporarily for deep cleanings, as the Santa Fe Children's Museum did in February. My family is constantly checking different businesses to see if their

hours changed and hoping they can fit us in. Program and service disruptions can be especially difficult for families who have children with special needs. Randy Mascarella, executive director of Special Olympics New Mexico, shares how their services support a vulnerable population during the most challenging of times; see page 16. And many of us are wondering what we can expect for spring and summer camps. Fortunately, Tumbleweeds Magazine figured this out for you; see page 30 for our camp roundup.

Then, there is that little problem called inflation. Inflation is squeezing our family budgets. Gas is up. Groceries are up. Eating out costs more. We already had an affordable housing problem pre-pandemic, and now it's really challenging.

And many of us get spooked, understandably, every time we hear of a new variant: Delta, Omicron, Omicron subvariant (BA.2). Is it here in New Mexico yet? How does the vaccine hold up? Which is more contagious? My family keeps the Department of Health's hotline (1-855-600-3453) handy to answer those tricky questions. It may also be helpful to know that the Department of Health has Public Health Offices throughout the state that provide health and nutritional services (nmhealth.org).

Trying to create a normal routine for our kids and ourselves when things are not yet normal can be exhausting. We all want to know when ... when will this be over ... really over and back to normal!

I wish I could answer this question because I am tired of the uncertainty, too. What I did not realize until recently though is that I was allowing the uncertainty to influence my health and wellness. Trying to make the wisest decisions for our family when there are so many unanswered questions can be paralyzing. The uncertainty was robbing me of my focus, my energy and my time. I decided to shift my perspective and be intentional about celebrating life, enjoying my family and recognizing some of the good that has come out of the pandemic.

In January, we celebrated my daughter, Aviva's, second birthday. We decorated our house with her favorite animal, flamingos, and shared a yummy cake from Chocolate Maven with both sets of grandparents. We toured some preschools with our son, Ryker, in anticipation of starting an exciting new chapter this fall. My husband, Justin, and I made date night a priority, even if it was just a quick pizza at Il Vicino. I scheduled

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# Posted

## Cover Kid Q&A

Cover Kids: Jasper (age 7) and Mateo (age 9) Ciano

**What do you like most about yourself right now?**

**Jasper:** That I love playing in the snow and the water.

**Mateo:** Knowing how to swim, bike, hike, surf, play in the snow, draw, play chess, and play music.

**What do you think your future job will be?**

**Jasper:** Scuba diver

**Mateo:** Artist

**What do you think will be different about the world when you are an adult?**

**Jasper:** The polar ice caps will be melted and lots of beach places will be under water and global warming.

**Mateo:** More advanced technology.

**What's the funniest thing you've ever done?**

**Both:** We ambushed our parents in a snowball fight!

**What do you think your parents do all day at work?**

**Both:** Meetings, boring stuff, paperwork, planning events.



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# Kid Artist Q & A

Vanezia Aguayo, Age 17  
New Mexico School for the Arts

**What title would you give this artwork?**  
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**What materials did you use to make your art piece?**  
A skull and acrylic paint

**What do you like most about doing art?**  
My family and friends inspire me and often challenge myself to do more.

**What would you like other Tumbleweeds Magazine kids to know about you?**  
I am goofy and kind. I love sports, Poke and spending time with my family and friends!



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long lunches with my mom. And I decided it was time to start the process to adopt a new dog, which inspired this issue's Book Nook, "Critter Reading." (After 13 years, we lost our sweet Bambi Sue last year.)

As we roll into spring 2022, it marks two years of living with COVID-19. But let's remember that we have much to celebrate and to be proud of. Despite the fatigue and despite the uncertainty, our community is shaping a legacy for our children. Future generations will read about the pandemic and learn how our community, our state, stepped up to the plate. When virtual school became a necessity, David Gunter and Sonya Gunter founded the Community Desk Project that funded personal learning spaces in homes. Read this story on page 24. Our teachers demonstrated incredible resilience and innovation. In this issue, a teacher's perspective is shared by T. J. Bonzon; read his story "Teaching Through the Pandemic" on page 20. When our schools needed help, retirees, government workers and our national guard started welcoming students in the classroom. The city of Santa Fe opened applications for several affordable housing developments this February. Businesses found innovative ways to keep their doors open and provide services. Our community continues to step up and come together, regardless of what Mother Nature brings our way.

Despite these uncertain times, Tumbleweeds Magazine is committed to sharing resources and local stories about the things you need as parents and grandparents. I am so grateful that we are continuing Claudette Sutton's legacy of Tumbleweeds Magazine for New Mexico families. A special thanks to our story contributors for passionately sharing their experiences with our readers and to our advertisers for making Tumbleweeds Magazine viable and accessible to our community. We are in this together.

## Opinions

**Tumbleweeds Magazine asked parents to share their opinions on kids and social media.**

Discussion, not debate: maybe never. I mean, once one is able to discern, be media literate and once one is self-realized enough to know themselves well despite outside feedback, and understand how to use a tool for its purpose leaving out the rest.  
**K.K.A.**

I think it depends on the child, the individual should be taken into consideration. In some cases maybe never, in other probably not before 6th grade. As an adult there was a big learning curve for me, I do wonder how it could affect the wellness of younger people and the development of emotions and being able to recognize feelings. I do wonder what others think...  
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My 22 year old with special needs is still not mature enough to handle it. My 13 year old handles it responsibly, and I have all her passwords just to be on the safe side.  
**A.P.R.**

I'd say high school  
**P.M.**

**At what age  
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# Infants & Toddlers

## Masked Motherhood

On the exceptional challenges of ‘pandemic parenting’

By Liz Elmquist

### Lately, I have been reflecting

on what it means to be a “pandemic parent,” a phrase I was resistant to using until recently. Every day, my lived experience of pandemic parenting is a little bit different. Of course, the experience varies based on the age of one’s children, employment status, socioeconomic status, levels of support and many other factors. On most days, for me, being a pandemic parent boils down to simply — and not so simply — *showing up* for my kids.

What does this look like? Sometimes, it means not having energy to make my 3-year-old change out of her pajamas and letting her binge-watch “Thomas the Train,” meanwhile observing her deep sense of contentment with the outcome of my exhaustion. Other times, it’s putting my phone down (I’m still working on this) and being fully present with my 3½-month-old as she coos and

communicates with me in her own special way that someday we’ll both understand. For other parents, it means forgoing a meal so their child can eat or losing a job because they have been forced to stay home to care for their child or children.

In late 2020, after surviving many months of confusion, lockdowns, heartache, political upheaval and only seeing people’s eyeballs, my husband and I cautiously, but optimistically, began discussing the possibility of having another child. We assumed the worst was behind us and were hopeful there would be some sort of return to “normal.” We consciously began to imagine adding to our family and agreed this was something we wanted — a decision with a self-imposed deadline because of my age and other factors. When I found out I was pregnant in early March 2021, we were beyond ecstatic, but also somewhat scared, as it was becoming clear that normal was some distant land to which we would never return. Not only would I be a “pandemic parent,” but now I would also have a “pandemic baby.” The thought made me shudder. *Surely, we must be crazy*, I remember thinking.

My pregnancy progressed in both fast and slow motion, and an undertone of fear and worry was ever-present like a kind of white noise. What would the future hold for my baby? I never imagined I would have a baby during a global pandemic while raising a toddler who hasn’t had a birthday party in two years. While I have known people who have died from COVID, we thankfully have not experienced any losses within our immediate family. For many people, life has returned to full swing.

However, for those of us with children under 5, daily life continues to feel fraught with challenges. I didn’t want to embrace the label of pandemic parenting, and yet, what was so wrong with it? After all, am I not just raising children in what is at any time a wild and discombobulating experience, or is pandemic parenting truly a different beast altogether? So far, my conclusion is it’s a different beast.

The American Psychological Association states, “Parenting practices around the world share three major goals: ensuring children’s health and safety, preparing for life as productive adults and transmitting cultural



Choosing to bring a child into the world right now means learning to love differently, Elmquist discovers.

values. A high-quality parent-child relationship is critical for healthy development.” If part of my role as a parent is to ensure the health and safety of my children, how do I accomplish this in the midst of a virus that is thriving and spreading like a wildfire? Every outing has become a carefully orchestrated encounter where I have to assess risk and safety. There are times when I think, “Surely it would be easier if we all contracted COVID and just got it over with,” but then I worry about how it would affect my kids, particularly my infant.

There is no guidebook for how to be a pandemic parent, and few of us would say our relationships with our children are “high-quality” right now. Many of us have hit rock bottom and are functioning from a place of deep, deep exhaustion. Every time I receive a notification from my older daughter’s school, I hold my breath, worrying it will be another announcement about a school closure. While this is a privilege many do not have, I have chosen not to return to work for the foreseeable future so I can care for our baby and also be available for our toddler when her school continues to experience closures. My professional goals are on the back burner as I juggle caring for an infant and a toddler, much like taming a circus, while my husband works in the other room.

It’s easy to focus on all the ways I feel I am drowning, but I have to redirect my energy to something a little less grim. Otherwise, the helplessness would swallow me whole and I wouldn’t be able to continue to nurture and provide for my kids. In reality, pandemic parenting has brought to the surface a new kind of resiliency. I have always thought of parents and children as highly resilient — there have always been challenging moments where parents have had to figure out how to respond, adapt and get creative with how they continue to provide for their kids.



Liz Elmquist, with 3-year-old Della and 3-month-old Luna, believes parents are being stretched in new ways now, with no returning to their original shape.



The word “elasticity” comes to mind, only this time parents are being stretched in new ways and there is no returning to our original shape. We are being stretched into something new — something bigger than we ever imagined. And yes, it is ugly and messy and painful and disorienting, but maybe, just maybe, it’s not all bad. The question then becomes, *how can I — how can we as parents — continue to show up for our kids?*

I don’t know the ending to this story, but I do know that my kids still need me to find ways to be present and to model something other than fear, worry or despair. To my fellow pandemic parents: *We didn’t ask for this extra burden, but it’s here, and we have to keep going.*

I say this to you as I say it to myself: *Remember you are good enough and you are doing the best you can even when it may not feel like enough. Keep holding on tight to the ways you can show up for your kids and try to let go of expectations of yourself. Remember you are not alone. I see you, hear you and feel you in this struggle. Having a “high-quality parent-child relationship” right now means continuing to love and be present to the best of your abilities.*

I am a pandemic parent. I have no other choice. I chose to parent and so here I am, like it or not. Choosing to bring a child into the world right now, as crazy as it may seem, has also offered many beautiful moments, as I learn to love differently now as a mother of two.

So, as most parents are overwhelmed by the chaos around us, we are all being asked not only to love differently, but to parent differently. Maybe someday, years from now, we’ll look back and the word resilient will have a whole new meaning and those of us labeled “pandemic parents” will be looked upon as some of the most courageous and adaptable souls to date.

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## Maternidad enmascarada



Los excepcionales desafíos de criar hijos en tiempos de pandemia

Por Liz Elmquist

Traducción por Flor de María Oliva

**Últimamente, he estado** reflexionando sobre lo que significa ser una “madre de pandemia”, una frase que me negaba a usar hasta recientemente. Cada día, mi experiencia de ser madre en la pandemia es un poco diferente. Por supuesto, la experiencia cambia con base en la edad de los hijos, la condición de empleo, el estado socioeconómico, los niveles de apoyo y otros factores. La mayoría de los días, para mí, ser madre de pandemia se reduce simple — y no tan simplemente — a estar presente para mis hijos.

¿Cómo se manifiesta esto? A veces, por la falta de energía para hacer que mi niña de tres años de edad se cambie la

pijama y deje su reloj de “Thomas the Train,” mientras observo su profunda satisfacción con el resultado de mi agotamiento. Otras veces, es dejar mi teléfono (todavía estoy trabajando en esto) y estar completamente presente para mi bebita de tres meses y medio mientras murmulla y se comunica conmigo en su manera tan especial que algún día las dos entenderemos. Para otros padres de familia, es dejar de comer para que sus hijas puedan hacerlo o perder un empleo porque se han visto forzados a quedarse en casa para cuidar a su hijo o hijos.

A finales del 2020, después de sobrevivir muchos meses de confusión, confinamiento, angustia, agitación política y de ver sólo los ojos de la gente, mi esposo y yo, cautelosa pero optimísticamente, empezamos a considerar la posibilidad de tener otro hijo. Supusimos que lo peor estaba detrás de nosotros y teníamos la esperanza de que habría alguna forma de volver a lo “normal”. Conscientemente empezamos a imaginarnos una familia más grande y estuvimos de acuerdo con que era algo que queríamos — una decisión con una fecha límite autoimpuesta debido a mi edad y otros factores. Cuando me enteré que estaba embarazada a principios de marzo del 2021, estuvimos más que eufóricos, pero también algo asustados ya que estaba haciéndose evidente que normal era algo lejano a lo cual nunca volveríamos. No sólo sería una “madre de pandemia” sino que ahora también tendría un “bebé de pandemia”. La idea me hizo estremecer. Sin duda que estamos locos, me acuerdo que pensé.

Mi embarazo se desarrolló de una manera rápida y lenta, con un trasfondo de temor y preocupación siempre presente como esos sonidos que se usan para ocultar otros. ¿Qué traerá el futuro para mi bebé? Nunca me imaginé que tendría un bebé durante una pandemia global al mismo tiempo que tengo otra niña que no ha celebrado una fiesta de cumpleaños en dos años. Si bien he conocido personas que han fallecido de covid-19, afortunadamente nosotros no hemos tenido ninguna pérdida en nuestra familia inmediata. Para muchos, la vida ha vuelto a plena acción.

Sin embargo, para aquellos de nosotros con hijos menores de cinco años, la vida diaria sigue sintiéndose llena de desafíos. Yo no quería aceptar la etiqueta de madre de pandemia, pero ¿qué tenía de malo? Después de todo, no sólo estoy criando hijos en lo que en cualquier momento es una experiencia brava y desconcertante, o ¿es criar hijos en tiempos de pandemia verdaderamente algo totalmente diferente? Hasta el momento, mi conclusión es que se trata de algo totalmente diferente.



Luna y Della serán la mejor compañera de juego la una de la otra hasta que cada salida ya no requiera una cuidadosa evaluación de riesgo y seguridad.

La Asociación de Sicolología de EE. UU. indica: “Las prácticas de crianza en el mundo comparten tres objetivos principales: asegurar la salud y seguridad de los niños, preparar para la vida adultos productivos y transmitir valores culturales. Una relación de alta calidad entre padres e hijos es crítica para el desarrollo saludable”. Si parte de mi papel como madre de familia es asegurar la salud y seguridad de mis hijos, ¿cómo lo consigo en medio de un virus que prospera y se propaga como un incendio forestal? Cada salida se ha convertido en un encuentro cuidadosamente coordinado donde tengo que evaluar riesgo y seguridad. Hay momentos cuando pienso: “Sin duda que sería más fácil si todos contrajéramos el covid y saliéramos de esto”; pero, luego, me preocupa cómo afectaría a mis hijas, particularmente a la bebé?

No hay un manual para padres de pandemia y pocos de nosotros diríamos que nuestra relación con nuestros hijos es de “alta calidad” ahora mismo. Muchos hemos tocado fondo y estamos funcionando desde un lugar de profundo agotamiento. Cada vez que recibo una notificación de la escuela de mi hija, contengo la respiración, con la preocupación de que se trate de otro aviso sobre un cierre escolar. Si bien este es un privilegio que muchos no tienen, he escogido no volver al trabajo en el futuro cercano para poder cuidar a nuestra bebé y también estar disponible para la nena cuando su escuela cierra. Mis metas profesionales están postergadas mientras me las arreglo para cuidar a dos pequeñas, como una domadora de circo, mientras mi esposo trabaja en el otro cuarto.

Es fácil concentrarse en todas las maneras en que siento que me estoy ahogando, pero tengo que reencauzar mi energía a algo un poquito menos serio. De lo contrario, la impotencia me consumiría totalmente y no podría seguir criando y proveyendo



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para mis hijas. En realidad, la crianza en tiempos de pandemia ha traído a flote una nueva clase de resiliencia. Siempre he pensado que los padres y los niños son muy resilientes — siempre ha habido momentos desafiantes durante los cuales los padres de familia han tenido que encontrar una manera de responder, adaptarse y ser creativos para seguir a proveer por sus hijos. La palabra “elasticidad” me viene a la mente, sólo que esta vez a los padres de familia se les está estirando en nuevas formas y ya no se puede volver a nuestra forma original. Se nos está extendiendo a algo nuevo — algo mucho mayor de lo que nunca imaginamos. Y, sí, es feo y desordenado y doloroso y desorienta pero quizás, tal vez quizás, no es del todo malo. La interrogante entonces se convierte en: *¿Cómo puedo — cómo podemos como padres de familia — seguir a estar presentes para nuestros hijos?*

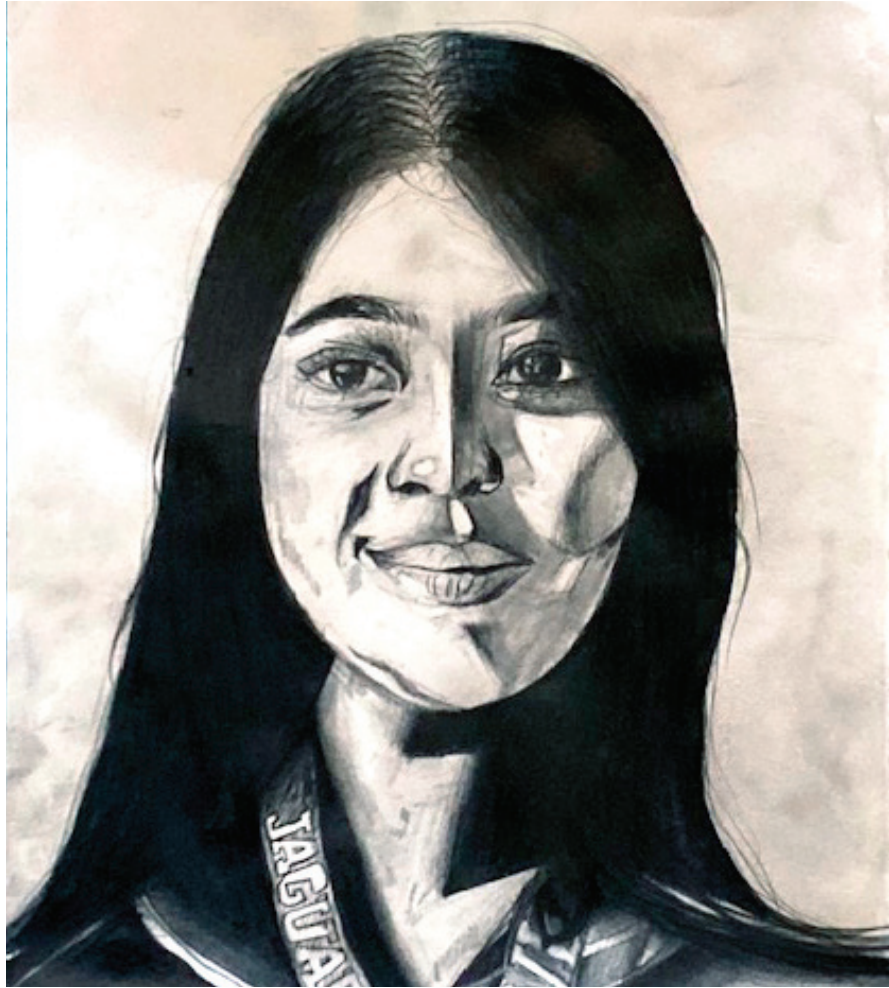
Desconozco el final de esta historia, pero sé que mis hijas todavía necesitan que encuentre maneras de estar presente y mostrarles algo que no sea miedo, preocupación o desesperación. A mis compañeros padres de familia de pandemia: *Nosotros no pedimos esta carga adicional, pero está aquí y tenemos que seguir adelante.*

Les digo lo que me digo a mí misma: *Recuerden que son lo suficientemente buenos y están haciendo lo mejor que pueden aunque puede que no parezca suficiente. Sigán aferrándose a las formas en que pueden estar ahí presentes para sus hijos y traten de liberarse de sus propias expectativas. Recuerden que no están solos. Yo les veo, les oigo y estoy con ustedes en esta lucha. Tener una “relación de alta calidad de padres-hijos” ahora mismo significa continuar a amar y estar presentes en la mejor manera que puedan.*

Soy una madre de pandemia. No tengo otra opción. Escogí ser madre y así es que aquí estoy, me guste o no. Escoger traer a un niño a este mundo ahora mismo, aunque parezca descabellado, también ha ofrecido muchos momentos hermosos conforme voy aprendiendo a amar en forma diferente ahora como madre de dos.

Así, mientras la mayoría de los padres de familia estamos abrumados por el caos que nos rodea, se nos pide no sólo que amemos de forma diferente, sino que criemos de forma diferente. Tal vez algún día, dentro de muchos años, veamos hacia atrás y la palabra resiliente tenga un nuevo significado totalmente y aquellos que fuimos llamados “padres de pandemia” seamos vistos como algunas de las almas más valientes y adaptables hasta la fecha.

*Liz Elmquist vive en Santa Fe con su esposo, Dana, y sus hijas, Luna de tres años y Della de tres meses de edad. Exbailarina profesional, se convirtió en trabajadora social clínica, con especialidades en tratamiento del dolor, cuidados terminales y apoyo posparto. Está por terminar su certificación como proveedora de atención posparto con el propósito de atender familias en el norte de Nuevo México.*



High School artwork submitted by Santa Fe Public School’s Art Education Department.



Elmquist, con sus hijas, Della y Luna, especula: “Tal vez algún día, dentro de muchos años, a los “padres de pandemia” nos vean como algunas de las almas más valientes y adaptables hasta la fecha”.

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## Kids need TIME WITH Kids!

Why this mom thinks some COVID risk is worth it to socialize children

By Aurora Hvidsten

### I found out I was pregnant in

February 2019. And like many first-time parents, I was thrilled.

Every day, I envisioned life with my new baby: dinner at Nainie and Pappy's house, strolls through the farmer's market, parent-and-me dance classes, playdates at friends' houses, the perfect day care, the Children's Museum, birthday parties, swim lessons — the list was endless. In my head, our future life would be full of experiences, and almost all of them would involve close time with other people. My son was born in late October 2019, and life was exhausting, messy, beautiful and so hopeful.

I am also a preschool teacher. My career began as a babysitter at 15 and is still going strong 21 years — and a master's degree in early childhood — later. I felt my teaching experience and years of schooling prepared me (ha!) for this exciting new chapter in my life. I knew with confidence that my child would be rooted into a beautiful, vibrant community full of people-based learning opportunities.

And then my mom called in late February of 2020 panicking about COVID-19, which was still overseas at the time. "We aren't going to be able to leave our house, it'll be everywhere. It's going to change everything." Mom, I thought, that's insane.

But of course, she was right. In March 2020, just two months after returning from my maternity leave, things started closing down. When my school announced plans to close, I naively thought it was just for two weeks.

The idea of a bonus two weeks with my son sounded kind of nice, actually. I had plans for some good books and daytime naps with Bear, maybe binge-watching a good series on Netflix. Yet, here we are, two years later, constantly riding the wave from one COVID shift to the next, but never touching ground onto the feeling of "before."

I find myself thinking a lot about the long-term effects on my son. Not the fear of catching COVID per se (though the anxiety children have about catching it is palpable), but the lack of connection with people outside his nuclear family.

Once we realized the pandemic was going to go on for much



Hvidsten, with her son, Bear: "I've jumped up on my teacher's soapbox many times over the years to tell parents how much kids truly need to spend time with other kids."

longer, I felt I really had to put some serious thought into how long we could be isolated before *that* had more long-term effects than catching COVID.

I know, both personally and professionally, how essential interactive relationships are in infancy and early childhood. I know firsthand how much children grow and gain from social experiences like going to the grocery store, the zoo, the library, a birthday party and, of course, school.

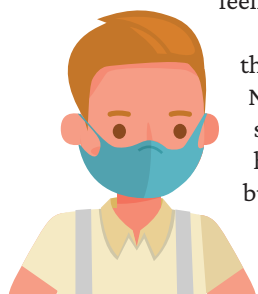
It's not just that my son might like being around other people, he *needs* social interaction, and not just with his parents. Swiss child development expert and psychologist Jean Piaget taught us that children learn through interaction with their environment. They find an object, and their brain grows from interacting with that object.

Russian-born child psychologist Lev Vygotsky took it a step further and showed us that yes, children learn

from their environment, but ultimately, development hinges on interaction with other people.

And there are simply some things that cannot be learned from the parent/child relationship that must be learned from peers, teachers, neighbors, grandparents, cousins and others. I've jumped up on my teacher's soapbox many times over the years to tell parents how much kids truly need to spend time with other kids.

Children without siblings might enter preschool with a sharp learning curve because they haven't had the chance to learn life skills from other children, like brothers and sisters. We are social creatures, and from our earliest years we crave (and







Teacher Amy, at Santa Fe School for the Arts and Sciences, sees how much students learn and grow from social interactions with their peers.

need) to be around other people of all ages. It is how we learn and grow as people.

So, how do we balance the risk? Where is that fine line between being COVID-safe and denying my child essential life experiences? I think we all find ourselves weighing those risks. On a daily, weekly, monthly basis.

That line ebbs and flows as risk increases or decreases. It will look different for each family as all of us find ourselves in unique circumstances. In our household, we are privileged to have stable health (no one is immunocompromised), and we have access to insured medical care, so we can make choices that others may not be able to make. I know that the pandemic has hit many households much harder than it has ours.

When the pandemic first began, it didn't feel so bad to miss out on a birthday party or Saturday shopping trips to a packed Trader Joe's. I think we all could use a little more room in our lives to take things slow, recharge and

spend time with our close family members.

But how long do we do that before we need to think about ways to re-enter the world not just for our own benefit but for our children's? When, and how, do we assess the risks of experiences like going to day care or school, shopping with parents, traveling or attending birthday parties?

I am not a medical professional, but as an early childhood professional I can say that some experiences are irreplaceable. To me, trying to find ways to have your child or children experience their community and spend time with other children and people is worth some COVID risk. School is an invaluable experience; it is where children learn about themselves in relation to their community, where they learn important social emotional skills, where they begin to root themselves into something beyond their family.

Even if we *could* all teach our children basic academics, we cannot replace the unique play experiences that flow child to child, or lessons learned from watching an older child master a skill.

Spending time with relatives can be a child's window into invaluable intergenerational learning, including other languages, norms and cultural wisdom. Even going to the grocery store or the post office helps scaffold children's learning about social and community roles and can enrich their play and their understanding of the world around them.

I am not the first teacher to notice a difference in my incoming students. The adjustment to being at school and interacting with others has taken significantly longer than any other year. Researchers the world over are paying attention to just how much children might be missing out due to the pandemic — a missed birthday party might not be that detrimental, but all social experiences? It will have an effect.

However, researchers have also found that children under 5 are faring the best out of any other age group (including adults) during the pandemic. The bottom line for those in their earliest years of life is having a loving stable home; *that* is truly the golden ticket. And I know for all of us that we'd rather have to catch up socially than lose a child.

But keeping this all in mind, and weighing what feels safe for each specific family, I encourage those of us with young children to find ways to bring ourselves back out into the world, like the birds do after a long, cold, hard winter. There are other birds to be found who need us as much as we need them, and we can find ways to safely connect.

*Aurora Hvidsten is Mom to 3-year-old Bear and is the co-teacher for the preschool/preK students in the Unicorn class at Santa Fe School for the Arts & Sciences.*



How will children like Bear be affected by the social impact of the pandemic? Researchers all over the world will be paying attention.



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# Book Nook

## Critter Reading

Animal-centric books appeal to all readers great and small  
By Tracey Mitchell

### Walk into the children's section

of any library or bookstore and you will see a large proportion of the titles are about animals. This is of course hardly surprising, since kids and animals go together like cats and cream.

Classic children's literature is full of animal-themed stories. As an animal-obsessed bookworm, I devoured *Black Beauty*, *Brighty of the Grand Canyon*, *Where the Red Fern Grows* and *The Call of the Wild*. And like many other kids, I loved the nonfiction section and the millions of facts I could memorize about creatures.

Children's literature has changed quite a bit since I was in elementary school. But the prevalence of animal stories has remained constant. Kids still love them, and librarians can't keep enough of them on the shelves. Here are some suggestions for your animal-loving young reader.

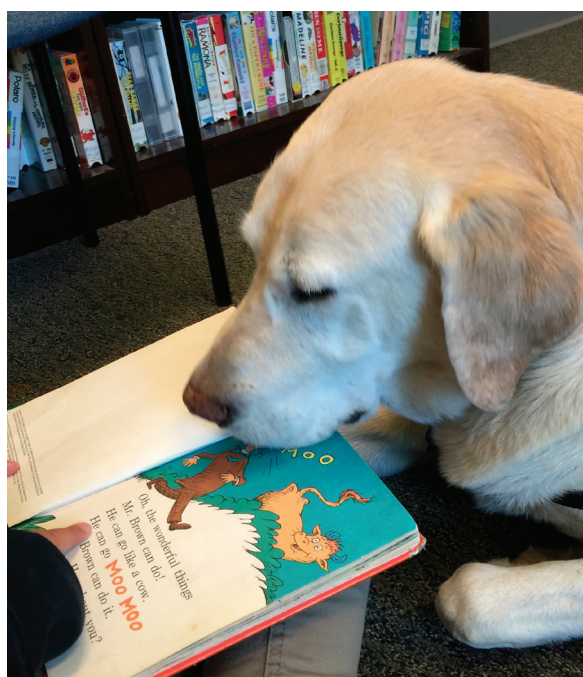
### Picture Books

***Skippyjon Jones series*, by Judy Schachner.** The title character is a Siamese cat, but he firmly believes he is a Chihuahua. His imaginary adventures with a posse of other pooches bring hilarious hijinks and endless trouble for his mother and kitten sisters. The illustrations are colorful and fun, and the sprinkling of Spanish words and phrases in the text add local flavor to the stories. These are among my favorite read-aloud books!

***Pet*, by Matthew Van Fleet; photographs by Brian Stanton.** This book has wonderful photos of pets of all types. It also offers interactions for readers, such as fur to touch and flaps to lift. It's the sort of book that gets read through until it falls apart.

***Ladybug Girl and the Rescue Dogs*, by David Soman and Jacky Davis.** In this book (also part of a series), Ladybug Girl recruits her friends to help at a dog adoption event. Together they learn how to take care of the dogs and even help match families to the right canine companion.

***Disgusting Critters series*, by Elise Gravel.** Some children prefer their animals cute and cuddly. Others like the kind who are, well, disgusting. This series features the kind of critters that many grownups find unpleasant, including *The Bat*, *The Cockroach* and *The Spider*. The author provides interesting facts about the critter and illustrations that are actually cute.



Beginning or reluctant readers improve in confidence and fluency by practicing with a sweet, nonjudgmental audience.



Our public libraries overflow with books on animals, for children at all reading levels.



## Early Grades

**Bad Kitty series, by Nick Bruel.** These include picture books, chapter books and a graphic novel. Younger children love the illustrations, and older readers laugh out loud at the predicaments Kitty finds herself in. This is another of my favorite read-aloud series!

**Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea, by Ben Clanton.** This easy-reader graphic novel series has a narwhal and a jelly fish as the main characters. The gentle stories about their friendship are a crowd pleaser with both kids and parents.

**Ranger in Time series, by Kate Messner.** Ranger the golden retriever loves helping people, both in modern day and, through a special device, in other historical times as well. Ranger's travels include Ancient Rome, Pearl Harbor and the Oregon Trail. This would be an excellent choice for lovers of the Magic Tree House series.

## Older Readers

**The One and Only Ivan, by Katherine Applegate.** This story has quickly become a modern classic and can join the ranks of Black Beauty and Call of the Wild as one of the great animal tales. The story of Ivan the gorilla and his friends is a must-read for animal lovers!

**Class Pets series, by Bruce Hale.** For something more lighthearted, this series is silly and fun. Fuzzy the guinea pig and his fellow class pets engage in adventures that take them out of the cage or aquarium.

## Nonfiction

**Great Pets!: An Extraordinary Guide to More than 60 Usual and Unusual Family Pets, by Sara Stein.** Here the young animal lover in search of a different sort of pet can learn all about acquiring and caring for unusual companions. This would be an excellent resource for finding a pet in a family with allergies.

**How to Look After Your Human: A Dog's Guide, by Maggie Mayhem.** Written from the dog's point of view, this book teaches canines (and their families) how to become a good, happy dog in a human family.

**A Curious Collection of Dangerous Creatures: An Illustrated Encyclopedia, by Sami Bayly.** Again, some kids are more interested in the less cuddly members of the animal kingdom. For them, this book provides a list of beasts of all kinds that you probably won't want to keep as a pet, or even try to pet. The author includes facts about each animal, such as where to find them and what they eat. Fact-spouting young readers will love it.

## Wags and Words

Besides books about animals, another offering for the young animal enthusiast at Vista Grande Public Library is our Wags and Words program. Participants come in by appointment to read to a therapy dog. Our current canine reading specialist is Latigo, a yellow Lab who is the sweetest, gentlest guy, and has a great love for books.

VGPL has been hosting the Wags and Words program for about eight years. Our therapy dogs and their companions are certified by the Pet Outreach program at the Santa Fe Animal Shelter. The dog teams have gone through additional training with the READ (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) program.

This has been popular with library patrons of all ages. The dogs are treated like rock stars, with their own fans and paparazzi. But the main focus is to give beginning and reluctant readers an opportunity to practice reading aloud with a sweet, nonjudgmental audience. Many parents whose children participated have praised the program for helping them improve their fluency and their desire to read. Of course, many of our readers just love the idea of reading to a dog! Interested caregivers can sign up for the program with the staff at VGPL.

Even if this option doesn't work for your family's schedule, you can achieve many of the same benefits at home with your own pets. You may have seen news reports on children reading to dogs and cats in shelters. Shelter workers report that this provides socialization for the animals, calming them and giving them positive experiences with humans. These benefits can work with your dog or cat at home, while at the same time helping your child practice reading out loud to an audience who isn't getting impatient or complaining about how they are reading. The principle would work with other animals as well. Why not read to your goldfish?

Animals and books go together, and not just when the dog decides to eat your book cover! (Ask any librarian how often we see that.) I hope I have inspired you to encourage your young readers to follow their passions for all critters, in their book choices and their reading partners.

Tracey Mitchell is the library assistant at Vista Grande Public Library in Eldorado.



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# Special Needs



## Celebrate the Olympics All Year Long

Athletic programs support fitness, friendlier school environments and social inclusion

By Randy Mascorella

### As you walk onto our playing

fields and watch the Special Olympics athletes compete, you will see lives change right in front of your eyes — but don't be surprised if the life that changes the most is your own.

We invite everyone to be a part of the Special Olympics New Mexico sports organization and experience the wonderful and meaningful things people with intellectual disabilities bring to the world of sport and to our society as a whole.

Special Olympics New Mexico serves more than 3,700 children and adults challenged with intellectual disabilities, across 31 New Mexico counties. With the help of over 6,000 volunteers, these athletes train and compete year-round in 12 sports at six state competitions, gain access to inclusive health and education services, and participate in virtual health, wellness and fitness programming.

At every Special Olympics state competition, as part of the Opening Ceremonies, a Special Olympics athlete will light the Olympic cauldron signifying the official opening of the Games. The significance of that event lies in the torch that is used to light the cauldron, representing thousands of law enforcement officers who have carried that "Flame of Hope" across New Mexico. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a national community-building organization, which here in New Mexico promotes and empowers law enforcement agencies to raise awareness and funds year-round for Special Olympics New Mexico.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, officers generated over \$150,000 to support SONM's virtual competitions and fitness challenges. Historically, every May, officers carry the Special Olympics torch in a relay across 1,600 miles of New Mexico roads and highways, handing off the torch from community to community, culminating

in a Final Leg Run into Albuquerque. Dozens of officers from various agencies run the torch into Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics State Summer Games, with over 1,000 athletes enthusiastically welcoming the officers as they run their victory lap around the track. The Opening Ceremonies then comes to an emotional end as an officer passes the torch to the Special Olympics Athlete of the Year, who lights the cauldron, beginning the Games. New Mexico law enforcement agencies provide encouragement, opportunity and hope to Special Olympics athletes and their families, creating a bond between athletes and officers that can't be broken.

Because people with intellectual disabilities have five times higher risk for diabetes and two times higher risk of developing heart disease, Special Olympics helps combat these conditions by keeping their athletes active and engaged. Throughout the pandemic, SONM's Athlete Health Messengers and the Health and Wellness Facebook Group have shared weekly health-focused activities. During pre-COVID years at two of its state competitions, the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes program provided free health screenings to its athletes, identifying unmet needs before they become emergencies. Volunteer health professionals, students and nonclinical volunteers provide screenings in the following areas: Opening Eyes (optometry), Special Smiles (dentistry), Fit Feet (podiatry), Fun Fitness (physical therapy) and Health Promotion (better health and well-being).

For most children and young adults challenged with special needs, going to school has rarely been a good experience. Most have been teased, bullied and excluded from those things that their non-disabled peers experience on a daily basis. Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools (UCS) is a strategy for schools (pre-K through university) that intentionally promotes meaningful social inclusion by bringing together students with and without intellectual disabilities to create accepting and friendlier school environments through three interconnected components: Special Olympics Unified Sports, inclusive youth leadership and whole school engagement.



The Law Enforcement Torch Runner and Special Olympics New Mexico Athlete of the Year light the 2018 Olympic cauldron together.



What is happening through the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools program is not only incredible, but also historic. No generation before has succeeded in taking on the fear of difference and turning it into an environment of respect and inclusion. For years, educators have talked about changing attitudes and have tried to find strategies that work. One New Mexico educator says it best: “The Unified Champion Schools program doesn’t care what color you are, what your cognitive or physical levels might be, what social class you gravitate towards or how many degrees you might have ... everyone learns in a warm and positive way — a total win-win situation.”

The Unified program promotes social inclusion in our schools, ensuring that special education and general education students are equitably engaged. Teachers and students are encouraged to collaborate and create supportive classrooms, activities and opportunities. There are many outcomes to celebrate but perhaps the best are the friendships that are formed, and often for the first time ever special education students are able to feel that the school they attend is “their” school, too. This year there are 35 Unified Champion Schools in New Mexico, including Aspen Community School in Santa Fe.

People often ask, “So when is the Special Olympics?” The answer to that question is, “All year long, as athletes train and compete in aquatics, athletics (track and field), basketball, bocce, bowling, equestrian, flag football, golf, poly hockey (hockey without ice and skates), rhythmic gymnastics, softball and volleyball.” To wear a uniform, learn from a certified coach, be part of a team, travel out of town for tournaments, attend an Opening and Closing Ceremonies banquet, receive a Special Olympics medal presented by a law enforcement officer, hear family and friends cheering at the top of their lungs, party with other athletes at a Victory Dance — that’s just some of what Special Olympics provides. Unlike many sports organizations today, the Special Olympics experience is often the best moments life has to offer its athletes.

To learn more about upcoming Special Olympics New Mexico events, and discover how to get involved as an athlete, coach, volunteer, donor or community partner, please visit our website at [sonm.org](http://sonm.org) or call (505) 856-0342.

*Randy Mascarella is the executive director of Special Olympics New Mexico.*



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## HELP KIDS LEARN TO LOVE NATURE BY LOVING IT WITH THEM

New Mexico guidebook will get you adventuring together

By Christina M. Selby



The author, her husband, Taylor, and sons, Oscar and Clayton, celebrate reaching the summit of Hermit's Peak.

The following excerpts are from *New Mexico Family Outdoor Adventure: An All-Ages Guide to Hiking, Camping, and Getting Outside* by Christina M. Selby (Southwest Adventure Series, UNM Press, 2021).

### The first time I went camping

as the mother of a new family, my first son was about 6 months old. I spent most of the time in the tent nursing him and playing on the air mattress. We ventured out in the afternoon for a short hike along the creek, where we splashed around and ogled the colorful wildflowers. Other than that, we barely left the campsite. And yet, that was adventure enough at that moment of our lives.

Today, my two boys are 8 and 13 and variety is the name of the game. Now when we head out for an outdoor adventure, we choose a basecamp with easy access to hiking, biking, fishing, climbing, nature, and more to pique their interest. We still have those leisurely trips where we mostly sit around the campsite and play in the nearby creek, but we make sure to have options if the inspiration strikes (or to distract from digital device withdrawal).

We parents hope that our children will find beauty, health, and truth in the same things we have in our lives. My husband and I agree that spending time in nature is a good thing. And, just as we have the responsibility to feed our kids healthy meals and limit their screen time, we

also have the responsibility to take them outside to keep their bodies healthy with recreation and to experience the wonder and awe of nature. We can only have faith that through the introduction we provide, they too will fall in love with nature and grow up working to live in harmony with it.

My husband is a gearhead, so he makes sure we have all the fun outdoor toys with us (bikes, fishing poles, campers, kayaks, etc.). I'm a naturalist, so I choose spots where we are likely to see the kind of flora and fauna whose beauty will bring us all to our knees. When we can find a place that brings those two things together, we know we've found family adventure gold. And there's plenty of gold to be found in New Mexico.

That's what I'm sharing with you here: the best of our adventures. This guide is not a comprehensive list of everything there is to do outside with a family in New Mexico. Instead, it is a curated guide to adventures, each with plenty of options for fun and opportunities to deepen your family's relationship to the natural world. We hope you enjoy time together in nature as much as we do!

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The world our children face is different from the one we as parents grew up in. The next several generations will confront the dire environmental and climate challenges that have become front and center in today's world. One of the best ways to counter the despair and

overwhelm that may come with the knowledge that our world is threatened is to spend time basking in the beauty of nature. In my experience, taking in the magic of a sunset, riding a bike on a dirt path, listening to an elk bugle in the woods, or finding an intricately decorated wildflower tucked into a forest inspires, refreshes, and calms my kids (and myself).

According to Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods*, the desire to connect with animals and plants is an innate need for kids. Providing children with rich and repeated experiences in nature throughout their childhood will help them develop a lifelong love and appreciation for the natural world.

How can parents cultivate a love for nature in their kids? Start with sharing your enthusiasm for being in nature, organizing your vacations around experiences in the outdoors, giving them some fun tools like binoculars and butterfly nets, playing outside, and discovering together what is right in front of us.

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New Mexico Family Outdoor Adventure Guide describes adventures in nature across the state. Activities include both DIY adventures and those best led by an experienced outfitter. The guide is designed to appeal to parents traveling with children, families



Follow in the footsteps of ancestors at Tsankawi Ruins.





The Badlands of New Mexico provide exotic opportunities for mountain biking.

traveling with grandparents, and grandparents traveling with grandchildren.

Activities for families in New Mexico abound and include a mix of enjoying nature, learning about natural history, and adventure sports. Hiking, biking, paddling, horseback riding, water play, camping, skiing, sledding, rockhounding, wildlife watching, fishing, climbing, and outdoor cultural activities are all included.

All kids are different. Some kids like the outdoors, some kids don't. Some kids spend their time outdoors observing colors, sounds, and smells, interested by everything around them. Other kids stay in the car or tent playing with their phone and rarely notice their surroundings. So, if you want to enjoy family outdoor adventures, plan for the kids first. Family trips are about them first and only then about you. The key to a great trip is a healthy respect for the needs

and interests of your children when exploring the outdoors. Below are some basic rules of thumb to make your trip fun and rewarding.

Natural wonders abound in New Mexico, encouraging kids to discover and explore nature throughout the state. All we really need to do as parents is open the doors and let them walk through.

However, doing some research before you go to find out what wildflowers will likely be blooming, what wildlife you might see, or what minerals you might find can add a sense of discovery when you encounter them. Also, finding out ahead of time what hikes, biking trails, climbing routes, or paddling opportunities are appropriate for their skill levels will increase the likelihood that your time together outdoors will be a positive one. In this guide, I recommend many opportunities to both discover and play in nature.

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Want more? Visit Tumbleweeds' website, [tumbleweedsmag.com](http://tumbleweedsmag.com), for Christina's suggestions on paddling with kids and exploring some of our state's badlands.

*New Mexico Family Adventures* is available through local bookstores or online: [unmpress.com/books/new-mexico-family-outdoor-adventure/9780826362926](http://unmpress.com/books/new-mexico-family-outdoor-adventure/9780826362926).

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Hoodoos, labyrinths, petrified trees, dinosaur eggs, arches and spires converge to create an otherworldly desert landscape that is the Bisti Badlands. See Selby's tips for exploring this and other badlands in our state at [tumbleweedsmag.com](http://tumbleweedsmag.com).



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# Education



## Teaching Through the Pandemic

Pandemic costs students in project-based and interactive learning

By T.J. Bonzon

### Let's remember.

What did school look like before the COVID pandemic lockdown?

No sterilizing.

No six feet distancing.

Handshakes, high fives and hugs were normal, not frowned upon.

No masks. (Yay, the wonder of facial expressions and cues!)

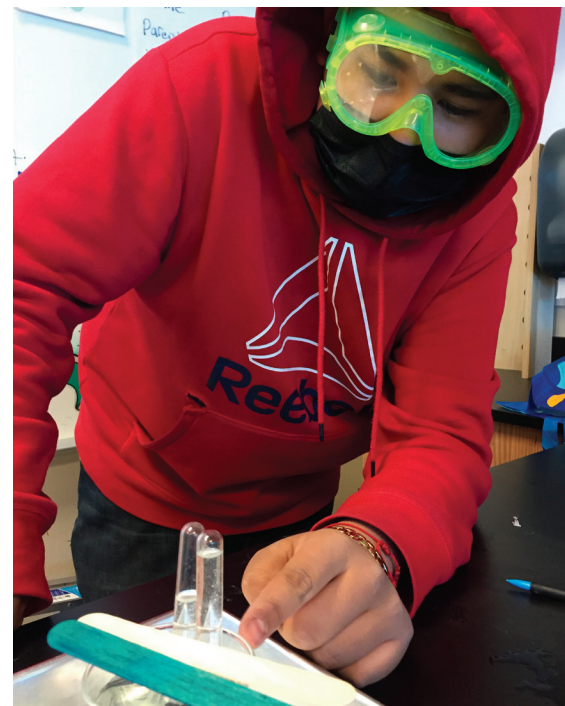
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Then Gov. Lujan Grisham made a Thursday announcement that shut schools down. I watched it online at school. On Friday, March 13, 2020, we all in New Mexico's public schools were sent home for two weeks to slow the spread of this new virus. Some teachers said even then that they believed it would be longer than two weeks.

I was already using Google Classroom for my middle school computer science classes, so I was confident I could keep my three levels of young computer scientists learning new skills and concepts through some digital practice. We would simply be replacing in-class interactions with virtual Google Meetings. We can do this and get through this, I thought.

My students already had their own computer device, the Chromebook, provided by the Santa Fe Public Schools digital learning department, and they had some



Eric, an eighth-grade scientist at Aspen Community School, points out the two gases produced by his water electrolysis experiment.

practice of using it in their classes. But WiFi speeds at home varied, and some parents had to make hard choices to make sure someone was home with the kids.

We did not return to the campus that spring semester, ending the 2019-2020 school year entirely online. I was sad, disappointed and frustrated because two of my classes were very hands-on, with micro:bit micro-controller kits and projects, and another class with VEX robotics and mechanical builds. Hands-on learning activates more of the brain, and I ached to give my students that project-based learning. My eighth-grade students lost the chance completely as they moved along to high school.

Still, I had already spent much of the school year with these students in person, so the last 2½ months of online learning didn't cost them too much. We had already set a precedent with our in-person class routines, so we did our best to keep it up online.

But New Mexico public students did not return to campuses that fall and would not do so until a plan for hybrid learning was announced in January 2021. When we went to hybrid in February, we maintained our morning online classes and opened the campus for small groups in the afternoon.

What do I remember seeing during remote learning 2.0?

Profile pictures instead of faces.

Maybe ceilings, and a wave to say, "I am here and alive."

Sometimes just the top of a head.

We shared pets. I shared my puppies. We met from anywhere in the house, from bunk beds or outside on the trampoline.

A few joined us from other states.

"Can you at least flash on your camera?" I would ask. "At the very least, can you please respond and interact through Chat?" Then I'd type a question.



Bonzon outside of Aspen Community school with 8th graders Jasmine and Theresa. Photo by Nayel.



Not knowing if or when we would return to campus, I scrambled to provide hands-on kits for as many students as possible.

I was only able to provide robotic kits to one class. I was given permission to repurpose grant money for a robotic blimp and purchase toolboxes from our local hardware store. It took many hours and days, even Saturdays, to sort thousands of pieces into 14 toolboxes and then coordinate individual student pick-ups outside the front of school. Nevertheless, it was a joy and all worth it when I saw them spend extra time outside of online meetings to build mechanical systems and constructions and then share them with us.

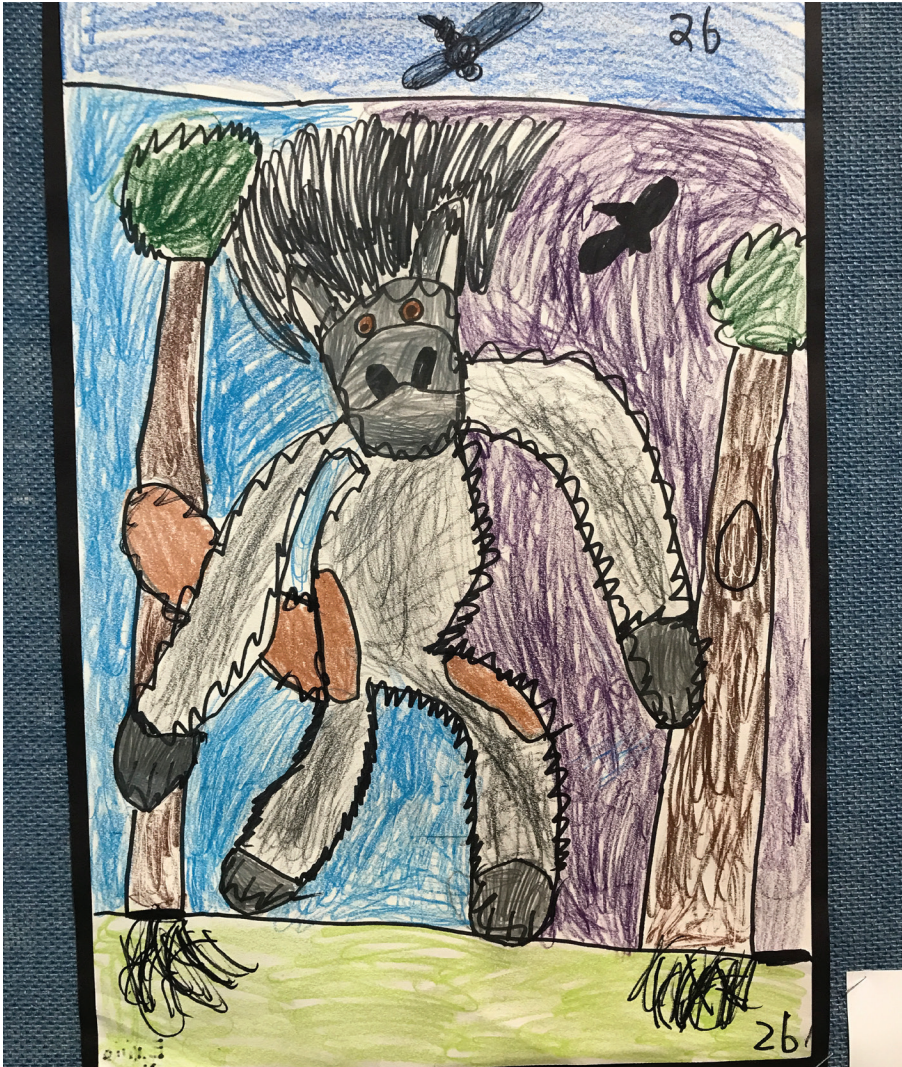
Then for this current 2021-2022 school year, we went remote for a week in January because too many staff members were out sick or quarantined. Thankfully, we met online for four days only. But I had the most absences of any of these three remote learning rounds. The range of absences were about eight to 14 in a class. I think some students just saw the week as an off week.

I believe the pandemic and remote learning has led students to disconnect from learning and interacting with others, to play more video games and stay up later. Students were allowed to do less and to be distracted. I think students learned less. But how do we measure that? Anecdotally? Quantitatively?

Teachers try to stay positive and make the most of it, but teachers and students alike are having to learn again how to connect and interact.

I miss the days of teaching without a mask on to students without masks of their own. I hope remote learning does not become a lasting tool in our educational toolbox.

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Kindergarten through second graders artwork submitted by Santa Fe Public School's Art Education Department.

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# History

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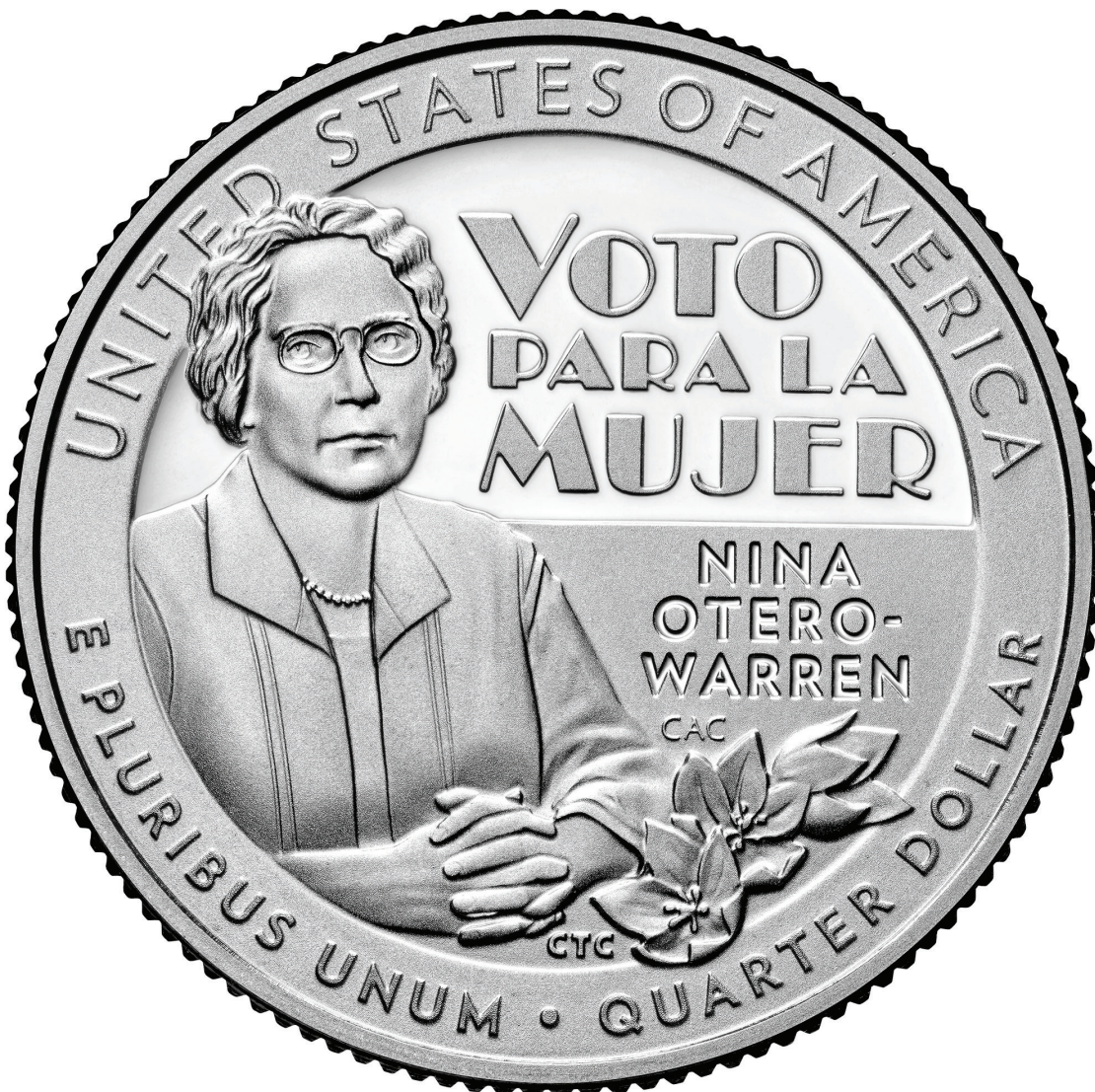
New Mexico's own Nina Otero Warren will join the American Women Quarters program this year  
By Melanie LaBorwit



Portrait of Adelina "Nina" Otero-Warren (1881-1965), from the George Grantham Bain collection, Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress.

**Have you ever wondered about** the art on our money? Ever since the beginning of the United States when the first Congress passed the Coinage Act, the United States Mint has been authorized to create and distribute standard coins for our nation. The denominations decided on in 1792 were a half cent, a penny, a nickel, a dime, a quarter, a half dollar and a dollar. There were also gold coins valued at \$2.50, \$5 and \$10. Some of these coins are no longer made, but we still have pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters that we see every day, and sometimes half-dollar and dollar coins.

Designs on coins are not just for decoration but have always been chosen to reflect the values and heritage of our nation. The coins only changed a few times in the first 200 years of our country, but since then Congress has authorized special commemorative coins to recognize special places, people and events. In the last several decades, artists have been commissioned to create new



The reverse (tails) face of the Nina Otero-Warren American Women in History quarter, from the United States Mint, features her face and name, along with the inscription "Voto para la mujer" (Spanish for the suffragist slogan, "Votes for Women") and three yucca flowers, New Mexico's state flower. It was sculpted by Craig Campbell and designed by Chris Costello.

obverse (front of coin) designs as well as reverse (back of coin) designs. The reverse designs commemorate certain events or places or people. Look at some of the change in your piggy bank. Do you have some Westward Journey nickels? Do you have some National Parks or State quarters?

This year, the United States Mint is starting on a new series of quarters, recognizing important women in our country's history. There will be five new quarters in this series every year for the next four years. The obverse of all of them will have an image of George Washington, and the reverse will feature the faces of accomplished American women who have contributed to suffrage, civil rights, leadership, science, culture and the arts.

This spring, a quarter celebrating the life of Nina Otero-Warren will be featured, a great honor for this





New Mexican hero. Do you know who Nina is? Descended from an elite Nuevo Mexicano family that traced its origins to early settlers from Spain, Nina gained important support for women's suffrage among both Spanish- and English-speaking communities. She worked for the women's right to vote in New Mexico, organizing with the National Women's Party. And of course, she is the namesake of Nina Otero Community School here in Santa Fe!

New Mexico was unusual among Western states in not giving women suffrage in its original constitution in 1912. This made Nina Otero-Warren work even harder. Because of Otero-Warren, women in New Mexico first gained the right to vote in school board elections in 1917. It would be another three years before the federal government made women's suffrage national law in 1920 and women could vote in all elections.

After women earned the right to vote, Nina continued to work to improve education for all New Mexicans, working especially to advance bicultural education and to preserve cultural practices among the state's Hispanic and Native American communities. In 1922, Nina became the first woman in state history to run for Congress. While she did not win that race, she spent the rest of her life as a civic leader and reformer. She worked as the Santa Fe Public Schools superintendent, pioneered bilingual education, and also worked to improve Indian schools. She was tapped by the Franklin Delano Roosevelt administration to work in the WPA New Deal and help organize schools in Puerto Rico. She would return to her beloved New Mexico and develop adult literacy programs. When she left public service, she ran a real estate and insurance company in Santa Fe until she died in 1965.

In May, the New Mexico History Museum will celebrate the new Nina Otero-Warren coins. We will have special bookmarks from the U.S. Mint, activities (to be scheduled) to learn more about coin collecting, and of course, quarters! Check the museum website, [nmhistory.org](http://nmhistory.org), for updates on our program schedule.

*Melanie LaBorwit is the museum educator at the New Mexico History Museum.*



### Links to more information

- Places of historical importance related to Nina Otero-Warren: [nps.gov/articles/000/the-places-of-nina-otero-warren.htm](https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/the-places-of-nina-otero-warren.htm)
- Details on the O'Keeffe Museum's Otero-Bergere House, where she lived: [okeeffemuseum.org/nina-otero-warren-and-the-quest-for-womens-right-to-vote/](https://okeeffemuseum.org/nina-otero-warren-and-the-quest-for-womens-right-to-vote/)
- A biography from the League of Women Voters: [lwvcnm.org/two-centennials/lwv-bios/nina-otero-warren/](https://lwvcnm.org/two-centennials/lwv-bios/nina-otero-warren/)
- Other distinguished American women who will be celebrated on 2022 quarters are Maya Angelou, Sally Ride, Wilma Mankiller and Anna May Wong. Learn more about them: [usmint.gov/learn/coin-and-medal-programs/american-women-quarters](https://usmint.gov/learn/coin-and-medal-programs/american-women-quarters)



### Words to know

- **Coin:** Flat piece of metal issued by the government as money.
- **Commemorative:** A special coin or medal issued to honor an outstanding person, place or event.
- **Denomination:** The value of a coin.
- **Mint:** A place where coins of a country are manufactured.
- **Numismatics:** Coin collecting.
- **Obverse:** The front (or "heads") face of a coin.
- **Reverse:** The back ("tails") side of a coin.
- **Suffrage:** The right to vote in political elections.

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## A Desk of Their Own

Local project gives young learners a personal learning space in the home  
By David Gunter



### In the summer of 2020, during

what we thought was the height of the pandemic, my wife Sonya and I were acutely aware of the issues facing young learners at home as another remote school year was set to begin. Sonya was an associate principal at Capital High School, and I was a volunteer mentor to a group of students participating in the state's Supercomputing Challenge. That interest would lead us to create the nonprofit Community Desk Project, which provides young students stuck at home during the COVID-19 pandemic a dedicated study space.

Remote learning had begun the previous spring and presented a challenge for many families. Kids resorted to studying from crowded kitchen tables and TV trays set in front of armchairs or couches, or simply crouched atop their own beds.

Stores in and around Santa Fe were short on furniture supplies, especially student-sized tables and chairs.

One afternoon while researching a woodworking project, YouTube suggested a random video. The channel was Marc Spagnuolo's popular "The Wood Whisperer." Marc had two young children of his own, and he decided to make two small, easy-to-build desks for them. When I watched it, I immediately thought, "Hey, I could make two of those in a weekend, I bet."

I told Sonya, and we decided we would give them away on the Facebook group "Circle of Giving - Santa Fe," where we had seen a few requests for desks.

This was the middle of August, and schools were opening up. Working outside my small shed, I completed the two desks as well as two chairs that I designed to accompany them. We listed them on the Facebook group, and the response was overwhelming. We held a simple drawing to randomly select two student recipients. Keep in mind that these are simple pieces of furniture that are sanded and left unfinished so the child can decorate them as she or he sees fit. The photos we received from these first two made our hearts swell.

The reaction from our first two young learners plus the realization of just how many people needed desks gave me an idea. The following weekend, I decided to build six desks and chairs. In addition, four of the desks were made larger, for students up to around 10th grade. Over two 11-hour days, I just managed to get them done. Again, the response among parents needing desks was overwhelming. The final weekend of August was Labor Day weekend, giving me three days. I decided I would make 10 desks and chairs, we'd give those away, and that would be the end of it.

Unknown to us, however, a relative got word to KOAT in Albuquerque about what we were doing. They sent a reporter and cameraman to interview us while I was in the middle of making desks. Between the time they taped the interview and the following day when it aired, we hastily put together a website with an email address and links so parents who wanted to request a desk could do so and other woodworkers could volunteer to help out. After the piece aired, the request grew to around 30 desks. Each desk and chair cost around \$45 at the time (lumber prices have since skyrocketed). We launched a GoFundMe campaign to raise the \$1,500 needed to buy the lumber and surpassed that amount within two days. Meanwhile, the number of requests surpassed 150 desks.

More media coverage and word of mouth brought in more woodworking volunteers. Notable among them was Santa Fe Community College professor/furniture guru Mick Simon and his woodshop students. We soon had our hands full organizing volunteers, pick-ups, drop-offs and requests. Army veteran and radio host Chuck Zobac of "Calling All Veterans" on KTRC jumped on board and put some serious wind in our sails with his logistics prowess.

By November, our queue was up to 350 desks and we had given away 100. Then a miracle occurred. The Somos Unidos Foundation, the community-focused

wing of The New Mexico United soccer club, wanted to support our work by helping us "clear the queue." Following the end of their season, the players raffled off their game-worn jerseys, the very shirts off their backs, to raise money for a local cause — and they picked us.

The team produced and shared a short documentary about our work and hosted a desk-building event for two Albuquerque community centers. Those desks featured an inspirational quote: "Keep studying, learning, and creating! You are New Mexico's future. Somos Unidos!"

In-person volunteering came to a halt with the rise in COVID-19 cases later that month, but a handful of volunteers continued on in their own shops. By the end of February we had accomplished our goal. We cleaned out the queue of those needing desks, some 450 total.



The desk and chair are simple pieces of furniture that are sanded and left unfinished, so the child can decorate them as she or he sees fit.



The first two desks and chairs were painted by their recipients, in colors and styles to capture their tastes and interests.







After watching a video on making two small, simple desks for children, David Gunter thought, "Hey, I could make two of those in a weekend, I bet." To date, he, his wife, Sonya, and a group of 30 volunteers have made and given away 475 desks here in New Mexico.

We reached as far north as Velarde, as far south as Los Lunas, and we even took a weekend to deliver 10 desks and chairs to the Navajo Reservation outside Gallup, New Mexico.

We were even featured in a segment on ABC World News, which brought another flurry of interest, this time from across the country.

Most of the emails we received were from volunteers who wanted to make desks or start similar efforts in their communities. Using plans available from our website, they set to work. A high school woodshop teacher near Salinas, California, used his school's shuttered shop to turn out desks. A Boy Scout achieved his Eagle status by making 10 desks and chairs in the San Francisco Bay area. In total, people from Alabama, New York, North Carolina, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Mississippi, Maine, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio and Alaska all built more than a few desks for people in their local communities. One of the most beautiful aspects of this project is that so many people took it to heart and were able to jump in and do something for children in their areas. The desks are truly simple to build such that anyone with basic skills and a few simple tools can accomplish the task.

Recently, with students returning to the classroom, the demand has died down. We have used the downtime to improve the shop space we have, recently acquiring a used barn to use as a permanent space. The requests are about one to two per month, but it will pick up any time more people learn about us and tell their friends about us. It has picked up a bit as students were recently sent back to remote learning during the wave of the Omicron variant.

To date, we have given away 475 desks with help from more than 30 volunteers helping us out — and that is just here in New Mexico. Our students truly are our future, and there is no greater reward than seeing them succeed.

*David Gunter and Sonya Gunter are the co-founders of the Community Desk Project. To learn more about requesting a desk, volunteering or donating, go to [communitydeskproject.org](http://communitydeskproject.org).*



Kindergarten through second graders artwork submitted by Santa Fe Public School's Art Education Department.



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## FINDING THE WORK/LIFE BALANCE IS A COMMUNITY AFFAIR

Local nonprofit honors businesses that demonstrate commitment to a family-friendly environment

By Giovanna Rossi

**In New Mexico, about 60% of** children under 6 have all parents in the labor force. One of the greatest challenges working parents face is that we're expected to parent like we don't have a job and work like we don't have children. This makes absolutely no sense, and I believe we can change this for all families in this decade.

Because parents rely on wages to feed their families, usually it's their job that is prioritized, which in many cases means having to make tough choices about where to spend their time and energy. Parents need workplace support to avoid the things that contribute to our dismal outcomes for children in New Mexico. Support can include being able to take paid time off for school meetings/teacher conferences, for when you or a dependent is sick or for bonding with a newborn; and being allowed and encouraged to breastfeed or pump at work.

There are many different yet aligned solutions to this challenge, including systemic change, workplace changes, and cultural or societal norms changes. We need everyone to contribute to the solution: government, business, community and families.

I contributed by starting an initiative called Family Friendly New Mexico, which encourages employers to adopt and implement policies such as paid leave, flexible work schedules, higher-than-average wages, and health and wellness benefits. We do this through peer support, an awards program, consulting services and learning opportunities.

Family-friendly policies benefit both employees and employers. They positively impact the health, education, economic stability and job satisfaction of employees and their families while increasing sales, share value and productivity, and lowering costs by reducing absenteeism, turnover and health-related expenses for employers. Family-friendly workplace policies improve businesses, our workforce and our communities. And they are key to New Mexico's economic development, playing an integral role in supporting the fiscal vitality of the state.

Family Friendly New Mexico provides educational resources to employers who want to implement family-friendly workplace policies and administers a recognition program to honor employers who demonstrate a commitment to family-friendly workplace policies.



Apply for the Family Friendly New Mexico Award at the bronze, silver, gold or platinum level at: [nmfamilyfriendlybusiness.org/apply-now/](http://nmfamilyfriendlybusiness.org/apply-now/).



The annual awards luncheon, set this year for April 28 at Sandia Golf Club in Albuquerque, helps employers understand the connection between a family-supportive workplace, the success of their business and New Mexico's economic development.



Family Friendly New Mexico Award recipients implement workplace policies that support the health, education, economic stability and job satisfaction of employees and their families.



There are seven categories of policies in the award program, including paid leave, health support, work schedules, economic support, pay equity, diversity and inclusion and community investment.

The mission of Family Friendly New Mexico is to recognize and support employers that adopt and implement these policies, so that businesses, employees and their families can thrive.

The Family Friendly Business Award program is open to any New Mexico business, organization, educational institution or governmental agency with two or more employees. It features a self-reporting, online form that walks applicants through a series of questions about the family-friendly workplace policies in place in their business/organization. These policies don't have to be in writing as long as they are clearly communicated and applied to all employees.

Applicants are also asked to affirm that their policies (written or verbal) comply with the workplace laws in place in New Mexico. These are: the New Mexico Breastfeeding Law, the Promoting Financial Independence for Victims of Domestic Abuse Act, compliance with the New Mexico Fair Pay for Women Act, the New Mexico Human Rights Act and the Healthy Workplaces Act (going into effect July 1). After an applicant completes the online application, they learn immediately what level of award they have received.

Once your business has been recognized as a Family Friendly Business, it will be recognized on our website and social media. Businesses receive marketing materials, advertising opportunities, event invitations, access to a support network and other perks.

Businesses will also be invited to the annual awards luncheon, April 28 at Sandia Golf Club in Albuquerque. Apply now for recognition at [nmfamilyfriendlybusiness.org](http://nmfamilyfriendlybusiness.org).

*Giovanna Rossi, founder of the Family Friendly Business Award, is the president of Collective Action Strategies, LLC, a consulting firm dedicated to improving the health and lives of women and families; the founder of Well Woman Life; and host of the Well Woman Show on National Public Radio.*



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# News Briefs

## SFPS Names Julieta Salazar its Teacher of the Year

Santa Fe Public Schools in January named Julieta Salazar, English Language Arts and AVID Elective teacher at Santa Fe High School, its 2022 Teacher of the Year.

Salazar developed lesson plans and materials in the Canvas platform to help teachers transition into remote learning during the pandemic, sharing her inspiring teaching practices. AVID, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, is an academic program that supports student preparation for college through reinforcing learning skills and self-motivation.

"I love to teach because I love to bear witness to learning," Salazar said.

As a substitute teacher throughout the El Paso Independent School District, she discovered how much she enjoyed watching the moments in which a student comes to a confident realization of the answer to a question or becomes assured in their abilities to solve problems or takes pride in something they created. She relives these moments over and over again as she watches student after student acquiring self-confidence.

In her relationships with colleagues, Salazar has contributed to a pedagogy that is accepting of the mistakes that are bound to be made within the process of creating, discovering and attempting to comprehend big ideas.

In following her own advice to her students, she continues to strive to make a difference in helping others understand the importance of a growth mindset.

- Cody Dynarski, Santa Fe Public Schools



Julieta Salazar, English Language Arts and AVID teacher at Santa Fe High School, loves to teach because she loves to bear witness to learning.



Artist Isabel Rodriguez introduces her workshop at Site Santa Fe on making art with recycled materials, organized by Gen-erate student Maya Gollihugh.

## Local Teens Plan Events at SITE Santa Fe

This spring, four Santa Fe teens will present public programs at contemporary art museum SITE Santa Fe as part of the museum's Gen-erate program.

Gen-erate is a free afterschool program through which participating teens plan, design and execute events on issues they feel passionately about and "generate" intergenerational dialogue around contemporary art.

This year's cohort kicked off their calendar of programming with a free public workshop in January on making art with recycled materials, led by Isabel Rodriguez, an artist represented in the Young Curators' exhibition, "Everything is Beautiful." Said Gen-erate teen Maya Gollihugh, who organized the event, "I am very excited to work with and feature a young local artist."

Gen-erate teens will continue to present programs through May, informed in part by open calls to the Santa Fe creative community. Upcoming events will explore COVID's impact on creativity, as well as the intersection of art and identity, through the perspective of local artists. Additionally, Gen-erate teen Maggie Sanchez will present a program in which the audience can put together a small herb garden and learn about growing food.

Gen-erate student Zoe Kountoupes-Wilson said, "I have learned a lot in the Gen-erate program so far, especially about the many different ways art can be shared with my community and the world."

Lillian Leeson, the fourth teen in this year's cohort, said she has learned many important management skills that she will be able to apply to her endeavors in the future.

Dates and details on Gen-erate events this spring will be posted at [sitesantafe.org/education/gen-erate/](https://sitesantafe.org/education/gen-erate/) as plans are finalized.

SITE Santa Fe is a contemporary art museum in the Railyard District that nurtures discovery, innovation and inspiration through public lectures, concerts, workshops, in-school programs, exhibition tours and long-term student collaborations with artists and staff. Visit [sitesantafe.org](https://sitesantafe.org) to learn more about the museum's many other programs, events and exhibitions. Subscribe to the newsletter and follow @sitesantafe on social media for more.

- SITE Santa Fe

## "Ask A Specialist" Virtual Series Addresses Parents' Concerns

Who hasn't had questions about their child's development? Las Cumbres Community Services now offers an opportunity to join in discussion with developmental and clinical specialists to address your thoughts about your child's development. The free virtual workshop series Ask a Specialist is held on the second Friday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. Past sessions have been recorded and are available online from the agency website.

Ask A Specialist features professionals such as physical, occupational and speech therapists; developmental specialists; and behavioral health clinicians. They cover frequently asked questions, offer video and other presentations as relevant and answer questions directly from attendees. This community support aims to integrate resources for families to achieve optimal physical, social/emotional and cognitive development for their children and easily accessible education for themselves.

All sessions are available by web link that goes live at the time of the session: [lascumbres-nm.org/ask-a-specialist](https://lascumbres-nm.org/ask-a-specialist). Questions can also be posted using this link before the session or at any time, and answers will be provided via email. This same link will give parents, other caregivers and community providers access to the library of previously recorded sessions. Recently recorded programs focused on bilingual language development, detecting signs of autism, and leg and movement development in young children.

Ask A Specialist also offers drop-in discussions, on the fourth Friday of the month from 10 to 11 a.m. This is an opportunity to ask a live specialist any questions you may have about your child's development.

Here are some other examples of questions for discussion:

- How important is "belly time" and can someone tell me what that is?
- Should my child be talking by now?
- What can I do when my kids are bouncing off the walls?
- What if my child doesn't respond when I call their name?
- Every little thing bothers my child. What can I do?

- Robyn Covelli-Hunt, Las Cumbres Community Services





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## ALL ABOARD EARTH

Presenting upcoming Eco-Arts Activism programs for Spring and Summer 2022! Eco-Theater runs every Sunday 12:30PM - 4:30PM for kids ages 7 - 17, facilitating a student-created community performance about environmental sustainability. Eco-Film runs June 27th - July 29th for youth ages 10 - 24, providing training and assistance for students to direct, act and edit their own film projects themed around ecology and stewardship. Join us every Saturday from 2:00PM - 4:00PM for our live dance event at Patrick Smith Park. [www.AllAboardEarth.com](http://www.AllAboardEarth.com).

## CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE COMPANY

Santa Fe's most active and enriched summer camp for K-7th grade, in operation for over 35 years! We provide age-appropriate outdoor field trips including rock climbing, kayaking, hiking, survival skills, gardening, cooking, science, art, yoga and more! Weekly camps start May 30th and end Aug. 12th. We provide field trips to Albuquerque every Friday for older groups. Full-day is 7:45AM to 6:00PM and our short-day program is 7:45AM to 3:30PM. Visit [www.SantaFeChildrensAdventure.org](http://www.SantaFeChildrensAdventure.org) or call, (505) 988-7201.

## DRAGONFLY ART STUDIO

Enrollment is open for our In-studio "Summer Camp," our "no-school art days" are ongoing. Celebrate creatively with customized art birthday parties, holiday gatherings, and get-togethers with family in the studio or on Zoom across the country! (Materials provided.) Enroll yourself or your child to discover your inner artist. Custom art classes stimulate imagination, creativity, and experimentation with a wide range of art media and materials to inspire the Art Zone through life. Visit [www.DragonFlyArtsf.com](http://www.DragonFlyArtsf.com) or call Oceanna, (505) 670-5019.

## EMIARTE FLAMENCO

EmiArte Flamenco Academy offers year-round flamenco classes for toddlers, children, and adults. For more information, please visit our website at, [www.EmiArteFlamencoAcademy.com](http://www.EmiArteFlamencoAcademy.com) or call (505) 690-9133.

## ETIQUETTE SCHOOL OF SANTA FE MANNERS CAMP

Build a foundation of kindness and thoughtful awareness. Empower your child to navigate social and academic encounters with confidence and ease. Topics include Manners in a Modern World, First Impressions, Introductions, Handshakes, Thank You Notes, Techie Tweens, Conversation Skills, Interview Prep, Fork and Function, Mainstream vs. Culture Specific. Private, group and

family sessions, ages 5 to forever. (505) 988-2070, [www.EtiquetteSantaFe.com](http://www.EtiquetteSantaFe.com). Refer to Facebook for updates. Lovingly taught by fully vaccinated etiquette consultant and columnist Bizia Greene.

## GHOST RANCH

Dinosaurs, hiking and more – Ghost Ranch Education and Retreat Center is the heart of summer family fun and memory-making. July weeks provide lots of experiential learning for families of all shapes and sizes. July 3rd - 8th is official Family Week where families participate in learning together; other weeks, adults pick a weeklong workshop while youth enjoy age-appropriate Summer Adventure Program. We plan and cook; you camp or glamp. You make the week uniquely special. Join our community! [www.GhostRanch.org](http://www.GhostRanch.org).

## GLORIETA ADVENTURE CAMPS

Glorieta Day Camp is a 5-day camp experience unlike any other! Kids, ages 6-14, are invited to our fun-filled, action-packed, Christ-centered program that's loaded with activities and learning experiences. Cost: \$220. Optional extras come with additional costs. These include transportation or our retail bundle "Adventure Packs." For more information and dates, please visit [www.Glorieta.org/daycamp](http://www.Glorieta.org/daycamp).

## HANDS-ON HERITAGE

Five-week experiential learning program for kids entering grades 4 - 8. Participants go on two field trips per week to explore the environment, history, and culture of northern New Mexico. They also garden, cook and do art projects, among other activities. Breakfast and lunch provided. SFPS bus transportation may be provided in some districts. Location: El Camilo Real Academy and Aspen Community School. June-July, exact dates TBD. \$50 per week, scholarships available. Email [handsonheritagesantafe@gmail.com](mailto:handsonheritagesantafe@gmail.com) and follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/HandsOnHeritageSantaFe](https://facebook.com/HandsOnHeritageSantaFe). Hablamos español.

## LOS ALAMOS NATURE CENTER SUMMER CAMP

Is your child looking to have a great outdoor adventure this summer, all while making friends and having a lot of fun? The Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in Los Alamos will be hosting its popular summer programs: Nature Odyssey for kids entering grades 4th - 6th and Living Earth Adventure Program (LEAP) for kids entering grades 7th -8th. New this year: Space Camp, for kids entering grades 4th-6th. Registration for June summer camps open soon. Visit [www.PeecNature.org](http://www.PeecNature.org) or call (505) 662-0460.

## MAY CENTER SUMMER LEAP

Help your child take a LEAP this summer in reading, writing, math and executive functioning skills. Offering programs for early childhood, elementary, and middle school students in both Santa Fe and Albuquerque. For details, call (505) 983-7407 or visit [www.MayCenter.org](http://www.MayCenter.org).

## MOUNTAIN KIDS!

Mountain Kids! is Santa Fe's camp for outdoor adventure and nature connection. Campers ages 5 - 13 go on daily adventures in the mountains where they explore, learn and play. Campers gain wilderness skills and learn about the natural world as they gain confidence, build resilience, and learn to work as a team. Our Counselor in Training program is for 14 - 17 year olds who wish to gain leadership skills and have fun outside with kids. Learn More: [www.sfMountainKids.com](http://www.sfMountainKids.com)

## NDI NEW MEXICO

Summer programs at The Dance Barns for ages 3 - 18 include Young Children's Division, Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Boys Dance Too, Ballet, Jazz, Modern, and more. Register online beginning March 28th at [www.NDI-nm.org/summer](http://www.NDI-nm.org/summer) or contact: Ariana Hatcher, [ahatcher@ndi-nm.org](mailto:ahatcher@ndi-nm.org), phone (505) 795-7088; we are guided by our belief in children as well as our commitment to social responsibility. Children can participate in the Afterschool Program on a sliding scale, ensuring that quality dance education is affordable. Located at 1140 Alto St., Santa Fe.

## PEACE PLACE FOR KIDS MINDFULNESS SUMMER CAMP SERIES

Immerse your child in mindfulness. For 4 Weeks, starting Tuesday June 21st - July 15th, your 5 - 11 years old will experience mindfulness activities including mindful craft, journaling, meditation, art, drumming, breathwork, yoga, crystals, chakras, and movement. Your child will create positive habits while learning how to feel connected to a vibration of peace, gratitude, positive thinking, and self-love. \$180 a week or \$75 day rate. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00AM - 12:00PM. 805 Early Street. (505) 303-8727.

## QUEEN BEE KIDS MUSIC CAMP

Come jam with us! Offering weeklong day camps this summer for kids ages 5 - 15. From ukulele to fiddle, bluegrass to beat-making, kids and teens unleash their musical curiosity in these fun-filled camps. No experience necessary! Camps Offered: Impact Music Camp, ages 5 - 7, June 27th - July 1st, 9:00AM - 3:00PM; Fiddle Camp, ages 7 - 15, July 5th - 8th, 9:00AM - 4:00PM; Bluegrass Camp, ages 7 - 15, July 18th - 22nd, 9:00AM - 4:00PM; Summer Jam Camp, ages 8-12, August 1st - 5th, 9:00AM - 4:00PM. Tuition: \$300-\$325, with tuition assistance available to qualifying families. 1596 Pacheco Street. [www.QueenBeeMusicAssociation.org](http://www.QueenBeeMusicAssociation.org).

## RANDALL DAVEY AUDUBON SPRING BREAK CAMP

School may be out, but the learning never stops! Join us for a fun week of nature-based games and activities that encourage an understanding, appreciation, and love of nature. Audubon educators guide campers through hands-on science explorations and outdoor fun while surrounded by the natural beauty of Santa Fe. March 14th to 20th, 8:00AM - 3:00PM - \$265. Extended care available. For more information, visit [www.nm.Audubon.org/camp-programs](http://www.nm.Audubon.org/camp-programs), call (505) 983-4609 or email [sally.maxwell@audubon.org](mailto:sally.maxwell@audubon.org).

## RANDALL DAVEY AUDUBON SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMPS

Not your ordinary summer camp! Eight weeks of nature day camps for ages 5 - 12 years. Each week emphasizes a new theme where campers can discover, investigate, and play through activities that encourage an understanding, appreciation, and love of nature. Audubon educators guide campers through hands-on science explorations and outdoor fun while surrounded by the natural beauty of Santa Fe. Monday to Friday, 9:00AM to 3:00PM - \$265. Extended care available. Visit [www.nm.Audubon.org/camp-programs](http://www.nm.Audubon.org/camp-programs), call (505) 983-4609 or email [sally.maxwell@audubon.org](mailto:sally.maxwell@audubon.org).

## RIO GRANDE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Weekly camps for children aged 3 - 6 grade, running June 13th - August 5th with morning, afternoon and full-day options available. Our camp integrates enriched learning experiences with play, creative expression, and adventure-based learning. Campers attending the morning session choose an enrichment class in which they learn alongside our educators. Afternoon sessions take advantage of a lovely, safe five-acre campus and focus on adventure education, design-thinking, and hiking and nature exploration. [www.RioGrandeSchool.org/summer](http://www.RioGrandeSchool.org/summer). Rio Grande School. 715 Camino Cabra, Santa Fe, (505) 983-1621.

## SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM SPRING BREAK CAMP

Adventure into the world of superheroes with our "SUPER Spring Break Explorers Camp!" Design your own invincible armor, explore a laser maze, and more! Campers will get creative through engaging STEAM projects and enjoy museum play time each day! Camp for ages 5 to 8, March 14th - 18th, 8:45 am - 3:00 pm. \$325/per camper | Limited scholarships available. For details, visit [santafechildrensmuseum.org](http://santafechildrensmuseum.org). Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, (505) 989-8359.

## SANTA FE GIRLS SCHOOL

Coming Summer 2022: a new summer camp for girls ages 9 - 11! Join us for a full-day summer camp as we explore weekly themes through writing, cooking, field trips, art projects and more! Sign up for one, two or all three weeks: June 6th - 10th: Sand & Stone, June 13th -17th: Water and Wonder, July 11th -15th: Sun and Stars. Register online; space is limited! Google "Santa Fe Girls School Explore Summer Camp" for more details. (505) 820-3188.

## SANTA FE JEWISH CENTER

Camp Gan Israel and Jewish Kids Club are available for Spring and Summer 2022. It is perfect for children ages 4 - 12 years old. The Santa Fe Jewish Center-Chabad is located at 509 Camino de Los Marquez suite 4, Santa Fe NM. Visit us at [www.SantaFejcc.com](http://www.SantaFejcc.com) or contact Rivky at [Rivky@Santafejcc.com](mailto:Rivky@Santafejcc.com), (505) 983-2000.

## SANTA FE MUSIC CHAMBER FESTIVAL EDUCATION

Festival Family Day! Enjoy a free youth concert and related activities on Monday, July 25th at the St. Francis Auditorium of the New Mexico Museum of Art. The day begins with a Summer Youth Concert with the friendly, genuine, and world-acclaimed Miami String Quartet at 10:00AM. A meet-and-greet with the musicians and free guided tours of the museum immediately follow the concert. Free busing for school groups: call 505-983-2075 x 113, or [ldevane@sfcmmf.org](mailto:ldevane@sfcmmf.org). For more information, visit [www.SantaFeChamberMusic.com/education](http://www.SantaFeChamberMusic.com/education).

## SANTA FE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS & SCIENCES CAMPS

Weekly, theme-based camps for ages 3 - high school include Menagerie Live Action Role Play (ages 11 & up), Inventor's Workshop (ages 8 to 10) Minecraft in Real Life (ages 6 to 7), Insectomania (age 5), Mad Science and Fun Concoctions (ages 3 to 4). June 13th to August 5th, Monday through Friday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM. Extended care available 8:00AM until 5:30PM. Camps cost \$285 per week. Scholarships available. Experienced teachers with low camper-to-teacher ratio. Registration begins in February. [www.SantaFeSchool.org](http://www.SantaFeSchool.org)



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## SANTA FE SKATE SCHOOL

Ramps and Bowls Camps: Weeklong camps for ages 8 plus, mornings at public skate parks, afternoons at our indoor park, 9:00AM – 4:00PM. Availability: May 30th - June 3rd, June 6th - 10th, June 20th - 24th, July 11th - 15th, July 18th - 22nd. Cost \$320 + tax. Longboard Camps: Ages 9 plus, ride the school's boards and learn to turn, stop, and slide, on local bike paths and our indoor park, 9AM - 4PM. Availability: June 13th - 15th, July 5th - 7th, July 25th - 27th. \$200 + tax. (505) 474-0074. [www.SkateBoardSafety.com](http://www.SkateBoardSafety.com).

## SANTA FE TENNIS & SWIM CLUB

The most beautiful New Mexico tennis club, The Santa Fe Tennis Academy, is offering a summer camp for kids 7 - 17 years old. We will have camps for beginners, intermediates, and advanced, as well as an Elite Camp for experienced high school players. Campers will learn tennis, pickleball, and get to swim in our outdoor swimming pool. Elite campers, as well as playing tennis, will get fitness work including plyometrics, rope ladders, and TRX work. Half and full-day sessions are available. [www.SantaFeTennis.net](http://www.SantaFeTennis.net).

## SANTA FE WALDORF SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR AGES 3-7

Explore, dig, plant a garden, climb trees, hike, look for bugs and rocks, play with friends and enjoy the freedom of sunny summer days! We offer two summer camp programs: Dandelion, for children ages 3 - 5, and Sunflower, for children ages 5 - 7. Both programs offer eight, 4-day fun-filled weeks beginning June 13th. Monday - Thursday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM. Programs are open to all families whether they are enrolled at the Santa Fe Waldorf School or not. [www.SantaFeWaldorf.org/summer](http://www.SantaFeWaldorf.org/summer).

## SANTA FE WALDORF SCHOOL WILDFLOWER PARENT AND CHILD SUMMER CLASSES

We offer a warm and gentle welcome to the littlest learners and their caregivers! Classes for three age groups: Wildflower Babies (ages 0-1), Buds (ages 1 to 3), and Blossoms (ages 3 to 5). Classes include creative free play, early socialization, fresh ideas for parenting, plus songs and games. The summer session is 6 weeks, from June 13th - July 29th (with no classes June 20th -24th). These classes are open to all families whether they are enrolled at the Santa Fe Waldorf School or not. [www.SantaFeWaldorf.org/parent-and-child](http://www.SantaFeWaldorf.org/parent-and-child).

## SANTA FE WALDORF SCHOOL SUMMER WOODWORKING CLASSES FOR STUDENTS AND ADULTS.

We offer two weeks of classes: Week 1, June 13th - 17th is for students in rising 6th through 12th grades only. Week 2, June 20th-24, is for both students and adults. Classes are Monday - Friday from 12:00PM - 3:00PM and are open to the community. No experience needed. Depending on your experience and skill level, you can make bowls, spoons, animals, dovetailed cedar pencil boxes, stools and more. There will be ample opportunity for innovation. Visit [www.SantaFeWaldorf.org/summer](http://www.SantaFeWaldorf.org/summer).

## SUMMER CAMPS @ CLIMBSANTAFE

We create a stimulating environment in which climbers at all levels will push their physical and mental limits, while having fun and exploring the world of indoor rock climbing. Starting May 31st, our weekly Summer Camp sessions are from 8:30AM - 11:30AM or from 12:30PM - 3:30PM with before and aftercare available. Age groups include: 5 - 8 year old, 9-13 year old and 12-15 year old climbers. Cost is \$249.00 per session. 3008 Cielo Court. Contact information: (505) 986-8944, [info@climbsantafe.com](mailto:info@climbsantafe.com), [www.ClimbSantaFe.com](http://www.ClimbSantaFe.com).

## WISE FOOL SPRING BREAK CIRCUS CAMP

Kids ages 7 to 12 run away with the circus! Students in this popular circus camp are physically active, practice teamwork and have a ton of fun. Learn stilt-walking, unicycling, aerial fabric, trapeze, juggling, puppet-making, clowning and more, all in a safe, noncompetitive environment. March 14 to 18, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Camp fills up quickly. Tuition assistance is available. \$285. Contact information: (505) 992-2588, [www.wisefoolnewmexico.org](http://www.wisefoolnewmexico.org), Wise Fool Studios, 1131-B Siler Road, Santa Fe.

## WISE FOOL SUMMER CIRCUS CAMP

Kids in first through 12th grade run away with the circus! Students in our popular circus camps are physically active, learn teamwork and have a ton of fun. Learn stilt-walking, unicycling, aerial fabric, trapeze, juggling, puppet making, clowning and more. All in a safe, noncompetitive environment. June 20th - July 29th, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Camps fill up quickly. Tuition assistance and after-care available. Dates, times and cost varies based on age and session. Contact information: (505) 992-2588, [www.wisefoolnewmexico.org](http://www.wisefoolnewmexico.org), Wise Fool Studios, 1131-B Siler Road, Santa Fe.

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# Spring Calendar - March

Please keep in mind, our community is doing its best to provide services, access and opportunities while keeping families safe. Organizations may require specific safety measures, and event details may fluctuate.

Visit the online event calendar at [TumbleweedsMag.com](http://TumbleweedsMag.com) for the latest updates.

## March

### CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP 1-Mar | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Join these facilitated group discussions focused on caring for your infants and toddlers. Tuesdays in Los Alamos. [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).

### LESSONS AT THE FARM 1-Mar | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

This class is appropriate for children ages 5-10. We will visit the animals and read a story or two. Then we will have hands-on learning activity centers. Finally, we will create reflections through writing and/or art. Class is \$20 per child or \$60 for families of three or more. Off Grid Campground and Farm, 228 18th St., Southwest Rio Rancho, NM 87124. [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

### PARENTING THE LOVE AND LOGIC WAY: PARENTS OF GRADES K-6 1-Mar | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Raise children who are self-confident, motivated and ready for the real world with this win-win approach to parenting with Michelangelo Lobato. Sessions will be held via Google Meet. [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).



Sixth through eighth graders artwork submitted by Santa Fe Public School's Art Education Department.

### FAMILY DAY HIKE WITH NATURE NIÑOS 2-Mar | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Nature Niños will lead a free family hike suitable for all ages in the Albuquerque area and provide a nature learning activity. This hike offers a family opportunity to be and learn in the outdoors. Weekly hikes will also include time to reflect and journal in a nature space and opportunities to learn from experts in the field. This week's hike is in Placitas at the Mustang Alley, Bootleg, Bobsled, Fence Line Trails. [www.natureninios.org](http://www.natureninios.org).

### TODDLER TUNES 2-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Children and parents sing and dance together, while Lauren Marcus shares simple ways to engage children in music and movement. First Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).

### WEE WEDNESDAYS 2-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Santa Fe Children's Museum offers storytime for toddlers and special exploration and activities [www.santafefchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.santafefchildrensmuseum.org).

### LEGO BUILDING 2-Mar | 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Build Legos with friends on First Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 PM (February-June) in Los Alamos. Legos are provided, you provide the creativity. Program is free, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).

### KIDS SING-ALONG QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION 2-Mar | 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

Get those kids singing, moving and shaking! Teacher Brian leads the class through a variety of engaging music games and sing-alongs. [www.santafelibrary.org](http://www.santafelibrary.org).

### SEXUALITY EDUCATION FOR GRADES K-2 2-Mar | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

OWL can help you educate your child about babies, bodies and families. You will be actively involved as your child learns through songs, stories, activities and at-home projects that promote family dialogue. Registration is free but required for all sessions through March 23. [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).

### CHILDREN'S CHESS CLUB 2-Mar | 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM

Learn the art of chess and play chess with other kids. Santa Fe Public Library offers this program online! [www.santafelibrary.org](http://www.santafelibrary.org)

### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY 3-Mar | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Outdoor musical fun for children ages 0-6 and their caregivers! Music and Movement 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. [www.laconm.libcal.com](http://www.laconm.libcal.com).

### ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR 3-Mar | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Lucy Peña, Española Library's program coordinator, will present a story and a craft related to the story for preschool-age children. [www.cityofespanola.org](http://www.cityofespanola.org).

### SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM 3-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Hands-on gardening and nature craft projects in the Earthworks Garden (weather permitting) at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. [www.santafefchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.santafefchildrensmuseum.org).

### STORY TIME AT THE ABQ BIOPARK ZOO 3-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Relax in the Africa amphitheater as volunteers read stories about animals. Aimed at our youngest zoo-goers, Story Time includes fun tales and educational facts about animals at the zoo. Each week features a different animal. Story Time lasts about an hour and is included with price of admission. 505-764-6214.

### STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY- CIRCUS THEME 3-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Everyone loves the circus! Come and join us for some fun stories and a craft. [www.santafelibrary.org](http://www.santafelibrary.org).

### FUN WITH FIREFIGHTERS 3-Mar | 1:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Every first Thursday of the month, the Santa Fe Children's Museum partners with the Santa Fe Fire Department to bring a special experience for all museum attendees. The firefighters read some of their favorite books then welcome everyone outside to see their fire truck. [www.santafefchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.santafefchildrensmuseum.org).

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### ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS 3-Mar | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Improve English conversation, writing, reading, listening and pronunciation skills. Students will learn English skills in a fun and interactive environment with instructor Naly Ramirez. Sponsored by UNM-LA at Family Strengths Network. [www.challenge-island.com](http://www.challenge-island.com).

### THURSDAYS ARE YOURS 3-Mar | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Extended hours and free admission for children under the age of 17 at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. [www.santafefchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.santafefchildrensmuseum.org).

### TRAUMA & PARENTING 3-Mar | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Join facilitator Ali Harper for this 6-week class for individuals parenting children who have experienced trauma. We will discuss Adverse Childhood Experiences and the impact they have on development; then some ways to parent, as well as ways to care for yourself as a parent of a child that has experienced trauma. [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).

### CHESS & JAZZ CLUB 3-Mar | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

A casual get-together of chess playing and jazz listening. Free and open to players of all skill levels. [www.vitalspaces.org](http://www.vitalspaces.org).



# Spring Calendar - March



Sixth through eighth graders artwork submitted by Santa Fe Public School's Art Education Department.

## FINE ART FRIDAYS

**4-Mar | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

A weekly exploration into the arts with special guests and hands-on activities! Presented in the Woods Family Outdoor Classroom of the Santa Fe Children's Museum. [www.santafechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.santafechildrensmuseum.org).

## FIRST FRIDAY FRACTALS

**4-Mar | 8:00 PM & 9:00 PM**

First Friday Fractals is the spectacular, award-winning fulldome 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 3 and up. [www.nmnaturalhistory.org](http://www.nmnaturalhistory.org).

## MEDITATION: CONNECT AND ENGAGE

**4-Mar | 9:30 AM**

Learn some kid-friendly meditation practices with expert Michelle Pelletier. This is a virtual event. (Recommended for children ages 7-11) [www.santafelibrary.org](http://www.santafelibrary.org).

## TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE

**5-Mar | 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

Kids ages 4 to 9 can try youth hockey at no cost during Santa Fe Hockey Association's Try Hockey For Free event at the Genoveva Chavez Center. Loaner equipment available. No ice skating experience needed, certified coaches and instructors will help players of all abilities and show them how fun hockey is for everyone. [www.santafehockey.com](http://www.santafehockey.com).

## BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES

**5-Mar | 10:00 AM**

Join the Southside Library Branch on Saturday mornings for books, songs and finger games for young children ages 6 months to 2 years. [www.santafelibrary.org](http://www.santafelibrary.org).

## FAMILY KEEPSAKE PAINTING CLASS

**5-Mar | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Family painting classes are a fabulous way to spend the day with your loved ones and return home with unforgettable keepsakes. Instructor helps each person discover their own artistic style while sharing a multitude of painting techniques, tricks, tools, and acrylic mediums useful for creating a stunning abstract piece. [www.santafepaintingworkshops.com](http://www.santafepaintingworkshops.com).

## ALBUQUERQUE ODDITIES & CURIOSITIES EXPO 2022

**5-Mar | 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

The Oddities & Curiosities Expo showcases hand-selected vendors, dealers, artists and small businesses with all things weird. You'll find items such as: taxidermy, preserved specimens, original artwork, antiques, handcrafted oddities, quack medical devices, creepy clothing, odd jewelry, skulls/bones, funeral collectibles and much more. Entry cost is \$10 for tickets in advance and \$15 tickets at the door. Tickets for kids 12 and younger are free. [www.odditiesandcuriositiesexpo.com](http://www.odditiesandcuriositiesexpo.com).

## FILM & TV ACTING FOR YOUTH

**5-Mar | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Film & TV Acting One is an intro-level class for young actors ages 8 to 14 looking to learn and practice on-camera acting skills. Spend each week tackling a different stage of film and television performance from auditioning to working on a live set. Students will choose a famous character from film or television and practice on-camera technique using proper breath, movement and vocal skills. All experience levels welcome. [www.cardboardplayhouse.org/youth](http://www.cardboardplayhouse.org/youth).

## MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

**5-Mar | 1:00 PM - 2:00 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. [www.santafechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.santafechildrensmuseum.org).

## NEW MEXICO WILDLIFE CENTER STORYTIME WITH A SALAMANDER

**5-Mar | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

Come and hear some stories about salamanders and then meet a salamander from the Wildlife Center. [www.santafelibrary.org](http://www.santafelibrary.org).

## SCIENCE SATURDAYS

**5-Mar | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Scientists and STEM instructors visit the Santa Fe Children's Museum to conduct experiments, explorations and demonstration. Free with admission. Presented in the Woods Family Outdoor Classroom. [www.santafechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.santafechildrensmuseum.org).

## FREE FIRST SUNDAYS

**6-Mar | All Day**

Admission is free on the first Sunday of every month to New Mexico residents with ID to the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture. [www.newmexicoculture.org](http://www.newmexicoculture.org).

## DAWN 'TIL DUSK DAY

**6-Mar | All Day**

Los Luceros Historic Site will extend its hours from sunrise to sunset on the first Sunday of each month. During this time, entrance into Los Luceros will be free for New Mexico residents and includes access to the site's visitor center, historic buildings, trails, and picnic areas. [www.nmculture.org](http://www.nmculture.org).

## FAMILY FARM TOUR

**6-Mar | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

Visit Our Desert Homestead, an off-grid campground and farm in Rio Rancho. Bring the kids out to feed the goats, visit the chickens, see the beehive, check out the turkeys, ducks, geese and gardens. Depending on the season, you may also get to milk a goat, see the inside of the beehive or harvest some vegetables or herbs. Tickets are \$5. Off Grid Campground and Farm 228, 18th St. SW, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

## THE RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

**6-Mar | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

The Railyard Artisan Market, started in 2009, represents a wide variety of New Mexico's artists and craftspeople. The Sunday market offers a unique opportunity to enjoy local art and music inside the Farmers' Market Pavilion. You'll find pottery, painting, jewelry, sculpture, fiber arts, photography, hand-blown glass, artisanal teas, and handmade herbal body products. [www.santafefarmersmarket.com](http://www.santafefarmersmarket.com).

## MAKE & TAKE @ MOIFA

**6-Mar | 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Join the Museum of International Folk Art for art in the atrium with art projects, coloring sheets, and gallery treasure hunts. Free with museum admission. [www.internationalfolkart.org](http://www.internationalfolkart.org).

## ECO-ACTIVISM THEATER

**6-Mar | 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

Join in creating a complete production start to finish. Participants may focus in a chosen discipline for the duration of the program or explore various topics including: script writing, character development, costume and set design, make-up, acting, song and dance! [www.allaboardearth.com/community-theater](http://www.allaboardearth.com/community-theater).

## SANDIA SNOWSHOE TOUR

**6-Mar | 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

Our tours include your Tramway tickets, snowshoe rentals (or bring your own), telescoping poles, snow gaiters, a carrying bag, hand-warmers, bottled water, a light snack and a professional nature and safety guide. Cost: \$105 for adults and children over 12. Space on these tours is limited and tickets sell out quickly. [www.routesrentals.com/tours/snowshoe-tours](http://www.routesrentals.com/tours/snowshoe-tours).

## FREE DROP-IN CLINIC FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

**7-Mar | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Engage in activities on-site with your children and ask questions of the Las Cumbres Community Services staff – specialized professionals will be available to answer questions and connect families to additional supports. Focus is on young children ages 0-6 with social-emotional or developmental concerns. [www.lascumbres-nm.org](http://www.lascumbres-nm.org).

## CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING SERIES

**7-Mar | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Join Las Cumbres in Los Alamos for a free parenting group based on the Circle of Security Parenting program. The group will run for 10 weeks, ending on April 18, and will be facilitated remotely via Zoom. [www.lascumbres-nm.org](http://www.lascumbres-nm.org).

## ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

**7-Mar | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

See March 3 listing. For more information and to register, visit [www.challenge-island.com/albuquerque-north](http://www.challenge-island.com/albuquerque-north).

## MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF

**7-Mar | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Make the first day of the workweek a little less Monday and a lot more Funday with Meow Wolf's weekly New Mexico 50% off appreciation discount! Bring your kid after school for some immersive fun or schedule a cheaper-than-a-movie date night. Every Monday. Tickets from 3 to 8 p.m are half-price with promo code MONDAYFUNDAY. [www.meowwolf.com](http://www.meowwolf.com).

## BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS

**7-Mar | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

As 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. It is held online the first Monday of each month. [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).

## CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP

**8-Mar | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

See March 1 listing. For more information, call 505-662-4515 or visit [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).

## FIRE SAFETY STORYTIME WITH SPECIAL GUEST FIREMAN JEFF FOLGATE

**8-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

Join Fireman Jeff Folgate from the Santa Fe County Fire Department at the Southside Library. He will read a fire safety story and show the listeners his fire gear. [www.santafelibrary.org](http://www.santafelibrary.org).



# Spring Calendar - March

## LESSONS AT THE FARM FOR AGES 5 - 10

8-Mar | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
See March 1 listing.

## PARENTING THE LOVE AND LOGIC WAY: PARENTS OF GRADES K-6

8-Mar | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
See March 1 listing.

## SENSORY FRIENDLY MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

9-Mar | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
Large crowds too much for your young child? Las Cumbres Community Services and Los Alamos County library staff have designed this sensory-friendly music and movement pilot program for your family. For parents and caregivers with children ages birth to 6. [www.lascumbres-nm.org](http://www.lascumbres-nm.org).

## ADVENTURES IN STEM

9-Mar | 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM  
Join us for kid-friendly STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) activities hosted by STEAM Lab. All ages welcome. [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).

## WEE WEDNESDAYS

9-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 2 listing.

## KIDS SING-ALONG QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION

9-Mar | 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 2 listing.

## ADVENTURES IN STEM

9-Mar | 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM  
See March 9 listing.

## SEXUALITY EDUCATION FOR GRADES K-2

9-Mar | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
See March 2 listing.

## CHILDREN'S CHESS CLUB

9-Mar | 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM

## MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

10-Mar | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
See March 3 listing.

## ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

10-Mar | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
See March 3 listing.

## SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

10-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 3 listing.

## STORY TIME AT THE ABQ BIOPARK ZOO

10-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 3 listing.

## FIRE SAFETY STORYTIME WITH SPECIAL GUEST FIREMAN JEFF FOLGATE

10-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Join Fireman Jeff Folgate from the Santa Fe County Fire Department at the Main Library. He will read a fire safety story and show the listeners his fire gear. [www.santafelibrary.org](http://www.santafelibrary.org).

## ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

10-Mar | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
See March 3 listing.

## THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

10-Mar | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
See March 3 listing.

## TRAUMA & PARENTING

10-Mar | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
See March 3 listing.

## ASK A SPECIALIST: SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT DROP-IN VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

11-Mar | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Interactive workshop led by early childhood professionals to address a wide range of topics related to child development, mental health, and parenting strategies. Las Cumbres Community Services' Ask a Specialist virtual drop-in workshop for parents, caregivers and professionals providing for young children in Northern New Mexico. Second Friday of every month via Zoom. [www.lascumbres-nm.org](http://www.lascumbres-nm.org).

## FINE ART FRIDAYS

11-Mar | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 4 listing.

## PARENTING THE LOVE AND LOGIC WAY: LOVE AND LOGIC TEEN

12-Mar | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Discuss specific answers to common challenges, including how to determine when teens are ready for more responsibility and how to set appropriate limits regarding school, parties, driving and other issues with Michelangelo Lobato. [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).

## ADVENTURES IN STEM

12-Mar | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
See March 9 listing.

## BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES

12-Mar | 10:00 AM  
See March 5 listing.

## FAMILY DAY HIKE WITH NATURE NIÑOS

12-Mar | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
See March 2 listing.

## FAMILY KEEPSAKE PAINTING CLASS

12-Mar | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

## FILM & TV ACTING FOR YOUTH

12-Mar | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

## FAMILY MORNINGS AT FOLK ART

12-Mar | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Family Mornings at Folk Art program features free storytime, art activity and explorations in the galleries. March 12 theme is Dressing with Purpose. [www.internationalfolkart.org](http://www.internationalfolkart.org).

## MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

12-Mar | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

## SCIENCE SATURDAYS

12-Mar | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

## THE RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

13-Mar | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
See March 6 listing.

## FAMILY KEEPSAKE PAINTING CLASS

13-Mar | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

## ECO-ACTIVISM THEATER

13-Mar | 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
See March 6 listing.

## FREE DROP-IN CLINIC FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

14-Mar | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
See March 7 listing.

## CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING SERIES

14-Mar | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 7 listing.

## ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

14-Mar | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
See March 3 listing.

## MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF

14-Mar | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
See March 7 listing.

## GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

14-Mar | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The second Monday of each month at the Family Strengths Network, this kinship care group meets monthly via Zoom to discuss the many challenges associated with kinship. Connect with others who are navigating the challenges of raising a grandchild and learn about resources that can help. [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).



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# Spring Calendar - March

## CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP

15-Mar | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

See March 1 listing.

## LESSONS AT THE FARM FOR AGES 5 - 10

15-Mar | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

See March 1 listing.

## FAMILY DAY HIKE WITH NATURE NIÑOS

16-Mar | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

See March 2 listing.

## TODDLER CRAFT TIME

16-Mar | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Family Strength Network holds a monthly toddler crafts workshop. It includes hands-on activities which are a pleasure for grown-ups and kids alike. [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).

## WEE WEDNESDAYS

16-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 2 listing.

## SEXUALITY EDUCATION FOR GRADES K-2

16-Mar | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

See March 2 listing.

## CHILDREN'S CHESS CLUB

16-Mar | 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM

See March 2 listing.

## MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

17-Mar | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

See March 3 listing.

## AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN ON THE SPECTRUM

17-Mar | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Meet with other parents who raise children on the spectrum. This is a virtual group meeting held the third Thursday of every month via Zoom. All parents and caregivers raising children with an Autism diagnosis are welcome. Contact facilitator for more information: [abbie.nelson@lccs-nm.org](mailto:abbie.nelson@lccs-nm.org).

## ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

17-Mar | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

See March 3 listing.

## SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

17-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 3 listing.

## STORY TIME AT THE ABQ BIOPARK ZOO

17-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 3 listing.

## ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

17-Mar | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

See March 3 listing.

## TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) FOR MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

17-Mar | 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Talk to youth services staff about the books you want us to buy, the programs you want us to plan, the programs you want to present. We give away books, have fun games, do drawings for prizes, and sometimes have food and drinks. This group is for both middle school and high school students. [www.laconm.libcal.com](http://www.laconm.libcal.com).

## THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

17-Mar | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

See March 3 listing.

## TRAUMA & PARENTING

17-Mar | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

See March 3 listing.

## CHESS & JAZZ CLUB

17-Mar | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

See March 2 listing.

## MEDITATION: CONNECT AND ENGAGE

18-Mar | 9:30 AM

See March 4 listing.

## FINE ART FRIDAYS

18-Mar | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 4 listing.

## BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES

19-Mar | 10:00 AM

See March 5 listing.

## FAMILY KEEPSAKE PAINTING CLASS

19-Mar | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## FILM & TV ACTING FOR YOUTH

19-Mar | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## VITAL SPACES COMMUNITY ART CLOSET

19-Mar | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Vital Spaces opens their Community Art Closet on the third Saturday of each month to provide free art materials to anyone who needs them, supporting everyone from kindergartners to professional makers. The Art Closet is stocked with a wide range of art supplies for all skill and age ranges. Vital Spaces is located at 1600 St. Michael's Drive, on the Midtown Campus in the SW Annex. [www.vitalspaces.org](http://www.vitalspaces.org).

## MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

19-Mar | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## SCIENCE SATURDAYS

19-Mar | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## FAMILY KEEPSAKE PAINTING CLASS

20-Mar | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## THE RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

20-Mar | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

See March 6 listing.

## ECO-ACTIVISM THEATER

20-Mar | 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

See March 6 listing.

## FREE DROP-IN CLINIC FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

21-Mar | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

See March 7 listing.

## CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING SERIES

21-Mar | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 7 listing.

## ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

21-Mar | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

See March 3 listing.

## MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF

21-Mar | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

See March 7 listing.

## CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP

22-Mar | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

See March 1 listing.

## LESSONS AT THE FARM FOR AGES 5 - 10

22-Mar | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

See March 1 listing.

## SENSORY FRIENDLY MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

23-Mar | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

See March 9 listing.

## WEE WEDNESDAYS

23-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 2 listing.

## KIDS SING-ALONG QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION

23-Mar | 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 2 listing.

## SEXUALITY EDUCATION FOR GRADES K-2

23-Mar | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

See March 2 listing.

## CHILDREN'S CHESS CLUB

23-Mar | 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM

See March 2 listing.

## MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

24-Mar | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

See March 3 listing.

## ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

24-Mar | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

See March 3 listing.

## SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

24-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 3 listing.

## STORY TIME AT THE ABQ BIOPARK ZOO

24-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 3 listing.

## ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

24-Mar | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

See March 3 listing.

## THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

24-Mar | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

See March 3 listing.

## TRAUMA & PARENTING

24-Mar | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

See March 3 listing.

## ASK A SPECIALIST DROP-IN FOR Q & A

25-Mar | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Las Cumbres Community Services Ask a Specialist Virtual Drop-In for Questions and Answers on the Fourth Friday of every month. Interactive early childhood professionals available via Zoom to answer your individual questions addressing a wide range of topics related to child development and parenting strategies. [www.lascumbres-nm.org](http://www.lascumbres-nm.org).



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# Spring Calendar - March/April



Third through fifth graders artwork submitted by Santa Fe Public School's Art Education Department.

## NEW MEXICO RENAISSANCE CELTIC FESTIVAL

25-Mar through 27-March | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The New Mexico Renaissance Celtic Festival will be held at the Wildlife Nature Park & Zoo in Edgewood. "Land of Enchantment Realm" will have fun and adventure for all ages, all-day entertainment on four stages, games, craft-making, blacksmithing, strongman competition, food vendors, live concerts, belly-dancing, mermaids, pirates, knights, people from countries around during the medieval and renaissance periods, time travelers (steampunk), 120 vendors, a kids knighting ceremony and tea with the queen. Tickets are \$25 online and \$30 onsite. Children (under 18) are free. [www.nmrenewcelfest.com](http://www.nmrenewcelfest.com).

## 4TH FRIDAY PLAY DATES

25-Mar | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Family Strength Network hosts games, activities, food and fun with friends in Los Alamos. [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).

## FINE ART FRIDAYS

25-Mar | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 4 listing.

## CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT

26-Mar | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The annual Civil War Encampment at Pecos National Historical Park commemorates the Battle of Glorieta Pass, where Federal troops turned back the Confederate invasion of New Mexico Territory for good. This event typically features living history participants, black powder firing demonstrations, and speakers who talk about aspects of the battle or Civil War-era life. 505-757-7210.

## BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES

26-Mar | 10:00 AM

See March 5 listing.

## FILM & TV ACTING FOR YOUTH

26-Mar | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

26-Mar | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## SCIENCE SATURDAYS

26-Mar | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## THE RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

27-Mar | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

See March 6 listing.

## ECO-ACTIVISM THEATER

27-Mar | 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

See March 6 listing.

## FREE DROP-IN CLINIC FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

28-Mar | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

See March 7 listing.

## CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING SERIES

28-Mar | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 7 listing.

## ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

28-Mar | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

See March 3 listing.

## MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF

28-Mar | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

See March 7 listing.

## TRANS + NONBINARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

28-Mar | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Are you a parent, caregiver or family member of someone who is trans/genderqueer/gender nonconforming? Do you want a space to connect with others? Join us every last Monday of the month. [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).

## CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP

29-Mar | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

See March 1 listing.

## LESSONS AT THE FARM FOR AGES 5 - 10

29-Mar | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

See March 1 listing.

## KIDS SING-ALONG QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION

30-Mar | 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 2 listing.

## WEE WEDNESDAYS

30-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 2 listing.

## CHILDREN'S CHESS CLUB

30-Mar | 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM

See March 2 listing.

## MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

31-Mar | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

See March 3 listing.

## ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

31-Mar | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

See March 3 listing.

## SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

31-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 3 listing.

## STORY TIME AT THE ABQ BIOPARK ZOO

31-Mar | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 3 listing.

## ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

31-Mar | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

See March 3 listing.

## THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

31-Mar | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

See March 3 listing.

# April

## MEDITATION: CONNECT AND ENGAGE

1-Apr | 9:30 AM

See March 4 listing.

## FINE ART FRIDAYS

1-Apr | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 4 listing.

## FIRST FRIDAY FRACTALS

1-Apr | 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

See March 4 listing.



## Discover, Investigate, and Play! 2022 Summer Camps

Outdoor science day camps for 5-12 year olds.  
New themes each week: animal adaptations, bugs,  
super plants, nature forensics, and more!

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# Spring Calendar - April

## BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES

2-Apr | 10:00 AM

See March 5 listing.

## FILM & TV ACTING FOR YOUTH

2-Apr | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

2-Apr | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## SCIENCE SATURDAYS

2-Apr | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## FREE FIRST SUNDAYS

3-Apr | All Day

See March 6 listing.

## DAWN 'TIL DUSK DAY

3-Apr | All Day

See March 6 listing.

## FAMILY FARM TOUR

3-Apr | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

See March 6 listing.

## THE RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

3-Apr | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

See March 6 listing.

## ECO-ACTIVISM THEATER

3-Apr | 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

See March 6 listing.

## FREE DROP-IN CLINIC FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

4-Apr | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

See March 7 listing.

## CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING SERIES

4-Apr | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 7 listing.

## ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

4-Apr | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

See March 3 listing.

## MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF

4-Apr | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

See March 7 listing.

## BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS

4-Apr | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

See March 7 listing.

## CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP

5-Apr | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

See March 1 listing.

## LESSONS AT THE FARM FOR AGES 5 - 10

5-Apr | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

See March 1 listing.

## TODDLER TUNES

6-Apr | 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

See March 2 listing.

## WEE WEDNESDAYS

6-Apr | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 2 listing.

## KIDS SING-ALONG QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION

6-Apr | 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 2 listing.

## LEGO BUILDING

6-Apr | 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

See March 2 listing.

## CHILDREN'S CHESS CLUB

6-Apr | 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM

See March 2 listing.

## MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

7-Apr | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

See March 3 listing.



High School artwork submitted by Santa Fe Public School's Art Education Department.

## ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

7-Apr | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

See March 3 listing.

## SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

7-Apr | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 3 listing.

## STORY TIME AT THE ABQ BIOPARK ZOO

7-Apr | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 3 listing.

## FUN WITH FIREFIGHTERS

7-Apr | 1:00 PM - 1:00 PM

See March 3 listing.

## ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

7-Apr | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

See March 3 listing.

## THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

7-Apr | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

See March 3 listing.

## CHESS & JAZZ CLUB

7-Apr | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

See March 3 listing.

## BALLET FOLKLÓRICO DE MÉXICO

7-Apr | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Founded in 1952 by dancer and choreographer Amalia Hernández, Ballet Folklórico de México brings together the festive music, swirling dance, and vibrant costumes of Mexican folklore from pre-Colombian civilizations through the modern era. [www.lensic.org](http://www.lensic.org).

## ASK A SPECIALIST: SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT DROP-IN VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

8-Apr | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

See March 11 listing.

## FINE ART FRIDAYS

8-Apr | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 4 listing.

## CHEVEL SHEPHERD

8-Apr | 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Chevel Shepherd is an American country singer from New Mexico and the winner of season 15 of The Voice. She spent the following year checking off a long list of red-letter firsts, including opening shows for Clarkson, Little Big Town, Brothers Osborne, Lee Brice, and more, along with singing the national anthem before the Indianapolis 500. [www.lensic.org](http://www.lensic.org).

## ADVENTURES IN STEM

9-Apr | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

See March 9 listing.

## BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES

9-Apr | 10:00 AM

See March 5 listing.

## MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

9-Apr | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## SCIENCE SATURDAYS

9-Apr | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## THE RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

10-Apr | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

See March 6 listing.

## ECO-ACTIVISM THEATER

10-Apr | 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

See March 6 listing.

## FREE DROP-IN CLINIC FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

11-Apr | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

See March 7 listing.

## Wise Fool's Kids Circus Camps

Our kids' programs offer a space to have fun and learn circus arts in a safe, non-competitive environment

### Spring Break Camp March 14-18

9-3:30 - Ages 7-12 - \$350  
No experience required

### Wee Kids Camp June 20-24

9-12:30 - Ages 4-7 - \$275

### Teen Camp June 20-30

1:30-5 - Ages 13-18 \$375

### Summer Camp July 4-15

9-3:30 - Age 7-12  
\$650 - All Levels

### Continuing Camp July 18-29

9-3:30 - Ages 8-13 - \$650

Wise Fool New Mexico  
1131 Siler Rd, Suite B  
Santa Fe, NM 87507  
505-992-2588  
[wisefoolnewmexico.org](http://wisefoolnewmexico.org)





# Spring Calendar - April

**CIRCLE OF SECURITY  
PARENTING SERIES**  
11-Apr | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 7 listing.

**ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS**  
11-Apr | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
See March 3 listing.

**MONDAY FUNDAY: NM  
APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT  
MEOW WOLF**  
11-Apr | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
See March 7 listing.

**GRANDPARENTS RAISING  
GRANDCHILDREN**  
11-Apr | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
See March 14th listing.

**CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE  
(DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP**  
12-Apr | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
See March 1 listing.

**LESSONS AT THE FARM FOR  
AGES 5 - 10**  
12-Apr | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
See March 1 listing.

**SENSORY FRIENDLY MUSIC AND  
MOVEMENT**  
13-Apr | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
See March 9 listing.

**ADVENTURES IN STEM**  
13-Apr | 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM  
See March 9 listing.

**WEE WEDNESDAYS**  
13-Apr | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 2 listing.

**KIDS SING-ALONG QUEEN BEE  
MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
13-Apr | 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 2 listing.

**ADVENTURES IN STEM**  
13-Apr | 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM  
See March 9 listing.

**CHILDREN'S CHESS CLUB**  
13-Apr | 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM  
See March 2 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT  
MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
14-Apr | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY  
HOUR**  
14-Apr | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**SEEDS AND SPROUTS  
BACKYARD PROGRAM**  
14-Apr | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**STORY TIME AT THE ABQ  
BIOPARK ZOO**  
14-Apr | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS**  
14-Apr | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
See March 3 listing.

**THURSDAYS ARE YOURS**  
14-Apr | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
See March 3 listing.

**SARAH JAROSZ**  
14-Apr | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Sarah Jarosz has emerged as one of the most compelling musicians of her generation. A four-time Grammy Award-winner at the age of 30, the Texas native started singing as a young girl and became an accomplished multi-instrumentalist by her early teens. Sarah will perform at the Lensic Performing Arts Center. [www.lensic.org](http://www.lensic.org).

**MEDITATION: CONNECT AND  
ENGAGE**  
15-Apr | 9:30 AM  
See March 4 listing.

**FINE ART FRIDAYS**  
15-Apr | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 4 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES**  
16-Apr | 10:00 AM  
See March 5 listing.

**VITAL SPACES COMMUNITY ART  
CLOSET**  
16-Apr | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
See March 19th listing.

**MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE**  
16-Apr | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**  
16-Apr | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

**THE RAILYARD ARTISAN  
MARKET**  
17-Apr | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
See March 6 listing.

**ECO-ACTIVISM THEATER**  
17-Apr | 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
See March 6 listing.

**FREE DROP-IN CLINIC FOR  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**  
18-Apr | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
See March 7 listing.

**CIRCLE OF SECURITY  
PARENTING SERIES**  
18-Apr | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 7 listing.

**ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS**  
18-Apr | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
See March 3 listing.

**MONDAY FUNDAY: NM  
APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT  
MEOW WOLF**  
18-Apr | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
See March 7 listing.

**CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE  
(DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP**  
19-Apr | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
See March 1 listing.

**LESSONS AT THE FARM FOR  
AGES 5 - 10**  
19-Apr | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
See March 1 listing.

**TODDLER CRAFT TIME**  
20-Apr | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
See March 16th listing. For more information, visit [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).

**WEE WEDNESDAYS**  
20-Apr | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 2 listing.

**KIDS SING-ALONG QUEEN BEE  
MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
20-Apr | 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 2 listing.

**CHILDREN'S CHESS CLUB**  
20-Apr | 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM  
See March 2 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT  
MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
21-Apr | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP FOR  
PARENTS WITH CHILDREN ON  
THE SPECTRUM**  
21-Apr | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
See March 17th listing.

**ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY  
HOUR**  
21-Apr | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**SEEDS AND SPROUTS  
BACKYARD PROGRAM**  
21-Apr | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**STORY TIME AT THE ABQ  
BIOPARK ZOO**  
21-Apr | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 3 listing.

# DANCE!

Ages 3 to 18  
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REGISTER  
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# Spring Calendar - April/May

**ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS**  
21-Apr | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
See March 3 listing.

**TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) FOR MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
21-Apr | 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
See March 17 listing.

**THURSDAYS ARE YOURS**  
21-Apr | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
See March 3 listing.

**CHESS & JAZZ CLUB**  
21-Apr | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
See March 3 listing.

**ASK A SPECIALIST DROP-IN FOR Q & A**  
22-Apr | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
See March 25 listing.

**4TH FRIDAY PLAY DATES**  
22-Apr | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
See March 25 listing.

**FINE ART FRIDAYS**  
22-Apr | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 4 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES**  
23-Apr | 10:00 AM  
See March 5 listing.

**MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE**  
23-Apr | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**  
23-Apr | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

**THE RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET**  
24-Apr | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
See March 6 listing.

**FREE DROP-IN CLINIC FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**  
25-Apr | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
See March 7 listing.

**ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS**  
25-Apr | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
See March 3 listing.

**MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF**  
25-Apr | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
See March 7 listing.

**TRANS + NONBINARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**  
25-Apr | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
See March 28 listing.

**CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP**  
26-Apr | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
See March 1 listing.

**LESSONS AT THE FARM FOR AGES 5 - 10**  
26-Apr | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
See March 1 listing.

**SENSORY FRIENDLY MUSIC AND MOVEMENT**  
27-Apr | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
See March 9 listing.

**WEE WEDNESDAYS**  
27-Apr | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 2 listing.

**KIDS SING-ALONG QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
27-Apr | 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 2 listing.

**UKE JAM WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
27-Apr | 4:00 PM  
Enjoy playing a little uke with instructor Brian! Southside Library Branch. [www.santafelibrary.org](http://www.santafelibrary.org).

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
28-Apr | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR**  
28-Apr | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM**  
28-Apr | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**STORY TIME AT THE ABQ BIOPARK ZOO**  
28-Apr | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS**  
28-Apr | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
See March 3 listing.

**THURSDAYS ARE YOURS**  
28-Apr | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
See March 3 listing.

**MEDITATION: CONNECT AND ENGAGE**  
29-Apr | 9:30 AM  
See March 4 listing.

**FINE ART FRIDAYS**  
29-Apr | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 4 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES**  
30-Apr | 10:00 AM  
See March 5 listing.

**MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE**  
30-Apr | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

**MY LITTLE HORSE LISTENER**  
30-Apr | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
Enjoy Dia de los Libros with a special visit from some of the best listeners in town! The horses and friends will be at the Southside Library for children and their families to enjoy. [www.santafelibrary.org](http://www.santafelibrary.org).

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**  
30-Apr | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

## May

**FREE FIRST SUNDAYS**  
1-May | All Day  
See March 6 listing.

**DAWN 'TIL DUSK DAY**  
1-May | 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
See March 6 listing.

**FAMILY FARM TOUR**  
1-May | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
See March 6 listing.

**THE RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET**  
1-May | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
See March 6 listing.

**FREE DROP-IN CLINIC FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**  
2-May | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
See March 7 listing.

**ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS**  
2-May | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
See March 3 listing.

**MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF**  
2-May | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
See March 7 listing.

**BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS**  
2-May | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
See March 7 listing.

**CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP**  
3-May | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
See March 1 listing.

**LESSONS AT THE FARM FOR AGES 5 - 10**  
3-May | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
See March 1 listing.

**TODDLER TUNES**  
4-May | 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM  
See March 2 listing.

## WE'VE GOT FAITH IN KIDS!

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- Know that faith is a journey we take together.

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1804 Arroyo Chamiso (at St. Michael's Dr., near the hospital)  
505-988-3295 [www.UnitedChurchofSantaFe.org](http://www.UnitedChurchofSantaFe.org)  
Rev. Talitha Arnold, Pastor



# Spring Calendar - May

## WEE WEDNESDAYS

4-May | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 2 listing.

## LEGO BUILDING

4-May | 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

See March 2 listing.

## MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

5-May | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

See March 3 listing.

## ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

5-May | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

See March 3 listing.

## SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

5-May | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 3 listing.

## STORY TIME AT THE ABQ BIOPARK ZOO

5-May | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 3 listing.

## FUN WITH FIREFIGHTERS

5-May | 1:00 PM - 1:00 PM

See March 3 listing.

## ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

5-May | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

See March 3 listing.

## THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

5-May | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

See March 3 listing.

## CHESS & JAZZ CLUB

5-May | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

See March 3 listing.

## FINE ART FRIDAYS

6-May | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 4 listing.

## FIRST FRIDAY FRACTALS

6-May | 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

See March 4 listing.

## MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

7-May | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## SCIENCE SATURDAYS

7-May | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## THE RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

8-May | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

See March 6 listing.

## FREE DROP-IN CLINIC FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

9-May | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

See March 7 listing.

## ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

9-May | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

See March 3 listing.

## MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF

9-May | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

See March 7 listing.

## GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

9-May | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

See March 14 listing.

## CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP

10-May | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

See March 1 listing.

## LESSONS AT THE FARM FOR AGES 5 - 10

10-May | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

See March 1 listing.

## ADVENTURES IN STEM

11-May | 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

See March 9 listing.

## WEE WEDNESDAYS

11-May | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 2 listing.

## ADVENTURES IN STEM

11-May | 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

See March 9 listing.

## MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

12-May | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

See March 3 listing.

## ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

12-May | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

See March 3 listing.

## SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

12-May | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 3 listing.

## STORY TIME AT THE ABQ BIOPARK ZOO

12-May | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

See March 3 listing.

## ESL & FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

12-May | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

See March 3 listing.

## THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

12-May | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

See March 3 listing.

## BÁRBARA PADILLA

12-May | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Bárbara Padilla, dazzles audiences with her talent, technique, showmanship and stage presence that both entertains and amazes. Bárbara's extensive repertoire extends a great variety of genres such as opera, classical crossover, Mexican music and much more. Bárbara became a household name when she received outstanding reviews for her unforgettable performances on America's Got Talent, achieving first runner-up. [www.lensic.org](http://www.lensic.org).

## FINE ART FRIDAYS

13-May | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 4 listing.

## ADVENTURES IN STEM

14-May | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

See March 9 listing.

## MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

14-May | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## SCIENCE SATURDAYS

14-May | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

See March 5 listing.

## THE RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

15-May | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

See March 6 listing.

## FREE DROP-IN CLINIC FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

16-May | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

See March 7 listing.

## MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF

16-May | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

See March 7 listing.



High School artwork submitted by Santa Fe Public School's Art Education Department.



**Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club**  
**2022 Summer Camp**  
**May 30th – August 5th**

**TENNIS, SWIMMING, & PICKLEBALL!**

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# Spring Calendar - May

**CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE  
(DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP**  
17-May | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
See March 1 listing..

**LESSONS AT THE FARM FOR  
AGES 5 - 10**  
17-May | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
See March 1 listing.

**TODDLER CRAFT TIME**  
18-May | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
See March 16th listing.

**WEE WEDNESDAYS**  
18-May | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 2 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT  
MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
19-May | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY  
HOUR**  
19-May | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**SEEDS AND SPROUTS  
BACKYARD PROGRAM**  
19-May | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**STORY TIME AT THE ABQ  
BIOPARK ZOO**  
19-May | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)  
FOR MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
19-May | 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
See March 17th listing.

**THURSDAYS ARE YOURS**  
19-May | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
See March 3 listing.

**CHESS & JAZZ CLUB**  
19-May | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
See March 3 listing.

**FINE ART FRIDAYS**  
20-May | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 4 listing.

**VITAL SPACES COMMUNITY ART  
CLOSET**  
21-May | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
See March 19th listing.

**MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE**  
21-May | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**  
21-May | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

**THE RAILYARD ARTISAN  
MARKET**  
22-May | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
See March 6 listing.

**FREE DROP-IN CLINIC FOR  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**  
23-May | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
See March 7 listing.

**MONDAY FUNDAY: NM  
APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT  
MEOW WOLF**  
23-May | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
See March 7 listing.

**CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE  
(DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP**  
24-May | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
See March 1 listing.

**WEE WEDNESDAYS**  
25-May | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 2 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT  
MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
26-May | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY  
HOUR**  
26-May | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
See March 3 listing.



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**SEEDS AND SPROUTS  
BACKYARD PROGRAM**  
26-May | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**STORY TIME AT THE ABQ  
BIOPARK ZOO**  
26-May | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
See March 3 listing.

**THURSDAYS ARE YOURS**  
26-May | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
See March 3 listing.

**4TH FRIDAY PLAY DATES**  
27-May | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
See March 25th listing.

**FINE ART FRIDAYS**  
27-May | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 4 listing.

**MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE**  
28-May | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**  
28-May | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
See March 5 listing.

**THE RAILYARD ARTISAN  
MARKET**  
29-May | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
See March 6 listing.

**FREE DROP-IN CLINIC FOR  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**  
30-May | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
See March 7 listing.

**MONDAY FUNDAY: NM  
APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT  
MEOW WOLF**  
30-May | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
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