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**Rasa O. Moore**

**Ages: 9**

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**How do you like to spend your time?**

**Rasa:** I love reading, writing, sports, and traveling.

**Saoirse:** Drawing, reading, soccer, and playing with my dogs.

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

**Rasa:** Maybe there will be a cure to cancer, or new species of plants and animals discovered.

**Saoirse:** The war between Ukraine and Russia will be over.

**Who are your best friends and why do you like each other?**

**Rasa:** My best friends are my soccer team and also my fifth and fourth grade friends. I like them because they are humorous and easy to talk to.

**Saoirse:** My soccer team, my fourth and fifth grade friends. They are always cheering me on and very funny sometimes.



Tumbleweeds Magazine cover kids, Saoirse and Rasa, enjoying lighting farolitos with their moms, Melanie and Maggie Moore. Photo Kitty Leaken.

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

**Rasa:** I think they look at screens mostly, go to meetings and boss people around..

**Saoirse:** Look at screens all day and manage the Convention Center and have lots of meetings.

**What's the most important rule that you know of?**

**Rasa:** Work hard, do your best, be healthy, passionate and positive!

**Saoirse:** Never say that you are bad at anything and have fun!

## Kid Artist Q & A

**Nora Effati**

**Age: 7**

Rio Grande School

**What title would you give this picture?**  
Mermaid.

**What materials did you use to make your art piece?**  
I used air dry clay material to make this sculpture.

**What do you like most about doing art?**  
Doing art is creative and fun.



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**ON THE COVER:** Nine year old twins, Saoirse Moore and Rasa Moore, light farolitos in the melting snow. Photo by Kitty Leaken.

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# Notes from Jen

## Life-long Learning for All New Mexicans



By Jen Schroer

***“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” — Dr. Seuss***

This school year is our first year having a child in the public school system. Ryker is in pre-kindergarten and loves his school, his friends, and his teachers. It has been thrilling to watch him blossom. He learned to count to 20 in Spanish and German. He learned how to tell time and now understands a monthly calendar and the seasons. He is obsessed with a YouTube show called “Numberblocks,”



Ryker practices his writing.

and can now add, subtract, multiply, and divide after watching it for three months. Wild!

We took the whole family to the school’s fall festival for games and treats. It was so much fun watching Ryker interact with his teachers and friends. Our nearly 3-year-old daughter, Aviva, kept saying that she wanted to go to Ryker’s school. We are enjoying this new chapter and cannot wait until we have both kids at the same school! Ryker’s school is on one side of town, and Aviva’s child care is on the other. Like most families, getting out the door in the morning is an adventure.

As we reach the halfway mark of our first school year, I understand that navigating the school system can be difficult, but I need to keep in mind that our community is still healing from the pandemic, including our schools. Shortages in bus drivers have led to buses not always running on time or showing up at all. Special education is challenging to access due to limited resources and availability. Moreover, school schedules have closures on weekdays for holidays, parent/teacher conferences, election day, and so on, and Fridays are early release days. Programming before and after school is an additional expense, and access is limited depending on the school. These complications leave parents scrambling for child care and ride shares, bring grandparents out of retirement to help shuttle the next generation around, and may prevent one of the parents from being able to work.

Our kids’ schools play such an important role for the entire family. Life-long friendships are built. Character is nurtured. Teachers become role models. Kids are exposed to sports, art, and other hobbies and skills. And our schools build a sense of community pride. I have a renewed sense of appreciation for our teachers, school administrators, parents, and students because I can see how influential our school will be on my family’s life in the next decade or so and my children’s future.

In addition to articles about pediatric oral hygiene, outdoor adventure day trips, and New Mexico wildlife, the winter issue of Tumbleweeds Magazine features a new special section, the 2023 Education Guide. It is dedicated to the promise, the progress, and the work still to be done in our educational system. Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham promised a moonshot for education, and she delivered on her promise by providing the necessary strategic investments, including free early childhood educational programs, teacher raises, tuition-free college, and more. The 2023 Education Guide includes a directory of the public, private, and charter schools in Northern New Mexico, and articles from the organizations that are committed to elevating education opportunities for our kids, while supporting families throughout the process. Momentum is building in New Mexico’s education system, and it is truly exciting.

The New Mexico Public Education Department contributed an article that

explains the systemic changes that have already been implemented, and how these changes are supporting local school districts to better serve individual students and community needs; see page 18. Building better systems is important, but equally important is supporting our people. Communities In Schools celebrated its 10th anniversary this year, and Communities In Schools site coordinator Blanca Ortiz shares her journey helping a Northern New Mexico family navigate returning to school after losing a parent to COVID-19; see page 8.



Aviva is hard at work building a tower with magnet tiles at her child care center.

The New Mexico Higher Education Department also contributed an article about how college is now tuition-free for New Mexico residents at any age and the resulting increase in college enrollment statewide; see page 20. However, like the K-12 education system, higher education is difficult to transition into and navigate. So, I reached out to Cindy Black, who is a school counselor in Los Alamos. Her article includes numerous resources and advice for parents on how to collaborate with their teens to jump-start their college journey; see page 26.

While transformational change takes time, I am hopeful that we will start seeing generational impacts as these state investments advance our educational system and families continue to expect the highest level of excellence from local districts to meet our students' unique needs. Let us support our teachers and

school administrators. Let us lift up our children's classmates. Let us collaborate with PTAs and support schools' needs. The work of improving our educational system and our communities will never truly be finished. We must persevere together because all of us deserve access to a world-class education and a thriving future.

As the holidays are fast approaching, Justin and I have much to be thankful for. A special thank you to our readers, our advertisers, local article contributors, and our local distributors. Tumbleweeds Magazine is made possible because of community support and engagement. We strive to have local stories that are interesting, diverse, and helpful to our readers. As my husband, Justin, and I continue to publish the magazine, we would like a better understanding of what readers value most. Please take

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We wish you and your family a beautiful holiday season!

Cheers,

*Jen*

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## Back to School with **Tumbleweeds** MAGAZINE SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST

This fall, Tumbleweeds Magazine kicked off back to school with a social media contest. Many parents posted online! **Ricky Quiñones, parent of Kearny Elementary student**, won the Back to School with Tumbleweeds Magazine Contest and a pizza party for their child's class! **Congratulations!**

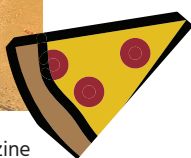


"My daughter attends Kearny Elementary, home of the Raiders! Great teachers and programs to help working parents like early morning tutoring and after school options. She is a 3rd generation student there. Her Grandma (my mom) and her Mom (my wife) attended there along with my two older kids. I wouldn't send her anywhere else!"

—Ricky Quiñones, parent



As the social media contest winner, Brenna Smith's class enjoyed the Tumbleweeds Magazine Back to School pizza party! Courtesy Photo.



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"We're so thankful to the Quiñones family for nominating our class," **Brenna Smith, teacher at Kearny Elementary School**. "Kearny is a wonderful school, and I'm lucky to be teaching this group of exceptional students. I love the importance our school sets on community building as well as supporting the whole child! Thank you for choosing our class!"

—Brenna Smith, teacher



## Communities In Schools of New Mexico

Surrounding Kids With a Community of Support

By Blanca Ortiz

### As a Communities In

Schools (CIS) site coordinator at Nava Elementary School, I am proud to do “whatever it takes” to empower children to stay in school and achieve in life. I am privileged to work with all kinds of children and families, connecting them to community resources and support — whatever they need, whenever they need it.

Today, CIS serves pre-K to 12th-grade students at 12 schools in Santa Fe. As a community school organization, we work strategically to support the whole school through community engagement and partnerships — providing events, groups, and programs available to every student. We also work with children and families who need more intensive, individualized support. (You can read more about our unique community school model, and our three tiers of

support, at [CISNM.org/our-model](https://CISNM.org/our-model).) Every student and family we work with is unique. To give you a glimpse into my work at Nava, I would like to tell you a story about two strong children I work with and their inspiring mom.

Last fall, the school secretary at Nava told me about a mom who had come in to register her 5-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter halfway through the first quarter. When I met Mario and Valentina, my first thought was that they were adorable. Mario had a head full of beautiful curls, and little Valentina was full of affection. When I talked to their mom, Karen Patinio, and learned why she had come in so late in the year to register her kids, I was so moved by the family’s strength.

On July 28, 2021, Karen’s world came crashing down. Her husband, Hugo Menjivar, came down with COVID and

was taken away by ambulance. When he arrived at the hospital, his blood oxygen level was only 20%. Doctors induced a coma. Hugo never woke up.

“COVID took over his whole body — blood, kidneys, heart. His lungs hardened and gave up. On August 10, I decided to take him off life support. He didn’t have a life anymore,” Karen told me in Spanish, tearing up.

Hugo was the family’s sole breadwinner and driver. He took care of practical matters like registering the children for school. Following his death, Karen and her children had to move in with a relative — an uncomfortable arrangement. Karen was devastated and felt completely lost. “I was trapped in a cycle of sadness, a cycle of pain,” Karen told me.

I immediately got to work. I connected Karen to the Southwest Guidance Center, one of our community partners, to set up Mario with a therapist to help him cope with his father’s death. It was clear that Karen needed support as well, and I was also able to help her register for therapy. Karen often tells me how much therapy has helped her and Mario.

“My therapist has turned into my confidante,” Karen says. “She was able to suggest ways to engage and support the children, to give them what they need. I’m not in that dark place anymore. I don’t sleep all day. I find it easier to do things that will keep myself occupied — instead of shutting down.”

“And Mario, wow. He’s changed a lot,” Karen continues. “The therapy has helped a lot. At the beginning, he really didn’t want to go to school. Today, he loves math. When it comes to adding and subtracting, he’s really good! I’m so impressed.”

In addition to therapy, I made sure the family had basic needs support — providing Mario and Valentina with warm winter coats, backpacks, and

school supplies. We partner with The Food Depot to provide fresh groceries to students, and Mario picks one up every week to bring home. “I didn’t have the resources to give my kids presents for Christmas, but you came on Christmas Eve like Santa!” Karen remembers. I laugh at the fun memory. I had brought my sisters along like my little elves, visiting all my families to deliver gifts on December 24. On that visit, I was glad to see the family’s new apartment — their first apartment on their own since Hugo’s passing.

When I met Karen, Valentina, and Mario, my first impression was that no one was hearing their story. No one was allowing them to simply speak their pain. They were being directed and told what they should do, but they were not being supported. I did not want to be just another person telling Karen what she should do. I would say, “This is something you can do if you want your children to be more successful. I’m happy to walk through it with you. I’m not expecting you to have the mental and emotional capacity to take this on by yourself. I’m here to support you.”

Today, my work with Mario and Valentina looks different every day. Whenever I see a need, I take care of it, whether that need is a warm coat, a new pair of shoes, or just a high five and a smile. If Karen tells me one of the kids needs a little extra support, I adjust and meet with them more frequently. I am so happy to say that we have a strong bond. The kids are not shy about telling me what they need. They know they can trust me and come to me with anything. I work for them, and they know that!

I still work closely with Karen, too. I am bilingual, so I can support her with interpretation if she needs it. If Karen needs to talk to someone in the school and does not feel heard, I can participate



Blanca, Mario and Valentina. Courtesy Photo.



Mario and Valentina in new winter coats. Courtesy Photo.

in those conversations to support her and elevate her voice. Currently, we are working together to register Valentina for therapy to support her as she processes her father's passing.

"Communities In Schools is a great help because you help with anything and everything," Karen says. "I don't know what I would do without your help!"

Today, of course, the kids and Karen are still grieving the tremendous loss of their father and husband. But they are proud to be living on their own. Karen has a wonderful, supportive boyfriend whom the children adore. Mario, in first grade this year, is a math whiz, and Valentina, a kindergartner, is a budding artist. "My walls are covered in graffiti!" Karen laughs. Valentina's teacher has recently given her some coloring books, and Karen hopes she can channel her creativity into those — instead of the walls and furniture!

Karen is so proud of her children, and the kids support each other, too. Last week, when I gave the kids new warm

winter jackets, Mario exclaimed after his sister put hers on: "Look at my little sister, isn't she cute? So cute — and so little!" I could not help but laugh. He is such a sweetheart.

I am so honored to support this family's journey. As one of the 17 CIS site coordinators in Santa Fe, I am also proud to be part of an organization doing so much to support the paths of so many students, families, and school communities. If your children attend one of our 12 schools, please come by the CIS site coordinator's office and say hi — we would love to talk to you about how we can support you and your amazing kids.

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*Blanca Ortiz is a Communities In Schools Site Coordinator at Nava Elementary School.*

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# Voces de Familia

## Rodeando a los niños con una comunidad de apoyo

Communities In Schools of New Mexico ofrece ayuda a estudiantes y sus familias

By Blanca Ortiz

Traducción por Flor de Mario Oliva

**Como una de las** coordinadoras del programa Communities In Schools (CIS, por sus siglas en inglés) en la escuela primaria Nava, me enorgullece hacer lo que sea necesario con el fin de empoderar a los niños para que sigan asistiendo a la escuela y tengan éxito en la vida. Tengo el privilegio de trabajar con niños y familias de toda clase y conectarlos con los servicios y apoyo disponibles en la comunidad — cualquiera que sea su necesidad, cuando lo necesiten.

En la actualidad, CIS sirve a estudiantes desde pre-kinder hasta el grado 12 en 12 escuelas en Santa Fe. Como organización escolar comunitaria, trabajamos estratégicamente para ofrecer apoyo a la escuela en general por medio de actividades y asociaciones comunitarias — ofrecemos eventos, grupos y programas para cada estudiante. También trabajamos con niños y familias que necesitan una atención más intensiva y personalizada. (Puede leer más sobre nuestro singular modelo escolar comunitario en el sitio electrónico: [CISNM.org/our-model](https://CISNM.org/our-model).) Cada estudiante y familia con la que trabajamos es diferente. Para darle una idea de mi trabajo en Nava, quisiera contar una historia de dos niños muy

valientes y su inspiradora mamá con quienes trabajo.

En el otoño pasado, la secretaria de la escuela Nava me contó de una mamá que había ido a inscribir a su hijo de 5 años de edad y a su hija de 4 años de edad a mediados del primer trimestre escolar. Cuando conocí a Mario y Valentina, lo primero que pensé es que eran adorables. Mario tenía la cabeza llena de hermosos rizos y la pequeña Valentina rebotaba de afecto. Cuando hablé con su mamá, Karen Patinio, y me enteré por qué los había inscrito tan tarde, la fortaleza de la familia me conmovió.

El 28 de julio del 2021, el mundo de Karen se vino abajo. A su esposo, Hugo Menjivar, le dio COVID. Lo llevaron en ambulancia al hospital, adonde llegó con un nivel de oxígeno en la sangre de sólo el 20%. Los médicos lo pusieron en coma y Hugo nunca revivió.

“El COVID le invadió el cuerpo entero — sangre, riñones, corazón. Los pulmones se le endurecieron y dejaron de funcionar. El 10 de agosto decidí que le quitaran el soporte vital. Ya no tenía vida”, me dijo Karen con los ojos llenos de lágrimas.

Hugo era el único sostén de la casa y el único que manejaba. Se encargaba de las cosas prácticas, como inscribir a



Karen, Valentina y Mario pasan un buen rato al aire libre. Foto de cortesía.

los niños en la escuela. Cuando falleció, Karen y los niños tuvieron que irse a vivir con un pariente —un arreglo poco cómodo. Karen estaba destrozada y se sentía completamente perdida. “Estaba atrapada en un círculo vicioso de tristeza, un círculo de dolor”, me dijo.

Inmediatamente puse a Karen en contacto con el Southwest Guidance Center, uno de nuestros asociados, hice arreglos para que Mario pudiera ver a un terapeuta para ayudarlo a enfrentar la muerte de su padre. Estaba claro que Karen también necesitaba apoyo y pude ayudarla para inscribirse en terapia. Con frecuencia me dice lo mucho que la terapia les ha ayudado a ella y a Mario.

“Mi terapeuta se ha convertido en mi confidente,” dijo Karen. “Me pudo sugerir formas de actuar con los niños y apoyarlos, para darles lo que necesitan. Ya no estoy en ese lugar oscuro. No duermo todo el día.

Se me hace más fácil hacer lo que me mantiene ocupada — en lugar de cerrarme.

“Y Mario, ¡caramba!, ha cambiado mucho”, agregó Karen. “La terapia ha ayudado mucho. Al principio, él no quería ir a la escuela. Ahora, le encantan las matemáticas. Cuando se trata de sumar y restar, ¡es realmente bueno! Estoy muy impresionada.” Además de la terapia, me aseguré que la familia contara con apoyo en sus necesidades básicas, como dar a Mario y Valentina abrigos de invierno, mochilas y útiles escolares. Trabajamos con The Food Depot para ofrecer abarrotes frescos a los estudiantes y Mario los recoge semanalmente para llevarlos a su casa. “Yo no tenía cómo dar regalos a mis hijos para la Navidad, pero en la Nochebuena usted vino como Santa!”, recordó Karen. Río al acordarme. Llevé a mis hermanas vestidas de duendecillos en mis visitas a las familias para entregarles regalos el 24 de diciembre. En esa ocasión, me alegró ver el nuevo apartamento de la familia — el primero solo para ellos desde que Hugo Falleció.

Cuando conocí a Karen, Valentina y Mario, mi primera impresión fue que nadie escuchaba su historia. Ninguno les dejaba expresar su pena simplemente. Se les dirigía, se les decía qué debían hacer, en lugar de apoyarles. Yo no quería ser otra persona indicándole a Karen lo que debería hacer. “Esto es algo que usted puede hacer si quiere que sus niños tengan más éxito”, le decía. “Con mucho gusto la acompaño para hacerlo. No espero que tenga la capacidad emocional y mental para hacerlo sola. Yo estoy aquí para apoyarla”.

Hoy en día, mi trabajo con Mario y Valentina parece diferente cada día. Cuando veo una necesidad, me encargo de suplirla, ya sea un abrigo calentito, un par de zapatos nuevos o un gesto animador y una sonrisa. Si Karen me

dice que uno de los niños necesita un poquito más de apoyo, hago arreglos para verlos con más frecuencia. Tenemos una conexión fuerte y los niños no son tímidos para decirme lo que necesitan. Saben que pueden confiar en mí, acudir a mí para lo que sea. ¡Trabajo para ellos y lo saben!

Todavía trabajo muy de cerca con Karen también. Soy bilingüe, así es que puedo apoyarla con interpretación si lo necesita. Si Karen ha de hablar con alguien en la escuela y siente que no la escuchan, puedo participar en esas conversaciones y apoyarla para que la escuchen. En la actualidad, estamos trabajando juntas para inscribir a Valentina en terapia para apoyarla mientras procesa la muerte de su padre.

“Communities In Schools es una gran ayuda porque asiste con cualquier cosa y con todo”, dice Karen. “¡No sé qué haría sin su ayuda!”

Al momento, por supuesto, los niños y Karen todavía lloran la tremenda pérdida de su padre y esposo. Sin embargo, se sienten orgullosos de estar viviendo por su cuenta. Karen tiene un novio a quien los niños adoran. Mario, que está en primer año, es un genio para las matemáticas y Valentina, que está en kinder, una prometedor artista. “Mis paredes están cubiertas de graffiti”, dice Karen. La maestra de Valentina le dio recientemente libros para colorear y Karen espera que la niña pueda canalizar su creatividad en ellos — en lugar de hacerlo en las paredes y los muebles.

Karen está muy orgullosa de sus hijos y ellos se apoyan el uno al otro, también. Hace unos días, cuando les di los abrigos de invierno, después de que su hermana se puso el de ella, Mario exclamó: “Miren a mi hermanita, ¿no es linda? ¡Tan linda y tan chiquita!” No pude evitar sonreír. Mario es tan cariñoso.

Me honra apoyar la historia de esta familia. Como una de las 17 coordinadoras de CIS en Santa Fe, me siento orgullosa de ser parte de una organización que hace tanto para apoyar la trayectoria de tantos estudiantes, familias y comunidades escolares.

Si su niña asiste a cualquiera de las 12 escuelas donde trabajamos, por favor acérquese a la oficina de la coordinadora de CIS — nos va a encantar hablar con usted sobre las formas en que podemos apoyarle a usted y a sus niños.

.....  
*Blanca Ortiz, coordinadora de  
Communities In Schools en la escuela  
primaria Nava*



A collage of images showing children and adults in various school settings: a child holding a book, children playing outdoors, a child smiling, a child writing, a child playing a violin, two girls sitting together, a teacher with students, and graduates in red caps and gowns. The Santa Fe Waldorf logo is in the top left corner.

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## AFFORDABLE OUTDOOR FAMILY ADVENTURES

What To Know, Where To Go, and How Not To Break the Piggy Bank When Trekking Outdoors  
By James Glover

### Go outside and play.

I can't think of a better family motto than this, given the myriad of benefits associated with recreating in nature. These days, maybe the mantra should be expanded to read: Go outside and play inexpensively, affordably, and on the cheap.

The good news is that a family can enjoy New Mexico's great outdoors without breaking the piggy bank! This article shares a few tips to achieve this goal while having fun and generating big smiles on the faces of your kids!

#### Quick Look at the Benefits of Getting Outdoors

The benefits of getting outdoors are numerous. Some of the biggies include creating memorable family experiences; inspiring kids to become outdoor enthusiasts; immersing the family into the sights, sounds, and smells of the great outdoors; and enjoying the health and fitness aspects of hitting the trail. Such outings might be the reason your child pursues a rewarding and sustainable career working in the outdoor industry.

#### Brief Update on Outdoor Etiquette and Safety

No matter where or why you get outdoors, natural spaces are yours to protect. This is the belief of Leave No Trace ([www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)), a leading national organization with a mission to help people care for the outdoors. When it comes to taking your family out into nature, Leave No Trace recommends the following:

- Know Before You Go: Be prepared and read up on what you should take with you to ensure a successful outing. Keep in mind cold, heat, rain, food, water, and (of course) maps.
- Choose the Right Path: Stay on the main trail and steer clear of flowers and small trees.

- Trash Your Trash: Pack it in, pack it out. Use trash cans if available, but if not, keep all trash with you to toss out when you return home.
- Leave What You Find: Be sure to leave plants, rocks, and historical items as you find them. This will enable those that follow after you to enjoy the same sightings and experiences.
- Be Careful With Fire: Given our state is often very dry, try to avoid the need for fires on day-only excursions.
- Respect Wildlife: New Mexico is blessed with an abundance of wildlife. Never approach, feed, or follow these animals. They are called "wild" for a reason.
- Be Kind to Other Visitors: make sure the fun you have with your family outdoors does not bother others. And remember, the quieter you are, the greater the chance to see more animals.

#### Types of Outdoor Adventures

There are seven major outdoor recreation sectors to consider when planning your family trek: camping, fishing, snow sports, trail sports, water sports, wheel sports, and wildlife viewing.

Of course, the time of year is an important factor. You can't do water sports if the lake and river levels are low or the water is frozen. The good news is that in the areas of Española, Los Alamos, and Santa Fe, we usually have suitable weather, water, and snowfall to enjoy getting outdoors year-round.

#### Start Out Small and Build Up to Bigger Future Treks

When picking the right outdoor recreation activity, be sure to ask your family what they might enjoy the most. Go over the list with them and see which treks or adventures bring the most smiles or discussion. Remember that you have many weekends ahead to explore all of the outdoor recreation sectors over time.



It's easy to love the outdoors. Photo credit Sue Mally.

The key thing to keep in mind is that you want to ensure your family, especially the kids, have a great time and want to venture out again and again. Keep the initial activities small and build up each time you venture outside. Think molehill rather than mountain.

#### Utilize Upcycled Outdoor Gear

In today's world, outdoor gear can be prohibitively expensive. As you begin to ease your family into New Mexico's great outdoors, gear can be kept to a minimum. Hiking on many trails can be done in any suitable athletic shoe. Many bike trails can be ridden regardless of the types of bikes you already have in the garage. You don't need a pricey specialized bike to have fun.

When you are considering more gear, there are several ways to save money. First, remember to scour your garage or ask the neighbors. Perhaps there's forgotten gear hidden away. You can also rent equipment from some of the local outdoor gear companies. REI in Santa Fe has such a rental program. Renting before buying is a great way to test gear and find out what your family needs or loves.



New Mexico families out and about in Los Alamos. Photo credit Los Alamos County.



A Diablo Canyon family adventure. Photo credit Sue Mally.

If you decide to buy, before seeking brand new products, consider checking out New Mexico companies that upcycle used outdoor equipment. Rerouted and Atalaya Outfitters are two local outdoor-recreation businesses where you can find killer deals on gear. Reusing outdoor gear is also a great way to save the planet.

**Maps, Apps, Permits, and Passes**  
The last thing to do before setting out on your affordable family adventure is to make sure you have the appropriate information about the destination. Seek out brochures or maps that are available, and be sure to secure appropriate permits or passes if required. An internet search is an absolute must when planning your trip. You'll find great insights and reviews from others who have blazed similar trails. Good examples are AllTrials or Trailforks.

Don't forget to visit the state's tourism site at NewMexico.org. This is the New Mexico True website, where you'll find all sorts of information about adventures steeped in culture. Also, Santa Fe County has the Santa Fe County Experience app. For more local information, review SantaFe.org and VisitLosAlamos.org.

If your family plans to get out often,

another way to save money is to secure year-round passes/permits from the National Park Service (including national forests and BLM), New Mexico Game & Fish, New Mexico State Parks, and New Mexico State Land Office.

**Affordable Family Adventures**  
Now that you have the information you need to launch your adventure, the question is where you should go. The chart below highlights several affordable outdoor experiences that you and your family might enjoy. Cut out the table and stick it on your fridge. Make it a family goal to visit all the destinations. There's a column for checkmarks once you've completed the trek.

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Exploring the indigenous ruins at Bandelier National Monument. Photo credit Sue Mally.



# New Mexico Outdoor Adventures

Destination	Description
<b>Española Area</b>	
<b>Nambé Falls &amp; Lake Recreation Area</b>	Pueblo of Nambé offers waterfalls, hiking, camping, and fishing. Short hikes have scenic payoffs.
<b>Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Lakes</b>	The Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Lakes offer fishing, hiking, and wildlife viewing. Nice setting for a family picnic.
<b>Los Alamos Area</b>	
<b>Bandelier National Monument</b>	History, culture, hiking, exploration, and wildlife viewing abound in this national treasure.
<b>Bandelier National Monument - Tsankawi</b>	A great family adventure with petroglyphs, caves, and ladders to climb. Retrace the footsteps of the past.
<b>Los Alamos County Trails</b>	150 miles of developed trails link canyons and mesas. Hiking, biking, and running with many fantastic views.
<b>Los Alamos Nature Center</b>	Start your Los Alamos adventure here. Great exhibits and planetarium. Easy access to the trail system.
<b>Manhattan Project National Historical Park</b>	A beautiful setting for a short walk to glean some history and view wildlife. Visit Ashley Pond and Fuller Lodge.
<b>Valles Caldera National Preserve</b>	Volcanic caldera near Los Alamos. Hiking, biking, snow sports, fishing, and wildlife viewing. All-seasons.
<b>Santa Fe Area</b>	
<b>Aspen Vista (Santa Fe Ski Basin)</b>	Casual hiking; visit during fall when the aspens are changing color. Ample parking.
<b>Cochiti Lake/Campground</b>	Camping, swimming, boating, fishing. Beach area.
<b>Dale Bale Trail</b>	25 mile trail network for hiking and biking. Many points of access throughout town.
<b>Diablo Canyon Recreation Area</b>	5.9 mile out and back trail. Dramatic cliffs to explore. Hiking, climbing, camping, birding, and the Rio Grande.
<b>Hyde Park - Black Canyon</b>	Popular campsite in Santa Fe National Forest. Offers lots of amenities. Close to Santa Fe.
<b>Borrego, Winsor, Bear Wallow Trail Loop</b>	Hike in trees to Tesuque Creek. Return or follow Windsor Trail down to Bear Wallow for a loop. A bit strenuous.
<b>La Tierra Trails</b>	25 miles of trails for biking, hiking, and equestrians. Dog friendly. Not too strenuous and lots to explore.
<b>Pecos National Historical Park</b>	Casual hiking with Native American and Spanish history and culture. Pecos River access.
<b>Santa Fe Canyon Preserve &amp; Randall Davey Audubon Center</b>	A fun one-two punch of easy hiking trails, wildlife viewing, exhibits, and exploration. Great for the entire family.
<b>Santa Fe Rail Trail</b>	17 miles of paved/dirt trails for biking, hiking, or running. Catch George R.R. Martin's Sky Railway passing by.
<b>Sun Moon Trail</b>	Short but somewhat steep trail. Great views of Santa Fe. Not recommended for the very young.

## WINTER'S CHALLENGE FOR WILDLIFE

### How New Mexico's Wildlife Find Food in the Harsh Winter

By Raelynn Archuleta

#### Hello there, winter!

A cold case of the chills has finally arrived this year. It is time for us humans to stay cozy and eat some warm food, and if we are running low, we just visit the local supermarket. We have it pretty easy during the winter months!

Animals, on the other hand, do not. Everything is dead or frozen, so food supplies are running low. When it comes to New Mexico weather, many animals must adapt just as quickly as we do. So, how do animals survive when everything is frozen or covered in snow?

Many animals avoid the challenges of winter altogether and either migrate to warmer climates or hibernate! By migrating to warmer climates, animals can ensure that they have access to food, water, and shelter year-round. Those that choose to hibernate will stock up on fat reserves in the summer and fall, when food is plentiful, and go into a state of slowed metabolism during winter to make their energy reserves last.

However, many animals decide to stick around and stay awake during the cold winter months. How do they succeed?

For first-year animals born just a few months before winter, it is important that they quickly learn how to hunt successfully and keep warm. Unfortunately, many of these animals do not learn fast enough and wind up starving and susceptible to disease. Many raptor species have an 80% mortality rate within the first year of their life! New Mexico Wildlife Center's wildlife hospital sees an uptick in these young, struggling animals during the winter months. If you find a wild animal that you suspect may need some help, call New Mexico Wildlife Center at (505) 753-9505.

Some animals succeed in the winter by stockpiling a cache of food before the chill hits. Pinyon jays find and store pine seeds in the fall to access as a "pantry"

in the winter. It has been calculated that one pinyon jay can store over 2,000 seeds in the fall!

Other animals become very "generalist" with their diet, meaning they will eat almost anything. Gray foxes are found throughout NM and are non-hibernating omnivores. In the winter, they will eat pretty much any plant, animal, or fruit they can get! Red-tailed hawks and great horned owls are other examples of animals becoming less picky in the winter — if it is small enough to carry, they will hunt it.

While we humans are cozying up in our warm homes with hot chocolate and a fire crackling, we may look out the window at our backyard wildlife and wonder what we can do to help. One of the easiest ways to help most wildlife is to leave out a low, heated water dish. Many water sources freeze over during winter, so even if food is accessible, water can still be a limiting factor for survival. Be sure to disinfect your water dishes at least once a week to prevent disease transfer. Another option for helping local birds is leaving out bird feeders. Bird feeding is one of the most popular nature hobbies, as it gives humans the opportunity to facilitate local wildlife and watch their unique behaviors. So should we leave our bird feeders up during winter?

Some experts actually advise against feeding wildlife during the winter. Why? Because it teaches wild animals to rely on humans. For example, if the humans move, forget to replenish the feeders, or rapidly change the food type, the wildlife might be endangered by the change. You may also attract wildlife you were not targeting, resulting in human-wildlife conflict! Provisioned food can accidentally attract rats, mice, skunks, deer, and coyotes, or even more dangerous species such as bears and mountain lions, depending on your location. Yikes!



Raelynn Archuleta with Dyami Bald Eagle. Courtesy photo.



Pinyon Jay. Courtesy Photo.

However, with proper precautions and research, it can be very beneficial to leave food out for local birds and could indeed help their first-year survival and reproduction.

If you choose to leave a bird feeder out during the winter, placing feeders at a high level (about 5 feet or higher) can help minimize the unintentional feeding of other wildlife. Cleaning any ground spillage from the feeders can help prevent mice, rats, and other “pests.”

Another aspect to keep in mind is that many animals’ diets and lifestyles change as the seasons change. Many birds switch to a higher-fat diet to help with the energetic demands of winter. To aid birds in meeting these seasonal dietary needs, leave out suet blocks and richer bird seed mix.

Here are some options for different food items to put out during winter:

- Wild bird seed mix
- Black-oil sunflower seeds
- Thistle seed
- Peanut hearts
- Suet block
- Cracked corn
- White proso millet
- Mealworms
- Unseasoned dried fruit and berries



Suet feeder with three birds. Courtesy Photo.

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### Culture

Au pairs come from many countries all over the world and can share their language and culture with your family, fostering a sense of curiosity and global perspective.



Scan for more information!



# Nature

Are you looking for a fun and kid-friendly activity that helps your backyard songbirds? Here are two simple crafts you can do at home:

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### Suet, seed, and fruit balls:

1. Mix suet, unsalted nuts and seeds, fruits and berries, and peanut butter until the mixture is stiff. You can also add dried mealworms for a firmer consistency.
2. Press the mixture into a silicone mold or bowl.
3. Refrigerate until solid.
4. Warm to room temperature before putting it out for the birds.

2



### Pine cone treat:

1. Collect a fallen pine cone and tie twine around it as a hanger.
2. Coat the pine cone with peanut butter using a craft spoon or spatula.
3. Finally, sprinkle or roll the pine cone in wild bird seed.

We highly recommend the Santa Fe Wild Birds Unlimited store to purchase seeds or get recommendations for feeding local birds. We are lucky to partner with them and receive monthly donations of seeds! You can also find seed at most hardware stores, garden centers, and even supermarkets.

Do you have any additional questions about how to help our native wildlife this winter? Call New Mexico Wildlife Center at (505) 753-9505, email us at [info@newmexicowildlifecenter.org](mailto:info@newmexicowildlifecenter.org), or visit our website at [newmexicowildlifecenter.org](http://newmexicowildlifecenter.org). You can also follow us on Instagram and Facebook or visit us between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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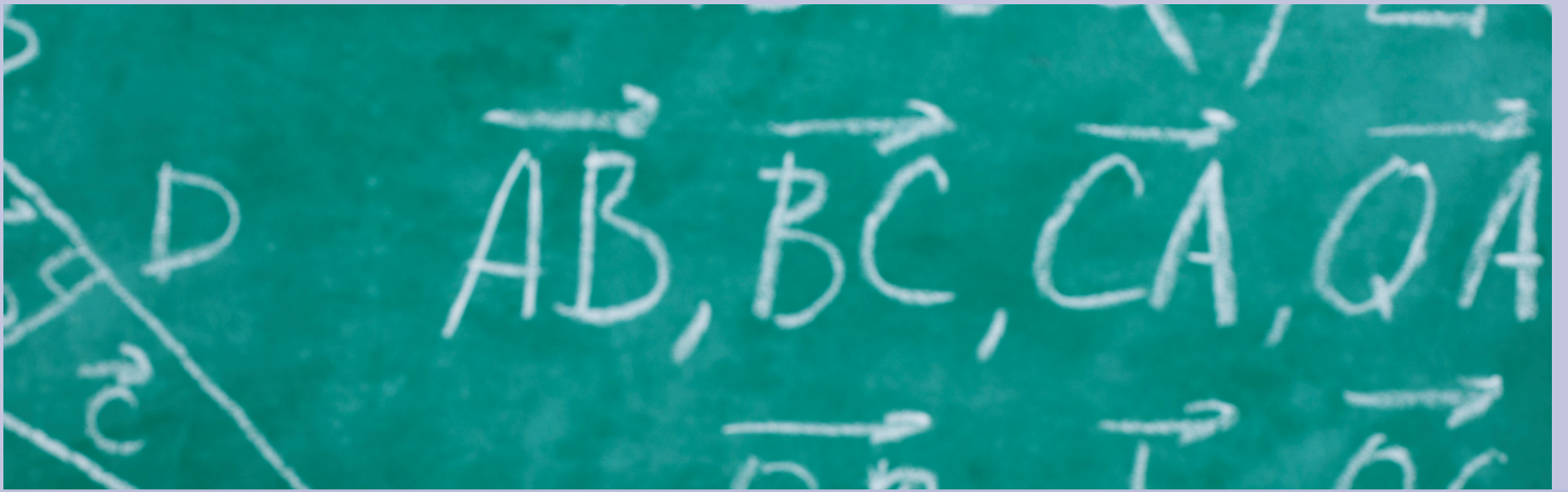
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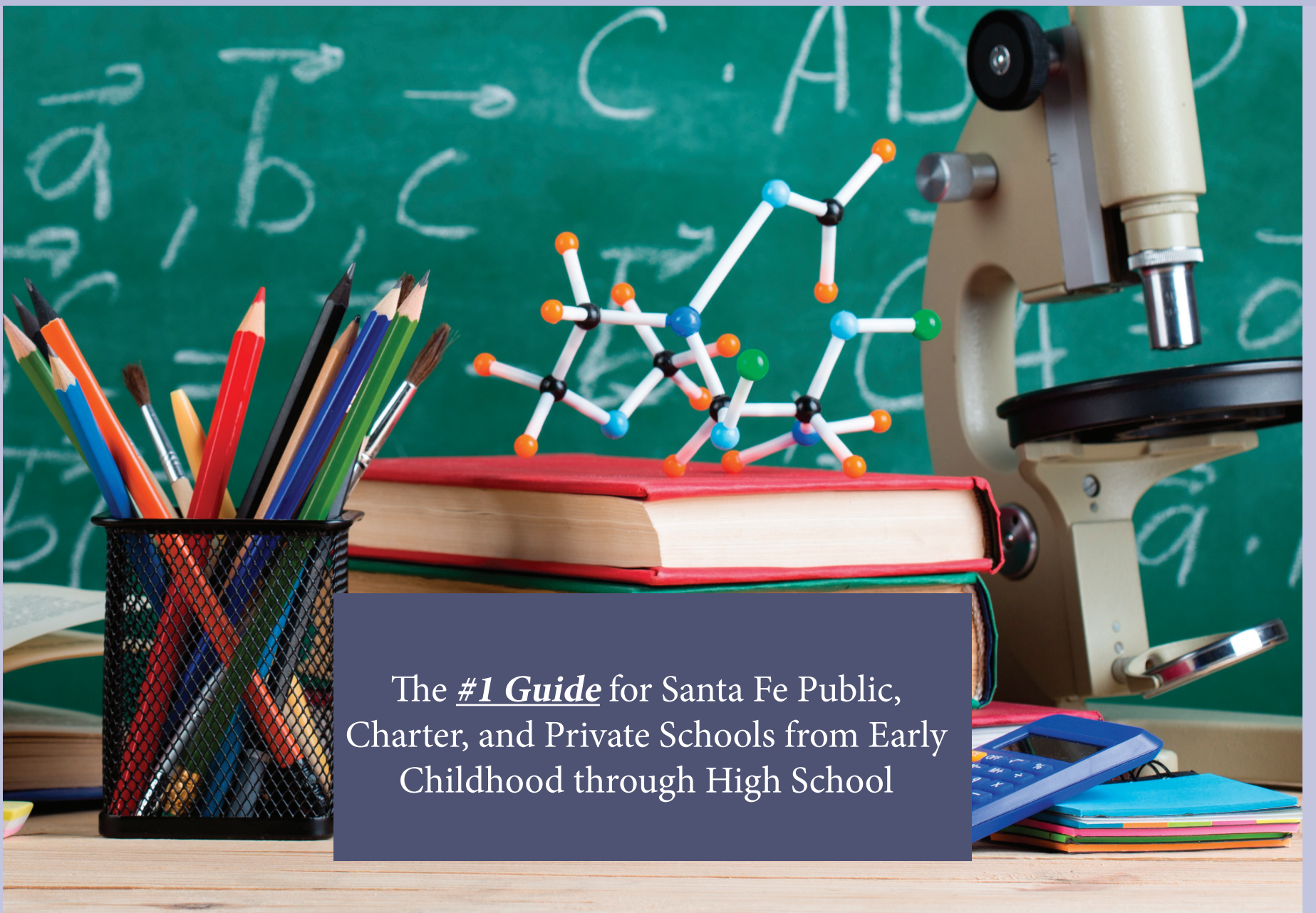


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(505) 310-4194 | nmschoolforthearts.org



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# Education, the Long View

Paving a Better Path for New Mexico's Teachers, Students, and Families  
By Kurt Steinhaus

**You may have noticed a flurry of news out of** New Mexico’s Public Education Department in the past few weeks. From implementing new assessments and addressing the Martinez/Yazzie court ruling, to re-building the educator workforce, and even relieving the burden of reporting for our teachers and administrators. The purpose of this article is to set the context for our efforts in terms of generational investments in education, in quick successes, and in our commitment to building an equitable education system for all: teachers, students, families, and our partners. Everyone in New Mexico is touched by the success or failure of our system to provide an education that prepares all our children to be college, career, and civic ready.

I think about our work in terms of short-term gains as well as structural investments. Most of the initiatives we bring to bear have elements of both. Let me explain using the new statewide student assessments as an example. The quick “win” for us is that we were able to establish a new baseline from which to chart the success of our students. This baseline came after two years of disruption on the heels of a global pandemic, where there has been a national regression in test scores. We are especially concerned about the disproportionate impacts on students from low-income backgrounds, students of color, students with disabilities, and multilingual learners. This baseline has been determined for us by using standardized assessments that are designed by New Mexicans for New Mexico’s students. That means that context clues will be more familiar to our students. In other words, test questions will feature references that our students know, like green and red chile — not trips to the beach. This baseline also means that we are able to consider the unique needs of our students, and we have a more accurate read on how our kids are doing over time.

In the long run, we will be able to use the unique data set provided by our new balanced assessment tools to provide the best support for our students throughout the school year. We are already seeing bright spots in the data that point us to programs that are working exceptionally well in schools. This enables us to zoom in on these celebrations to understand what is going on, take that learning, and offer those teaching strategies to other schools. We know that there is power in the data that we are collecting to both hold us accountable to areas that need clear improvement and to point us in the direction of what works best for our students.

Examples of what is working in New Mexico include three schools designated as National Blue-Ribbon recipients, among them Acequia Madre Elementary in Santa Fe. To receive the sought-after award, schools must demonstrate academic strides to close the achievement gap among student subgroups. At Acequia Madre, there is a strong creative arts curriculum and a garden maintained by students and their families. Other schools have been given tools that could lead to assessment gains.



2023 New Mexico Teacher of the Year, Tara Hughes. Courtesy Photo.

Six schools and four school districts have received funding from our department for outdoor learning and environmental education opportunities, including Aztec Municipal Schools in the northwest corner of the state, Rio Gallinas School for Ecology and the Arts in Las Vegas, Vista Grande High School in Taos, and Monte del Sol Charter School in Santa Fe.

Another big focus for our department is related to teachers and the educator workforce. We have the immediate successes of pay raises and administrative burden



In 2022, Acequia Madre Elementary School was awarded the National Blue-Ribbon award. Students show off their school colors with pride and job. Courtesy Photo.

relief, and what we want you to see in these investments is our promise to center on the needs of teachers and build a healthy culture for educators in New Mexico. Last spring, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham signed a law that boosted teacher and counselor salary minimums by \$10,000. The bump particularly impacted those new to education, providing them with a 22% raise. We are pleased to say that the number of educator vacancies has dipped by almost 35% since last year, according to a report from New Mexico State University. In addition, our department reduced the administrative burden for classroom teachers earlier this fall so that they have more time dedicated to meeting the diverse needs of their students.

We know, without question, that the teacher/student/family relationship is primary to the success of our students; as such, we are committed to building a system in which students can thrive. That is why it was an honor to be there when the 2023 Teacher of the Year award was recently bestowed on Tara Hughes, a teacher at the Nye Early Childhood Center in Santa Fe, recognizing that learning takes place at even the youngest of ages. Ms. Hughes is the first early childhood educator to receive this state accolade. She helped design a learning space that beckons young children to collaborate around learning and engage with families. We will continue to listen to educators, meet them where they need relief, and invest in their growth as professionals.

With these initiatives, we start with a baseline today and are accountable for long-term improvements for students and families. What we believe longitudinal studies will bear out is that these investments are creating environments where both our students and our teachers can thrive, and will be the exponential success of our education programs over time. Initiatives this big take time to bear fruit, and we are committed to seeing it through to build a world-class education system for the students of New Mexico in partnership with school districts and charters. We have the support and the tools we need for success. Our department website is full of resources, including a Parent Portal, the New Mexico Parent Guide, and Career Guidance. There is a place for all New Mexicans on this journey, and we invite you to join in this success path for all students.

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olds, and the second classroom is for 3 to 6-year-olds. Children must be 18 months old before September 1, 2023, to enroll.

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(505) 986-4000 | [ttschool.org](http://ttschool.org)



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(505) 652-1986 | [journeymontessorischool.org](http://journeymontessorischool.org)



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

(505) 992-6146



LA CASITA PRESCHOOL

La Casita Preschool is a parent co-operative, inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach® to child development for children 28 months to 5 years of age.

(505) 983-2803 | [lacasita.edu](http://lacasita.edu)



LITTLE EARTH SCHOOL

For more information, visit the school's website.

(505) 988-1968 | [littleearthschool.org](http://littleearthschool.org)



LA MARIPOSA MONTESSORI

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

(505) 995-9659 | [lamariposamontessori.com](http://lamariposamontessori.com)



LA PETITE ACADEMY

For more information, visit the school's website.

(505) 473-9525 | [lapetite.com](http://lapetite.com)



MAY CENTER FOR LEARNING

The May Center for Learning (May School) serves exceptional students from early childhood through 8th grade. It specializes in teaching students with learning differences such as dyslexia, ADHD, and language processing disorder. May School's student-to-teacher ratio is 6 to 1. Each student's program is individualized to meet the student's specific needs and is taught by faculty who have

completed extensive training in Multisensory Structured Literacy™ teaching, which is the gold standard for students with learning differences.

(505) 780-5439 | [www.maycenter.org](http://www.maycenter.org)



RIO GRANDE SCHOOL

The Rio Grande School combines academic rigor and excellence with a collaborative, experience-based education. It brings learning to life through a challenging, integrated curriculum enhanced by differentiated instruction from master educators. The school's quality curriculum taught by master educators enables preschoolers to make a seamless transition to elementary while providing a solid foundation for students to advance into middle school. Enrichment programs include basketball, swimming, science, ceramics, running, chess, acting, and more.

(505) 983-1621 | [riograndeschool.org](http://riograndeschool.org)



SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL

For more information, visit the school's website.

(505) 989-6300 | [sfis.k12.nm.us](http://sfis.k12.nm.us)



SANTA FE GIRLS' SCHOOL

Dedicated to middle school girls, the Santa Fe Girls' School cultivates discerning minds, strong voices, and emotional wisdom through substantive academics and authentic student-teacher connections. Teachers actively discourage social and academic competition. Students learn through natural and logical consequences to become self-reliant and responsible for their own materials, actions, and words. They learn how to ask questions, how to ask for help, and how to self-advocate. School graduates are able to easily navigate the academically and socially complex worlds of high school and college.

(505) 820-3188 | [santafegirlsschool.org](http://santafegirlsschool.org)



SANTA FE MONTESSORI CHILD CARE PROGRAM

For more information, visit the school's website.  
(505) 629-6443

[santafemontessorichildcareprogram.com](http://santafemontessorichildcareprogram.com)



SANTA FE PREP

The Santa Fe Prep (Prep) offers engaging academic courses and meaningful experiential education programs to students in seventh through 12th grades. Students learn how to solve problems big and small, explore the natural world, use technology in creative ways, and bring their ideas to life. Vibrant visual and performing arts programs, competitive athletic opportunities, and service learning are integral to a Prep education. Prep is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year, and generous tuition assistance is available. The Malone Family Foundation Scholarship supports gifted students with demonstrated financial need.

(505) 795-7518 | [sfprep.org](http://sfprep.org)



# Higher Education at Any Age and Any Stage

Fostering Success From Cradle to Career  
By Stephanie M. Rodriguez



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**Getting children started early on thinking about college** can have a big impact on them, even in their toddler years. One of my earliest memories is of my dad's graduation day at the University of California, San Diego. I remember him holding me as a toddler in his arms after the ceremony, and I moved the tassel on his cap from the left side to the right. "I'm a graduate now. It goes on this side," he said as he moved the tassel back to the left. I like to share a treasured photo from that day when I speak to students and educators because it represents the beginning of my educational journey and the power of higher education to impact generations.

New Mexico families should know that it is never too early (or too late) to explore college and career training options. As you may have heard, the Land of Enchantment is also the land of tuition-free college thanks to the New Mexico Opportunity and Lottery Scholarships, making it possible for tens of thousands of New Mexicans of all ages to pursue higher education.

Finding ways to pay for a child's college education is stressful for many families, and navigating the financial aid process can be complicated, especially for parents or guardians of first-generation college students. Thankfully, New Mexico's tuition-free college programs for residents are designed to be simple, so there is no separate application to fill out to receive the benefit. All your student has to do is enroll in any of New Mexico's 29 participating colleges and universities in a career training certificate, associate degree, or bachelor's degree program and maintain a grade point average of 2.5 while in college.

New Mexico was the first state to introduce tuition-free college through the Lottery Scholarship in 1996, a program that is still available today for students who enroll full time in two-year or four-year programs within 16 months of graduating high school and complete their degree within the required timeframe. This program benefits more than 10,000 students each year; recent completers of adult education programs and recently discharged veterans are also eligible.

I am so excited to see that, for the first time in 10 years, enrollment at New Mexico's public colleges and universities is on the rise again. This fall, New Mexico realized the highest year-over-year growth of college enrollment of any state, with the exception of New Hampshire. We are seeing a 4% increase across the board and a 9% increase in new students alone, a trend we are hopeful will continue with sustained investments in education at every level.

This November, we launched a statewide college application campaign to encourage high school seniors and anyone else who wants to pursue higher education to apply. We hosted multiple college application events across New Mexico with the support of high school counselors and our partners at the New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation and the New Mexico Public Education Department's College

and Career Readiness Bureau.

The GEAR UP college readiness program at the New Mexico Higher Education Department is also at work in seven school districts across New Mexico. GEAR UP provides opportunities for students in grades seven through twelve to tour college campuses, explore career options, attend leadership conferences, and more.

Helping more students make the transition from high school to college has always been a priority, but we also know that many New Mexicans take different paths from college to career, which are just as important. I am glad to see so many returning, part-time, transfer, and parenting students enrolling in college or career training and benefitting from the Opportunity Scholarship, the first state scholarship program designed with these students in mind.

More New Mexicans than ever before are benefitting from tuition-free college under the Opportunity and Lottery Scholarships and advancements in our state, including free childcare for most families, meaning that parenting students have more support when enrolling in college. A recent study by the Institute for Women’s Policy Research found that for parenting students, out-of-pocket costs related to higher education are



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two to five times higher than for students without children. The report also found that most student parents would need to work 52 hours per week in order to pay for the average cost of attending a four-year college while paying for childcare. One out of every five students nationally is also a parent, and that number is likely higher here in New Mexico, making tuition-free college and free childcare essential for uplifting children and families in our state.

Even if you never graduated from high school or need to improve other skills for the workforce or in preparation for college, our adult education programs offer free instruction and test preparation for New Mexicans aged 16 and older at 26 locations across the state. Enrollment in these programs also increased this year, and a greater number of students attained a high school equivalency diploma. A full list of program providers is available on our website.

We are laying the groundwork for transformative change for students and families in New Mexico. As a state, we must stay focused on creating and sustaining a culture of education at every age and every stage. There are so many options for New Mexico families to succeed and thrive, and we are here to support them along every step of the journey.

For more information about tuition-free college via the New Mexico Opportunity and Lottery Scholarships, visit [ReachHigherNM.com](https://ReachHigherNM.com).

For more information about the New Mexico Higher Education Department, the GEAR UP college readiness program, and adult education programs, visit [hed.nm.gov](https://hed.nm.gov).

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**SANTA FE SCHOOL FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES**

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

(505) 438-8585 | [santafeschool.org](https://santafeschool.org)

**SANTA FE WALDORF SCHOOL**

The Santa Fe Waldorf School (SFWS) was established in 1983 and offers a complete educational journey from preschool through high school for approximately 220 students. A curriculum that carefully balances academic, artistic, and practical activities allows students to discover their innate abilities. Small class sizes enable children to receive personal attention, and dedicated teachers encourage students to observe carefully, think clearly, and ask questions. This leads students to insight and knowledge founded in experience. SFWS is ranked #1 in the Best Private K-12 Schools category in New Mexico by Niche.com.

(505) 467-6431 | [santafewaldorf.org](https://santafewaldorf.org)

**SANTO NIÑO REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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

(505) 424-1766 | [santoninoregional.org](https://santoninoregional.org)

**ST. MICHAEL’S HIGH SCHOOL**

For more information, visit the school’s website.

(505) 983-7353 | [stmichaelsf.org](https://stmichaelsf.org)

**TEMPLE BETH SHALOM PRESCHOOL**

For more information, visit the school’s website.

(505) 982-6888 | [sftbs.org/preschool](https://sftbs.org/preschool)

**Public Schools**

**ACEQUIA MADRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Located in the historic eastside of Santa Fe, Acequia Madre Elementary School (Acequia Madre) is immersed in its cultural surroundings. It built success by not only integrating itself into the local community, but also by actively bolstering local values, traditions, and community assets. The school offers a curriculum-integrated performing arts program, and weekly violin and garden classes. By providing a physical, intellectually engaging, and emotionally fulfilling space relevant to students’ lives, Acequia Madre earned the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award in 2022 from the U.S. Department of Education.

(505) 903-8896 | [acequiamadre.sfps.info](https://acequiamadre.sfps.info)

**AMY BIEHL COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

At the Amy Biehl Community School (Amy Biehl), teachers and students are held to high expectations and engage in a rigorous education. Teachers work to encourage a child’s sense of wonder and natural desire to learn in a culture that celebrates students’ voices and their ability to explore, design, and collaborate. Amy Biehl serves students of the Rancho Viejo, La Cienega, Cerrillos, and Madrid communities.

(505) 467-2100 | [amybiehl.sfps.info](https://amybiehl.sfps.info)

**ASPEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

The Aspen Community School (Aspen) serves students from 4 to 12 years old. An Aspen education is defined by connectedness, community learning, and immersing students in real-world projects. This approach supports students in becoming scholars, explorers, collaborators, and innovators. Aspen values the community as a critical part of children’s education, a place to learn empathy, to seek common ground, to lead toward a vision of community good, and to make a difference. Aspen’s students see themselves as scholars who are interdependent with each other, their community, and the natural world.

(505) 467-4500 | [aspen.sfps.info](https://aspen.sfps.info)

**ATALAYA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Atalaya Elementary School (Atalaya) is a mid-sized elementary school nestled in the foothills of the East Mountains with a small, friendly-family feel. Atalaya believes in educating the whole child, and it offers a balanced curriculum of math, language arts, inquiry science, social studies, and social-emotional wellness. The school is a vested and diverse community where all are respected and nurtured to take risks and actively engage. Students persevere through rigorous learning opportunities, face challenges with integrity, and grow their intelligence.

(505) 467-4400 | [atalaya.sfps.info](https://atalaya.sfps.info)

CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL

The Capital High School is a ninth through 12th grade comprehensive high school with specialized programming including AVID®, bilingual courses, dual credit offerings, and Medical Pathway, Business Pathway, and Computer Science Pathway.

(505) 467-1000 | capital.sfps.info

CARLOS GILBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Carlos Gilbert Elementary School (Carlos Gilbert) has provided generations of Santa Fe families with a high-quality education for over 75 years. The school is within walking distance of the Downtown Santa Fe Plaza. This provides students with many opportunities to experience arts and culture at performing arts venues and museums. Carlos Gilbert has incredible parent involvement through the Parents, Teachers, Kids (PTK) organization. The PTK funds several enrichment programs which are available to students.

(505) 467-4700 | carlosgilbertptk.com

CÉSAR CHÁVEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

César Chávez Elementary School (César Chávez) is a STEAM-centered school, providing all students with the opportunities to learn 21st century skills while focusing on foundational skills in both literacy and mathematics. César Chávez leads with its heart, lends an understanding ear to form long-lasting relationships with its students, and always puts all kiddos first!

(505) 467-3200 | cesarchavez.sfps.info

access to instruction while respecting their learning environment needs and preferences. Desert Sage Academy aims to create a hybrid learning community that emphasizes student success in both academics and their personal lives.

(505) 467-0310 | desertsage.sfps.info

EARLY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES HIGH SCHOOL

The Early College Opportunities High School (ECO) offers dual credit courses to transition students from high school to college for certificates and degrees that lead to high-quality careers. Postsecondary partners include Santa Fe Community College, Institute of American Indian Arts, and San Juan College.

(505) 467-2701 | eco.sfps.info

EARLY LEARNING CENTER AT KAUNE

The Early Learning Center at Kaune (Kaune) is a warm and welcoming place for children from 3 to 5 years old. Educators start with a foundation built on relationships and social-emotional learning. The school supports children in developing the skills they need to work, play, and interact with other members of the community. Inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach® to learning, educators create classroom environments that promote curiosity, exploration, and discovery — igniting a life-long love of learning. The school's program received national accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children, which ensures programs meet 10 standards of high-quality early childhood education.

(505) 982-2002 | growingupnm.org



CHAPARRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Chaparral Elementary School (Chaparral Elementary) is located in the heart of Santa Fe. Chaparral Elementary celebrates student achievement, kindness, and family engagement. Students enjoy opportunities such as art club, book club, Cooking with Kids, creativity club, Girls on the Run, and more.

(505) 467-1400 | chaparral.sfps.info

DESERT SAGE ACADEMY

The Desert Sage Academy is a hybrid learning program serving Santa Fe Public Schools students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Its hybrid learning platform offers all students equitable

EJ MARTINEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

EJ Martinez Elementary School (EJ Martinez) is a smaller-sized neighborhood school that has been home to many students and families since 1959. EJ Martinez teaches pre-kindergarten through sixth grade and has a holistic view of education. The school strives to educate its students in all content areas and gives special attention to the social and emotional development of its students. Extracurricular activities are available to students including girls basketball, boys basketball, cheerleading, STEAM club, and opportunities for academic tutoring. EJ Martinez has a large number of students who participate in its 21st Century After School Program.

(505) 467-3800 | ejmartinez.sfps.info

Introducing Teacher of the Year, Tara Hughes



2023 New Mexico Teacher of the Year Tara Hughes. Courtesy Photo.

Enjoy this Tumbleweeds Magazine exclusive interview with Tara Hughes!

Q. What should parents be looking for in a school?

A. I answer this question a lot because every year I have to send my little learners on to different schools in the district. I always tell my families that community, respect and concern for students should be a top priority. Then look at the culture of the school and their support of students. It really depends on their child and their strengths. For some it might be extracurricular activities or sports and for others it might be because of the art or music program. Some parents might be looking for a school with strong support for diverse learners or bilingual programs. It's about finding the school that will support your child's strengths and challenge them academically all while providing a strong community for them to flourish.

Q. How can parents support their kids' success?

A. For our youngest learners, enrolling their kids in a high-quality early childhood education program. This is where the stage is set. Early childhood educators are setting children up to connect with one another and providing social and emotional growth. Vital skills they need for the rest of their lives, like taking turns, being a helper, listening to others, and having empathy and understanding of differences. If they have these skills then they are on the right path. Then they go to kindergarten with the skills ready to learn which set them up to be lifelong learners. Family engagement and involvement is another important factor that plays an importance in kids success. Family involvement helps extend teaching outside the classroom, creates a more positive experience for children and helps children perform better when they are in school.

Q. What can parents do if their child is falling behind?

A. Parents should share what they are seeing with their child's teacher. Ask if they are seeing the same thing. Then talk to your child and ask how they are feeling. Be positive and let them know that it's ok, that you are there to help.

Q. How important is school attendance?

A. Every school day counts. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. It's hard to provide the best learning opportunities for students who have chronic absences because they can quickly fall behind with their learning. Poor attendance can also have serious implications for later outcomes.

**Q. What advice do you have for parents that need to have a difficult conversation with their child's teacher?**

A. Parents are their child's first teachers and their input is essential. We all want the same thing, we all want what is best for their child. Have that conversation. When all are speaking the same language, the more powerful it is going to be for the child and the easier it will be to be moving toward the same goals.

**Q. Who was your favorite teacher and how did they help you?**

A. I have been lucky to have so many amazing teachers in my life. Teachers from my earliest years to professors in college. One teacher who stands out to me was my 8th grade teacher, Mrs. Randall. She offered multiple ways for me to demonstrate my learning and show my understanding of concepts. She taught to my strengths and that is something I strive to do with my students.

**Q. What was the most difficult experience of your teaching career so far? What helped you get through it?**

A. Teaching remotely during the pandemic. It was difficult to reimagine how to deliver lessons, engage students, teach cooperation and social emotional skills through a virtual platform especially to preschool age students. In early childhood learning is done through hands on play and exploration. I had an amazing team of educators that I collaborated with during remote teaching. Together we built virtual slides, lessons and classrooms. We taught one another how to use green screens, educational platforms, and learned what worked and what didn't work. We really supported one another and I am so thankful for their insights and collaboration. They made me a better teacher.



2023 New Mexico Teacher of the Year Tara Hughes loving on her kiddos. Courtesy Photo.

**Q. What inspired you to become a teacher?**

A. My mom has always been my best teacher. For years when I was young she had a home daycare and loved being surrounded by the littlest learners. She just has this natural gift. As I got older, I understood the joy she found in teaching. I started working as a special educational assistant at a segregated early childhood preschool in upstate New York. This inspired me to earn a masters in special education and to be an advocate for our youngest learners who can't yet advocate for themselves.

**Q. What do you want to share with Tumbleweeds Magazine readers?**

A. My passion is for all students to have access to peers and that all children deserve an equitable start in life which starts with early childhood education.

*Tara Hughes, a PreK inclusion teacher for four-year-olds at Nye Early Childhood Center, has been named the 2023 New Mexico Teacher of the Year. Hughes was selected due to her outstanding efforts to support and coach colleagues on positive behavior, evidence-based strategies and social-emotional curriculums. She is the first early childhood educator to achieve this honor.*

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**EL CAMINO REAL ACADEMY**  
The El Camino Real Academy is a dual-language, multicultural, multiliterate community. Teachers and students are respectful, responsible, and creative learners striving for excellence. El Camino Real Academy is committed to dual language education for students pre-kindergarten through eighth grade and is currently the only International Spanish Academy (ISA) program in New Mexico. El Camino Real Academy students have the opportunity to be recognized by the Ministry of Education of Spain to receive the official seal of Spain issued by the Spanish Embassy.

(505) 467-1300 | [ecra.sfps.info](http://ecra.sfps.info)



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

(505) 467-4903 | [eldorado.sfps.info](http://eldorado.sfps.info)



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

(505) 467-1200 | [nava.sfps.info](http://nava.sfps.info)



**GONZALES COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
The Gonzales Community School (Gonzales) is a wonderful community school that is nestled in the far northern end of the city. Gonzales offers a familial atmosphere that is focused on nurturing the whole child from kindergarten through eighth grade. Gonzales boasts robust STEM and arts programs, and specializes in building and fostering relationships with its students. The teachers and staff are dedicated to creating future UNM Lobos who have an eye toward citizenship and community stewardship.

(505) 467-3100 | [gonzales.sfps.info](http://gonzales.sfps.info)



**KEARNY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
For more information, visit the school’s website.

(505) 467-1800 | [kearny.sfps.info](http://kearny.sfps.info)



**KIDS CAMPUS AT SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
For more information, visit the school’s website.

(505) 428-1354 | [kidscampus.sfcc.edu](http://kidscampus.sfcc.edu)



**MANDELA INTERNATIONAL MAGNET SCHOOL**  
Mandela International Magnet School (Mandela) is the only equal access, public International Baccalaureate (IB) school in Santa Fe. The school fully embraces the tenets and mission of the IB program to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding.

(505) 467-1901 | [mims.sfps.info](http://mims.sfps.info)



**MILAGRO MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
For more information, visit the school’s website.

(505) 467-3300 | [milagro.sfps.info](http://milagro.sfps.info)



**NEW MEXICO CONNECTIONS ACADEMY**  
For more information, visit the school’s website.

(505) 428-2150 | [connectionsacademy.com](http://connectionsacademy.com)



**NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**  
For more information, visit the school’s website.

(505) 476-6300 | [nmsd.k12.nm.us](http://nmsd.k12.nm.us)



**NINA OTERO COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
The Nina Otero Community School (Nina Otero) is focused on kindness and hard work, with older students teaching and supporting academic growth while being positive role models for their younger peers. Nina Otero shapes students into confident, capable, empathetic citizens who make positive, lasting impacts in the school, community, and world. Nina Otero offers many programs, including Early Readers, basketball, volleyball, track, football (partnering with Ortiz Middle School), Book Club, band, orchestra, choir, chess, Art Club, yearbook, Natural Helpers, Wellness Ambassadors to Voice and Empower (WAVE), science fair, and Scripps National Spelling Bee.

(505) 467-4201 | [ninaotero.sfps.info](http://ninaotero.sfps.info)



**NYE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**  
The Nye Early Childhood Center (Nye) is a high-quality early childhood learning center that welcomes and supports all learners. Teachers are highly qualified in early childhood education and special education. Nye is equipped with several collaborative learning spaces that support inquiry-based learning, art, independence, and family engagement. The school values family partnerships and community involvement. All students are guaranteed equitable opportunities through the Santa Fe Public Schools pre-kindergarten lottery.

(505) 467-4600 | [nye.sfps.info](http://nye.sfps.info)



**ORTIZ MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
For more information, visit the school’s website.

(505) 467-2300 | [ortiz.sfps.info](http://ortiz.sfps.info)



**THRIVE Community School**  
Santa Fe’s newest charter school. Lottery application is open. See full listing page 18.

**PINON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
The Pinon Elementary School’s motto, “All Things are Possible When We Work Together Toward a Common Goal,” is truly a total community commitment to the students of Pinon Elementary School. Extracurricular activities are integrated into the school program through the efforts of the PES Club and the community. Girls on the Run, Robotics, Electric Car Challenge, AFRL New Mexico Stem Academy Robotics Challenge, Ballet Folklorico, volleyball, basketball, and cheerleading are a sampling of the important extensions to the school’s established curriculum.

(505) 467-1600 | [pinon.sfps.info](http://pinon.sfps.info)



**RAMIREZ THOMAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
The Ramirez Thomas Elementary School’s (Ramerez) mission is to provide students with targeted academic and social-emotional learning opportunities that value and build on what they already know. Ramirez has a collaborative team of educators, and teachers engage in Professional Learning Communities on an ongoing and consistent basis. Teachers value the partnerships between students, families, and the community. There are several student engagement programs, including Student Council, Art Club, Gardening Club, Baile Folklorico dance program, band, guitar classes, violin classes, basketball, soccer, Girls on the Run, 21st Century After School Program, and more.

(505) 467-3000 | [ramirezthomas.sfps.info](http://ramirezthomas.sfps.info)



**SALAZAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
For more information, visit the school’s website.

(505) 467-3900 | [salazar.sfps.info](http://salazar.sfps.info)



**SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL**  
Santa Fe High School (Santa Fe High) is a public secondary school located in Santa Fe. Founded in 1899, it is the oldest high school in New Mexico. The school prides itself on offering many courses and a challenging curriculum for all of its students. Santa Fe High excels in academics and extracurricular programs, and it works to prepare students for success beyond high school.

(505) 467-2400 | [sfhs.sfps.info](http://sfhs.sfps.info)



**SWEENEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Sweeney Elementary School (Sweeney) is a pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade bilingual school. The school’s bilingual program consists of teaching 50% in English and 50% in Spanish each day. The school has approximately one English section per grade level and two bilingual sections per grade level. The school honors the first language of students while elevating students’ English. Students become successful in Spanish and English languages.

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# Teens

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### How to Talk With Your Teens About College

By Cindy Black

#### As a high school

counselor, the question I get all the time is “how do I start talking to my teen about college?” The truth is there is no one way. The starting point can be anything from a television commercial to someone in your family, extended family, or community pursuing college or professional training. You may notice that your teen is taking an interest in a particular subject or talking about a particular class. Just letting them know that you are interested can get the conversation started and begin an exciting college journey for you and your teen.

Exploring colleges, degrees, and programs can feel overwhelming, so continue to be supportive and treat it as a brainstorming session. Even when your five-foot-tall, never-played-basketball kid says they are going to be an NBA star, and your parental instinct is to be a realist, try saying: “Okay, but what if that doesn’t work out? What is your plan B?” Allow your student to direct the conversation. Every student finds their path at different times. Hopefully, they will have questions for you, but you may need to prompt them. The earlier you start talking about it, the better. Talking about going to college normalizes it and makes it feel more attainable. There are numerous opportunities as students move through high school, so get them thinking about the possibilities early.

Meeting with your high school student’s school counselor is a great way to identify opportunities throughout the year. They have a huge knowledge base and can direct you and your student to things like campus visits, college fairs, summer programs, and dual credit. If your high school student is interested in connecting with multiple colleges, there are two types of campus visits — ones you set up yourself and ones that students can access at school.

Many college admissions officers visit local high schools throughout the year, and students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to get information about colleges. You or your student can also choose to set up a campus visit directly through the college’s admissions office. It may be an open house or an individually scheduled visit tailored to your student.

College fairs, when a number of colleges and other programs get together, offer a venue where your student (and you) can access many colleges at the same time. Many high schools offer a college fair, and New Mexico offers a large fair every September in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Association of College Admissions Counselors.

During your teen’s high school years, summer programs may also be a great way to explore potential career pathways. There are many programs such as girls/boys state, physics camps for girls offered by LANL, internships, MASH (multiple avenues for health care careers), and

College Horizons for Native American students, among others. Summer programs offer students a chance to try things out, make contacts, earn money, and get experience. Typically, summer programs require submitting an application and a resume. If your student does not have a resume, creating one would be an excellent first step for them. Many schools have resume-builder tools, but a quick search of the internet finds numerous tools that would also work well.

Dual credit programs are another option for high school students. These programs allow high school students to take college courses. Courses are accessible to all New Mexican students and cover a wide range of academic and career aptitudes. Dual credit programs give students a chance to get ahead while building their confidence and demystifying college. Plus, these programs are typically free for the student.

In New Mexico, our high school graduation test is now the SAT (for the class of 2024). Schools offer the PSAT (practice test) in 10th grade and as an option in 11th grade. I always recommend the PSAT to my juniors because it gives them more practice before they take the SAT for graduation in the spring of their junior year. There are numerous scholarship and recognition programs that are also connected to the PSAT taken in the junior year. Even though many colleges are test optional right now, this may not be the case in the future, and many scholarships still require testing. It is a good idea for your student to be prepared either way. I also recommend taking the ACT at least once because students either do better on the SAT or the ACT. Taking both tests will let students choose their stronger test for college applications. Your school counselor has fee waivers for both tests if the cost of taking them is prohibitive. If your student is looking for a list of schools that are test optional, visit [fairtest.org](https://fairtest.org).



Carleton counselor tour. Courtesy photo.



College boot camp. Courtesy photo.

There are numerous online resources to help guide your teen's journey. College Board offers a free tool that all students should be aware of called BigFuture. BigFuture has a college search function as well as scholarships. Speaking of scholarships, BigFuture offers the BigFuture scholarship. Just for completing tasks such as searching on BigFuture and doing their FAFSA, students can enter a drawing for scholarship money. If they complete all six tasks within the established timeline, they can enter a drawing for a \$40,000 scholarship. Tularosa High School senior Lexi Gallegos was surprised on national television when she won the \$40,000 scholarship in March 2022. So, it is possible and worth your time.

How to pay for college is always another big topic. The first place your student can look for money is at the college itself. Most colleges have some type of scholarship program for incoming freshmen. The application for admission is sometimes also the application for a scholarship. However, there might be a separate application and timeline. Help your student create a spreadsheet to keep track of schools they are interested in, their deadlines, and other relevant information. In New Mexico, we have the Lottery Scholarship, which starts in the second semester and currently pays 100% of tuition. We also have the Opportunity Scholarship, which starts in the first semester and covers tuition and fees. These scholarships are good at any of New Mexico's public two-year colleges or public four-year colleges. Los Alamos National Labs Foundation offers a scholarship for many high schools in Northern New Mexico. You can also check with your local high school to see if they offer any type of local scholarship. If you live in a tribal community, check with the office of higher education.

Last but not least is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is how your student gets money from the federal government to go to school. It comes in the form of grants (which you do not have to pay back), loans, or work-study (a student job on campus). The FAFSA opens on October 1 and is based on your taxes from two years ago. If you have a local college near you, their financial aid director will gladly help you, or you can ask your school counselor. Check with your local high school — they typically offer a financial aid night at the school with people who can walk you through the process. One last thing on scholarship money and the FAFSA: both should be free to fill out, so watch out for scammers. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

The most important part of talking to your teen about college is to have the conversation. Your student likely has questions (and maybe you do too), so you can find your way together. Take advantage of all the resources out there, such as programs offered at the high school or college and, of course, your school counselor. Do not be afraid to ask for help. In education, we often say it takes a village, and helping your student find their pathway is no exception.

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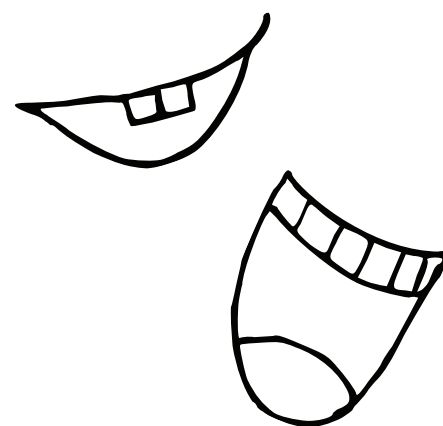
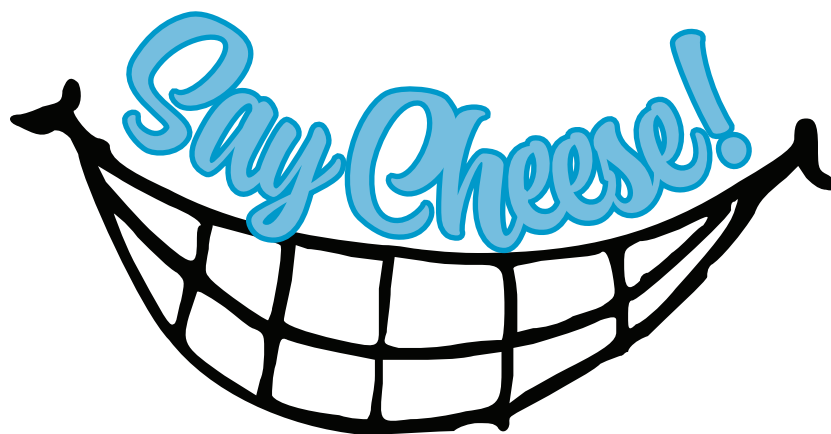
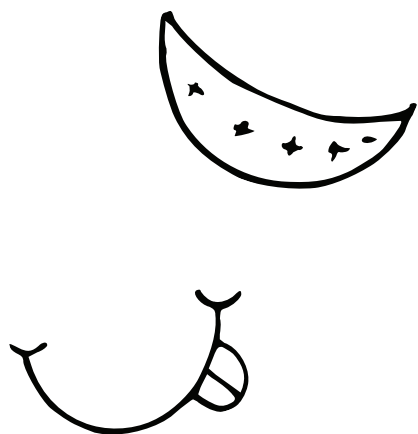


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# Health



## Teeth and Bite Q&A for Parents By Ginna Hendricks

### As parents, we have

questions about everything, including oral health. When should I schedule my child's first trip to the dentist? Should my 3-year-old be flossing? How do I know if my child needs braces?

Many parents struggle to judge how much dental care their kids need. They know they want to prevent cavities but do not always know the best way to do so. According to the CDC, more than half of children aged 6 to 8 have had a cavity in at least one of their baby (primary) teeth, and more than half of adolescents aged 12 to 19 have had a cavity in at least one of their permanent teeth.

Unlike sharks that continually shed their teeth (some Carcharhiniformes shed approximately 35,000 teeth in a lifetime, replacing those that fall out), we humans only get so many teeth! We know that parents want to keep their kids' teeth healthy as they grow, so we asked the experts to answer some common questions parents have about oral health.

#### **Q. How should I clean my baby's teeth?**

A. A toothbrush with soft bristles and a small head, especially one designed for infants, is the best choice for babies. Brushing at least once a day, at bedtime, will remove plaque bacteria that can lead to decay.

#### **Q. What is baby bottle tooth decay, and how can I prevent it?**

A. Baby bottle tooth decay is a pattern of rapid decay associated with prolonged nursing. It happens when a child falls asleep while breastfeeding or bottle-feeding. During sleep, the flow of saliva is reduced, and the natural self-cleansing action of the mouth is diminished. Avoid nursing children to sleep or putting anything other than water in their bedtime bottles.

#### **Q: When should I schedule my child's first trip to the dentist?**

A: The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry gives the following recommendation: To prevent dental problems, your child should see a pediatric dentist when their first tooth appears or no later than their first birthday. Cavities can start very early, and it is best to have the dentist catch them before they begin to hurt or compromise the structure of the teeth. Also, the sooner infants are introduced to dental cleanings, the more comfortable they will be as it becomes a part of a semi-annual routine.

#### **Q: Should my 3-year-old be flossing?**

A: This depends on when and where you see your child's first teeth touch. The first teeth to touch might be your child's baby molars or their first two front teeth. Generally, the back teeth start touching at the age of 3. Use your judgment, but as with brushing, it is important to start young to develop a flossing habit.

#### **Q: I am worried about all the spacing between my 5-year-old's front baby teeth. Is there a problem?**

A: Great news! Adult teeth are larger than baby teeth, sometimes significantly larger, so extra space is a good sign for successful future eruption. You should

worry when baby teeth are perfectly lined up with no visual space between them.

#### **Q: I cannot get my kid to brush their teeth for very long. What can I do to keep them brushing?**

A: It is common for kids not to brush their teeth long enough. Try singing a song, setting a timer, or coming up with another creative way to keep your child engaged in brushing for the recommended two minutes (or at least for long enough that your combined efforts leave their teeth clean).

#### **Q: Is it okay for my 7-year-old daughter to suck her thumb? It allows her to relax and fall asleep at night.**

A: It may be comforting for your child, but ongoing sucking habits cause damage to the palatal vault and teeth. The longer the habit persists, the greater the changes and the more difficult it is to correct the damage. Ideally, sucking habits should stop before the eruption of the adult incisors.

#### **Q: I am not concerned about the crowding in my 10-year-old daughter's mouth. She is still growing, and her jaws will get bigger. She will grow into her teeth, right?**

A: The truth is that our jaws are 80% of their adult width by age 6 and nearly 100% by age 10. Without early intervention, crowding will worsen as the remaining permanent teeth erupt between the ages of 10 and 12.

#### **Q: How do I know if my child needs braces?**

A: Typically, one can diagnose crowding or an overbite in a child's mouth without a dental degree. Bringing this up with the dentist at your child's cleaning appointment can give you answers about the ideal time to get braces. The answer might be "now" or "we should wait and see if losing more baby teeth creates more room." Sometimes the dentist will use



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diagnostic tools to answer this question, like X-rays to determine if teeth are impacted or missing. With a complete picture, the dentist can recommend braces or orthodontic treatment to prevent any developmental problems in the future.

**Q: My child's teeth have always been slow to erupt. Should I be worried if my 14-year-old son does not have his adult canine teeth?**

A: There may or may not be a problem; delayed eruption aside, impacted canines are common and can be avoided by taking early steps to encourage their eruption. X-rays of the unerupted teeth may be warranted to see if there is an underlying issue.

**Q: My daughter is so excited; she wore her retainers for two years! Is she done with her orthodontic treatment?**

A: Unfortunately, no! Wearing retainers and keeping your teeth straight is a lifelong commitment. If you stop wearing your retainers, your teeth can potentially shift back to their original position. Keep wearing them at night to maintain that beautiful smile!

**Q. My child plays sports. How should I protect their teeth?**

A. A mouth guard should be a top priority on your child's list of sports equipment. Athletic mouth protectors, or mouth guards, are made of soft plastic and fit comfortably to the shape of the upper teeth. They protect a child's teeth, lips, cheeks, and gums from sports-related injuries. Any mouth guard works better than no mouth guard, but a custom-fitted mouth guard created by a dentist is your child's best protection

against sports-related injuries.

**Q. What should I do if my child knocks out a permanent tooth?**

A. First of all, remain calm. Find the tooth, if you can, and pick it up by the crown (top) rather than the root. Try to replace the tooth in the socket and hold it in place with clean gauze or a washcloth. If you cannot put the tooth in the socket, place it in a clean container with milk or water. Take your child and the tooth to the pediatric dentist immediately. Time is essential, so the faster you act, the better your chances of saving the tooth.

As kids grow, plan on routine dental checkups anywhere from once every three months to once a year, depending on your dentist's recommendations. You can encourage good dental health by keeping sugary foods and sodas in check, encouraging regular brushing and flossing, and working with your dentist. If you are looking for more dental educational activities, the American Dental Association has free resources like activity sheets, coloring pages, and holiday crafts at [mouthhealthy.org](http://mouthhealthy.org).

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## Visiting Ski Santa Fe

One of the Best-Kept Secrets of New Mexico  
By Jessica Fox



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**When visiting the** historic and beautiful town of Santa Fe, New Mexico, you will see the snow-covered peaks of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in the distance. Nestled in those mountains is Ski Santa Fe, one of the best-kept secrets of New Mexico. With a base elevation of 10,350 feet, Ski Santa Fe is the launching point for a memorable ski and snowboard experience. We are located only 16 miles from the heart of Santa Fe, a city rich in culture, fine arts, and exceptional cuisine. We are the country's most inclusive and unique ski destination.

Ski Santa Fe is a family owned and operated ski area with a special goal: to make our guests feel like family when they visit. Over the years, we have worked closely with our staff to create a variety of specialty programs to provide our guests with the ski or snowboard experience they want. Our team works

diligently in every department to provide an inclusive, family-friendly experience that will bring our guests back to the mountain for years to come.

A specific program dear to our hearts is facilitated through the Adaptive Sports Program of New Mexico (ASPNM). The mission of ASPNM is to enhance the lives of children and adults with disabilities through recreation. Through this program, Ski Santa Fe hosts an estimated 500 visits per ski season from the Adaptive Ski Program at no cost to the individuals. Our team works closely with ASPNM to ensure that everyone can enjoy the freedom and excitement of cruising down the mountainside. We are grateful for this partnership and the opportunity to be a part of something so special for these individuals and their families. For more information on ASPNM, visit [adaptivesportsprogram.org](http://adaptivesportsprogram.org).

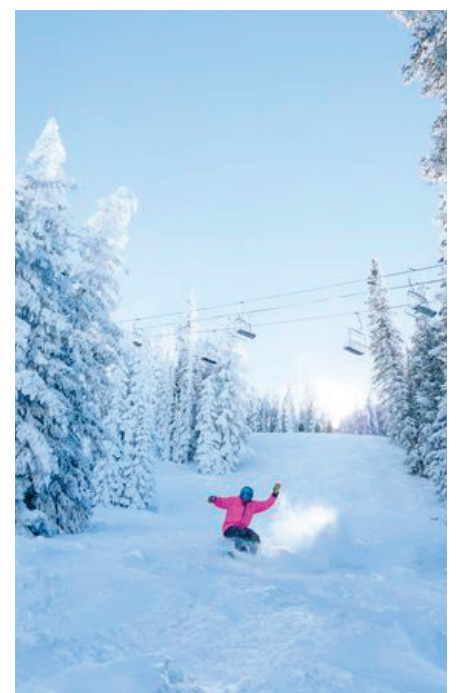
Outside of the Adaptive Sports Program, Ski Santa Fe offers a variety of ski and snowboard lessons for all ages and abilities. These programs are hosted through our Snow Sports Program, where guests will find welcoming, skilled, and enthusiastic instructors. For those visiting us with prior experience in skiing or boarding, our instructors are adept at learning each person's individual goals and abilities to determine unique ways to help them build upon and enhance their current skill set. For those new to snow sports, our instructors will work to help them feel comfortable, supported, and encouraged while they take on a new, sometimes intimidating, sport. To keep our newer guests interested in snow sports, our instructors fully immerse in the process with them. We hope that after a lesson with our team, all of our snow sports guests will fall in love with the mountain and winter sports recreation.

Through our Snow Sports Program, guests who are ages 3 and up can choose from a variety of lesson options.

One of our most popular lesson offerings at Ski Santa Fe is known as Chipmunk Corner and is specifically designed for our little guests, ages 4-10. At Chipmunk Corner, it is important that these young ones have fun while they are with us so that they remain engaged in the sport. Our instructors are skilled at creating fun and interactive learning environments, and we limit the number of students per instructor to increase one-on-one time and attention. Our Chipmunk lessons keep little ones coming back by focusing on having fun and making new friends. Plus, when they are ready to get on the "big mountain," they can have fun exploring Adventure Land. For anyone interested in Chipmunk Corner, please keep in mind: snowboarding lessons are

available for ages 6 and up, and we can get 3-year-olds started with special one-hour private lessons.

For everyone else, 11 years old and up, we offer various options depending on ability and preference for a group or private lesson. Group and private lessons are available for all abilities, and like Chipmunk Corner, we do our best to keep a lower number of guests per instructor. For guests who need gear, we offer packages with group or private lessons, lift tickets, and rentals. A popular variation of the group lesson is the family lesson, designed for families with two to five members. This package allows guests to have fun with those closest to them, increasing the likelihood of continuing the sport after the lesson is complete.



Snow boarding in fresh snow just outside of Santa Fe. Courtesy Photo.



Fun in the snow at Ski Santa Fe. Courtesy Photo.





New Mexico locals have been taking part in our multi-week programs for many years, including White TORNADOS (for ages 5-12), Seasoned Skiers, Women's Programs, and Men's Programs. The multi-week programs offer a few significant benefits not seen in our other lesson formats — specifically that the instructor has a greater period of time (six weeks) to learn about each person on a more personalized level so they can better reinforce skills from the previous week into the current week. These multi-week programs are tailored to locals looking to greatly improve their skills, comfort level, and knowledge of the mountain. Plus, the White TORNADOS Program provides a great chance for youngsters to ski with their friends and meet new ones. For anyone looking to try a group lesson, you can sign up through our website at [skisantafe.com](http://skisantafe.com). If a private lesson or family lesson is more your speed, call our ski school directly at (505) 992-5084, and we can place you with an instructor to fit your needs.

For anyone looking to save money on lessons, rentals, or tickets, there are a few options! For children and adults, the most cost-effective lessons are the multi-week programs listed below. Additionally, depending on the size of your family, the Family Package can be a great option. For adult rentals, you can purchase at a discounted rate through one of the ski swaps in Santa Fe ([santafeskiteam.com](http://santafeskiteam.com)) or Albuquerque ([nmskiswap.org](http://nmskiswap.org)); both occur annually

between October and November. For children and youth, who are still growing, Sports Systems in Albuquerque is a great option for seasonal rentals, so you do not have to pay for new rentals every time you visit the mountain. Get there before the season starts — they run out quickly ([nmsportsystems.com](http://nmsportsystems.com)). Finally, if you want to get your family into snowsports but are not ready to spend the money on a full-season pass, you can purchase a Peak Plus Pass for \$75; each time you visit Ski Santa Fe, you receive \$25 off an age-appropriate, full-price, all-mountain lift ticket.

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## LAWMAKERS CAN PUT CHILDREN AT THE HEART OF POLICY DECISIONS

Recent Legislation Supports Long-Term Progress the State Has Been Making on Improving Child Well-Being  
By Amber Wallin

**Like most parents,** when my first child was born, he — and later his sister — became my highest priority. If our state is to thrive and have a strong future, it makes sense for our lawmakers to make children a high priority as well. And in many ways, they do. For example, elementary education has long been one of the largest slices of the state's budgetary pie. But, to build a strong economy and a stronger and more equitable future for all of New Mexico's children, investments in our children need to go far beyond ensuring they are educated. As the executive director of a child advocacy organization, I am honored to work alongside colleagues, partners, policymakers, and community members to ensure that all New Mexico children are a high priority when our legislators meet every January in Santa Fe.

During the legislative session, lawmakers create the budget that funds every state service and program that our

families, communities, and businesses rely upon — such as our schools and universities, health care providers, first responders, infrastructure, and more. In addition to advocating for adequate budgets for those essential services, we also work to ensure that the state's tax system brings in enough revenue to support those key services and is also equitable.

Parents will see one of these important policy changes next year as the brand-new state-level Child Tax Credit comes online — you will be able to claim it when you file your 2023 income tax returns in 2024. This new credit will not only help every family with children in the state, but it will also improve racial and gender equity in the tax code. It was created in addition to several expansions lawmakers made in recent years to other tax credits for parents and workers earning low incomes.

New Mexico lawmakers have also made other policy changes that will benefit New Mexico's children and families. These include: a statewide paid sick leave policy so parents can stay home to take care of a sick child, making Medicaid health insurance for new mothers last an entire year postpartum, and a historic expansion of child care assistance to give parents safe, affordable environments in which to leave their children while they work.

Even given these policy changes, there is still much the state can do to ensure that all children have the opportunities they need to thrive. Lawmakers should continue their work to bring more equity to our tax code by increasing the state's new child tax credit, while also supporting public and environmental health programs, and continuing to increase investments in education from cradle to career. Thanks to the voters who approved Constitutional Amendment 1 in November, we can soon draw down a small portion of the \$26



2022 New Mexico In Focus interview. Courtesy photo.

billion Permanent School Fund in order to support high-quality early childhood care and education services — like home visiting and pre-kindergarten. Some of this funding will also go to creating better opportunities for K-12 students who are Native American, learning to speak English, come from families earning low incomes, and students with special needs.

Still, our cradle-to-career educational system can be improved. We need to ensure that our student population — which is one of the most racially and ethnically diverse in the nation — is receiving culturally appropriate education. Studies show that when children are connected to their cultures and communities through their curriculum, they are more engaged in school, which leads to better outcomes.

While the above will be among the policies we will advocate for when legislators begin to gather for the session at the Roundhouse, we will also be keeping a close eye on an important fiscal issue. This year, New Mexico is looking at

the largest budget surplus in state history, close to \$2 billion. This expected revenue is largely thanks to federal COVID relief funding and high prices for oil and natural gas. While having all that money to spend is an exciting prospect, lawmakers and constituents must be cognizant of one important issue: that extra money is mostly temporary. The federal COVID relief funds will end soon and — as we have seen happen many times over the years — the oil and gas boom will eventually go bust. It is a volatile industry, and our over-reliance on this source of revenue has long made our state budget a roller-coaster ride. While the ups and downs of a roller coaster may be fun at an amusement park, we cannot expect our schools, hospitals, highway department, first responders, and more to provide consistent services when revenue is so inconsistent.

Temporary surpluses, like this \$2 billion, are considered non-recurring



Amber on Generation Justice at KUNM. Courtesy Photo.

revenue — meaning we cannot rely on having it again in future years. Unfortunately, some lawmakers are talking about using the money for something many of them do not see as a recurring expense — major, permanent tax cuts that will continue to cost us year after year — long after the surplus money is gone. Not all tax cuts are created equal, of course. Lawmakers who want to cut taxes should focus on addressing the impacts of inflation and improving the tax code for everyday workers and families who make lower incomes. These kinds of targeted tax changes spur economic activity, make the overall tax code more equitable along the lines of race and gender, and raise children out of poverty.

Lawmakers could also use the surplus as a buffer while they fix structural imbalances and inequities that continue in our tax code and use this time to stabilize our revenue streams. As it stands now, New Mexicans who earn lower incomes pay a higher share of their incomes in state and local taxes than those who earn the most money. Tax cuts for low- and middle-income earners should be balanced with changes that will ensure wealthy individuals and corporations contribute their fair share and also bring in adequate revenue in future years. This kind of balance also

keeps us from becoming even more reliant on revenue from the boom-or-bust oil and gas industries.

Lawmakers would be wise to invest this one-time money to build capacity for our communities, such as expanding broadband for our rural and tribal areas. Lawmakers could also create funds for emerging needs, such as protecting New Mexicans from the ravages of climate change. They could fund systems that address the public health impacts of climate change and the need to transition away from fossil fuels, clean up abandoned oil wells polluting our air and water, or invest heavily in renewable energy such as wind and solar.

Fortunately, New Mexico's lawmakers have made some excellent investments in our children and their families over the past few years. These investments will shore up the long-term progress the state has been making in improving child well-being. And we can continue to make progress if we put kids at the heart of New Mexico's future policy decisions.

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## Keeping Art in Our Schools

ARTsmart New Mexico presented the Santa Fe Public School Board with a check for \$40,000. Funds will connect students with local artists and provide supplies to schools challenged by budget restraints.

ARTsmart New Mexico is also piloting an arts integration program with its Visiting Artists program in pre-K classrooms. Visiting Artists introduces students and teachers to new skills, media, concepts, diverse cultures, and aesthetic frameworks. Students construct artworks that illustrate connections between their ideas and experiences with themes explored and shared by Visiting Artists.

ARTsmart's mission is to ensure access to quality visual arts education for all youth in Santa Fe public schools and surrounding communities. For more information about ARTsmart New Mexico, visit [artsmartnm.org](https://artsmartnm.org).

## Cowgirls From Roy, New Mexico, Competed in the 2022 Youth World Championship Ranch Rodeo

Students of Roy Municipal Schools competed on November 12 in Amarillo, Texas, in the 2022 Youth World Championship Ranch Rodeo hosted by the Working Ranch Cowboys Association. The New Mexico youth team is called the Rim Rock Ranch, and they punched their ticket to the 2022 Youth World Championship Ranch Rodeo by winning the Colorado Championship Ranch Rodeo in Hugo, Colorado, in June.

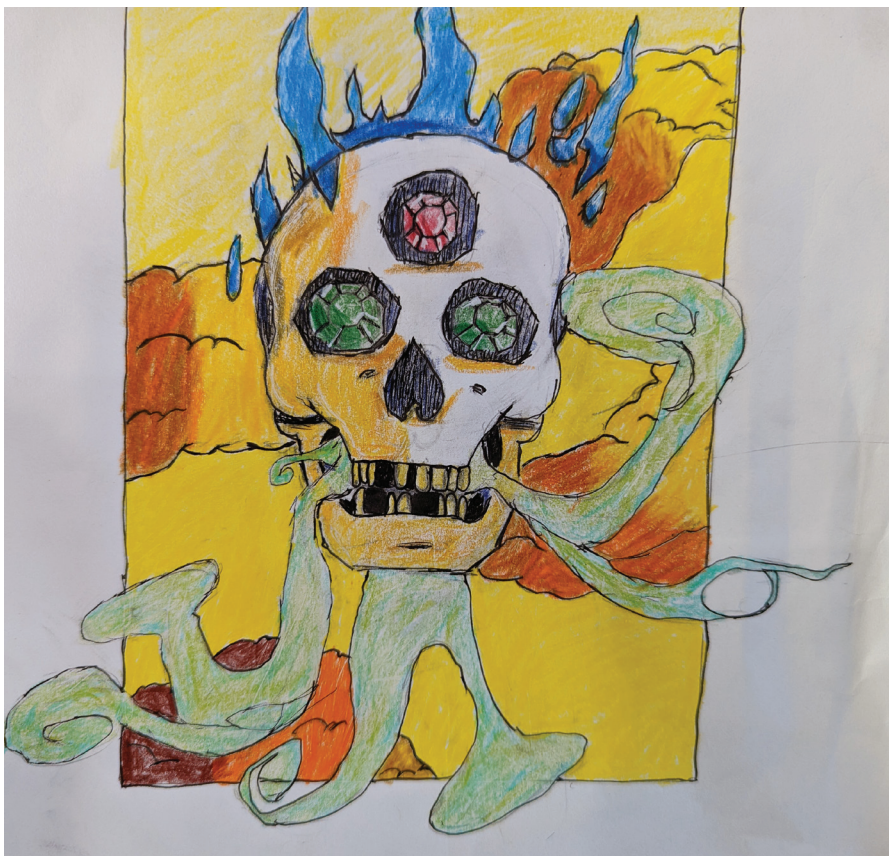
The team of five cowgirls, Karlee Elliot, Chantzee Elliott, Stoney Price, Haize Price, and Maryann Estrada, took first place in Colorado. One of the Rim Rock Ranch teammates, Maryann Estrada, is the youngest competitor to ever qualify for nationals. The Rim Rock Ranch team represented New Mexico with honors and came home with fourth place in Branding, fourth place in Sorting, fifth place in Doctoring, fourth place in Trailer Loading, and fifth place in Wild Steer Racing. Team member Karlee Elliott was also awarded Top Horse. Congratulations, cowgirls!

## Del Norte Credit Union Provides Financial Literacy

In the fall of 2022, Del Norte Credit Union brought financial literacy education to over 11,760 students and residents in several New Mexico counties. Students at 92 schools and the surrounding community have free access to Banzai, an online program that allows users to practice real-world finance from the safety of their home or classroom using any internet-enabled device.

Through the Banzai online courses, students and families can try out managing a budget, saving for a goal, and dealing with unexpected financial pitfalls. Teachers can easily monitor and grade student progress remotely. Other resources, including articles, calculators, and personalizable coaching sessions, can cover everything from the basics of filing your taxes to how health insurance works. These family-friendly resources are available at [dncu.teachbanzai.com/wellness](https://dncu.teachbanzai.com/wellness).

Teachers interested in using Banzai can visit [dncu.teachbanzai.com](https://dncu.teachbanzai.com) or call 888-8-BANZAI.



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*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.*

## December

### RIVER OF LIGHTS 2022

26-Nov. - 30-Dec. | 5 - 9 p.m.

Enjoy the magic of millions of twinkling lights and nearly 600 dazzling holiday displays at New Mexico's largest walk-through light show. They are closed on Dec. 24 and 25. Tickets are limited and will sell out early. [riveroflights.org](http://riveroflights.org).

### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

1-Dec. | 9:30 - 10 a.m.

Outdoor musical fun for children ages 0 to 6 and their caregivers. Music and Movement (M&M), 2400 Central Ave. in Los Alamos, 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. [laconm.libcal.com](http://laconm.libcal.com).

### ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

1-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.

Española Library, 313 N. Paseo De Onate, hosts a story and related craft for preschool-age children. [cityofespanola.org/165/Espanola-Public-Library](http://cityofespanola.org/165/Espanola-Public-Library).

### SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

1-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Join hands-on gardening and nature craft projects in the Earthworks Garden (weather permitting) at the Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail. [santafechildrensmuseum.org](http://santafechildrensmuseum.org).

### TODDLER STORYTIME THURSDAYS

1-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Storytime Thursdays at Vista Grande Public Library in Eldorado, 14 Avenida Torreon. 505-466-7323. [vglibrary.org](http://vglibrary.org).

### YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS

1-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

This yoga class for young children explores joyful movement and kinesthetic creativity. All children must be accompanied by an adult, and yoga mats are available if needed. Recommended for preschool and early school-age children. Held every Thursday at La Farge Library, 1730 Llano St. 505-955-4863. [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org).

### STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

1-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Created with early childhood teaching techniques, this story hour with crafts provides social, physical, and cognitive skill practice for kindergarten readiness. This program is for preschool-age children. Held every Thursday at Main Library, 145 Washington Ave. 505-955-6837. [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org).

### FUN WITH FIREFIGHTERS

1-Dec. | 1 - 2 p.m.

Join the Santa Fe Fire Department for story time and then go outside to visit their fire truck at the Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail. [santafechildrensmuseum.org](http://santafechildrensmuseum.org).

### CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS

1-Dec. | 4 - 4:45 p.m.

Dance Instructor Tamara Bates leads children, ages 3 to 5, in the fun of motion at the Santa Fe Children's Museum every Thursday. Engages children's gross and fine motor skills while encouraging cognitive development with movement games, stretches, and exercises. Helps children build coordination, musicality, and spatial awareness. Class is \$5 per child or \$3 per member. Prepay for 10 classes to earn an additional discount. Financial assistance is available. [children@santafechildrensmuseum.org](mailto:children@santafechildrensmuseum.org).

### THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

1-Dec. | 4 - 7 p.m.

Extended hours and free admission for children under 17 at the Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail. [santafechildrensmuseum.org](http://santafechildrensmuseum.org).

### CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY AND MOVEMENT GAME

1-Dec. | 5 - 6 p.m.

This class, for children ages 6 to 10, provides structured activities for students to begin creating their own movement phrases. Students will explore working solo, in pairs, and in groups to understand spatial dimension, timing, and quality of movement to create dynamic pieces that are all their own. Held every Thursday at Santa Fe Children's Museum. Class is \$5 per child or \$3 per member. Prepay for 10 classes to receive an additional discount. Financial assistance is available. [children@santafechildrensmuseum.org](mailto:children@santafechildrensmuseum.org).

### CHESS & JAZZ CLUB

1-Dec. | 6 - 8 p.m.

A casual get-together of chess playing and jazz listening every first and third Thursday of the month at Vital Spaces, 1600 St. Michaels Dr. Free and open to players of all skill levels. [vitalspaces.org](http://vitalspaces.org).

### BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY

2-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.

The power of music and song is used to introduce language in this program for babies and toddlers. Exposure to new and different language sounds in early childhood can help children with language acquisition skills as they grow. This program is held every Friday at La Farge Library, 505-955-4863. [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org).

### FINE ART FRIDAYS

2-Dec. | 2 - 4 p.m.

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

### IT TAKES A VILLAGE PARENT MEET UP AND SUPPORT GROUP

2-Dec. | 3 - 4 p.m.

Dive deep into the blessings and trials of parenthood in a safe space. This group welcomes all genders and parents who have children of any age, but this is a parent-only event. Childcare is available with limited spaces for outside families. Meets on the first Friday of every month at the

HoliTOMoli Holistic Arts Academy. Hosted by Sheaffer Palemero (midwife in training, doula, and mama of five) and Margo Moriarty (early childhood educator, counselor, and mama of one). [HoliTOMoli@gmail.com](mailto:HoliTOMoli@gmail.com).

### READ RUNNERS BOOK CLUB AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY

2-Dec. | 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

A book club for and run by kids who are 9 to 12 years old. Meets twice a month on Friday afternoons at La Farge Library, 1730 Llano St. Register at [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org) or call 505-955-4863.

### FIRST FRIDAY FRACTALS

2-Dec. | 8 - 9 p.m.

A spectacular, award-winning fulldome planetarium show that takes viewers on a tour of the fractals in nature and zooms through infinitely complex mathematical fractals. This educational and highly entertaining show features original music and is suitable for audiences aged 3 and up. Shows are at 8 and 9 p.m. on the first Friday of the month at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. [nmnaturalhistory.org](http://nmnaturalhistory.org).

### WINTERFEST WEEKEND

2-Dec. - 4-Dec. | Times Vary per Event

WinterFest Weekend is a family-oriented holiday event that celebrates winter in Los Alamos. Businesses and organizations host events, including the North Pole Workshop and Breakfast with Santa. [losalamosmainstreet.com/winterfest](http://losalamosmainstreet.com/winterfest).

### PABLO THE DRAGON'S MAGICAL HOLIDAY TRAIN RIDE AND VILLAGE

3-Dec. | ALL DAY

Visit historic Lamy and join Santa on the Pablo the Dragon train to hear how the two will save Christmas in New Mexico. This hour-long magical journey takes you and your family across the beautiful desert. It returns to a wondrous winter elf village, where you will enjoy hot cocoa and cookies while making new holiday family memories. Many dates and times are available. [skyrailway.com](http://skyrailway.com).

### BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

3-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.

The power of music and song is used to introduce language in this program for babies and toddlers. Exposure to new and different language sounds in early childhood can help children with language acquisition skills as they grow. This program is held every Saturday at the Southside Library. 505-955-2830. [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org).

### PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

3-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.

Using fun music and stories, early preschool-age children can exercise their young bodies and minds in a relaxed and joyful environment with their special adult. Held on the first and third Saturdays of the month at the Main Library. 505-955-6837. [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org).

### WINTER CONCERT SERIES

3-Dec. | 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association hosts its winter concert series, Break The Ice! The 11 a.m. concert features the Red River Quartet, Galisteo



Artwork from kindergarten through second grade submitted by Santa Fe Public School's Art Education Department.

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Quartet, Running Start Orchestra, Prelude String Orchestra, Intermezzo String Quartet, Pasitos Clase de Mariachi, Mariachi Citlali, and Jazz Project Los Alamos. The 6 p.m. concert features Jazz Project Los Alamos, Mariachi Estrella, Youth Philharmonic, and Youth Symphony Orchestra. [sfysa.org/calendar](http://sfysa.org/calendar).

## MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE 3-Dec. | 1 - 2 p.m.

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 come out if he is shedding or not feeling well. [santafechildrensmuseum.org](http://santafechildrensmuseum.org).

## THE NUTCRACKER AT POPEJOY HALL 3-Dec. | 2 - 4 p.m.

Experience the wonder of the magical Nutcracker Ballet presented by the New Mexico Ballet company for two weekends only at Popejoy Hall. Featuring special performances by current New York City Ballet and San Francisco Ballet stars. Tickets are from \$11 to \$58. [newmexicoballetcompany.com](http://newmexicoballetcompany.com).

## SCIENCE SATURDAYS 3-Dec. | 2 - 4 p.m.

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

## TWINKLE LIGHT PARADE 3-Dec. | 5 - 6 p.m.

A free, family-friendly holiday event that illuminates a mile-long stretch on Route 66 in Nob Hill. Local businesses, community groups, school groups, and a variety of Albuquerque organizations come together to present an exciting event that brings a sparkle to all. [cabq.gov/artsandculture/things-to-do/annual-events/twinkle-light-parade](http://cabq.gov/artsandculture/things-to-do/annual-events/twinkle-light-parade).

## LOS ALAMOS HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE 3-Dec. | 6 - 7 p.m.

Enjoy the annual festive holiday lights parade on Central Avenue. This year's theme is "There's Gnome Place Like Home." Public parking is available downtown. [losalamosmainstreet.com/winterfest](http://losalamosmainstreet.com/winterfest).

## THE NUTCRACKER AT POPEJOY HALL 3-Dec. | 7 - 9 p.m.

See the 2 to 4 p.m. listing for Dec. 3.

## FREE NIGHT FOR FOSTER & ADOPTIVE FAMILIES AT EXPLORA 3-Dec. | 7 - 9 p.m.

Foster, adoptive, bio, guardian, kin, and forever families are invited to join New Mexico Child First Network for Foster & Adoptive Family Night In at Explora. Free for all attendees. RSVP to [maralyn@nmchildfirst.org](mailto:maralyn@nmchildfirst.org) with the family name and number of attendees.

## FREE FIRST SUNDAYS 4-Dec. | ALL DAY

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

## DAWN 'TIL DUSK DAY 4-Dec. | ALL DAY

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

## THE NUTCRACKER AT POPEJOY HALL 4-Dec. | 2 - 4 p.m.

See Dec. 3 listing.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT DROP-IN PLAYTIME WITH LAS CUMBRES SPECIALIST 5-Dec. | 9 - 11 a.m.

Engage in activities onsite with your children and ask questions of the Las Cumbres Community Services staff – specialized professionals available to answer questions and connect families to additional support. The focus is on children ages 0 to 6 with social-emotional or developmental concerns. This clinic will provide art, sensory and other activities designed to address developmental milestones and enhance caregiver/child relationships. COVID-safe practices enforced. Hosted at Nugget Street Center. Visit website: [lascumbres-nm.org](http://lascumbres-nm.org).

## MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF 5-Dec. | 3 - 8 p.m.

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

## BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS 5-Dec. | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

A free community talk circle for pregnant women and mothers. Held virtually on the first Monday of each month. 505-662-4515. [lafsn.org](http://lafsn.org).

## CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP 6-Dec. | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Join these facilitated group discussions focused on caring for your infants and toddlers. Held every Tuesday at Family Strengths Network. 505-662-4515. [lafsn.org/calendar/chit-chat-parenting-group](http://lafsn.org/calendar/chit-chat-parenting-group).

## STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY 6-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Created with early childhood teaching techniques, this story hour with crafts provides social, physical, and cognitive skill practice for kindergarten readiness. This program is for preschool-age children and is held every Tuesday at the Southside Library. 505-955-2828. [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org).

## SENSORY STORYTIME TUESDAYS 6-Dec. | 3 - 3:30 p.m.

Sensory Storytime is held Tuesdays at Vista Grande Public Library in Eldorado. 505-466-7323. [vglibrary.org](http://vglibrary.org).

## AFTER SCHOOL ART 6-Dec. | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Practice your creative skills at the library with themed art sessions. Art is beneficial for building creative problem-solving, out-of-the-box thinking, expressiveness, and a rich imagination. Held every Tuesday at the Main Library. 505-955-6837. [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org).

## MOTHERHOOD CIRCLE 6-Dec. | 4 - 6 p.m.

A wisdom and support circle for mothers-to-be, pregnant women, mamas, and grandmothers held every Tuesday at Body. Evening childcare is available for \$15 to \$30. [allaboardearth.com/expression-kids](http://allaboardearth.com/expression-kids).

## WAGS AND WORDS 6-Dec. | 6 - 7 p.m.

Children can practice reading skills by sharing a story with a furry friend from the Santa Fe Animal Shelter. This program is for early school-age children and is held every Tuesday at the Main Library. Email [mkatencio@santafenm.gov](mailto:mkatencio@santafenm.gov) to sign up. 505-955-6837. [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org).

## BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY 7-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.

The power of music and song is used as an introduction to language in this program for babies and toddlers. Exposure to new and different language sounds in early childhood can help children with language acquisition skills as they grow. This program is held every Wednesday at the Main Library. 505-955-6837. [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org).

## TODDLER TUNES 7-Dec. | 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Children and parents sing and dance together while Lauren Marcus shares simple ways to engage children in music and movement. Held on the first Wednesday of the month at Family Strength Network. [lafsn.org](http://lafsn.org).

## WEE WEDNESDAYS 7-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, offers storytime for toddlers with special explorations and activities. [santafechildrensmuseum.org](http://santafechildrensmuseum.org)

## STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY 7-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

This week is a fall colors theme. Created with early childhood teaching techniques, this story hour with crafts provides social, physical, and cognitive skill practice for kindergarten readiness. This program is for preschool-age children and is held every Wednesday at La Farge Library. 505-955-4863. [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org).

## POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP 7-Dec. | 12 - 1 p.m.

The Birthing Tree Cooperative hosts a free weekly support group to discuss the highs and lows of parenting. Led by Isabel Ribe, MA LMHC CCTP ATR. Babies are welcome to attend. Call/text 505-819-9966 to register or email [isabelribe505@gmail.com](mailto:isabelribe505@gmail.com). [thebirthingtree.org](http://thebirthingtree.org).

## TEEN LOUNGE 7-Dec. | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

A safe space for teens to decompress after school. We have art supplies, homework tables, laptops, Wi-Fi, board games, tea, and snacks. Held every Wednesday at La Farge Library. 505-955-4863. [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org).

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## KIDS SING ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION

7-Dec. | 3:15 - 4 p.m.  
Early childhood literacy skills are explored through fun songs and play along. Children actively participate in every session. Intended for preschool-age children. Held every Wednesday at Southside Library. 505-955-2820. [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org).

## YOUTH CHESS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

7-Dec. | 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.  
A weekly chance for school-age kids to continue improving their critical thinking skills through chess. New techniques, strategies, and tricks are introduced while they play with other youths. This program is for youngsters of all ages who know the basic elements of chess and can play without aid. Held every Wednesday at the Main Library. 505-955-6837. [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org).

## MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

8-Dec. | 9:30 - 10 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

8-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS

8-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

8-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

8-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## TODDLER STORYTIME THURSDAYS

8-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS

8-Dec. | 4 - 4:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

8-Dec. | 4 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY AND MOVEMENT GAME

8-Dec. | 5 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY

9-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

## READ TO MAPLE

9-Dec. | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Read to Maple, the therapy dog, and her human Susan at the Southside Library. 505-955-2820. [santafelibrary.org](http://santafelibrary.org)

## FINE ART FRIDAY

9-Dec. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE PARENT MEET UP AND SUPPORT GROUP

9-Dec. | 3 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

## BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

10-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

## MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

10-Dec. | 1 - 2 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

## SCIENCE SATURDAYS

10-Dec. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

## LAS POSADAS

11-Dec. | 5:30 - 8 p.m.  
The 46th annual community-celebrated event returns to the Santa Fe Plaza. Las Posadas recreates Mary and Joseph's search for a place of shelter in the days leading up to the birth of Jesus. Local volunteers from Santa Fe and several surrounding northern communities present this historic Hispanic version. The candle-lit procession will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Santa Fe Plaza, 63 Lincoln Ave., and concludes with carols and good cheer. [nmhistorymuseum.org/event/details/5184/las-posadas](http://nmhistorymuseum.org/event/details/5184/las-posadas)

## WORLD BALLET SERIES: NUTCRACKER

11-Dec. | 6 - 8 p.m.  
Step into the whimsical magic of one of the world's most beloved fairy tales, coming to Kiva Auditorium at the Albuquerque Convention Center. This fairy tale will take you on a Christmas night adventure with Clara and the Nutcracker to the Land of Sweets. A part of the World Ballet Series, the Nutcracker is performed live by a multinational cast of 50 professional ballet dancers gathered to bring this most beloved holiday tradition to life. [kivaauditorium.com](http://kivaauditorium.com).

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT DROP-IN PLAYTIME WITH LAS CUMBRES SPECIALIST

5-Dec. | 9 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 5 listing.

## MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF

12-Dec. | 3 - 8 p.m.  
See Dec. 5 listing.

## GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

12-Dec. | 6 - 7 p.m.  
This support group meets monthly via Zoom to discuss the many challenges associated with kinship. Connect with others navigating the challenges of raising a grandchild, and learn about resources that can help. Although this group is geared towards grandparents, any family in the world of kinship care is welcome. Registration is required. [lafsn.org](http://lafsn.org).

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

13-Dec. | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

## STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

13-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

## SENSORY STORYTIME TUESDAYS

13-Dec. | 3 - 3:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

## AFTER SCHOOL ART

13-Dec. | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

## SENSORY FRIENDLY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

13-Dec. | 5 - 7 p.m.  
Join Family Strength Network for a sensory-friendly holiday celebration featuring holiday crafts, activities, and a chance to meet Santa in a sensory-friendly environment. You must register to attend. 505-662-4515. [lafsn.org](http://lafsn.org).

## MOTHERHOOD CIRCLE

13-Dec. | 4 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

## WAGS AND WORDS

13-Dec. | 6 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

## CAROLS AND CHORUSES

13-Dec. | 7 - 8 p.m.  
The Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi hosts its annual performance of Carols and Choruses by the Santa Fe Symphony Chorus. Sing along to some of the most beloved Christmas songs. No tickets are required, and all ages are welcome. [santafesymphony.org](http://santafesymphony.org).

## SENSORY FRIENDLY MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

14-Dec. | 9:30 - 10 a.m.  
Are large crowds too much for your child? Do you have a wandering little one? Las Cumbres staff have designed this sensory-friendly music and movement program for your family. Join for structured musical activities using instruments, scarves, sticks, and ribbons. Held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. For children 0 to 6 years old and their caregivers. [lascumbres-nm.org](http://lascumbres-nm.org).

## BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

14-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

## WEE WEDNESDAYS

14-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

## STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY

14-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

## POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

14-Dec. | 12 - 1 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

## ADVENTURES IN STEM

14-Dec. | 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
Join Family Strengths Network for kid-friendly STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) activities hosted by STEAM Lab. Children of all ages are welcome. 505-662-4512. [lafsn.org](http://lafsn.org).



Artwork submitted by Santa Fe Public School's Art Education Department. (Roberto)

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## TEEN LOUNGE

14-Dec. | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

## KIDS SING ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION

14-Dec. | 3:15 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

## YOUTH CHESS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

14-Dec. | 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

## MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

15-Dec. | 9:30 - 10 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

15-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

15-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
The Autism Support Group meets every third Thursday of the month via Zoom. All parents and caregivers raising children with an Autism diagnosis are welcome to attend. Email [abbienelson@lccs-nm.org](mailto:abbienelson@lccs-nm.org) to register.

## SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

15-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## TODDLER STORYTIME THURSDAYS

15-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS

15-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

15-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

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

15-Dec. | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Talk to the youth services staff about the books you want us to buy, the programs you want us to plan, and 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 middle and high school students and is held at Mesa Public Library. [laconm.libcal.com/event/7816633](https://laconm.libcal.com/event/7816633).

## THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

15-Dec. | 4 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS

15-Dec. | 4 - 4:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY AND MOVEMENT GAME

15-Dec. | 5 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## CHESS & JAZZ CLUB

15-Dec. | 6 - 8 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

## OPENING DAY AT ANGEL FIRE RESORT

16-Dec. | ALL DAY

Enjoy a day of skiing and snowboarding at Angel Fire Resort. 80+ runs, a terrain park, 30+ acres of glade trails, a tubing hill, and more. Lift starts spinning at 9 a.m. [angelfireresort.com](http://angelfireresort.com).

## BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY

16-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

## FINE ART FRIDAYS

16-Dec. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE PARENT MEET UP AND SUPPORT GROUP

16-Dec. | 3 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

## READ RUNNERS BOOK CLUB AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY

16-Dec. | 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

## PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

17-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

## BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

17-Dec. | 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

## VITAL SPACES COMMUNITY ART CLOSET

17-Dec. | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Vital Spaces opens its 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. [vitalspaces.org](http://vitalspaces.org).

## MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

17-Dec. | 1 - 2 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

## SCIENCE SATURDAYS

17-Dec. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

## WINTER BREAK

19-Dec. - 4-Jan.

School and administrative offices are closed for Espanola, Los Alamos, and Santa Fe Public Schools. Espanola and Los Alamos reopen on Jan. 3; Santa Fe Public Schools reopen on Jan. 4.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT DROP-IN PLAYTIME WITH LAS CUMBRES SPECIALIST

5-Dec. | 9 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 5 listing.

## MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF

19-Dec. | 3 - 8 p.m.  
See Dec. 5 listing.

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

20-Dec. | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

## STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

20-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

## SENSORY STORYTIME TUESDAYS

20-Dec. | 3 - 3:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

## AFTER SCHOOL ART

20-Dec. | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

## MOTHERHOOD CIRCLE

20-Dec. | 4 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

## WAGS AND WORDS

20-Dec. | 6 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

## TODDLER CRAFT TIME

21-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.

Family Strength Network hosts a monthly workshop for toddlers with hands-on activities for kids and grownups alike. 505-662-4515. [lafsn.org](http://lafsn.org).

## BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

21-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

## WEE WEDNESDAYS

21-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

## STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY

21-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

## POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

21-Dec. | 12 - 1 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

## MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

22-Dec. | 9:30 - 10 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

# Winter Calendar - December/January

## ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

22-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

22-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## TODDLER STORYTIME THURSDAYS

22-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS

22-Dec. | 4 - 4:45 p.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

22-Dec. | 4 - 7 p.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY AND MOVEMENT GAME

22-Dec. | 5 - 6 p.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## FINE ART FRIDAYS

23-Dec. | 2 - 4 p.m.

See Dec. 2 listing.

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE PARENT MEET UP AND SUPPORT GROUP

23-Dec. | 3 - 4 p.m.

See Dec. 2 listing.

## MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

24-Dec. | 1 - 2 p.m.

See Dec. 3 listing.

## SCIENCE SATURDAYS

24-Dec. | 2 - 4 p.m.

See Dec. 3 listing.

## CHRISTMAS EVE FAROLITO WALK

24-Dec. | 5 - 10 p.m. (Tentative)

One of Santa Fe's most beloved holiday traditions, the Canyon Road Farolito Walk, lights up the hearts and souls of thousands who stroll the iconic road on Christmas Eve. Known for world-class galleries, Canyon Road transforms itself into a work of art during this annual celebration unique to Santa Fe. Thousands of farolitos cast a glow on the gardens, courtyards, and adobe walls of the century-old buildings lining the road. Please confirm the event status by emailing [canyonroadmerchants01@gmail.com](mailto:canyonroadmerchants01@gmail.com).

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

27-Dec. | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

## STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

27-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

## SENSORY STORYTIME TUESDAYS

27-Dec. | 3 - 3:30 p.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

## MOTHERHOOD CIRCLE

27-Dec. | 4 - 6 p.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

## WEE WEDNESDAYS

28-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

## STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY

28-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

## POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

28-Dec. | 12 - 1 p.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

## MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

29-Dec. | 9:30 - 10 p.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

29-Dec. | 10 - 11 a.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

29-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## TODDLER STORYTIME THURSDAYS

29-Dec. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.



Artwork from kindergarten through second grade submitted by Santa Fe Public School's Art Education Department.

## THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

29-Dec. | 4 - 7 p.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS

29-Dec. | 4 - 4:45 p.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY AND MOVEMENT GAME

29-Dec. | 5 - 6 p.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## FINE ART FRIDAYS

30-Dec. | 2 - 4 p.m.

See Dec. 2 listing.

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE PARENT MEET UP AND SUPPORT GROUP

30-Dec. | 3 - 4 p.m.

See Dec. 2 listing.

## MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

31-Dec. | 1 - 2 p.m.

See Dec. 3 listing.

## SCIENCE SATURDAYS

31-Dec. | 2 - 4 p.m.

See Dec. 3 listing.

## A CITY DIFFERENT NEW YEAR'S EVE ON THE SANTA FE PLAZA

31-Dec. | 5 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Ring in the New Year together in City Different! Round up your family, friends, and visitors to welcome the New Year to Santa Fe. Be part of the fun as The City Different says adios to 2022 at the seventh annual free New Year's Eve celebration on Santa Fe Plaza. Visit [santafe.org/nye](http://santafe.org/nye) for more information.

## January

### FREE FIRST SUNDAYS

1-Jan. | ALL DAY

See Dec. 1 listing.

### DAWN 'TIL DUSK DAY

1-Jan. | ALL DAY

See Dec. 1 listing.

### MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF

2-Jan. | 3 - 8 p.m.

See Dec. 5 listing.

### BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS

2-Jan. | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

See Dec. 5 listing.

### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY CAMPS

3-Jan. | 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Genoveva Chavez Community Center will offer school closure day camps on designated days when the public schools are closed. Day Camps are for children 6 to 12 years of age. [chavezcenter.com/after\\_school\\_programs](http://chavezcenter.com/after_school_programs).

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

3-Jan. | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

### STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

3-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

### AFTER SCHOOL ART

3-Jan. | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

### MOTHERHOOD CIRCLE

3-Jan. | 4 - 6 p.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

### WAGS AND WORDS

3-Jan. | 6 - 7 p.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

### BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

4-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

### TODDLER TUNES

4-Jan. | 10:30 - 11 a.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

### WEE WEDNESDAYS

4-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

### STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY

4-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

### POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

4-Jan. | 12 - 1 p.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

# Winter Calendar - January

**TEEN LOUNGE**

4-Jan. | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**KIDS SING ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION**

4-Jan. | 3:15 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**YOUTH CHESS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

4-Jan. | 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

5-Jan. | 9:30 - 10 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’S STORY HOUR**

5-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS**

5-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

5-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM**

5-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**FUN WITH FIREFIGHTERS**

5-Jan. | 1 - 2 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS**

5-Jan. | 4 - 4:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**THURSDAYS ARE YOURS**

5-Jan. | 4 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY AND MOVEMENT GAME**

5-Jan. | 5 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CHESS & JAZZ CLUB**

5-Jan. | 6 - 8 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**

6-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

**READ TO MAPLE**

6-Jan. | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
See Dec. 9 listing.

**FINE ART FRIDAYS**

6-Jan. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

**FIRST FRIDAY FRACTALS**

6-Jan. | 8 - 9 p.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**

7-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE**

7-Jan. | 1 - 2 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**

7-Jan. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF**

9-Jan. | 3 - 8 p.m.  
See Dec. 5 listing.

**GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN**

9-Jan. | 6 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 12 listing.

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

10-Jan. | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**

10-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**AFTER SCHOOL ART**

10-Jan. | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**MOTHERHOOD CIRCLE**

10-Jan. | 4 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**WAGS AND WORDS**

10-Jan. | 6 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

11-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**WEE WEDNESDAYS**

11-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**

11-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP**

11-Jan. | 12 - 1 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**ADVENTURES IN STEM**

11-Jan. | 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 14 listing.



Artwork submitted by Santa Fe Public School’s Art Education Department. (Carlo)

**TEEN LOUNGE**

11-Jan. | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**KIDS SING ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION**

11-Jan. | 3:15 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**YOUTH CHESS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

11-Jan. | 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

12-Jan. | 9:30 - 10 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’S STORY HOUR**

12-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

12-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM**

12-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS**

12-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**THURSDAYS ARE YOURS**

12-Jan. | 4 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS**

12-Jan. | 4 - 4:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY AND MOVEMENT GAME**

12-Jan. | 5 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**

13-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

**READ TO MAPLE**

13-Jan. | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
See Dec. 9 listing.

**FINE ART FRIDAYS**

13-Jan. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**

14-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE**

14-Jan. | 1 - 2 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**

14-Jan. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

# Winter Calendar - January

**MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF**  
16-Jan. | 3 - 8 p.m.  
See Dec. 5 listing.

**CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP**  
17-Jan. | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**  
17-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**AFTER SCHOOL ART**  
17-Jan. | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**MOTHERHOOD CIRCLE**  
17-Jan. | 4 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**WAGS AND WORDS**  
18-Jan. | 6 - 7 p.m.

**TODDLER CRAFT TIME**  
18-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 21 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**  
18-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**WEE WEDNESDAYS**  
18-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**  
18-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP**  
18-Jan. | 12 - 1 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’S STORY HOUR**  
19-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP**  
19-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 15 listing.

**SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM**  
19-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS**  
19-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**  
19-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) FOR MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
19-Jan. | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 15 listing.

**THURSDAYS ARE YOURS**  
19-Jan. | 4 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS**  
19-Jan. | 4 - 4:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY AND MOVEMENT GAME**  
19-Jan. | 5 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CHESS & JAZZ CLUB**  
19-Jan. | 6 - 8 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**  
20-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

**READ TO MAPLE**  
20-Jan. | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
See Dec. 9 listing.

**FINE ART FRIDAYS**  
20-Jan. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**  
21-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**VITAL SPACES COMMUNITY ART CLOSET**  
21-Jan. | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
See Dec. 17 listing.

**MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE**  
21-Jan. | 1 - 2 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**  
21-Jan. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF**  
23-Jan. | 3 - 8 p.m.  
See Dec. 5 listing.

**CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP**  
24-Jan. | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**  
24-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**AFTER SCHOOL ART**  
24-Jan. | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**MOTHERHOOD CIRCLE**  
24-Jan. | 4 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**WAGS AND WORDS**  
24-Jan. | 6 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**  
25-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**  
25-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**WEE WEDNESDAYS**  
25-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP**  
25-Jan. | 12 - 1 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**TEEN LOUNGE**  
25-Jan. | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**KIDS SING ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
25-Jan. | 3:15 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**YOUTH CHESS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**  
25-Jan. | 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
26-Jan. | 9:30 - 10 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’S STORY HOUR**  
26-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**  
26-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM**  
26-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS**  
26-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS**  
26-Jan. | 4 - 4:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**THURSDAYS ARE YOURS**  
26-Jan. | 4 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY AND MOVEMENT GAME**  
26-Jan. | 5 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**  
27-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

**READ TO MAPLE**  
27-Jan. | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
See Dec. 9 listing.

**FINE ART FRIDAYS**  
28-Jan. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.



Featuring Art School Santa Fe’s student artwork from this fall. (Emilia, fifth grade)

# Winter Calendar - January/February

## **BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**

28-Jan. | 10 - 11 a.m.

See Dec. 3 listing.

## **MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE**

28-Jan. | 1 - 2 p.m.

See Dec. 3 listing.

## **SCIENCE SATURDAYS**

28-Jan. | 2 - 4 p.m.

See Dec. 3 listing.

## **MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF**

30-Jan. | 3 - 8 p.m.

See Dec. 5 listing.

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

31-Jan. | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

## **STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**

31-Jan. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

## **AFTER SCHOOL ART**

31-Jan. | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

## **MOTHERHOOD CIRCLE**

31-Jan. | 4 - 6 p.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

## **WAGS AND WORDS**

31-Jan. | 6 - 7 p.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

# February

## **BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

1-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

## **STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**

1-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

## **WEE WEDNESDAYS**

1-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

## **POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP**

1-Feb. | 12 - 1 p.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

## **TEEN LOUNGE**

1-Feb. | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

## **KIDS SING ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION**

1-Feb. | 3:15 - 4 p.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

## **YOUTH CHESS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

1-Feb. | 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

## **MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

2-Feb. | 9:30 - 10 a.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## **ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR**

2-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## **STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

2-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## **SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM**

2-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## **YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS**

2-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## **CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS**

2-Feb. | 4 - 4:45 p.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## **THURSDAYS ARE YOURS**

2-Feb. | 4 - 7 p.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## **CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY AND MOVEMENT GAME**

2-Feb. | 5 - 6 p.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## **CHESS & JAZZ CLUB**

2-Feb. | 6 - 8 p.m.

See Dec. 1 listing.

## **BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**

3-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.

See Dec. 2 listing.

## **READ TO MAPLE**

3-Feb. | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

See Dec. 9 listing.

## **FINE ART FRIDAYS**

3-Feb. | 2 - 4 p.m.

See Dec. 2 listing.

## **FIRST FRIDAY FRACTALS**

3-Feb. | 8 - 9 p.m.

See Dec. 2 listing.

## **BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**

4-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.

See Dec. 3 listing.

## **MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE**

4-Feb. | 1 - 2 p.m.

See Dec. 3 listing.



Featuring Art School Santa Fe's student artwork from this fall. (Bobbi, eighth grade)

## **SCIENCE SATURDAYS**

4-Feb. | 2 - 4 p.m.

See Dec. 3 listing.

## **FREE FIRST SUNDAYS**

5-Feb. | ALL DAY

See Dec. 4 listing.

## **DAWN 'TIL DUSK DAY**

5-Feb. | ALL DAY

See Dec. 4 listing.

## **MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF**

6-Feb. | 3 - 8 p.m.

See Dec. 5 listing.

## **BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS**

6-Feb. | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

See Dec. 5 listing.

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

7-Feb. | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

## **STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**

6-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

## **AFTER SCHOOL ART**

6-Feb. | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

## **MOTHERHOOD CIRCLE**

6-Feb. | 4 - 6 p.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

## **WAGS AND WORDS**

6-Feb. | 6 - 7 p.m.

See Dec. 6 listing.

## **BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

8-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

## **STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**

8-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

See Dec. 7 listing.

# Winter Calendar - February

**WEE WEDNESDAYS**  
8-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP**  
8-Feb. | 12 - 1 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**TEEN LOUNGE**  
8-Feb. | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**KIDS SING ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
8-Feb. | 3:15 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**YOUTH CHESS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**  
8-Feb. | 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
9-Feb. | 9:30 - 10 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR**  
9-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**  
9-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM**  
9-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS**  
9-Feb. | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS**  
9-Feb. | 4:00- 4:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**THURSDAYS ARE YOURS**  
9-Feb. | 4 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY AND MOVEMENT GAME**  
9-Feb. | 5 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**  
10-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

**READ TO MAPLE**  
10-Feb. | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
See Dec. 9 listing.

**FINE ART FRIDAYS**  
10-Feb. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**  
11-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE**  
11-Feb. | 1 - 2 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**  
11-Feb. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF**  
13-Feb. | 3 - 8 p.m.  
See Dec. 5 listing.

**GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN**  
13-Feb. | 6 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 12 listing.

**CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP**  
14-Feb. | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**  
14-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**AFTER SCHOOL ART**  
14-Feb. | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**MOTHERHOOD CIRCLE**  
14-Feb. | 4 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**WAGS AND WORDS**  
14-Feb. | 6 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**  
15-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**TODDLER CRAFT TIME**  
15-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 21 listing.

**WEE WEDNESDAYS**  
15-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**  
15-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP**  
15-Feb. | 12 - 1 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**TEEN LOUNGE**  
15-Feb. | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**KIDS SING ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
15-Feb. | 3:15 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**YOUTH CHESS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**  
15-Feb. | 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**SFPS PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**  
16-Feb. | All Day  
Check with your school for school closure details.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY CAMPS**  
16-Feb. | 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
See Jan. 3 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
16-Feb. | 9:30 - 10 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP**  
16-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 15 listing.

**ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR**  
16-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**  
16-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM**  
16-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS**  
16-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) FOR MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
16-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 15 listing.

**THURSDAYS ARE YOURS**  
16-Feb. | 4 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS**  
16-Feb. | 4 - 4:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY AND MOVEMENT GAME**  
16-Feb. | 5 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CHESS & JAZZ CLUB**  
16-Feb. | 6 - 8 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.



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# Winter Calendar - February

**SFPS PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**  
17-Feb. | All Day  
See Feb. 16 listing.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY CAMPS**  
17-Feb. | 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
See Jan. 3 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**  
17-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

**READ TO MAPLE**  
17-Feb. | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
See Dec. 9 listing.

**FINE ART FRIDAYS**  
17-Feb. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**  
18-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**VITAL SPACES COMMUNITY ART CLOSET OPENS**  
18-Feb. | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
See Dec. 17 listing.

**MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE**  
18-Feb. | 1 - 2 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**  
18-Feb. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**PRESIDENT’S DAY (ALL SCHOOL CLOSURE)**  
20-Feb. | ALL DAY  
All schools will be closed in observance of President’s Day.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY CAMPS**  
20-Feb. | 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
See Jan. 3 listing.

**MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF**  
20-Feb. | 3 - 8 p.m.  
See Dec. 5 listing.

**CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP**  
21-Feb. | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**  
21-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**AFTER SCHOOL ART**  
21-Feb. | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**MOTHERHOOD CIRCLE**  
21-Feb. | 4 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**WAGS AND WORDS**  
21-Feb. | 6 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**  
22-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**WEE WEDNESDAYS**  
22-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**  
22-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP**  
22-Feb. | 12 - 1 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**TEEN LOUNGE**  
22-Feb. | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**KIDS SING ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
22-Feb. | 3:15 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**YOUTH CHESS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**  
22-Feb. | 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 7 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
23-Feb. | 9:30 - 10 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’S STORY HOUR**  
23-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**  
23-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM**  
23-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS**  
23-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS**  
23-Feb. | 4 - 4:45 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**THURSDAYS ARE YOURS**  
23-Feb. | 4 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.



Artwork from kindergarten through second grade submitted by Santa Fe Public School’s Art Education Department.

**CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY AND MOVEMENT GAME**  
23-Feb. | 5 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 1 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE LA FARGE LIBRARY**  
24-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

**READ TO MAPLE**  
24-Feb. | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
See Dec. 9 listing.

**FINE ART FRIDAYS**  
24-Feb. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 2 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**  
25-Feb. | 10 - 11 a.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE**  
25-Feb. | 1 - 2 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS**  
25-Feb. | 2 - 4 p.m.  
See Dec. 3 listing.

**MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF**  
27-Feb. | 3 - 8 p.m.  
See Dec. 5 listing.

**CHIT-CHAT & CHANGE (DIAPERS) DISCUSSION GROUP**  
28-Feb. | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT THE SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**  
28-Feb. | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**AFTER SCHOOL ART**  
28-Feb. | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**MOTHERHOOD CIRCLE**  
28-Feb. | 4 - 6 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

**WAGS AND WORDS**  
28-Feb. | 6 - 7 p.m.  
See Dec. 6 listing.

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