

# PATIENT EDUCATION

# VOLUME 6: ORTHO IS NOT JUST FOR STRAIGHTENING TEETH

Many parents pursue orthodontic treatment for their son or daughter because they want their child to have "straight teeth". This is a worthy goal, but not necessarily the best nor only reason for seeking orthodontic care. There are so many other benefits to move teeth into alignment and fix the bite.

#### 1: EASIER TO KEEP TEETH CLEAN

When teeth are misaligned, bacteria can hide in the nooks and crannies where the teeth overlap. Even with good brushing and flossing, these areas can be missed allowing for the build-up of plaque and tartar and can lead to decalcification or tooth decay.

# 2: REDUCES WEAR AND POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO TEETH

Teeth are designed to fit together like gears. When that gearing is off front-to-back or side-to-side, excessive wear can occur. This damage can lead to worn enamel, hypersensitivity, or fracture of a cusp tip and can be expensive repairs.

#### 3: HELPS AVOID JAW PROBLEMS

Issues with the jaw joint and surrounding muscles can sometimes be correlated with an unfavorable relationship between the top and bottom teeth. A significant malocclusion can add undue stress



beyond the teeth. Issues can arise such as popping, clicking, locking of the temporomandibular joint, headaches and chronic muscle pain.

#### 4: IMPROVES GUM & BONE HEALTH

Crooked teeth can make it more difficult to keep them clean and free of bacteria/plaque. This can lead to cavities or irritate the gums resulting in gingivitis. If the infection persists long enough, gingivitis will progress to periodontitis which can cause bone loss and loose teeth.

#### 5: ALLOWS FOR CLEARER SPEECH

Teeth and the jaw relationship play a big role in producing certain sounds needed for clear speech. When a child has a large overbite, open bite, or significant gaps between their front teeth, sounds that begin with the letter(s), "s", "sh" or "th" may be difficult to pronounce. A narrow maxillary arch may inhibit proper tongue position which can have an impact not only on speech, but also on swallowing and mouth breathing.

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#### **EXPLORE ACADEMY** CHARTER SCHOOL

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505-856-8519 | explore.academy/abq

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#### MONTE DEL SOL CHARTER **SCHOOL**

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

505-982-5225 | mdscs.org

■ MIDDLE SCHOOL
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#### **NEW MEXICO SCHOOL** FOR THE ARTS

New Mexico School for the Arts is a free public statewide high school that serves students in grades 9 through 12 with a rigorous, award-winning mastery arts training and academic program. In 2024, NMSA students surpassed state and national averages in their SAT scores—an achievement that highlights how studying the arts alongside other subjects significantly boosts student achievement. At NMSA, students immerse themselves in their chosen discipline: Creative Writing & Literature, Dance, Music, Theatre, or Visual Arts. NMSA's enrolled artistscholars represent 46 communities and 9 Native American Nations from all three New Mexico congressional districts. The school's free residential program provides housing for students who live 65+ miles from Santa Fe.

505-310-4194 | nmschoolforthearts.org

HIGH SCHOOL

#### THE ACADEMY FOR **TECHNOLOGY AND THE CLASSICS**

The Academy for Technology and the Classics was founded in 2000 to provide a classical and technology-based approach to education in a public school setting. The school aims to integrate students with a variety of learning styles and personal strengths in order to foster communication, literacy, critical thinking, and the personal skills necessary for college success. The academy cultivates fearless learners and is an inclusive community of scholars who boldly inspire and empower each other to think critically, build imaginatively, and courageously cocreate a just world.

505-473-4282 | atcschool.org

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#### THE MASTERS PROGRAM **EARLY COLLEGE CHARTER SCHOOL**

# Go Aggies!

#### TAEYA M. PADILLA

The college experience



Taeya Padilla is a senior at New Mexico State University.

When people ask me where I go to school, I cannot help but feel a deep sense of pride to call myself a New Mexico State University Aggie. To say "guns up!" is more than just a phrase, it's a feeling of accomplishment. The endless possibilities NMSU provides made me into the person I am today.

I am a senior at NMSU, double majoring in communication studies and journalism with minors in sports marketing, marketing, advertising, and strategic communication. During my time at NMSU, I have been able to dabble in different fields, attend workshops, gain valuable experience in public relations, and build close relationships.

As a freshman, I had the opportunity to live in Piñon Hall. Although the feeling of leaving home was terrifying, it was the start of a new chapter. When my parents dropped me off, I remember sitting on my bed thinking, what now? But as I met new people and fell in love with the Organ Mountains, I started to think of Las Cruces as home.

My first semester, I was a double major in fashion merchandising and design and business. I learned everything from making clothes to economics and accounting. NMSU provided me with weekly tutoring in accounting-and provides that for all degree paths. Toward the end of the semester, I decided to switch my major to communication studies because fashion was not my passion. I had no idea what I wanted a career in.

The next semester, I was captivated by communications. I found another home within the department of communication studies. Greg Armfield, department head and professor, welcomed me with open arms and had a huge influence on my academics and career. The small class sizes helped me develop meaningful relationships

with my professors and make lifelong friends. Assistant professor Gabriella Morales gave me the opportunity to lead hour-long facilitations and treated all her students with an enviable kindness. The professors and students in the department make you excited to get up and go to class.

A class that really stood out to me in the department was Communication and Culture. It taught me the importance of knowing how diverse cultures communicate and helped me apply communication theories to my own life. Family and interpersonal communication also helped me to become more self-aware. I realized how my communication style was impacting my life and how I could break negative communication patterns.

As a sophomore, I was getting paid to go to school. My scholarships were covering full tuition, and I received money for my living expenses. I added sports marketing and journalism minors and interned with NMSU



Taeya at NMPA's annual convention in Albuquerque, November 2024.



Taeya Padilla, right, attended the New Mexico State University College of Business alumni dinner with friends.

Athletics as a media relations intern for an academic year. I took pictures for multiple sporting events, posted on social media platforms, wrote press releases and was highly involved with Aggie Athletics. Having a press pass and sitting on the basketball court filming Instagram highlights were unique experiences that not many college students have. Feeling the wins and losses from the Aggie perspective helped me build a connection to NMSU's fan base, the NMSU Athletics Department and athletes I was covering.

Toward the end of my sophomore year, my parents found out they were expanding our family and having a baby. Although unconventional, I was able to take all of my courses online for my junior fall semester, help my family and stay on track to graduate. One of the greatest qualities NMSU has is its community-oriented culture. The faculty and staff at NMSU are studentcentered and care for the well-being of their students. They do everything in their power to accommodate students.

In my junior spring semester, I added marketing and advertising minors and was hired by the NMSU Marketing and Communications office as its student news writer. This office is great at taking care of its student employees and helping them reach their goals. My position as a student news writer mainly included writing news releases for the NMSU Newsroom. With this job came the responsibility of interviewing professors and faculty, sending professional emails and sometimes taking pictures for the NMSU News social media accounts. I was given the opportunity to write stories for NMSU's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences magazine and the College of Business annual report. NMSU offers student jobs in different departments to help students advance their careers and reach their goals.

In addition to my job at NMSU, Armfield recommended me for an internship with the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico. The Foundation is a nonprofit organization and serves 12 counties across southern New Mexico. They hold 300 endowments, offer more than 40 scholarships and nine annual grant cycles. I worked as the social media and special events intern for two semesters. When representing CFSNM at meetings, events or conferences,

I was able to confidently answer questions and offer my perspective because of the public speaking skills I gained at NMSU.

My senior year, I added a journalism major with a minor in strategic communication and joined the American Marketing Association. I attended two workshops in my senior fall semester with the support of

Richard Coltharp, long-time journalist and adjunct professor, encouraged me to apply for the New Mexico Press Association College Journalism Workshop during NMPA's annual convention. This was a great opportunity where I was able to network with journalists from across the state and publish three articles in the Shop Talk newspaper and on NMPA's website. My experience was similar to a day in the life of a journalist. I interviewed Old Town Albuquerque business owners and visitors, learned how to take outdoor photographs and wrote stories on tight deadlines.

Erin Baca Blaugrund, AMA faculty adviser and marketing professor, coordinated the Teaching Business Ethics Workshop Case Competition and invited me to attend. The workshop focused on analyzing an ethical dilemma. With a group of six people from schools across New Mexico and Colorado, we were tasked with analyzing the case and presenting our decision to a panel of judges, faculty and the other teams. My team and I took third place, which was a big accomplishment for me.

Not only does NMSU go above and beyond in academics, but NMSU excels in extracurriculars and student engagement. My four years at NMSU have been the best years of my life. I attended morning yoga at the activity center, football tailgates, career fairs, sporting events, activity fairs and an alumni dinner. My favorite memories are doing my homework and having picnics in the grass, fishing in the Alumni Pond, joining AMA, working with my best friends, hiking the Organs, admiring the Las Cruces sunsets, living with my best friend in the dorms and late-night frozen custard runs. I couldn't think of a better place to attend college. NMSU has truly captured my heart.

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

505-428-7320 | tmpsantafe.org

HIGH SCHOOL

#### THRIVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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

505-982-1990 | thriveschoolsf.org ■ KINDERGARTEN ■ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### TIERRA ENCANTADA **CHARTER SCHOOL**

For more information, visit the school's website.

505-983-3337 | gotecs.org

HIGH SCHOOL

#### **TURQUOISE TRAIL CHARTER SCHOOL**

Turquoise Trail Charter School is the state's oldest charter school and is as diverse as Santa Fe itself. Students come from Rio Rancho, Las Vegas, Santa Fe, and surrounding pueblos to attend one of the highest-achieving institutions. Turquoise Trail was voted Best of Santa Fe and named a New Mexico Spotlight School, and was among the top 10 percent of schools in English language acquisition. Turquoise Trail has rigorous academic standards serving students Pre-K (age 3) through 8th grade.

505-986-4000 | ttschool.org

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## **PRIVATE** SCHOOLS

#### **CAMINO DE PAZ MONTESSORI SCHOOL** AND FARM

For more information, visit the school's website.

505-747-6707 | caminodepaz.net

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■ MIDDLE SCHOOL
■ HIGH SCHOOL

#### **CHILDREN'S GARDEN MONTESSORI**

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

505-466-1251

childrensgardensantafe.com

- EARLY CHIDHOOD PRE-KINDERGARTEN
- KINDERGARTEN

#### **DESERT MONTESSORI** SCHOOL.

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

505-983-8212 | desertmontessori.com

- EARLY CHIDHOOD PRE-KINDERGARTEN
- KINDERGARTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN **CHURCH CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

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

505-982-8919 | fpcsantafe.org/cdc

- EARLY CHIDHOOD PRE-KINDERGARTEN
- KINDERGARTEN

#### **GARCIA STREET CLUB SCHOOL**

For more information, visit the school's website.

505-983-9512 | garciastreetclub.com

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

#### **GENTLE SHEPHERD LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL**

For more information, visit the school's website. 505-983-9383 | ilc-sfnm.360unite.com

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

**GROWING UP NEW MEXICO** 

Growing Up New Mexico provides high-quality early childhood programs, prenatally through age 5, to families living in Santa Fe and Rio Arriba Counties. We offer home visiting services, full-day/full-year childcare and Early Pre-K/Pre-K, family coaching and referrals to community resources, and free book distribution as an official Dolly Parton's Imagination Library affiliate. All of Growing Up New Mexico's programs are universally offered in English and Spanish. Our home visiting, family coaching, and Early Pre-K/Pre-K programs are provided for free. We accept New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) child care assistance for our child care program.

505-819-0137 | growingupnm.org

- EARLY CHIDHOOD PRE-KINDERGARTEN

#### *IOURNEY MONTESSORI* **SCHOOL**

The Journey Montessori School mission is founded on authentic Montessori methodology combined with a deep connection to nature and outdoor education. Journey's vision is to foster learning through developmentally appropriate experiences that tie together core academic subjects with natural-world experiences. Students explore concepts of constructing themselves while developing their social/emotional/cognitive intelligence and communication. They participate in inquiry-based learning projects that foster initiative and allow for voice and choice. Students move beyond the classroom walls to connect with nature and their community. Students are prepared to face planet challenges, all within the context of where they are developmentally. Journey is AMI (Association Montessori Internationale) certified.

505-652-1986

journeymontessorischool.org

- PRE-KINDERGARTEN
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- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### KIDS' CHOICE INC.

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

505-992-6146

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#### LA CASITA PRESCHOOL

La Casita Preschool is a Reggio Emilia– inspired parent cooperative school that has served the families of Santa Fe for 52 years. La Casita is five-star rated through the Early Childhood Education and Care Department and nationally accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children. They offer a wide variety of

play experiences, expressive materials, and learning experiences not available at home. Children are free to choose, observe, explore, create, and learn in a literacy rich environment especially designed for them.

505-983-2803 | lacasita.edu

- EARLY CHIDHOOD PRE-KINDERGARTEN
- KINDERGARTEN

#### LA MARIPOSA **MONTESSORI**

La Mariposa is a traditional Montessori school with certified Montessori instructors and traditional Montessori materials presented in the classrooms. Work groups are small, with children making independent, responsible decisions about their workflow and individual progress. The key programming element is the prepared environment, which encourages a child to be self-directed and develop active learning skills. The staff is committed to providing children with a well-rounded, developmentally appropriate academic program in a nurturing, well-prepared, respectful, and diverse environment. La Mariposa believes education is a lifelong endeavor and that every child has a right to grow, learn, and develop in a child-centered and wellprepared environment. 505-995-9659

lamariposamontessori.com

- EARLY CHIDHOOD PRE-KINDERGARTEN
- KINDERGARTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### LA PETITE ACADEMY

For more information, visit the school's website.

505-473-9525 | lapetite.com

EARLY CHIDHOOD PRE-KINDERGARTEN

#### LITTLE EARTH SCHOOL

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

505-988-1968 | littleearthschool.org

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- KINDERGARTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### MAY CENTER FOR **LEARNING**

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

# **Dual Credit** at Santa Fe Community College

#### **MARCOS MAEZ**

A program that really makes a difference

In today's fast-evolving academic landscape, students are increasingly looking for ways to jumpstart their college experience while still in high school. Dual credit programs, such as the one offered by Santa Fe Community College (SFCC), provide an invaluable opportunity for motivated high school students to earn college credits, build a stronger academic foundation, and ease the transition to post-secondary education. This program empowers students by enabling them to complete college-level coursework, often at little to no cost, while simultaneously satisfying high school graduation requirements. SFCC's dual credit program provides a range of benefits, including financial savings and improved career preparation, which help students achieve their educational goals more efficiently.

Dual credit programs allow high school students to enroll in college courses and earn both high school and college credits simultaneously. At SFCC, dual credit courses are designed to align with high school curriculum standards while meeting the rigorous academic expectations of college-level coursework. Participating students can take courses in various subjects. including English, math, science, humanities, and career-specific programs, enabling them to explore academic interests or focus on fields relevant to their career goals.

One of the distinguishing aspects of dual credit at SFCC is that students can take courses either on the SFCC campus, online, or at their own high schools, depending on the specific arrangement between SFCC and the high school. This flexibility in delivery allows students to manage their schedules better and select a learning environment that best suits their individual needs.

One of the most appealing aspects of the dual credit program is the financial savings it offers. At SFCC, tuition for dual credit students is waived, making this a cost-effective way to earn college credits. Given the rising cost of college tuition, the ability to complete several college courses often for free or only the cost of additional course-specific fees can substantially reduce the financial burden on students and their families.

By earning college credits in high school, dual credit students can reduce the time it takes to complete a college degree. Some students can even enter college with enough credits to qualify as sophomores, allowing them to graduate in less time than their peers. This early start can be particularly valuable for students with clear academic or career goals, as they can focus on

advanced courses sooner and enter the workforce earlier.

Transitioning from high school to college is a significant adjustment, but dual credit programs can ease this transition by familiarizing students with the rigor and expectations of college coursework. SFCC's dual credit courses require critical thinking, time management, and self-motivationskills that are essential for success in college and beyond. By mastering these skills in high school, dual credit students gain the confidence and readiness needed to thrive in a college environment.

Dual credit courses at SFCC also provide students with a unique opportunity to explore potential career paths. SFCC offers a range of courses tailored to career and technical fields, allowing students to gain hands-on experience and industry-relevant skills. Fields such as healthcare, welding, and film are popular options for students who are considering careers in these areas. Additionally, career-specific dual credit courses can help students make informed decisions about their career choices before they fully commit to a particular field of study.

In many cases, dual credit courses can boost a student's high school GPA. High school transcripts that feature college-level courses can also be beneficial when applying to colleges. Admissions officers often view dual credit participation as a sign of academic ambition, maturity, and readiness for college, which can strengthen a student's application and improve their chances of acceptance into competitive programs.

To be eligible for SFCC's dual credit program, students typically need to be enrolled in a participating high school and meet specific academic prerequisites, which may vary depending on the course.

Students must meet with their high school counselor to discuss the dual credit options available and determine which courses align with their academic and career goals. Parental approval is also required, as it ensures that families are fully informed and supportive of the student's dual credit journey.

I want to pause here for a moment and share that as a professional who has been working with dual credit students at SFCC for more than a decade, I have seen how this program can affect the very trajectory of a student's life. A few years ago, when visiting a Santa Fe High School classroom to introduce the program to students, I had the opportunity to meet a student who

was, by his own admission, a mediocre student and fairly disengaged from school. Together SFCC Dual Credit Specialist Niki McKay and I convinced him to take a dual credit course. He then continued working one-on-one with Niki, who helped him identify the right course and encouraged him through the registration process to the first day of class. He took and completed a Culinary Arts course. It would become the first on the road to his associate degree, which he completed in 2023. The dual credit experience not only introduced him more fully to the career he would pursue, but it also created relevance for all his other courses in high school as he began to see and understand their connection to his future. He was a high performer in his dual credit classes and improved in all his other courses. One of the most rewarding days for me in the last few years was when his mother found Niki and me to say "thank you" as she and her son, in cap and gown, arrived for Commencement. It was wonderful to celebrate his accomplishment.

I also know that his story is not unique. We have seen this happen for many of our dual credit students who discover themselves and their future because of this opportunity.

Many students who have participated in SFCC's dual credit program have gone on to achieve remarkable success in college and their careers. For example, some dual credit alumni have completed their associate degrees within one year of high school graduation, giving them a competitive edge in the job market or a solid foundation for transferring to fouryear institutions.

Dual credit at Santa Fe Community College offers a powerful pathway for high school students to begin their college education early, build essential skills, and gain exposure to potential career paths. The financial, academic, and personal benefits of the program empower students to take control of their futures, laying a strong foundation for lifelong learning and success. As SFCC's dual credit program continues to grow, it will undoubtedly help more students realize their academic and career goals, shaping a brighter future for the next generation.

Marcos Maez is SFCC's Director of Student Engagement and Recruitment. To learn more about SFCC's Dual Credit program, visit sfcc.edu/ offices/dual-credit/.

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is the gold standard for students with learning differences.

#### 505-780-5439 | maycenter.org

- EARLY CHIDHOOD PRE-KINDERGARTEN
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#### **RIO GRANDE SCHOOL**

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

#### 505-983-1621 | riograndeschool.org

- EARLY CHIDHOOD PRE-KINDERGARTEN
- KINDERGARTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### SANTA FE CHRISTIAN

Santa Fe Christian is a private school serving K-6. Our mission is to serve Christian families by providing a Gospelcentered, academically superior, and expanding educational experience. Our mission is to raise up Christlike leaders who will realize and pursue their full potential to transform the world for the glory of God. Our expectations are to develop the whole child, spiritually, academically, socially, and physically through the truths of the gospel. 505-477-4460 | santafechristian.org

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### SANTA FE GIRLS' SCHOOL

Dedicated to middle school girls, Santa Fe Girls' School cultivates discerning minds, strong voices, and emotional wisdom through substantive academics and authentic student-teacher connections. Our thoughtful academic curricula engages our students' curiosity and excellence; our small class size ensures that each student's abilities. challenges and accomplishments are recognized by her teachers. Our graduates go on to the public and private high schools of their choice as academic and social leaders.

505-820-3188 | santafegirlsschool.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL

For more information, visit the school's website

505-989-6300 | sfis.k12.nm.us

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#### SANTA FE MONTESSORI **CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

For more information, visit the school's website.

505-629-6443

- santafemontessorichildcareprogram.com ■ EARLY CHIDHOOD ■ PRE-KINDERGARTEN
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#### **SANTA FE PREP**

Santa Fe Prep (Prep) offers engaging academic courses and meaningful experiential education programs to students in 7th through 12th grades. Students learn how to solve problems big and small, explore the natural world, use technology in creative ways, and bring their ideas to life. Vibrant visual and performing arts programs, competitive athletic opportunities,

and service learning are integral to a Prep education. Prep is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year, and generous tuition assistance is available. The Malone Family Foundation Scholarship supports gifted students with demonstrated financial need.

505-982-1829 | sfprep.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL

#### SANTA FE SCHOOL FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES

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

505-438-8585 | santafeschool.org

PRE-KINDERGARTEN KINDERGARTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### SANTO NIÑO REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

505-424-1766 | santoninoregional.org

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#### ST. MICHAEL'S HIGH SCHOOL

For more information, visit the school's website.

505-983-7353 | stmichaelssf.org

HIGH SCHOOL

#### TEMPLE BETH SHALOM PRESCHOOL

Temple Beth Shalom Preschool students benefit from small class sizes and the warmth of professional and dedicated educators. The outdoor space is an extension of the classroom where learning continues in two playgrounds and a student-tended garden. Intentional materials encourage creativity, exploration, and discovery. 505-982-6888 | sftbs.org/preschool

EARLY CHIDHOOD PRE-KINDERGARTEN

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

#### **ACEQUIA MADRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Acequia Madre embraces joyful learning by helping students discover and build upon their passions. Through challenging academics, fine and performing arts, and community partnerships, students learn to contribute to their community and develop the skills needed to become lifelong learners and conscientiously engaged citizens for the future. In 2023-24, more than 70 percent of students transferred to the school from all over the city. Acequia Madre boasts a unique grade 2–4 violin program, a K–6 garden program, and benefits from strong parent engagement. Students, staff, and parents are proud of the school's 2022 Blue Ribbon designation for outstanding academic achievement.

505-467-4000 | acequiamadre.sfps.info

KINDERGARTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### **AMY BIEHL COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

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

505-467-2100 | amybiehl.sfps.info

■ PRE-KINDERGARTEN
■ KINDERGARTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**SCHOOL** 

## **ASPEN COMMUNITY**

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

505-467-4500 | aspen.sfps.info

PRE-KINDERGARTEN KINDERGARTEN

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### ATALAYA ELEMENTARY **SCHOOL**

Atalaya Elementary is a midsize school known for its small, family-friendly feel. Nestled in the foothills of the East Mountains, the team of teachers provides a strong academic foundation that seeks to instill the love of learning in every student. They believe in educating the whole child and offer a balanced curriculum of math, language arts, inquiry science, and social studies. Each classroom experience includes various grade-level traditions that are designed with a variety of community partners such as DoD Starbase, National Dance Institute, Wise Fools, New Mexico Center for Therapeutic Riding, and the Acequias Project. These unique traditions help students experience excellence and a belief in and understanding of themselves through the program partnerships they experience.

505-467-4400 | atalaya.sfps.info

PRE-KINDERGARTEN KINDERGARTEN

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### **CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Capital High School is a 9th through 12th comprehensive high school with specialized programming including AVID®, bilingual courses, advanced placement, dual credit offerings, and Medical Pathway, Business Pathway, and Computer Science Pathway. Capital High offers marching and concert band, choir, guitar, orchestra, drama, dance, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Model Legislature, DECA (for career interests in marketing, entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality, and management), HOSA-Future Health Professionals, the Interact Club, to promote international understanding, WAVE (Wellness Ambassadors to Voice and Empower), which promotes resiliency and protective factors, the Mariachi Club, the Spanish Reading Club, NM Dream Team, the largest immigrant youth-led network in New Mexico, Supercomputing, the Environmental Club, Naciones Unidas, which involves research and debate, and the Culture Club. Athletic programming includes football, boys' and girls' soccer and basketball, volleyball, cross-country, wrestling, swimming, diving, track & field, tennis, golf, dance and cheer. 505-467-1000 | capital.sfps.info

#### **CARLOS GILBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

funds several enrichment programs which are available to students.

505-467-4703 | carlosgilbertptk.com ■ KINDERGARTEN ■ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### **CÉSAR CHÁVEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

At César Chávez Community School, we engage students with high expectations while providing the equitable support that students deserve. We are dedicated to developing high-quality programs that empower students from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. César Chávez offers families a choice of a traditional English immersion program or a dual language model (Spanish-English). Both strands serve students in grades K - 5 and support literacy development in one or two languages. We are also proud to offer pre-k classes for four-year old students. The dual language program offers a comprehensive, standards-based literacy program that ensures students become biliterate and bilingual by 5th grade. Science and social studies are organized around themes to create student interest in learning while respecting and honoring each child's voice, personal life experience, beliefs, language, and culture. Our trauma-informed, caring, professional staff offers an extensive, high-level curriculum to support students' academic and wellness growth and success. We have a fulltime nurse and school counselor; both nationally certified. A community school coordinator and Student Success Facilitator with Communities in Schools also supports school programming, classes for parents, and community partnerships.

505-467-3200 | cesarchavez.sfps.info

■ PRE-KINDERGARTEN
■ KINDERGARTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### **CHAPARRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

505-467-1400 | chaparral.sfps.info

■ KINDERGARTEN ■ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### **DESERT SAGE ACADEMY**

Desert Sage Academy (DSA) provides face-to-face online and digital learning for students in combined grades 3-6 and blended learning in grades 9 through 12. At DSA, students experience a different way of learning that allows for fewer distractions and smaller class sizes. Students can participate in the school's virtual classes from home or anywhere there's an internet connection. Lessons are provided within a synchronous

schedule that allows for intensive support and intervention to foster the knowledge, critical thinking skills, and character necessary to succeed. Through its online educational platform, DSA can assist all students meet their educational goals and graduate with a high school diploma.

505-467-2701 | desertsage.sfps.info

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL

#### **EARLY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES HIGH SCHOOL**

Early College Opportunities High School (ECO) offers a challenging curriculum designed to prepare students for higher education and vocational careers. ECO partners with Santa Fe Community College, the Institute of American Indian Arts, and San Juan College. By enrolling in dual credit courses, high school students can earn college and high school credits at the same time, accelerating their educational journey. 505-467-2701 | eco.sfps.info

HIGH SCHOOL

#### **EARLY LEARNING CENTER** AT KAUNE

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

505-303-3950 | growingupnm.org

■ EARLY CHIDHOOD ■ PRE-KINDERGARTEN

#### **EJ MARTINEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

505-467-3800 | ejmartinez.sfps.info

PRE-KINDERGARTEN KINDERGARTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### **EL CAMINO REAL ACADEMY**

El Camino Real Academy is a duallanguage, multicultural, multiliterate community of respectful, kind, responsible, creative learners striving for excellence. El Camino Real Academy is committed to dual language education for all students in grades Pre-K through 8th and is currently the only International Spanish Academy in New Mexico. El Camino Real Academy students have the opportunity to be recognized by the Ministry of Education of Spain to receive the official Spanish Seal issued by the Spanish Embassy. 505-467-1300 | ecra.sfps.info

PRE-KINDERGARTEN KINDERGARTEN

**■ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ■ MIDDLE SCHOOL** 

# **EL DORADO COMMUNITY**

El Dorado Community School reflects a culture all its own. It is representative of the local and rural communities and teaches students pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. El Dorado students are offered a variety of classes with an emphasis on art and music. By the end of 8th grade, all students will have experienced choir, band, or orchestra. The school community proudly maintains a community garden through the student garden club. Students have access to various after-school sports and clubs, most of which are sponsored by or provided through the support of local community members and organizations. 505-467-4900 | eldorado.sfps.info

PRE-KINDERGARTEN KINDERGARTEN

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### FRANCIS X. NAVA **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Nestled in the middle of Santa Fe, Francis X. Nava Elementary serves approximately 180 students. Nava proudly boasts one class per grade level, and students thrive on the Nava Way: being respectful, responsible, and conscientious. Nava's vision is to rise above goals and past expectations. Every educational decision the school makes is supported by its core values: making every moment a teachable one, supporting each other to meet challenges, and looking for the positive. 505-467-1200 | nava.sfps.info

■ PRE-KINDERGARTEN
■ KINDERGARTEN

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## **GONZALES COMMUNITY**

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

505-467-3100 | gonzales.sfps.info

■ KINDERGARTEN ■ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### **KEARNY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Kearny values equity and each student's heritage. Kearny supports Spanish language speakers through the Heritage Model, which highlights the transferability between Spanish and English while still providing basic maintenance of the home language. Staff partners with community organizations to support students' social-emotional and academic needs. Cooking With Kids educates and empowers children and families to choose healthy food. Offerings include girls' and boys' basketball, cheerleading, Student Council, Girls Inc., and other opportunities.

505-467-1800 | kearny.sfps.info

■ PRE-KINDERGARTEN
■ KINDERGARTEN

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### KIDS CAMPUS AT SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

For more information, visit the school's website.

505-428-1354 | kidscampus.sfcc.edu

EARLY CHIDHOOD

#### **MANDELA** INTERNATIONAL MAGNET SCHOOL

Mandela International Magnet School is the only equal access, public International Baccalaureate (IB) school in Santa Fe. Picked as the 2nd best public high school in New Mexico in 2024 by Niche.com, Mandela fully embraces the tenets and mission of the IB program to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. Admission is via lottery through Santa Fe Public Schools.

505-467-1901 | mims.sfps.info

■ MIDDLE SCHOOL ■ HIGH SCHOOL

#### **MILAGRO MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Milagro offers a wide range of arts and science opportunities, including band, orchestra, guitar, choir, and three distinct art classes. The school collaborates with community organizations to enrich the curriculum. Milagro is becoming a Computer Science academy, offering advanced math, Python, and C++ programming courses, and STEM classes in agriculture and rocket technology. The school has a greenhouse, grow room, and Apple Lab for hands-on learning. Milagro excels in sports like soccer, volleyball, baseball, cheer, and track and field. Students are held to high academic and behavior standards and are encouraged to stay active through daily physical education and team participation.

505-467-3300 | milagro.sfps.info

MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### **NEW MEXICO CONNECTIONS ACADEMY**

For more information, visit the school's website.

505-428-2150 | connections academy.com

■ PRE-KINDERGARTEN
■ KINDERGARTEN

**■ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ■ MIDDLE SCHOOL** 

#### **NEW MEXICO SCHOOL** FOR THE DEAF

For more information, visit the school's website.

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

PRE-KINDERGARTEN KINDERGARTEN

HIGH SCHOOL

■ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ■ MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### **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

■ PRE-KINDERGARTEN
■ KINDERGARTEN

■ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
■ MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### **NYE EARLY CHILDHOOD** CENTER

Nye is a high-quality early childhood learning center that welcomes and supports all learners. Teachers are highly qualified in early childhood education and special education. Nye is equipped with several collaborative learning spaces that support inquirybased learning, art, independence, and family engagement. The school values family partnerships and community involvement. All students are guaranteed equitable opportunities through the Santa Fe Public Schools Pre-K lottery. 505-467-4600 | nye.sfps.info

■ EARLY CHIDHOOD ■ PRE-KINDERGARTEN

#### ORTIZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

505-467-2300 | ortiz.sfps.info

MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### PIÑON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

#### 505-467-1600 | pinon.sfps.info

Pre-K, Kindergarten, Elementary

PRE-KINDERGARTEN KINDERGARTEN

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### **R.M. SWEENEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

to meet the needs of both native **English and Spanish** speakers, creating an inclusive environment where language learners can thrive. In addition to academics, RM Sweeney Elementary promotes social and emotional development with

programs that encourage students to become responsible and engaged members of their community. The staff is dedicated to supporting the growth of each student, providing a nurturing atmosphere that values

diversity, equity, and inclusion.
505-467-1500 | sweeney.sfps.info

■ PRE-KINDERGARTEN
■ KINDERGARTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### RAMIREZ THOMAS **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Ramirez Thomas Elementary's Dual Language, 50/50 model program serves students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd, whose heritage language is Spanish, by providing them with high-quality, academic instruction in Spanish and English. Their instructional model emphasizes small group, differentiated learning opportunities so they can work to meet the needs of all students. This will continue growing one grade level per year until they have a full Kindergarten-5th strand in the 2026-27 school year. Ramirez Thomas's mission is to provide students with targeted academic and social-emotional learning opportunities that value and build on what they already know. Teachers and staff members value the partnerships between students, families, and the community.

505-467-3000 | ramirezthomas.sfps.info

■ EARLY CHIDHOOD ■ PRE-KINDERGARTEN

■ KINDERGARTEN ■ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### SALAZAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Salazar's vision is to foster an environment where students know they belong and are loved. We are committed learners who deeply value learning through challenging academics while cultivating a worldly curiosity. Whether learning indoors or outside in the beautiful garden, students

are encouraged to explore and share ideas. Engagement extends to families and the community. Through joyful celebrations, outdoor learning, and STEM opportunities, Salazar secures students' paths toward a thriving future. We offer the opportunity to learn in both English and Spanish, no matter the language spoken at home. We are dedicated to helping students find the positive strengths that they have within themselves to shine bright in the community.

505-467-3900 | salazar.sfps.info

PRE-KINDERGARTEN KINDERGARTEN

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL

Santa Fe High School seeks to develop lifelong learning skills, values, and knowledge so that students can become self-reliant and positive contributors to the world. Santa Fe High offers a diverse curriculum, a wide range of Advanced Placement (AP) courses and dual credit offerings, elective opportunities, and unique small learning academies that develop strong teacherstudent relationships. Extracurricular programming and club opportunities include WAVE (Wellness Ambassadors to Voice and Empower) Club, Book Club, Sexuality and Gender Acceptance (SAGA) Club, mentorship program, Mock Trial, Speech & Debate, Computer Science, marching and concert band, choir, guitar, orchestra, drama, dance, National Honor Society, "Demon Tattler" newspaper, Science Olympiad, Key Club, Speech and Debate Club, Bilingual Club, Student Government, chess, robotics, boxing, yearbook and Thespian Club. Athletic programming includes wrestling, football, volleyball, girls' and boys' soccer, cross country, basketball, swimming and diving, track and field, golf, wrestling, tennis, baseball, softball and cheer.

505-467-2400 | sfhs.sfps.info

HIGH SCHOOL

#### **TESUQUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Tesuque Elementary is a hidden gem located north of Santa Fe in Tesuque Village. Tesuque has served the children of Tesuque, Chupadero, Rio en Medio, and Tesuque Pueblo since 1930. With an approach focused on multisensory learning beyond the classroom, Tesuque offers an academic program that meets the needs of all learners. Embedded throughout the school day is a sensory, social, and emotional curriculum. Tesuque's diverse students have daily opportunities to learn about a variety of cultures, explore the attributes of living in New Mexico, and make use of their ideas for the betterment of the world. 505-467-4100 | tesuque.sfps.info

KINDERGARTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### WOOD GORMLEY **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

505-467-4800 | woodgormley.sfps.info

KINDERGARTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# 2024 ACADEMIC SUPPORT GUIDE



## **ACADEMIC SUPPORT GUIDE**

#### A+ ACADEMIC COACHING

For more information, visit the website. 505-888-7643 | apluscoaching.com

PRIVATE TUTORING

#### **ARISE TUTORS**

Arise Tutors provides one-on-one and small-group tutoring throughout northern New Mexico, including at schools, in the community, at Pueblos, and in the home. We are qualified to interpret standardized test scores to enhance achievement. We have a tutor base for Spanish and emerging English learners. We also have expertise in STEM tutoring. Each tutoring relationship begins with an assessment and follow-up conversation with families/ guardians. We offer group and package discounts and flexible scheduling. 315-552-8205 | arisetutors.com

■ READING ■ WRITING ■ MATH/STEM

PRIVATE TUTORING ONLINE

## **BREAKTHROUGH SANTA**

For more information, visit the website. 505-795-7517 | breakthroughsantafe.org

#### **C14 LEARNING SERVICES**

For more information, visit the website. 704-737-4649 | catherinefortin.org/

WRITING PRIVATE TUTORING

#### **CATRON COMMUNITY** LEARNING CENTER

For more information, visit the website. 505-983-8102 catroncommunitylearning.com

PRIVATE TUTORING

#### **ETIQUETTE SCHOOL OF SANTA FE**

For more information, visit the website. 505-988-2070 | etiquettesantafe.com

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

#### FIRST SERVE OF NEW **MEXICO**

For more information, visit the website. 505-395-6482 | firstservenewmexico.org

PRIVATE TUTORING PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

#### LEARNERS CHESS

Learners Chess is a local New Mexico nonprofit founded in 2010. We use chess as a tool to develop intellectual, social, and leadership maturity for success in school and in life. We run school chess clubs, school break chess camps, and chess tournaments for kids. 505-369-6026 | learnerschess.org

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

#### LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF SANTA FE

For more information, visit the website. 505-428-1353 | lvsf.org

■ READING ■ PRIVATE TUTORING

## **MATHNASIUM OF SANTA**

For more information, visit the website. 505-657-2606 | mathnasium. com/santafe/about

■ MATH/STEM ■ PRIVATE TUTORING

#### MAY CENTER FOR **LEARNING**

For more information, visit the website. 505-983-7407 | maycenter.org/

READING PRIVATE TUTORING

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

#### **READING QUEST**

Reading Quest provides year-round, science of reading based, structured literacy programs for children who are reading one or more years below grade level. Our multisensory tutoring program is customized for each student, providing gamified, one on

one sessions for each student. Our in-person tutoring sessions empower students to believe in themselves as they become strong, enthusiastic readers. We also offer summer tutoring and an intensive six week summer 'Reading is Magic' camp program.

505-920-9709 | readingquestcenter.org

READING PRIVATE TUTORING

#### SANTA FE CHILDREN'S **MUSEUM**

Our weekly programs are all included with museum admission and designed to offer science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) activities that build upon a child's natural sense of joy and discovery. We encourage and cultivate habits of inquiry about the world, how things work, and promote plenty of fun. Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.: Wee Wednesdays toddler play Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.: Seeds and Sprouts nature-based fun Fridays from 2-4 p.m.: Fine Art Fridays art exploration Saturdays from 2-4 p.m.: Science Saturdays STEM projects 505-989-8359

santafechildrensmuseum.org

STEAM PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

#### SANTA FE PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more information, visit the website. 505-955-6781 | santafelibrary.org

READING PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

#### SFPS WORK-BASED LEARNING

The SFPS Work-Based Learning program is a structured internship program that collaboratively engages local high-value employers and SFPS high schools offering junior and senior students quality paid internships, jobshadowing, and mentorship experiences. Participating high schools: Santa Fe High School, Capital High School, Early College Opportunities High School, The Academy for Technology and the Classics, and Desert Sage Academy. Student intern benefits include participation in a boot camp style soft skills training pre-internship where students learn about professionalism, work ethic, effective communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. They build a résumé, learn about email etiquette, and practice interviewing skills while earning academic credit. 505-467-2647 | sfps.info/page/ work-based-learning

COLLEGE PREP

#### THE PLANETARIUM AT SANTA FE COMMUNITY SCHOOL.

For more information, visit the website. 505-428-1000 | sfcc.edu/planetarium

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

#### VISTA GRANDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more information, visit the website. 505-466-7323 | vglibrary.org

Winter 2025

READING PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

# Calendar of Events

# January

#### **LEGEND**

#### **★** SPOTLIGHT



**VISUAL ARTS** 



SPECIAL EVENTS
SUPPORT & COMMUNITY



PERFORMING ARTS





45	NATURE
	ENTERTAINMENT

	Sunday	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday
					1	Ice Skating at GCCC <b>6:30</b> AM - <b>10:30</b> PM Toddler Tunes at LAFSN <b>10:30</b> - <b>11</b> AM Eis Haus Skating in Taos Ski Valley <b>11</b> AM - <b>8</b> PM Animal Encounters <b>11:30</b> AM - <b>12:30</b> PM Many Mothers Play Area <b>12</b> - <b>2</b> PM What's Up Wednesdays <b>1:30</b> - <b>3</b> PM NEW YEAR'S DAY
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interactive exploration of Opera. Held at La Farge library on 1/25, and Main library on 2/22.

## SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

#### **CELEBRATION** & HOLIDAY

#### **LUNAR NEW** YEAR CELEBRATION AT THE MUSEUM OF **INTERNATIONAL FOLK ART JANUARY 26 | 11 AM - 4 PM**

Join us to Celebrate Asian New Year traditions and the Year of the Snake. There will be family fun for all ages including art activities, performances by Quang Minh Temple Lion Dance Group, Taiko Drumming by Smokin' Bachi Taiko, and more!

#### **MARDI GRAS** IN THE MOUNTAINS **FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 4 ALL DAY**

Celebrate Mardi Gras in the snow-capped mountains of Red River. The unique blend of Mardi Gras and Red River traditions draws crowds from across the country. Dress up and celebrate a good time during the Grand Ball; experience something new with the burning of the Loup-garu—a spirit that removes your troubles and worries for the coming year; prepare your palate for Cajun cook-offs and crawfish boils; and bundle up and watch the annual Mardi Gras Main Street Parade.

#### **EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT**

#### **NEW MEXICO BRICK CONVENTION**

**JANUARY 18 - 19** 

10 AM - 1 PM / 2 - 5 PM

New Mexico Brick Convention is returning to Expo New Mexico in 2025 with two times the LEGO displays. Brick Convention is the Greatest LEGO Fan Event on earth and brings all of the creative hands-on, minds-on fun of LEGO building and experiences together in one activity, an entertainmentpacked family event for children of all ages and builders of all skills and interests.

#### **TOUGHEST** MONSTER TRUCK TOUR

**JANUARY 10 - 11 | 7:30 PM** 

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

#### VISUAL ARTS & CULTURE

#### **OPERA MAKES SENSE** PERFORMANCE FOR KIDS

**JANUARY 25, FEBRUARY 22** 1 - 2 PM

Join the Young Voices of the Santa Fe Opera for this fun and

#### **NATURE**

#### **FEBRUARY FUN**

#### **FEST AT SIPAPU SKI**

#### DECEMBER 6 | 9 AM - 4 PM

Our FREE February Fun Fest Weekend celebration includes a giant snow castle and mountainwide scavenger hunt, with heaps of fantastic prizes and more fun than you can shake a ski pole at. Costumes highly encouraged.

#### **JUNIOR SKI PATROL DAY AT TAOS SKI VALLEY**

#### **DECEMBER 31 | 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM**

Kids and families are invited to dress in their fancy clothes or their favorite costumes and come to their nearest library for a party. The balloons will drop at noon! Mesa Public Library and White Rock Branch. All ages are welcome. The crafts and activities are geared toward 4-10 year olds, so bring your inner child and have some fun!

## ► RECURRING ACTIVITIES

#### **SUPPORT & COMMUNITY**

#### **BABY AND TODDLER PLAY HOUR AT MAIN LIBRARY**

#### 10:30 - 11:30 AM

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

**DATES:** Every second Saturday

#### **BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS**

#### 10:15 - 11 AM

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

**DATES:** Every Tuesday

#### **BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS**

#### 6:30 - 8:30 PM

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

**DATES:** First Mondays

#### **DAWN 'TIL DUSK DAY AT LOS LUCEROS HISTORIC SITE**

#### **SUNRISE TO SUNSET**

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

**DATES:** First Sundays

#### **DAWN 'TIL DUSK DAY AT CORONADO HISTORIC SITE**

#### **SUNRISE TO SUNSET**

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

**DATES:** First Sundays

#### **RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET**

#### 10 AM - 3 PM

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

**DATES:** Every Sunday

#### **SANTA FE FARMER'S MARKET - SATURDAY**

#### 8 AM - 1 PM

Shop a great selection of fresh produce, eggs, meat, honey, bread, chile, apothecary, and much more. At our market, 100% of the vegetables, fruits, and nursery plants available are grown right here in northern New Mexico. Arrive hungry and stop in Cafe Fresh for hot coffee and a selection of readyto-eat treats. Check out our Santa Fe Farmers' Market Gift Shop and its ever-changing selection of fair trade and local items. Your purchases directly support our farmers.

**DATES:** Every Saturday

#### **SPECIAL NEEDS/ AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP**

All parents and caregivers raising children with an Autism diagnosis are welcome. This is an in-person meeting at the Los Alamos Center (1060 Nugget St, Los Alamos). Email Abbie. Nelson@lccs-nm.org with any questions about this group. **DATES:** Every Tuesday

#### **TEEN LOUNGE AT** LA FARGE LIBRARY

#### 2 - 4 PM

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

**DATES:** Every

Wednesday except 12/25

#### **THURSDAYS ARE** YOURS AT SANTA FE **CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

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

**DATES:** Every Thursday except 11/28

#### SPORTS & **MOVEMENT**

#### **TOT TIME AT GCCC**

#### 8:15 AM - 9:30 AM

Leisure pool for kids 4 and under. No registration needed, \$2 per person. **DATES:** Every Tuesday

and Thursday

#### **ICE SKATING AT GCCC**

#### **HOURS VARY\***

The Genoveva Chavez Community Center offers public ice, curling, hockey, skating lessons, and skate shop. For more information, google "Ice skating at Genoveva Chavez Community Center.' \*Not all hours are open to the public, please confirm times for public ice, lessons, and sport events online.

**DATES:** Every Day

#### VISUAL ARTS & CULTURE

#### **CREATE WITH O'KEEFFE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY**

#### 3:30 - 4:30 PM

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

**DATES:** Second Thursdays

#### **CREATE WITH O'KEEFFE AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**

#### 3:30 - 4:30 PM

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

**DATES:** Third Thursdays

#### **CREATE WITH O'KEEFFE AT MAIN LIBRARY**

#### 3:30 - 4:30 PM

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

**DATES:** Fourth Thursdays

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

#### 10 AM - 12 PM

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

**DATES:** First Sundays

#### **FINE ART FRIDAYS AT SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

#### 2 - 4 PM

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

**DATES:** Every Friday

# FREE FAMILY FUN AT GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM

#### 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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

**DATES:** Second Sundays

# FREE FIRST SUNDAYS AT NEW MEXICO MUSEUMS

10 AM - 5 PM

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

**DATES:** First Sundays

# MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF

3 - 8 PM

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

**DATES:** Every Monday

#### **TODDLER CRAFT AT LAFSN**

10 - 11 AM

FSN's monthly crafts are a pleasure for grown-ups and kids. Free; drop in. **DATES:** Third Wednesday & Following Saturday, starting in December

# PERFORMING ARTS

# KIDS SING-ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC

10:30 - 11:15 AM

Join us every Monday for joyful music and games at Queen Bee Music Association. **DATES:** Every Monday

# KIDS SING-ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC

10:30 - 11:15 AM

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

**DATES:** Every Wednesday

# MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

9:30 - 10 AM

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

**DATES:** Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays at Mesa Public Library, Wednesdays at White Rock Library (Los Alamos libraries closed 12/22 - 14)

#### **TODDLER TUNES AT LAFSN**

10:30 - 11 AM

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

**DATES:** First Wednesdays

# EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

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

10 - 10:30 AM

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

# BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

10 - 11 AM

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

#### BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

10 - 10:30 AM

The power of music and song are used as an introduction to language in this program for

babies and toddlers. Exposure to new and different language sounds in early childhood can help children with language acquisition skills as they grow. **DATES:** Every Saturday

# CAREGIVER AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

10 - 11 AM

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

# COME BUILD WITH US AT MAIN LIBRARY

2 - 4 PM

Come use your imagination to build your newest creation! **DATES:** Fourth Saturdays

# DROP-IN LEGOS AND GAMES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

2 - 4:30 PM

Stop in anytime between 2:30 and 4:30 for our Legos and Games Extravaganza. **DATES:** Last Fridays

(From February until April)

#### FUN WITH FIREFIGHTERS AT SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

1 - 2 PM

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

**DATES:** First Thursdays

# MANY MOTHERS' PLAY AREA

12 PM - 2 PM

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

**DATES:** Mondays - Thursdays

#### PAJAMA STORYTIME/ HORA DEL CUENTO EN PAJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

6:30 - 7:30 PM

A cozy, evening storytime that includes a snack and a craft, for parents and preschool children. This program is in partnership with the Santa Fe Children's Museum and Growing Up New Mexico.

DATES: Every Thursday

# PASEO POTTERY THROW DOWN

5 - 8 PM

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

**DATES:** First Fridays

# PAWS AND PAGES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Practice reading aloud to a friendly therapy dog from the Santa Fe Animal Shelter Pet Outreach Program. Our dogs are patient, cuddly, and love to hear stories! Reluctant readers will gain confidence and seasoned readers will enjoy practicing their read-aloud skills in a relaxed environment.

DATES: Every Monday (except 1/20)

# READ TO A PUP AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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

**DATES:** Every first and third Saturday

#### **SCIENCE SATURDAYS**

2 - 4 PM

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

**DATES:** Every Saturday

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

10:30 - 11:30 AM

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

**DATES:** Every Wednesday

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

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Created with early childhood teaching techniques, this story hour and craft provide social, physical, and cognitive skill practice for kindergarten readiness. This program is for preschool-age children. **DATES:** Every Thursday

### **STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE**

**BRANCH LIBRARY** 

10:30 - 11:30 AM

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

**DATES:** Every Tuesday

#### STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK LIBRARY

10:15 - 10:45 AM

Children ages 3 to 5 years old are invited to attend storytime at White Rock Library. Storytime is meant to teach and affirm early literacy concepts, songs, and fun with kids who can listen to a few books and are starting to put the world together in story form. Babies and older siblings are welcome, but caregivers should be aware of the program's focus. **DATES:** Every Wednesday except 1/1

#### **WAGS & WORDS AT MAIN LIBRARY**

#### 6 - 7 PM

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

**DATES:** Every Tuesday

#### **WEE WEDNESDAYS**

10:30 - 11:30 PM

Santa Fe Children's Museum offers storytime for toddlers and special exploration and activities. **DATES:** Every Wednesday except 1/1

#### WHAT'S UP WEDNESDAY AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

1:30 - 3 PM

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

**DATES:** Every Wednesday except 1/1

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

5:45 - 7:45 PM

Youth chess is a weekly chance for school-age youth to continue to improve their critical thinking skills through the game of chess. While playing with other youth, new techniques, strategies, and tricks are introduced. This program is for youth of all ages who know the basic elements of chess and can play without aid. **DATES:** Every Wednesday except 1/1

#### **NATURE**

#### **ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS** AT THE NEW MEXICO WILDLIFE CENTER

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Meet an animal ambassador. **DATES:** Tuesdays - Sundays except 1/1

#### **EIS HAUS SKATING RINK IN TAOS SKI VALLEY**

11 AM - 8 PM

Skaters of all abilities and ages will enjoy ice skating and many other activities on the ice. Large built-in fireplaces with seating adjacent to the ice offer a terrific place for family and friends to

watch and socialize after a day on the mountain. Pricing: Adults \$25, youths \$20. Tickets can be purchased on-site at the Eis Haus. Price includes skate rental. **DATES:** Every Day

#### **FIRST FRIDAY FRACTALS**

8 - 9 PM, 9 - 10 PM

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

#### **MEET CORNELIUS** THE SNAKE

1 - 2 PM

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

#### **NATURE PLAYTIME**

10 - 11 AM

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

#### **SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM**

10:30 - 11:30 AM

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

**DATES:** Every Thursday except 11/28

#### **SLEDDING AT HYDE MEMORIAL STATE PARK**

7:30 AM - 4 PM

Take the kids up to Hyde Memorial State Park for a sledding adventure. The sled run is open daily when conditions

allow, and the State Park day use fee is just \$5. Sleds and tubes are not available to rent on site, so make sure to bring your own.

**DATES:** Every Day

#### **TORCHLIGHT**

#### **PARADE & FIREWORKS**

**7 PM** 

Join us every Saturday during ski season for the best show in Red River. Our Torchlight Parade & Fireworks on the Face is a deeprooted tradition that you and your family won't want to miss.

**DATES:** Every

Saturday (until 3/22)

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

#### **ANIME CLUB**

5:30 - 7:30 PM

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

#### RANDOM FANDOM

**DATES:** Second Thursdays

6 - 7 PM

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

**DATES:** Fourth Thursdays



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