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**Alma:** Sends emails. Get bored at board meetings.

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

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**Alma:** Be safe. Like not jumping off a ten foot chair or something.



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### ON THE COVER:

Calvin (10) and Alma (7) Lovato are musical prodigies with serious talent and even better hair. Inspired by their parents, Todd and Mariann, they jam out with the music instructors at Queen Bee Music Association, where future rockstars and sibling rivalries are born. Photo by Kitty Leaken.

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# Heartbreak and Healing

## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

### What Breaks Us, Builds Us: Notes from a Year of Grief, Grace, and Growth

I've taken a pause from writing. A long one. A full year, in fact.

For someone whose life has been built on stories—sharing them, shaping them, seeking them—this silence was unfamiliar territory. But life doesn't ask for permission to knock us down. It just does. And sometimes, the only response is to sit in the rubble for a while, catch your breath, and begin the slow, uneven work of rebuilding.

Last spring, in May 2024, everything changed. My mom fell and broke her back in three places. She was already in the grips of dementia, and the trauma pushed her condition into rapid decline. My father, loving and loyal, couldn't manage the medical complexities, the daily demands, and the emotional weight on his own. I stepped in as her primary caregiver.

And while we were still figuring out the logistics of appointments and therapies, of medications and memory loss, the unthinkable happened. My Aunt Susan—my mom's sister-in-law—was killed in a tragic boating accident in Alaska. A commercial fishing boat collided with the smaller vessel she and my uncle were on. She never made it out. Her body was recovered later, still inside the boat.

I don't know how to describe the kind of grief that stacks like that—how heartbreak collides with helplessness, how time starts to lose shape when your days are filled with hospitals, funeral planning, and blank stares from someone you love who no longer remembers.

For months, we waited to see if my mother's spine would heal naturally.

She refused to wear the neck brace. I can't say I blame her. When your mind is already fading, discomfort is intolerable in ways no medical chart can measure. Plus, she kept forgetting her back was broken. The spine didn't heal, and in December, she underwent major surgery. The next day, her organs began shutting down. She was rushed into emergency surgery again. Test after test ruled out the usual suspects—stroke, clots, infection. Finally, a rare diagnosis: serotonin syndrome.

Two back-to-back surgeries on a body and brain already battling dementia had devastating consequences. My mother had to relearn how to walk, talk and how to use a straw again. Her recovery has been long, painful, and ongoing. Today, she lives in a memory care unit, where she often tries to escape. She believes she's back in high school, fluttering with nerves about the new boy who caught her eye—my father. She asks me daily if he likes her, if he wants to date her. And daily, he visits and reminds her—gently, lovingly—that they've been married for over fifty years. He tells her the stories she's forgotten—the births, the road trips, the little arguments and the big victories—and she listens as if they're fairy tales. The next day, my dad starts all over again. She does not remember.

In the middle of this collapse, I stepped away from public service. I couldn't be the leader I wanted to be while trying to hold my family together. I was exhausted—mentally, emotionally, spiritually. I was also ashamed. I felt like I was burdening those I loved. I couldn't fix the problem. I couldn't outrun it. And as someone used to solving problems for others, that was a hard truth to swallow.

So, I got help. I started counseling. I asked for grace. I made space in my days for what was essential—and left the rest to

wait. I poured myself into the parts of life I could still shape.

And in the darkness, there were lights.

Aviva, my spirited daughter, had her first dance recital. She beamed on that stage in her tutu, reveling in the spotlight, full of joy. She graduated from pre-K, proudly showing me her artwork and singing her favorite songs. Ryker, now a confident first grader, learned to play chess—something I didn't expect would capture his attention—and he finished the year with straight A's. Justin, my husband, has leaned into his own entrepreneurship and is thriving, building with passion and purpose. And my dad, who once looked so lost, has found a new rhythm in his days—a peaceful steadiness I admire deeply.

As for me—I'm writing again.

It feels tentative, like learning to walk again. But I'm here, and I'm grateful.

Summer is now upon us. For so many parents, it's a time of transition—of looser schedules and later bedtimes, of sticky popsicles and impromptu adventures. For me, it also serves as a gentle reminder that breaks are not only allowed—they are essential.

Our children are watching us. They learn not just from our productivity, but from our pauses. They learn that grief is not weakness. That caregiving is not failure. That setting down something heavy so you can breathe again is not quitting. It's human. It's healthy. It's how we survive.

In this issue of *Tumbleweeds*, you'll find stories of summer that are playful, messy, and hopeful. Discover how summer gives teachers at the Santa Fe Girls School the recharge they need for a new school year, and meet a brother-and-sister duo from "School of Rock" who are rockin' out with rhythm and confidence. You'll also read

about a father and son rediscovering connection through a childhood hobby—chess—and how it's become a screen-free way to think ahead together. Alongside ideas for camps, family outings, and seasonal events, I hope you also find something deeper: permission to rest, to reset, and to reflect. Not every season is about growth. Some are about healing.

To those of you who are caregivers, who are grieving, who are rebuilding quietly and without applause—I see you. You're not alone.

And if you're in a season of joy, let yourself bask in it. Celebrate the small milestones. Soak in the giggles and the sun. Summer doesn't last forever, but the warmth it gives can carry us far through another school year.

Thank you for being part of this community. I'm honored to write to you again.

**JEN SCHROER**  
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# Eighth Graders' Graduation Speeches Give Me *Reason to Hope*



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## DARYA GLASS

### What true confidence and self-esteem sound like

I love summer because it gives teachers time to recharge their passion and optimism for another school year. It gives us time to improve our curricula, consider how to spark interest using current events and trends, and prepare for the strengths, weaknesses, and interests of the individual students entering our classrooms next year.

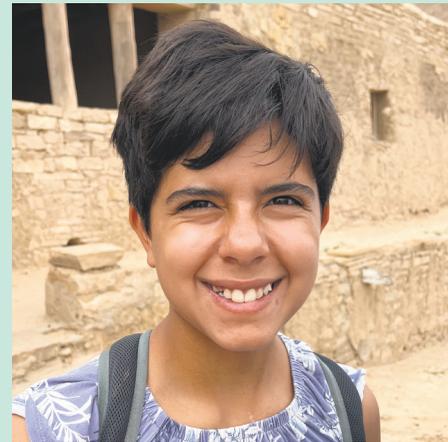
I love teaching middle school; students are on the cusp of adulthood, hungry for knowledge, ready to face what is hard about the world, and still are interested in the wisdom teachers have to share. A huge inspiration for me as I return to my desk are my graduates' reflections. At the Santa Fe Girls' School, our graduates give speeches at graduation about how they have grown through the transformative years of middle school. Some common themes for graduates include finding their voices, valuing learning through failure or challenging experiences, letting go of

perfectionism, (re)discovering their love of learning, and creating and accepting their identities.

I would like to share two of my students' hopeful, happy, personal reflections. The whole reason I love working with young people is to ensure that there will be competent, confident, hard-working, community-minded people to ensure the future of our community, state, and country. I hope that sharing these reflections with you will give you the same sense of optimism I have as a teacher.

Our community is made more resilient with every prepared, confident and tenacious student we support. As my colleagues around the county begin to think about reentering their classrooms, I want us all to feel hope for the future and pride in our students.

***Darya Glass is co-director and history teacher at the Santa Fe Girls' School, a middle school dedicated to girls in grades 6, 7, and 8. Visit [SantaFeGirlsSchool.org](http://SantaFeGirlsSchool.org) for more information about the school and summer camps.***



Courtesy photo: Paloma Rodriguez

Paloma Rodriguez is 14 years old. She started at the Santa Fe Girls' School in sixth grade after attending our summer camp. She attended Gonzales Community School previously, and will be attending Santa Fe High School in the fall. A highlight of her eighth-grade year was a yearlong capstone research project in which she got to research, write about, and present on jellyfish. Paloma is also a keen poet and is interested in politics and activism, in addition to her passion for all things STEM.

### From Paloma:

"I was once a second grader who cried in the empty classroom surrounded by ladybugs and paper periwinkle stars. Salty tears ran down my raw, red face and landed on a crumpled division worksheet at my feet, along with a pencil riddled with teeth marks. One clear thought was able to permeate my distress-clouded brain: "I hate math." My resistance to the subject stayed with me for years. As my body grew, my attitude stayed as that of my second-grade self, opposed to even the thought of math. I wanted to yell and sob at anyone who attempted to help me.

"While my family can attest to this depiction of my younger self, it may come as a surprise to many of my current classmates. To use the language of my beloved math teacher, Ms. Hill, I am now known as quite the math whiz. But this nickname was earned after hard work. My experience at the Santa Fe Girls' School has transformed me from having a closed mind to an open one. It took my least favorite subject and, with careful explanation and patience, helped build my confidence until math was morphed into an integral part of my identity: one that I will carry with me.

"The world that lies ahead of me today is one that I see through the lens of logical, predictable patterns. I now see every series of problems like an endless rabbit hole I can dive into with as much awe, curiosity, and passion as if I were researching the stars, or the Ottoman Empire, or one of my dear jellyfish. This is the philosophy that the Girls' School has instilled in me. This is the person they have helped me become."

Aniella Porak de Varna is also 14 years old. Aniella was at Acequia Madre School, looking at the Girls' School as a seventh-grade option, when she decided to come midway through her sixth-grade year. She will attend Santa Fe Preparatory School in the fall. A highlight for Aniella this year was speaking at the State Legislature, when the eighth grade lobbied for two climate change bills. Aniella loved preparing for and speaking in front of a Senate Committee. Aniella is looking forward to speech and debate in high school, and particularly enjoys the challenges of essay writing and research projects.

**From Aniella:**

"Women of the jury, Shakespeare is guilty." I delivered my speech with conviction. At that moment, I was a lawyer. I held the power. All eyes were on me, and I knew what I said and how I said it mattered. I squared my shoulders and faced the jury of my peers. I met their eyes and did not back down.

"In English this year, we held a court case and put Shakespeare on trial. As soon as I started speaking, I felt confident and powerful.

"Two and a half years ago, I would not have been able to. I would have been nervous, timid, shy, afraid of



Courtesy photo: Aniella Porak de Varna

losing, and above all, worried about what other people would think of me and my opinions.

"For years, I watched in wonder as the older kids at school spoke in front of crowds, wishing I could be like them. But I doubted myself and what

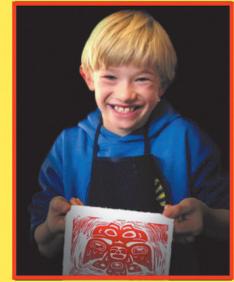
I had to say. I had no idea how they could be so confident.

"Throughout my time at the Santa Fe Girls' School, I have learned that the older kids I admired didn't just say what came to them at that moment: they prepared. I learned that preparation is the key to success. Those students had done their research and knew their information held value. They had to teach themselves before they could teach others. But they, and I, did not have to do it alone. I had dedicated, passionate teachers who helped me learn; I had parents who encouraged me every step of the way; I had classmates who worked alongside me. Nonetheless, to reach that goal, I had to take the steps myself. I was the one who pursued, persevered, and risked putting myself out there. And once I was brave enough to finally speak, I felt powerful and passionate.

"That day, as I delivered my case before my peers, I did not win, but I learned something far more valuable. I learned that what I say matters. I learned that my classmates value my voice. I learned that, with preparation, I can be confident and successful. The outcome of the court case did not matter! I walked out a person sixth-grade-me would be proud of."

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# Discursos que me dan *Esperanza*



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## DARYA GLASS

### Las graduandas de octavo grado expresan su verdadera confianza y autoestima

Me encanta el verano porque nos da a las maestras tiempo para recargar energía y la pasión y optimismo para un nuevo año escolar. Nos da tiempo para mejorar nuestro programa de enseñanza, considerar formas para despertar interés por medio de eventos y tendencias actuales, así como para prepararnos para atender los puntos fuertes, los puntos débiles y los intereses individuales de cada estudiante que entre a nuestras aulas el próximo año.

Me gusta enseñar a los estudiantes de secundaria porque no han alcanzado todavía la adultez, están hambrientas de conocimiento, listas para enfrentar lo que es difícil del mundo y todavía interesadas en la sabiduría que las maestras tienen para compartir. Una enorme inspiración para mí al volver a mi escritorio son las reflexiones de mis alumnas. En Santa Fe Girls' School, nuestras graduandas dan discursos que hablan de la forma en que han crecido a través de los años transformadores de la escuela secundaria. Algunos temas comunes para ellas incluyen el encontrar su voz, valorar el aprendizaje a través de los fracasos o experiencias desafiantes, desapegarse del perfeccionismo,

descubrir o redescubrir su amor por aprender y crear y aceptar sus identidades.

Quisiera compartir las reflexiones personales, felices y esperanzadoras de dos de mis alumnas. La única razón por la cual me encanta trabajar con gente joven es para asegurar que habrá personas competentes, seguras de sí mismas, trabajadoras, con un alto sentido de comunidad que aseguren el futuro de nuestra comunidad, estado y país. Al compartir estas reflexiones espero que inspiren en usted el mismo sentido de optimismo que tengo como maestra.

Nuestra comunidad se hace más resiliente con cada estudiante tenaz, segura, preparada que apoyamos. Ahora que mis colegas en el condado empiezan a pensar sobre el momento de volver a sus aulas, quiero que todas sientan esperanza en el futuro y se sientan orgullosas de nuestras estudiantes.

***Darya Glass es codirectora de Santa Fe Girls' School, donde también enseña historia. La escuela es para jóvenes en los grados seis, siete y ocho. Puede obtener más información de la escuela y sus campamentos de verano en el sitio: [SantaFeGirlsSchool.org](http://SantaFeGirlsSchool.org)***



Courtesy photo:  
Paloma Rodriguez

Paloma Rodriguez tiene 14 años de edad. Empezó el sexto grado en Santa Fe Girls' School después de asistir a nuestro campamento de verano. Anteriormente fue a la escuela comunitaria Gonzales y en el otoño asistirá a Santa Fe High School. Un hito de su octavo grado fue el toque final de un proyecto de investigación de un año entero, durante el cual investigó, escribió e hizo una presentación sobre las medusas. Paloma también es una entusiasta poeta y se interesa por la política y el activismo, además de su pasión por todo lo relacionado con las ciencias, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas, STEM por sus siglas en inglés.

### Lo que dice Paloma

"Fui una vez una niña de segundo grado que lloró en un salón de clase vacío, rodeada de mariposas y estrellas de vincapervinca de papel. Lágrimas resbalaban por mi cara pura, roja y caían en una hoja de trabajo para hacer divisiones arrugada a mis pies, junto a un lápiz plagado de marcas de dientes. Un pensamiento claro pudo extenderse en mi cerebro nublado de angustia: "Odio las matemáticas". Mi resistencia a la materia estuvo conmigo por años. Conforme mi cuerpo creció, mi actitud permaneció como la de mi ser en el segundo grado, opuesta hasta a la idea de las matemáticas. Quería gritarle a cualquiera que intentara ayudarme; quería sollozar.

"Mientras mi familia puede dar testimonio de esta imagen de cuando yo era más joven, podría sorprender a muchas de mis compañeras de clase en la actualidad. Para usar las palabras de mi querida maestra de matemáticas, la Srta. Hill, ahora se me conoce como genio de las matemáticas. Pero ese apelativo fue resultado de mucho trabajo. Mi experiencia en Santa Fe Girls' School me ha transformado de tener una mente cerrada a una abierta. Tomó la materia que menos me gustaba y, con explicaciones cuidadosas y paciencia, me ayudó a sentirme con confianza hasta que las matemáticas se volvieron una parte integral de mi identidad: parte que siempre llevaré conmigo

El mundo que me espera hoy en día lo veo a través de los lentes de patrones predecibles y lógicos. Ahora veo una serie de problemas como una madriguera de conejo interminable en la cual puedo profundizar con tanto deslumbramiento, curiosidad y pasión como que si estuviera investigando las estrellas, o el Imperio otomano, o una de mis queridas medusas. Ésta es la filosofía que Girls' School me ha inculcado. Ésta es la persona en quien me han ayudado a convertirme"

Aniella Porak de Varna también tiene 14 años de edad. Aniella estaba en la escuela Acequia Madre y tenía Girls' School como opción para el séptimo grado, cuando decidió cambiar de escuela como a medio año del sexto grado. Asistirá a Santa Fe Preparatory School en el otoño. Para Aniella un hito este año fue hablar en la legislatura estatal, cuando su octavo grado cabildeó por dos propuestas legislativas sobre el cambio climático. Le gustó prepararse para su presentación ante el comité del senado. Anticipa con entusiasmo participar en oratoria y debate en la preparatoria y, particularmente, disfruta los desafíos de escribir ensayos y la investigación de proyectos.

**Lo que dice Aniella:**

“Mujeres del jurado, Shakespeare es culpable”. Dí mi discurso con convicción. En ese momento, yo era abogada. Tenía el poder. Todos los ojos estaban clavados en mí y sabía que lo que dije y la forma en que lo dije importaba. Bien erguida me enfrente al jurado de mis compañeros. Les miré a los ojos y no cedí.

Este año, en la clase de inglés, entablamos una causa legal y sometimos a Shakespeare a juicio. Tan pronto como empecé a hablar, me sentí segura y poderosa.



Courtesy photo: Aniella Porak de Varna

Hace dos años y medio, no lo habría podido hacer. Hubiera estado nerviosa, cohibida, temerosa de perder y, sobre todo, preocupada de lo que los demás pensarán de mí y mis opiniones.

Por años observé maravillada cómo las estudiantes mayores en la escuela hablaban en frente del público y deseaba poder ser como ellas. Pero

dudaba de mí y lo que tenía que decir. No tenía ni idea de que podía sentirme tan segura.

En mi tiempo en Santa Fe Girls' School, he aprendido que las chicas mayores que yo admiraba no decían sólo lo que se les ocurría en el momento: se preparaban. Aprendí que la preparación es la clave del éxito. Esas estudiantes habían hecho su investigación y sabían que su información tenía valor. Aprendieron primero antes de poder enseñarles a las demás. Sin embargo, ni ellas ni yo tuvimos que hacerlo solas. Yo tuve maestras dedicadas, apasionadas que me ayudaron a aprender; tuve padres que me animaron en todo momento; tuve compañeras que trabajaron a la par mía. No obstante, para alcanzar esa meta, tuve que dar mis propios pasos. Yo fui quien buscó, perseveró y tomó el riesgo de hacerlo. Y una vez tuve el valor suficiente para finalmente hablar, me sentí poderosa y apasionada.

Ese día, cuando presenté mi causa ante mis compañeras, no gané, pero aprendí algo mucho más valioso. Aprendí que lo que digo importa. Aprendí que mis compañeras valoran mi voz. Aprendí que, con preparación, puedo sentirme segura y tener éxito. ¡El resultado de la causa judicial no importaba! Salí de ahí una persona de sexto grado de quien yo estaba orgullosa.



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## BRAD LANGER

### Why kids should get excited about chess

Like many people, I played chess as a kid. I learned how the pieces move and played fairly often, mostly with my dad, just for something fun to do when I had free time. Chess, like life, seems so simple at first, but as you keep playing you notice all the layers and complications. We can also make things more complicated than they need to be, too. There also isn't one right way to play or one correct way to live your life. I didn't know it then, but chess would be a big part of my life, and I would learn a lot from the game.

It didn't take long for me to start beating my dad, so we started looking for stronger competition. My dad saw a notice in the newspaper about a local tournament and signed me up for it. I was the only kid there and I lost all

of my games, but it was still fun. We signed up for more tournaments and I was hooked. It was fun, I enjoyed the competition, and hey, I got to be pretty good at it.

Now that I am older and have kids of my own, I realized that this silly board game taught me a lot. I stopped playing for about 20 years, but picked it back up a few years ago just before the pandemic started. When things shut down, I had a lot of time to dive back into playing chess. I currently coach the chess club at my children's school and it's interesting to see how this new generation is learning many of the same lessons I learned. I would like to share with you some of the many important lessons that children (and adults) can learn from this great game.

First, since this is a game between two players, the game ends with a winner and loser, or it can be a draw (tie). Unfortunately, no one can win every game, so it's important to learn how to accept losing. This isn't easy for grown-ups, either, so practicing how to get over disappointment and learn from it is something that will help our kids in the future when they strike out in baseball, drop a pass in football, get a low grade on a math test, when they apply for colleges, or face challenges at the job, among countless other situations that life will throw at them. One of my mantras that I tell my students is, "It doesn't matter if you fail at something, what matters is how you react to it." This means that mistakes are going to happen, and that's OK, but we want to try to learn from our mistakes. This is a big lesson that chess can help teach us about life.

The flip side of dealing with losing is, of course, winning. It's just as important

to learn how to win graciously. No one likes to lose, and it's even harder if the other person rubs it in or makes the other person feel worse. I have had countless students who start cheering when they capture their opponent's piece, but I remind them how they felt when the same thing happened to them a few minutes earlier. This is a good way to teach empathy, because the kids can put themselves in the position of their opponent or remember how they felt when they lost the previous game.

When I tell people that I play chess, the first question is almost always, "How many moves ahead can you see?" I usually just respond with "oh, I don't know." I say this not to be coy, but because it depends on a lot of factors. There are dozens and dozens of possible moves at every moment of a chess game, but we can reduce this number by using logic and understanding consequences. This is another great lesson that children can

learn from playing. While I *could* trade my queen for a pawn (this is usually a bad idea, since the queen is more valuable), I need to understand that this won't help me win the game. If a child can begin to understand what will happen after a move, they are becoming more aware as rational little people. My daughter *could* put her dirty dish under her bed, but it would be much more helpful if she put it in the dishwasher.

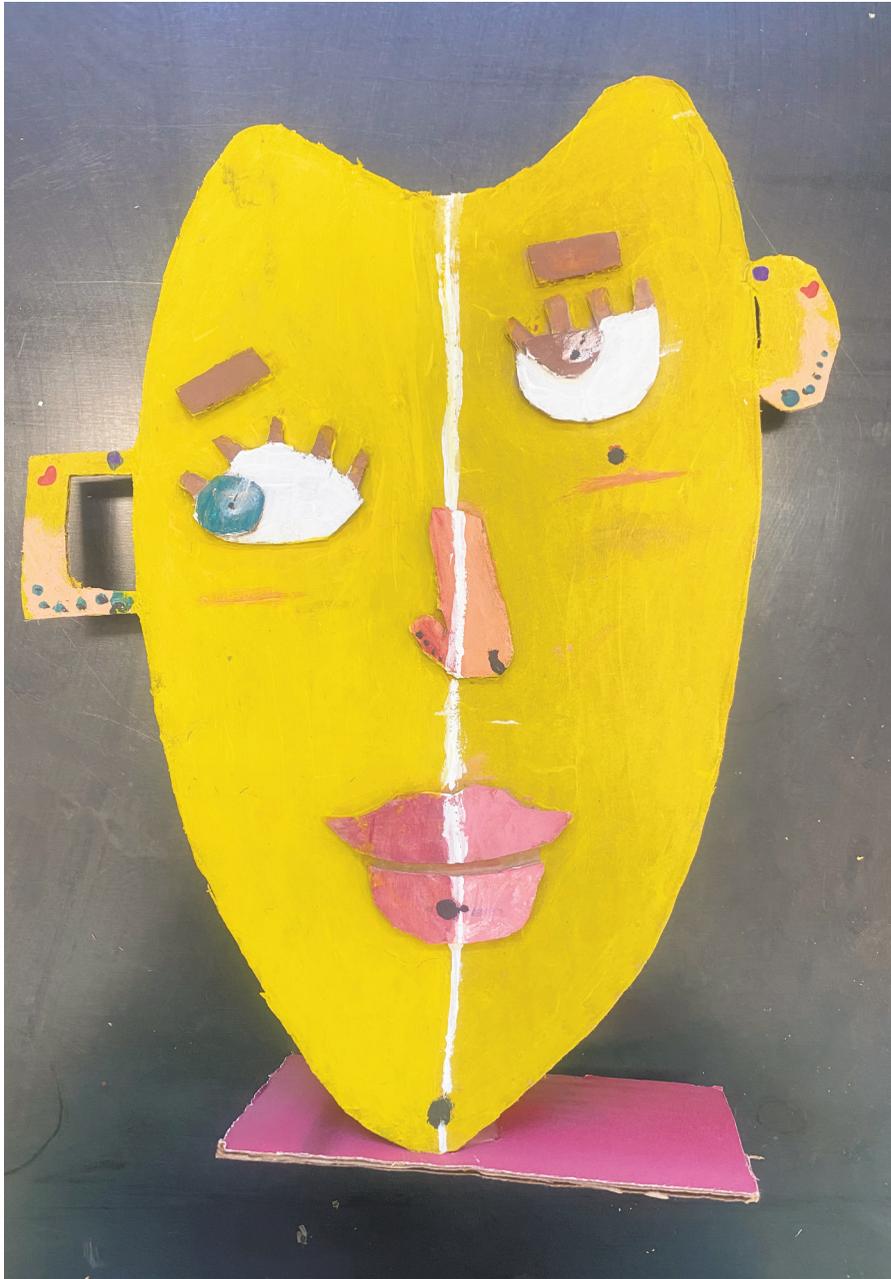
Along those lines, chess teaches us that our actions have consequences, both positive and negative. If we move a piece, then maybe it gets captured or maybe we can take our opponent's piece. One aspect of chess that I enjoy is that everything is out in the open—that is, all the pieces are on the board and our opponent sees the same things we do. This is different from card games or other board games where some information is hidden. The position on the chess board helps kids learn to make the best decision possible based on the information available, but also be willing to adjust their views later, based on how things change over the course of the game. This helps kids learn how to make logical decisions

and also not be locked into one view or choice depending on the situation. A bad move now might be a good move later in the game, just like having ice cream for breakfast probably isn't a healthy choice, but having it after a balanced dinner can be a nice treat.

Chess has taught me all of these life lessons and more. It is easy to get caught up in winning and losing and the competition, but sometimes I have to remind myself and my students that it is just a game. So, pull your chess set out of the closet and show your child how to play. You both might practice some valuable life skills. But at the very least, you will have some good bonding time without looking at a screen.

If you're interested in learning more, go to Santa Fe Chess on Facebook for local events and classes. Check with your local school for their chess clubs, and you can also email me at [bdlanger@gmail.com](mailto:bdlanger@gmail.com).

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# Santa Fe Public Schools Expands Volunteer Program in Collaboration with the City of Santa Fe

TARA MELTON

*Courtesy photo: Second graders at Chaparral Elementary engage with volunteer Bruce Turnquist while reading a Magic Treehouse book at a weekly tutoring session.*

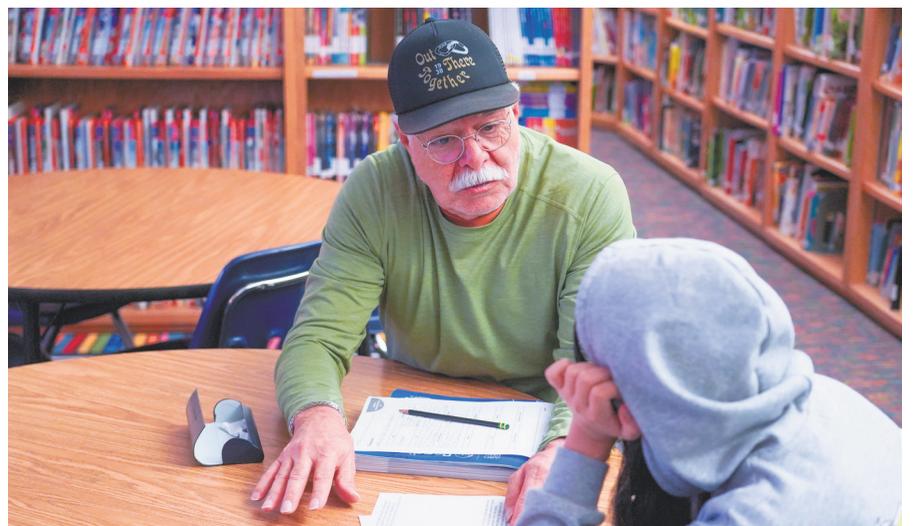
Joining forces to grow volunteerism, support students, and strengthen community ties

To demonstrate the impact of what can be accomplished through local collaboration, Santa Fe Public Schools (SFPS) and the City of Santa Fe's Office of Economic Development have combined resources to expand and enhance the SFPS volunteer program. This partnership reflects a unified vision centered on student success, lifelong learning, and building a stronger, more connected community.

Through a generous investment from the city, SFPS has been able to hire contracted staff to significantly increase the capacity of its volunteer program. With this added support, SFPS can now implement the SFPS Volunteer Program 2024–2027 Strategic Plan by strengthening infrastructure to support and match community volunteers with roles that

best suit their interests, schedules, and areas of expertise.

These combined resources enable the expansion of several key initiatives, including the creation of volunteer District committees, school site volunteer teams, and operational support for the Help U Homework Hotline—a free, virtual tutoring program that connects SFPS students with volunteer tutors for academic support across a range of subjects. The hotline has proven particularly valuable for students who may need flexible, one-on-one support beyond the traditional classroom setting and allows a virtual platform for students who aren't able to stay after school due to transportation obstacles. In addition, the volunteer program has expanded onboarding and support systems for both new and returning



*Courtesy photo: Adrian Martinez, a volunteer with SFPS, works on vocabulary with a fourth-grader at Chaparral Elementary.*

volunteers, making the experience more accessible and rewarding for all involved.

“This collaboration with the City of Santa Fe has been a game-changer for our volunteer program,” said Sabra Romero, SFPS volunteer coordinator. “With this added support, we’ve been able to expand opportunities for community members to engage meaningfully with our students—whether that’s through virtual tutoring, school site and classroom assistance, or student mentorship. We’re seeing firsthand how volunteers with varied backgrounds are making a real difference in our schools. It’s about more than just helping in the classroom. It’s about building relationships that inspire learning and community connection.”

SFPS serves a student body with a diverse set of needs, and recognizes that academic achievement is often enhanced when students receive personalized attention by incorporating a whole-child approach. Volunteers are able to provide personalized care and attention to physical, mental, cognitive, and social-emotional well-being in addition to academic achievement.

In recent years, many school systems have faced challenges in maintaining robust volunteer programs due to legal administrative requirements, restricted budgets, the lasting impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, or the evolving needs of students and families. This partnership aims to address these challenges head-on. By building the internal capacity to better manage, train, and support volunteers, SFPS can now more effectively engage a wider community range, including young adults, parents, family members, retirees, and professionals who may be seeking ways to give back or connect with local schools and children.

“This investment in people and infrastructure allows us to meet volunteers where they are—whether that’s someone who can give an hour a week virtually or someone who wants to be present in a classroom several days a month,” Romero said. “Flexibility and purpose are key to successful recruitment and retention.”

One of the most inspiring examples of the program’s impact comes from a longtime volunteer, Dr. Julanna Gilbert, a retired post-secondary chemistry professor from the University of Denver. When Gilbert and her husband relocated to Santa Fe, they were both interested in contributing their gift of time to educational programs within their community.

Gilbert began offering her volunteer services in 2017 by supporting math teachers and students at Santa Fe High School during the school day. Since then she has supported the Services for Advanced and Gifted Education (SAGE) program as a career mentor, she has helped students virtually in math and science through the Help U Homework Hotline and most recently,



Courtesy photo: Tanya Medrano, a Santa Fe High School graduate, stands with Dr. Julanna Gilbert during her commencement ceremony. Dr. Gilbert and Medrano collaborated on a computer-based project exploring the creation of art through reiterative mathematics.

she has supported Community School Coordinator, Tommy Rodriguez by tutoring at Santa Fe High School during the after school tutoring program at that school site. Students look forward to their time with Gilbert, and her experience and warmth have made her an invaluable addition to the learning environment.

“It is very rewarding to serve as a volunteer in the public schools here in Santa Fe,” Gilbert said. “I truly enjoy the opportunity to work with students. When a student tells me that they are stuck and don’t know how to do their homework, we work together to find a related topic that they do understand, and then to discover the missing link in their thinking. We both rejoice when they can connect with the new material.”

Gilbert’s story is just one of many that illustrate how the volunteer program is opening doors for intergenerational connections and deepening the

ties between schools and the broader community.

The expansion of the SFPS volunteer program is not just an educational initiative—it’s a community development strategy. The Office of Economic Development sees the initiative as a natural extension of its mission to support workforce development and long-term prosperity in Santa Fe.

“Education and economic development go hand in hand—when we invest in our students, we invest in the future of Santa Fe,” said Johanna Nelson, the City of Santa Fe’s director for the Office of Economic Development. “By expanding volunteer capacity, this partnership helps provide students and teachers with the support they need while creating meaningful opportunities for community members to give back. We’re excited for this collaboration and hopeful it will have

a positive impact on our schools and our community.”

The City’s investment is more than just financial—it’s symbolic of a city that recognizes the value of public education and the role that engaged citizens can play in shaping future generations.

Mayor Alan Webber also emphasized the long-term significance of this partnership. “Our partnership with Santa Fe Public Schools is essential for the future of our city,” Webber said. “Nothing is more important than the skills, learning, and life experiences of Santa Fe’s young people. Working together with SFPS, the City is committed to doing everything we can to invest in our youth, because learning and earning go hand in hand.”

Looking ahead, SFPS plans to continue growing its volunteer base while expanding program offerings to meet the evolving needs of students and educators. SFPS is exploring additional ways to leverage the talents of local artists, STEM professionals, bilingual volunteers, and other community members whose contributions can enhance classroom learning and the lives of our students.

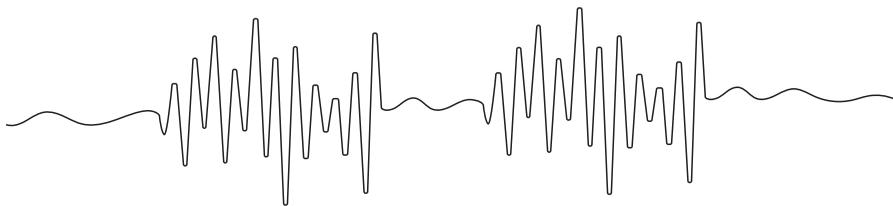
SFPS also intends to track the program’s impact more closely—both quantitatively and qualitatively—through feedback from students, teachers, and volunteers. Early responses have already been overwhelmingly positive, with many teachers reporting improved student engagement and volunteers expressing a desire to continue long-term.

With the support of the City of Santa Fe, SFPS is not only enhancing educational outcomes but also weaving a stronger social fabric throughout the community. In classrooms, over video calls, and at school events, volunteers are making a tangible difference – one student, one conversation, and one act of kindness at a time.

If you’d like to support the SFPS community, please visit: [sfps.info/page/volunteering-sfps](https://sfps.info/page/volunteering-sfps)

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# PLAY OUT LOUD



LINDSAY TAYLOR

Understanding the importance of music in our lives

There's an old expression: Before we walk, we dance; before we talk, we sing; before we write, we draw. The artist lives deep within each of us, and our littles understand this perhaps better than we do.

The research is clear: Music matters in childhood development. Music is proven to be a powerful tool in brain development and self-regulation. In a world where we often experience overstimulation, music is a powerful tool to soothe. Music can be a tool for language development, using songs to introduce new words in a child's vocabulary. Music can be used to learn about emotions. Singing "If You're Happy and You Know It" accompanied by different facial expressions gives toddlers the opportunity to practice and recognize different emotions.

For school-aged kiddos, music classes are a crucial part of learning. Studies show that classrooms that use music during testing improves concentration and relieves test-anxiety. Using songs to teach a concept improves understanding and recall. How many of us adults remember the songs from Schoolhouse

Rock or perhaps the song listing our 50 states in alphabetical order?

In Santa Fe, we are lucky—our public school system continues to invest in music education. Our school board and administrative staff understand that kids need music in their lives. Schools across our district have beloved orchestra programs, guitar programs, band programs, and mariachi programs in addition to general music classes. Even more impressive, most of our elementary schools have multiple music educators on staff. In fact, Santa Fe Public Schools has been honored eight times with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

In other schools across our state and nation, students aren't so lucky. Music and other art programs are often cut due to lack of funding. Music might be available once a week after school as a club, or general education teachers bring instruments into their classrooms for specific units throughout the year. When selecting a school for your kiddo, it's important to select it for not just



Courtesy photo: Learning music doesn't have to be instrument-based. It can also be related to songwriting and music production.



Courtesy photo: A student plays violin in Queen Bee Music Association's Kids Bluegrass Camp.



Courtesy photo: Lindsay Taylor

up, and don't know where to begin. Or, perhaps you had a mean piano teacher who smooshed your fingers on the keys and made you practice scales over and over and over again. Why on earth would you want to subject your kiddo to that experience?

The first is to make music fun for you and your family. Stop and listen to the musician who is busking on the street. Hold impromptu, silly dance parties in the living room. Play music while you're driving and be sure to sing along so loudly that your kids roll their eyes at you. Go to free concerts throughout the summer at SWAN Park, the Railyard, or at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. Sing lullabies with your loved ones at the end of the day. And, explore the myriad offerings of music programs in Santa Fe.

At Queen Bee Music Association, we begin music classes as early as possible. Our twice weekly Kids Sing Along classes for babies and toddlers are free to attend, thanks to the generosity of the Brindle Foundation. These classes are a great opportunity to not only get your kiddos moving and bopping along to music, but also to meet other parents and caregivers with young children.

For kids ages 5+, we host group classes on ukulele, percussion, singing, guitar, violin, and music production/songwriting. These group classes are held weekly after school during Fall, Winter, and Spring sessions. For young ones in particular, exploration is key. Don't expect your kiddo to pick an instrument and stick with it for life.

Sometimes it takes a while to find the instrument that resonates with them most. The most important thing is that they have fun, and music becomes something that they can use to express themselves, to self-soothe.

Learning an instrument takes time, and it's a great way to teach those soft skills around learning slowly: patience, perseverance, and concentration. Even spending five minutes a day playing an instrument, especially if it's time away from a screen.

Now after some exploration, you might find that you have a very musically inclined kiddo in your house. There are so many music programs in Santa Fe that can help keep that passion alive as your kid gets older. Our friends at Candyman Strings & Things host Summer Rock Camp for ages 8+, an incredible education in being in a rock band. Local songwriter Lucy Barna hosts a songwriting camp for girls ages 10 to 17. The Hummingbird Music Camp in the Jemez Mountains is celebrating its 67th summer season of sleep-away camps centered around band, orchestra, and choir. The Santa Fe Symphony hosts youth programs in orchestra, jazz, and mariachi. And at Queen Bee Music Association, our group classes continue for kids as they turn into teens, and then onto adulthood.

Now, a more personal note for you adults reading: I can't tell you how many people say to me, "Well I'm not musical" or "I had a teacher who told me I shouldn't ever sing in public." That teacher lied to

you. Humans are naturally musical. Just because you didn't become a classically trained violinist playing at Carnegie Hall does not mean that you should not participate in music. Music is for everyone. Sometimes you just need a little help getting back to your musical nature, and it's never too late to find that music again.

I highly recommend taking a music class throughout the week. It's a great way to decompress and forget about the world around us for an hour. If you're new to music, start with ukulele or singing. Ukuleles are the most accessible instrument, both in ease of playing and cost. And singing, well—that's your voice! Learning to love and empower your voice to sing out loud brings a sense of catharsis that is indescribable.

And remember, music is for everyone. Let's all play out loud a little more this year.

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academic achievement, but also for its arts programs. This becomes even more important if your kiddo struggles in traditional academic or social settings. Music can be a relief for many kids, especially those who are neurodivergent.

So now what? How can we advocate for our kids' music education or empower them to learn an instrument? For many of us, music is competing against our own childhood. Many parents did not have great music education growing

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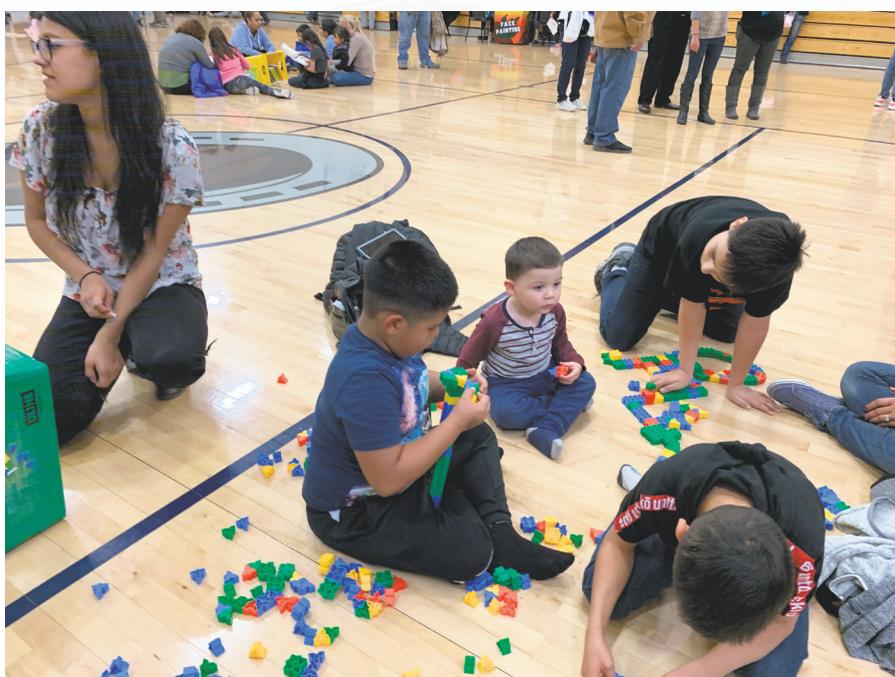
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# WHERE'S THE MATH? EVERYWHERE!

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Courtesy photo: School STEM Family Night, children playing a game with snap blocks.

## JUDY REINHARTZ

### Book Nook Feature

With the end of the summer season and thoughts of cooler weather that the fall brings, we as parents and caregivers are filled with excitement and anticipation for new beginnings for our children. The start of a new school year also promises fresh learning possibilities for our young children.

Welcome and gather around for storytelling time focused on a theme of new beginnings that starts today with the *Tumbleweeds* Book Nook. The narrative unfolds with fresh and inspiring perspectives for “spying” early math in everyday surroundings, routines, and books.

This theme celebrates and stimulates infants’ and toddlers’ creativity, positive mindset, and self-esteem, all while having fun. The characters in this story find math in the most unlikely places, hidden all around them and their families—in gardens with its attractive geometric shapes, yards and parks with space for messy water math activities, at grocery stores where numbers are on display in every aisle, when preparing meals where counting, comparing quantities, and measuring are front and center, in doing laundry sorting by sizes

## BABIES, BOOKS, & MATH

and shapes and making pairs, and when reading bedtime stories where children count their way to sweet dreams.

These opportunities enhance imaginative math play and contribute to the basic understanding of number sense and relationships as they group, sequence, make patterns that are accompanied by math talk when we use everyday words, such as: “Almost at the top or bottom,” “Down, down, down,” “two more,” “often,” “another step,” and “totally” to name “a few.” It turns out that there are multiple ways to make early math come alive. All we have to do is to embrace and intentionally take advantage of them with children.

Where does early math exposure start? Well, you know the answer. Families are our first teachers. This can’t be overstated when it comes to math. Young children’s formative learning experiences around math literacy, language, and attitudes are rooted in the family. The link between parent

involvement and school readiness and success are well established and intricately linked. It is within families that children learn to build math confidence and positive math attitudes as they witness what is said and done when parents are confronted with new dilemmas and challenges. How they arrive at solutions does not go unnoticed by their children.

As infants gradually begin to move their bodies, roll over, crawl, walk short distances while holding an adult's finger, or move from chair to chair, they are exploring their space while simultaneously learning math. To be specific: spatial relationships, understanding how objects relate to each, is a cornerstone of early math learning.

Let's extend opportunities for our eager learners with books and other materials. A few of my favorite books that enhance the understanding of spatial relationships come complete with engaging heroes, settings, and plots. They include Elenor May's *Albert is Not Scared* who is with His big sister at the amusement park with rides reminiscent of the best of summer, but he finds himself in the wrong line—find out what happens—*Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins, *Up, Down, and Around* by Katherine Ayres, and for the upcoming fall season, *Piggies in the Pumpkin Patch* by Mary Peterson and Jennifer Rofe.

Let's build on the ideas presented with the Positional Box Word Game using favorite stuffed animals. When children are asked the question, "Where is the teddy bear?" Above, below, under, left, right of the box—you get the idea. They physically place the bear in that place relative to the box. This simple activity promotes positional and directional word learning in playful ways. This idea also can be enjoyed when reading the book *Pete the Cat: The Wheels on the Bus* by James Dean. And it can morph into Hide and Seek games of Where Is the Frog—on a lily pad, in the water, under the water, and children mimic the movement of frogs as they hop from one green paper lily pad to the next. Or even play hide and seek with Dean's *Pete the Cat Plays Hide-And-Seek* or *Baby Faces Peekaboo!* by Dawn Sirett.

The concept of receiving one or two more or one or two less of something—comparing and measuring stuffed animals, dolls, cars, or blocks and paring them with books like *Lia & Luis: Who Has More?* by Ana Crespo, *What Will Fit?* by Grace Lin, and *Crash! Boom! A Math Tale* by Robie H. Harris will reinforce these relationships that are presented in different situations, broadening understanding.

Learning foundational math relationships would not be complete without counting by twos, fives, and tens when singing songs, sorting shapes, and eating individual pieces of cereal. *Ten in a Hurry: An Interactive Colors and Counting Book* by Lo Cole, *Captain Numero and Friends: Skip-Counting By 2, 5* by Danielle Welton-Boxley, or *Two of Everything* by Lily Toy Hong are all good choices. And part-part-whole relationships are fostered when

children build number trains with snap blocks and then take them apart or listen to Stuart Murphy's *Give Me Half*, which explores the idea of more, less and between, how to figure out ages, and shares a game to compare numbers. With these common everyday situations, young children explore numbers, visualize them in different contexts, and develop flexibility outside the traditional algorithms.

In today's story, caring and supportive adults interact with their children and ask engaging and thought-provoking questions; it is not our mission to get right answers from them, but to demonstrate that math is in their world. What do you see? What does this look like? Which one is your favorite and why? Adults often want to go to ask How many \_\_\_ do you have? because we think that is the way to teach-learn math.

Intentionally weaving math into routine tasks such as organizing toys as part of clean up, predicting what comes first, reciting when dressing one arm two arms, attaching a number to steps when walking up and down them, finding the numbers of keys on a ring and matching the one that opens the door (one-to-one correspondence), lining up play dough worms, or singing nursery rhymes and songs such as "1, 2, buckle my shoe," "Six little ducks went out one day," or "Over in the meadow" affords countless ongoing conversations and engagement with and for children. What is truly amazing is that they share their (math) ideas and then act on them, even when they are making towers with blocks or filling different sized contains during bath time.

Whether listening to a book being read, playing with toys, or making crafts, infant and toddlers are doing math without you even mentioning the word. The joy of math starts early where children are. This joy is powered by the curiosity of their exploratory nature. Math is easy to discover because it is embedded all around us. Young children have an intuitive sense for numbers, but this predisposition has to be nourished so it continues to flourish, which is our job as parents and caretakers, their first teachers.

As our story comes to an end, the good news is that infants and toddlers already love math. Let's remember to continue to uncover math in all the strange places. The goal is to give children opportunities that offer possibilities to make sense of what they encounter. So, notice and celebrate math wherever you find it. As Robert A. Heinlein has pointed out, "When one teaches, two learn."

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# SELF-CARE BEGINS WITH YOU

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## MARVEL HARRISON

### Creating space for yourself through a lens of reflection

A chronic challenge of parenthood is managing self-care. Kids, work, friends, community, exercise, relationships, neighbors, elderly parents, the list goes on—how do I fit in all the demands? Most of us know what we need to do: meditate, exercise, connect with friends, be out-of-doors, eat nutritious food. We don't need a list of what to do, we need time to do it. How do I make enough time to nurture my own emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual well-being? Quite simply, you can't make time. You are gifted 24 hours a day, not a minute more, not a minute less.

The better question might be, How do I manage priorities, so I have some time?

Maybe these questions can help you reflect on your life, consider your priorities, and assist you in sorting things out so you have more space within your 24-hour day to enjoy some self-care, some time to take a walk or a nap, read a book, breath deeply, sit

under a tree, connect with a friend, or participate in a sport.

#### • Do you, or others, question your boundaries, that you need to say no more often?

Frequently the advice given is that a person needs to set boundaries, to say no. The boundaries that you set and announce to others, tend to be outside yourself. They can become rigid, brittle, and unbecoming. It might be healthier to consider that boundaries are a construct of identity. When you know yourself, you know your boundaries. You know what, when, and how things work for you so you can gracefully make decisions. You can say no without feeling guilty and also say yes with confidence and conviction. As Socrates said, Know Thyself. In knowing yourself, you will recognize what is critical to do or nice to do or what doesn't really have to be done so you have more bandwidth for taking care of yourself.

#### • Is your parenting life a precarious balancing act between kids and work?

Maybe consider it a blend of commitments rather than a tenuous balancing act of one or the other. Constant balancing can be exhausting. It will likely be a blend that will never be perfect, a blend that creates 'good enough' in both arenas. Nobody is perfect and who wants to be a nobody, anyway?

#### • Do you find your work life exhausting?

Often a person comes home from a day at work feeling very tired. The temptation is to check out by crashing on the couch, scrolling on your phone, watching TV, or having a beer. Consider whether it is physical or mental exhaustion. If it is mental fatigue, a few minutes of physical movement—stretching or walking—can help dissipate the tiredness.

#### • Can you spend time with your child by walking around the park while they are with you on their bicycle or roller skates?

Creating a regular time, a small ritual of moving when you and the children have all arrived home, can be fulfilling. Regardless of the weather, regardless of the tiredness, regardless of someone complaining, a brief time on a regular basis everyone goes out of doors together can foster deep connection. When both you and the kids are out of doors, taking in fresh air, moving even in small ways, life might be better. Even when it rains, the kids will learn that they never get so wet they can't get dry.

#### • Do you prioritize being a spectator over being a participant?

Frequently parents will spend hours being a spectator at their children's practices, games, and rehearsals but struggle to find the time to take a brief walk for themselves. It can be as simple as walking around the soccer pitch.

Maybe join the event at half time? Can you prioritize the main performance over every rehearsal?

**• Do you lose bandwidth, time, and your cool by trying to talk your kids out of bad behavior?**

There are inevitable occasions when a child acts badly. Even when you cannot affirm a behavior you can always affirm the feeling that fuels it. Affirming the feeling and linking it to how it causes the behavior creates space for a child to move through the feeling which can interrupt the unacceptable actions. Notice, label, and affirm feelings, even when you cannot affirm behaviors. When a child is screaming and hitting their sibling for taking their toy, you can say, “I can see you are angry, and it is OK to be angry when something of yours is taken. It is not OK to hit.”

**• Do I own more stuff than what I need or want?**

We are owned by what we own. Pare down on ownership. It will decrease stress and create space—mentally and physically—so you can enjoy some self-care.

**• Am I judgmental? Am I hard on myself?**

Chances are you are not nearly as judgmental about others as you are about yourself. Children tend to learn more by what we do than what we say. Common self judgements include how we look or how much we weigh or how we perform at work. Negative self-talk comes across loud and clear, whether we say things aloud or not. Children seem to hear everything. Children are emotional sponges who tend to learn affectively more than cognitively. They pick up on when you are judging yourself.

**• Do you believe you have to be at every single one of your child’s activities?**

Attending every event is not necessarily a measure of good parenting. A touch of benign neglect intermittently can give your child

room to grow, self-explore, and gain resiliency. Of course, this is when it is developmentally appropriate. It might be interesting to hear your daughter’s recount of a softball game that you didn’t watch or your son’s rundown of how the music recital went. Occasionally listen to their life through their sharing experience rather than through what you saw.

**• Do you believe in unconditional care and love?**

Many parents do when it is about their children. Often parents struggle with this when it comes to themselves. Children learn by how we live, more than what we say. Actions speak louder than words. Children pick up on everything, even when we don’t think they are listening. If you are physically active each day, even in a small way, likely you will be more accepting of yourself. Physical activity can build self-esteem and confidence.

**• Do you want your children to grow up and be able to take care of themselves?**

To model self-care might be the most meaningful gift we offer our children. Modeling is an invaluable parenting technique. Again, children learn more by how we live than what we say. Trying to change behaviors with words is like driving a car with its horn. You can honk all day long and never get out of the garage.

Be gentle with yourself. Make a small nudge in a healthy direction. You can do this.

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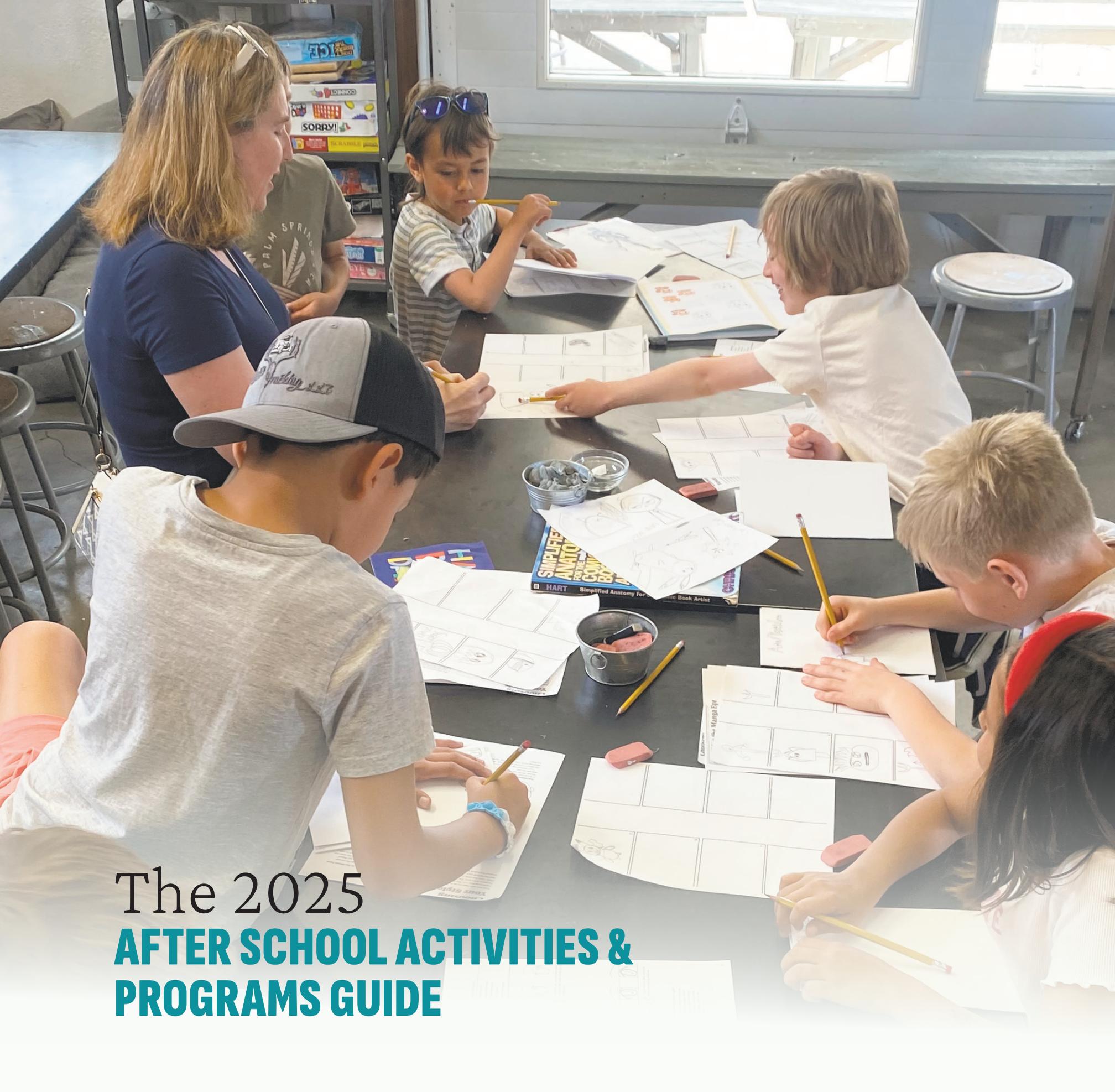


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# The 2025 **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS GUIDE**



The **#1 Guide** for After School Programs across  
Northern New Mexico

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## LEGEND

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## SPORTS

### AFTER SCHOOL @ CLIMBSANTAFE

The challenges and climbing games led by our experienced instructors promote teamwork, confidence, flexibility, balance, problem-solving and more.

Our After School programs meet once a week from 3:45-5:15pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, 1:30-3:00 on Friday, and 12:30-2:00pm on Saturday. Our first session starts the week of August 19th. The After School Classes are divided in the following age groups, 5-8 year old and 9-13 year old climbers and the cost is \$160.00 for 8 weeks.

3008 Cielo Court, Santa Fe NM, 87507 | (505) 986-8944

info@climbsantafe.com | climbsantafe.com/classes-programs/youth-programs/after-school-summer-camps

- KINDERGARTEN
- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ● MIDDLE SCHOOL

### DEVELOPMENT SOCCER LEAGUE

Our development program is the foundation for all activities conducted by the Northern Soccer Club. The program emphasizes fun and learning in an environment where boys and girls can practice the teamwork and skills necessary for playing soccer. Our goals are to improve and maintain physical fitness, to promote emotional health and growth, and to foster the spirit of doing one's best for oneself and the team.

Included in this 8-week program: soccer balls and all equipment for practices and games, volunteer Coaches, coach education and practice curriculum, 1 Practice a week, 1 Game on Saturday  
205 Caja Del Rio Rd, Santa Fe, NM 87505 | 505-982-0878

info@northernsoccerclub.com | www.northernsoccerclub.com

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### SKATEBOARD LESSONS

After-School / Home School Programs are now underway. Sessions and lessons for all abilities, ages 3 and up. Use our school boards and gear to get started, we also have a complete shop to help students properly gear up. Curriculum includes skateboard homework and exploring the history of skateboarding.

1219 Camino Carlos Rey, Santa Fe NM, 87507 | 505-920-5448

skateschoolsantafe@gmail.com | www.skateboardsafety.com

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## DANCE, MUSIC & VISUAL ARTS

### AFTER SCHOOL AND "NO SCHOOL" ART DAYS AT DRAGONFLY ART STUDIO

The classes are designed to stimulate kids imagination, creativity and confidence as artists, while they have fun experimenting with a wide range of art history and materials.

Every two weeks, the group will study basic art concepts and techniques and learn about various artists throughout history, and then the students create their own art using the same techniques as the artist that we are studying.

1513 3rd Street, Santa Fe NM, 87505 | 505-670-5019

dragonflyartsf@gmail.com | dragonflyartsf.com

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### ART AFTERSCHOOL AT JF MAZUR STUDIO

We offer fine art classes designed for creative kids ages 3 and up! Our students will enjoy engaging projects that incorporate art history and appreciation,



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all while working with quality art materials. For teens interested in more focused studies, we provide foundational instruction in oil painting and portrait drawing. Our enthusiastic teachers lead small classes in a light and inspiring working artist's studio. Join us for a high-quality learning experience filled with enriching and fun activities! Register online @ www.jfmazurstudio.com/santa-fe-art-classes#/santa-fe-art-classes-afterschool

1807 2nd Street #58, Santa Fe NM, 87505 | 240-321-9212

jillian@jfmazurstudio.com | www.jfmazurstudio.com

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### ART SCHOOL SANTA FE

Art School Santa Fe is an after school art education program geared

towards skill and confidence building, innovative thinking, refining motor skills and memory and imagination strengthening. The core art curriculum focuses on old masters classical fine art techniques such as sketching, shading, painting, perspective, and portrait and figure drawing while also embracing modern expressions of art such as fantasy art, comics, and manga. Our program is available to kids ages 6 to 15 for \$125.00 per month or \$135 for teens plus annual material fee of \$45 Meets Wed - Fri 3:45 pm and 5:15 pm. Financial aid available with portfolio review.

3600 Cerrillos Rd unit 717, Santa Fe NM 87507 | (505) 364-3256

Ronny@artschoolsantafe.com | artschoolsantafe.com

- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ● MIDDLE SCHOOL
- HIGH SCHOOL

**ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET SCHOOL**

Ballet classes for students aged four years and up. The 2025/2026 school year begins on Monday, August 18. Classes are held at the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Studio.

550B St. Michael's Drive | 970-925-7175

karen@aspensantafeballet.com | www.aspensantafeballet.com/

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**ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET FOLKLÓRICO**

Classes in Mexican Folk Dance for students aged five and up. Beginning and Intermediate classes are held at select Santa Fe Public Schools and classes for Advanced students are held at the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Studio.

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jesus@aspensantafeballet.com | www.aspensantafeballet.com/

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**BELISAMA IRISH DANCE & RHYTHM SOL**

Now introducing the Rhythm Sol classroom! Camps during school closure days, aftercare, date nights! Ages 2+ discounts for siblings.

Belisama dance classes include Irish stepdance, Discover Dance (early childhood) Jazz and hip-hop ages 6+ and adult classes with childcare included on site.

Our dance classes are thoughtfully crafted to create a special environment where all ages can find challenging, fun and functional instruction. Opportunities to perform and compete.

1225 Parkway Dr, Santa Fe NM, 87507

3205 Mercantile Ct, Santa Fe NM, 87507

Belisamadance.com | 505-795-5424

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**EMIRTEFLAMENCO ACADEMY**

The Academy's vision is to design all classes and instruction to give students the life skills that will enrich and empower them in the future through the art of Flamenco. Come join our Academy and get immersed in Flamenco culture and dance. We have classes for all ages and levels.

3022 Cielo Court Suite C, Santa Fe, NM 87507 | 505-660-9950

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**MUSIC CLASSES FOR KIDS AGES 5+ AT QMBA**

Let's make some noise! The Fall Session of group classes at Queen Bee Music Association runs September 8-November 13, with registration opening in August. Music classes for kids ages 5+ are offered on guitar, ukulele, percussion, voice, songwriting, and more! Tuition costs \$160-\$210, with tuition assistance is available.

1596 Pacheco Street, Santa Fe, NM 87505 | 505-278-0012

hello@queenbeemusicassociation.org | www.queenbeemusicassociation.org

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**NDI NEW MEXICO AT THE DANCE BARN**

The Dance Barns in Santa Fe and The Hiland Theater in Albuquerque provide children ages 3 to 18 high-quality dance and performance training in Creative Movement, Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Hip-Hop, and more. Classes range from beginner to pre-professional levels and are taught by inspiring instructors using their technical dance expertise along with the NDI New Mexico philosophy and teaching methods. These classes are open to all children in the community. Tuition is on a sliding scale, ensuring that every child has the opportunity for an enriching after-school experience.

1140 Alto St, Santa Fe, NM 87501 | (505) 983-7646

4800 Central Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108 | (505) 872-1800

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- HIGH SCHOOL

**PASEO POTTERY KIDS CLASSES**

We offer both Kids Camps, as well as Afterschool Kids Classes. Our Kids Camps take place during Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter breaks. We meet Monday-Friday from 9am-12pm for 5 days. Our Afterschool program meets once or twice per week for 5-6 sessions. We rotate through different themes and offer fun prompts to inspire kids. We meet each child at their level to ensure they enjoy the experience and express themselves creatively through clay.

1273 Calle de Comercio, Santa Fe, NM 87507 | 505-988-7687

info@paseopottery.com | paseopottery.com/kids-classes-and-camps

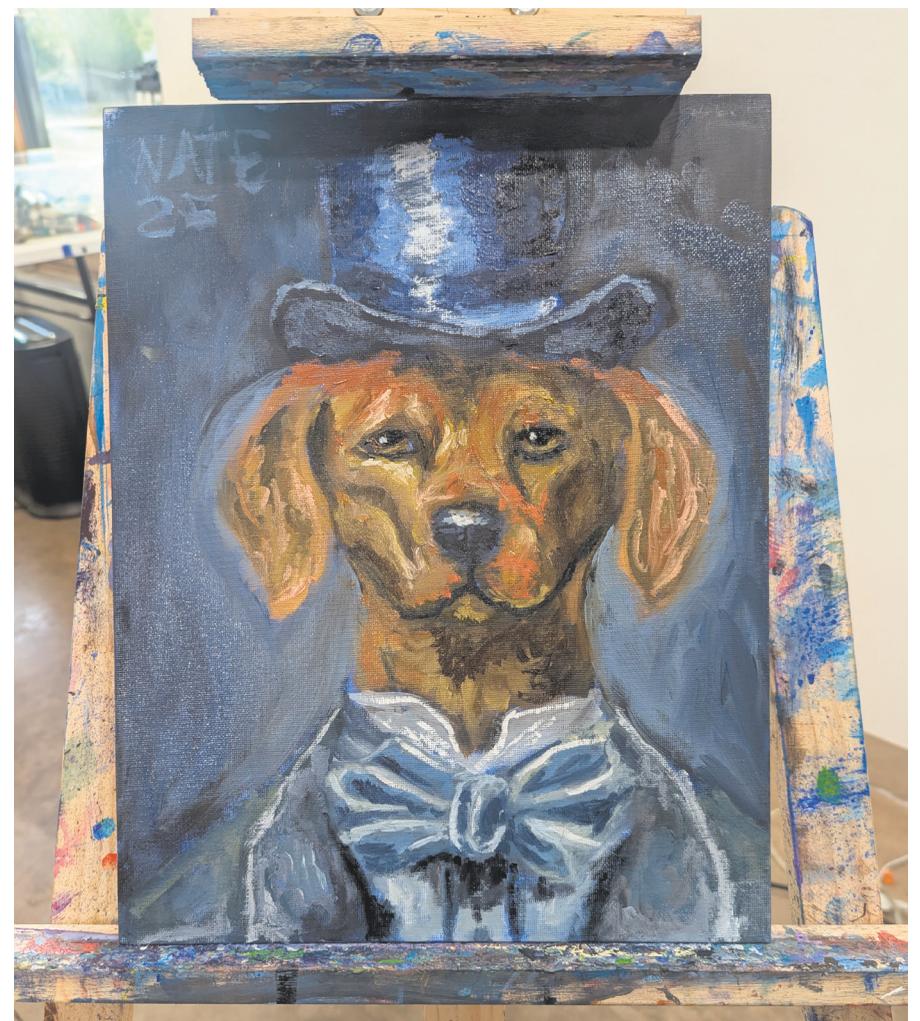
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**pianosantafenm@gmail.com**

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## AFTERSCHOOL FOOLS - FALL 2025

Join Wise Fool's 14-week Afterschool Fools program and let your child explore the magic of circus arts! With expert instruction in aerial fabric, trapeze, stilt-walking, clowning, unicycling, juggling, acrobatics, and more, students build skills, confidence, and creativity in a fun, supportive environment. The program ends with a thrilling performance and "Show & Try" event where families celebrate their child's progress.

**supreet@wisefoolnm.org | 505-992-2588**

**wisefoolnewmexico.org/youthprograms/afterschool-fools/**

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## TUTORING & LEARNING

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SANTA FE / LAS VEGAS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Santa Fe Boys & Girls Clubs After School Program provides a safe, positive and engaging environment that prepares and inspires our children to achieve great futures. Core values include youth first, commitment to quality, integrity, outcome-driven, professionalism, teamwork and collaboration. The program is available to children ages 6-12, for \$330.00 per child per month. Meets Mon-Thur 3-5:30 pm, Fri 1-5:30 pm. Financial aid available.

**6600 Valentine Way, Santa Fe NM 87507 | 505-204-0303**

**179 Bridge Street, Las Vegas NM 87701 | 505-652-9121**

**bchavez@bgcsantafe.org | www.bgcsantafe.org**

- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ● MIDDLE SCHOOL

### GIRL'S INC. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We empower youth to resist societal pressure to conform to gender stereotypes. We celebrate diversity, advocate for girls in our community, and provide opportunities for all girls, regardless of culture, race, disability, or socioeconomic status. Girls Incorporated encourages young people to: take risks, be curious and inquisitive, make mistakes and learn from them, maintain physical, mental, and emotional health. Registration opens July 8th. Financial aid available.

**301 Hillside Ave, Santa Fe, NM 87501 | 505-982-2042**

**program@girlsincofsantafe.org | girlsincofsantafe.org/programs/2024-2025-after-school**

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### HOCHBERG JEWISH KIDS CLUB

Come Join the Club! Weekly Jewish Kids Club filled with Fun, Friendship & Discovery!

Join us for an exciting weekly experience where kids can explore their Jewish identity through hands-on activities, creative arts, baking, building, and more! Let your imagination soar while learning about the Torah, Hebrew, Jewish holidays — and making new friends along the way.

For Jewish kids ages 4–12

Every Wednesday | 3:30–5:30 PM  
 Snack included!

At the Santa Fe Jewish Center Chabad. Don't miss out!

**230 West Manhattan Ave, Santa Fe, NM 87501 | 505-983-2000**

**esther@santafejcc.com | santafejcc.com/kidsclub**

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## OUTDOORS & NATURE

### CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE COMPANY

Our After school provides activities in science and nature study, cooking, art, sports, crafts, interactive group projects, gardening, indoor and outdoor play. Friday field trips include hiking, ice-skating, roller-skating, themed weeks with an end of the week party, water play, bingo, hot dog roasts, bowling, shelter building, plant study and more!

**935 Alto St, Santa Fe, NM 87501 | 505-988-7201**

**childrensaventurecompany@gmail.com | santafechildrensaventure.org**

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## Summer 2025

# Arts Alive!

Museum Hill™, off Old Santa Fe Trail

**FREE HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS FOR AGES 3-103**



Children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum and Garden entrance free for Arts Alive! participants during workshop hours.

## Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian

Art making activities are from 12 noon to 3pm

Groups of 6 or more, please email: [Info@wheelwright.org](mailto:Info@wheelwright.org) • [wheelwright.org](http://wheelwright.org)  
 Overflow parking is available in the MOIFA staff parking lot.

**Sunday, 7/6** Recycled t-shirt printing with Jacob Meders (Mechoopda/Maidu)  
 Bring your own t-shirts!

**Sunday, 8/10** Surprise activity with guest artist

## Museum of International Folk Art

Art making activities are from 10am to 2pm

Groups of 6 or more, please contact: Patricia Sigala, 505-476-1212  
[patricia.sigala@dca.nm.gov](mailto:patricia.sigala@dca.nm.gov) • [internationalfolkart.org](http://internationalfolkart.org)

**Wednesday, 6/11** Colcha Embroidery with guest artist

**Wednesday, 6/25** Wire Sculptures

## Santa Fe Botanical Garden

Art making activities are from 10am to 1pm

Group Contact: Amy Lamar, 505-471-9103 ext. 111  
[amy@santafebotanicalgarden.org](mailto:amy@santafebotanicalgarden.org) • [www.santafebotanicalgarden.org](http://www.santafebotanicalgarden.org)

**Thursday, 7/10** Community Day – Mud Appreciation Day

**Monday, 8/4** Community Day – Plant Art

## Museum of Indian Arts and Culture

Art making activities are from 10am to 2pm

Groups of 6 or more, please contact: Emily Berkes, 505-476-1271  
[emily.berkes@dca.nm.gov](mailto:emily.berkes@dca.nm.gov) • [indianartsandculture.org](http://indianartsandculture.org)

**Sunday, 7/6** Air Dry Clay

**Sunday, 7/20** Cyanotypes

**Sunday, 7/27** Printmaking with guest artist



## MOUNTAIN KIDS! SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMS

Mountain Kids! provides a variety of school year programs for children ages 5-12. Check out our website to learn more about programs for Fall 2024!

Financial aid available.

Santa Fe NM | 505-886-1207  
hello@sfmountainkids.com |  
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## NEW MEXICO WILDLIFE CENTER

Come visit New Mexico Wildlife Center! We are a nonprofit wildlife rehabilitation and education center in Española, New Mexico. We are home to several non-releasable Ambassador Animals whose role is to educate the public about their species and about conservation of New Mexico's native wildlife. Our Ambassador Animals can be visited by the public Tuesday through Sunday, 9am-4pm at our Center in Española! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Open Tue-Sun 9am-4 pm.

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# Calendar of Events

## July

### LEGEND

★ SPOTLIGHT



**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**SUPPORT & COMMUNITY**

**SPORTS & ACTIVITY**

**VISUAL ARTS**



**PERFORMING ARTS**

**EDUCATION/ENRICHMENT**

**NATURE**

**ENTERTAINMENT**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		<b>1</b> Santa Fe Tuesday Farmers' Market <b>8 AM - 1 PM</b> Tot Time at GCCC <b>8:15 AM - 9:30 AM</b> Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> Music and Movement in Los Alamos <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b> Babytime Los Alamos <b>10:15 - 11 AM</b> Storytime and Craft at Southside <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b> Santa Fe Farmers' Market - Del Sur <b>3 - 6 PM</b> Craft-o-Mania at Main Library <b>3:30 - 4:30 PM</b> Special Needs/Autism Support Group <b>6 - 7 PM</b> Paws and Pages at Main Library <b>6 - 7 PM</b>	<b>2</b> Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> Music and Movement in Los Alamos <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b> Bilingual Books and Babies at Main Library <b>10 - 11 AM</b> Nature up Close <b>10 AM - 12 PM (Birds), 4 PM (Planetarium)</b> Storytime at White Rock Library <b>10:15 - 10:45 AM</b> Toddler Tunes at LAFSN <b>10:30 - 11 AM</b> Kids Sing-along with Queen Bee - Railyard Park <b>10:30 - 11:15 AM</b> Wee Wednesdays <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Storytime and Craft at La Farge Library <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b> What's Up Wednesday at Mesa Public Library <b>1:30 - 3 PM</b> Youth Chess at Main Library <b>5:45 - 7:45 PM</b>
<b>6</b> Dawn 'Til Dusk at Coronado <b>All Day</b> Dawn 'Til Dusk at Los Luceros <b>All Day</b> Family Art Making at New Mexico Museum of Art - Vldem Contemporary <b>10 AM - 12 PM</b> Arts Alive! At Museum of Indian Arts and Culture <b>10 AM - 3 PM</b> Railyard Artisan Market <b>10 AM - 3 PM</b> Free First Sundays at New Mexico Museums <b>10 AM - 5 PM</b> Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Arts Alive! At Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian <b>12 - 3 PM</b>	<b>7</b> Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> Nature Playtime <b>10 - 11 AM</b> Nature up Close (Reptiles) <b>10:15 - 11:45 AM</b> Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b> Monday Funday at Meow Wolf <b>3 - 8 PM</b> Paws and Pages at La Farge <b>4:30 - 5:30 PM</b> Birth Talk Los Alamos <b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b>	<b>8</b> Santa Fe Tuesday Farmers' Market <b>8 AM - 1 PM</b> Tot Time at GCCC <b>8:15 AM - 9:30 AM</b> Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> Music and Movement in Los Alamos <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b> Arte Para Chiquitos at NHCC <b>10 AM</b> Babytime Los Alamos <b>10:15 - 11 AM</b> Storytime and Craft at Southside <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b> ★ Printmaking for Kids with MOIAC <b>3 PM - 4PM</b> Santa Fe Farmers' Market - Del Sur <b>3 - 6 PM</b> Craft-o-Mania at Main Library <b>3:30 - 4:30 PM</b> Special Needs/Autism Support Group <b>6 - 7 PM</b> Paws and Pages at Main Library <b>6 - 7 PM</b>	<b>9</b> Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> Music and Movement in Los Alamos <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b> Bilingual Books and Babies at Main Library <b>10 - 11 AM</b> Nature up Close <b>10 AM - 12 PM (Birds), 4 PM (Planetarium)</b> Storytime at White Rock Library <b>10:15 - 10:45 AM</b> Kids Sing-along with Queen Bee - Railyard Park <b>10:30 - 11:15 AM</b> Wee Wednesdays <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Storytime and Craft at La Farge Library <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b> What's Up Wednesday at Mesa Public Library <b>1:30 - 3 PM</b> Youth Chess at Main Library <b>5:45 - 7:45 PM</b>
<b>13</b> ★ 21st Annual International Folk Art Market - Santa Fe <b>6 - 9 PM</b> Railyard Artisan Market <b>10 AM - 3 PM</b> Free Family Fun at Georgia O'Keeffe Museum <b>10:30 AM - 2:30 PM</b> Can You Dig It? <b>11 AM - 3 PM</b> Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>	<b>14</b> Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> Nature Playtime <b>10 - 11 AM</b> Nature up Close (Reptiles) <b>10:15 - 11:45 AM</b> Storytime at NM Museum of Art <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b> ★ Beat the Heat Movie Matinee: Inside Out 2 <b>2 - 4 PM</b> Monday Funday at Meow Wolf <b>3 - 8 PM</b> Paws and Pages at La Farge <b>4:30 - 5:30 PM</b>	<b>15</b> Craft-o-Mania at Main Library <b>3:30 - 4:30 PM</b> Santa Fe Tuesday Farmers' Market <b>8 AM - 1 PM</b> Tot Time at GCCC <b>8:15 AM - 9:30 AM</b> Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> Music and Movement in Los Alamos <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b> Babytime Los Alamos <b>10:15 - 11 AM</b> Storytime and Craft at Southside <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b> ★ Weaving for Kids with MOIAC <b>3 PM - 4PM</b> Santa Fe Farmers' Market - Del Sur <b>3 - 6 PM</b> Special Needs/Autism Support Group <b>6 - 7 PM</b> Paws and Pages at Main Library <b>6 - 7 PM</b>	<b>16</b> Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> Music and Movement in Los Alamos <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b> Bilingual Books and Babies at Main Library <b>10 - 11 AM</b> Nature up Close <b>10 AM - 12 PM (Birds), 4 PM (Planetarium)</b> Storytime at White Rock Library <b>10:15 - 10:45 AM</b> Kids Sing-along with Queen Bee - Railyard Park <b>10:30 - 11:15 AM</b> Wee Wednesdays <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Storytime and Craft at La Farge Library <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b> What's Up Wednesday at Mesa Public Library <b>1:30 - 3 PM</b> Youth Chess at Main Library <b>5:45 - 7:45 PM</b>
<b>20</b> Arts Alive! At Museum of Indian Arts and Culture <b>10 AM - 3 PM</b> Railyard Artisan Market <b>10 AM - 3 PM</b> Can You Dig It? <b>11 AM - 3 PM</b> Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>	<b>21</b> Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> Nature Playtime <b>10 - 11 AM</b> Nature up Close (Reptiles) <b>10:15 - 11:45 AM</b> Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b> Monday Funday at Meow Wolf <b>3 - 8 PM</b> Paws and Pages at La Farge <b>4:30 - 5:30 PM</b>	<b>22</b> Craft-o-Mania at Main Library <b>3:30 - 4:30 PM</b> Santa Fe Tuesday Farmers' Market <b>8 AM - 1 PM</b> Tot Time at GCCC <b>8:15 AM - 9:30 AM</b> Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> Music and Movement in Los Alamos <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b> Babytime Los Alamos <b>10:15 - 11 AM</b> Storytime and Craft at Southside <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b> Santa Fe Farmers' Market - Del Sur <b>3 - 6 PM</b> ★ Tinwork for Kids with MOIAC <b>3:30 PM - 4PM</b> Special Needs/Autism Support Group <b>6 - 7 PM</b> Paws and Pages at Main Library <b>6 - 7 PM</b>	<b>23</b> Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> Music and Movement in Los Alamos <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b> Bilingual Books and Babies at Main Library <b>10 - 11 AM</b> Toddler Craft at LAFSN <b>10 - 11 AM</b> Nature up Close <b>10 AM - 12 PM (Birds), 4 PM (Planetarium)</b> Storytime at White Rock Library <b>10:15 - 10:45 AM</b> Kids Sing-along with Queen Bee - Railyard Park <b>10:30 - 11:15 AM</b> Wee Wednesdays <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Storytime and Craft at La Farge Library <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b> What's Up Wednesday at Mesa Public Library <b>1:30 - 3 PM</b> Youth Chess at Main Library <b>5:45 - 7:45 PM</b>
<b>27</b> ★ Traditional Spanish Market <b>8 AM - 5 PM</b> Arts Alive! At Museum of Indian Arts and Culture <b>10 AM - 3 PM</b> Railyard Artisan Market <b>10 AM - 3 PM</b> Can You Dig It? <b>11 AM - 3 PM</b> Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>	<b>28</b> Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> Nature Playtime <b>10 - 11 AM</b> Nature up Close (Reptiles) <b>10:15 - 11:45 AM</b> Storytime at NM Museum of Art <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b> Monday Funday at Meow Wolf <b>3 - 8 PM</b> Paws and Pages at La Farge <b>4:30 - 5:30 PM</b>	<b>29</b> Craft-o-Mania at Main Library <b>3:30 - 4:30 PM</b> Santa Fe Tuesday Farmers' Market <b>8 AM - 1 PM</b> Tot Time at GCCC <b>8:15 AM - 9:30 AM</b> Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> Music and Movement in Los Alamos <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b> Babytime Los Alamos <b>10:15 - 11 AM</b> Storytime and Craft at Southside <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b> Santa Fe Farmers' Market - Del Sur <b>3 - 6 PM</b> Special Needs/Autism Support Group <b>6 - 7 PM</b> Paws and Pages at Main Library <b>6 - 7 PM</b>	<b>30</b> Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b> Music and Movement in Los Alamos <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b> Bilingual Books and Babies at Main Library <b>10 - 11 AM</b> Nature up Close <b>10 AM - 12 PM (Birds), 4 PM (Planetarium)</b> Storytime at White Rock Library <b>10:15 - 10:45 AM</b> Kids Sing-along with Queen Bee - Railyard Park <b>10:30 - 11:15 AM</b> Wee Wednesdays <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Storytime and Craft at La Farge Library <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b> Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b> What's Up Wednesday at Mesa Public Library <b>1:30 - 3 PM</b> Youth Chess at Main Library <b>5:45 - 7:45 PM</b>



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<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Tot Time at GCCC <b>8:15 AM - 9:30 AM</b>  <u>Origami in the Garden</u> <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>  <u>Music and Movement in Los Alamos</u> <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b>  <u>Storytime and Craft at Main Library</u> <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>  <u>Nature up Close (Gardens)</u> <b>10 AM - 12 PM</b>  <u>Seeds and Sprouts</u> <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>  <u>Animal Encounters</u> <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>  <u>Many Mothers Play Area</u> <b>12 - 2 PM</b>  <u>Fun With Firefighters at Santa Fe Children's Museum</u> <b>1 - 2 PM</b>  <u>Meet Cornelius the Snake</u> <b>1 - 2 PM</b>  <u>Thursdays Are Yours at Santa Fe Children's Museum</u> <b>4 - 7 PM</b>  <u>Pajama Storytime/Hora Del Cuento En Pijama</u> <b>6:30 - 7:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>★ <u>48th Annual Pancakes on the Plaza</u> <b>7 AM</b>  ★ <u>4th of July Parade &amp; Celebration in Red River</u>  ★ <u>4th of July in Chama</u>  ★ <u>4th of July Celebration Train - Cumbres &amp; Toltec Scenic Railroad</u>  <u>Animal Encounters</u> <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>  <u>Fine Art Fridays at Santa Fe Children's Museum</u> <b>2 - 4 PM</b>  ★ <u>4th of July Spectacular in Los Alamos</u> <b>4 - 10 PM</b>  <u>Paseo Pottery Throw Down</u> <b>5 - 8 PM</b>  <u>First Friday Fractals</u> <b>8 - 9 PM, 9 - 10 PM</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><u>Santa Fe Saturday Farmers' Market</u> <b>8 AM - 1 PM</b>  <u>Bilingual Books and Babies at Southside Library</u> <b>10 - 10:30 AM</b>  <u>Caregiver and Tot Creative Movement at Main Library</u> <b>10 - 11 AM</b>  <u>Sand Play Saturday</u> <b>10 AM - 12 PM</b>  <u>Animal Encounters</u> <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>  <u>Paws and Pages at Southside Library</u> <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>  <u>Science Saturdays</u> <b>2 - 4 PM</b>  ★ <u>Fireworks Show at Elephant Butte Lake</u> <b>9 - 10 PM</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>★ <u>21st Annual International Folk Art Market - Santa Fe</u> <b>6 - 9 PM</b>  <u>Tot Time at GCCC</u> <b>8:15 AM - 9:30 AM</b>  <u>Music and Movement in Los Alamos</u> <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b>  <u>Nature up Close (Gardens)</u> <b>10 AM - 12 PM</b>  <u>Arts Alive! At Santa Fe Botanical Garden</u> <b>10 AM - 1 PM</b>  <u>Storytime and Craft at Main Library</u> <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>  <u>Seeds and Sprouts</u> <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>  <u>Animal Encounters</u> <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>  <u>Many Mothers Play Area</u> <b>12 - 2 PM</b>  <u>Meet Cornelius the Snake</u> <b>1 - 2 PM</b>  <u>Create With O'Keeffe at La Farge Library</u> <b>3:30 - 4:30 PM</b>  <u>The Backyard Concert Series</u> <b>4 - 6 PM</b>  <u>Thursdays Are Yours at Santa Fe Children's Museum</u> <b>4 - 7 PM</b>  <u>Anime Club</u> <b>5:30 - 7:30 PM</b>  <u>Pajama Storytime/Hora Del Cuento En Pijama</u> <b>6:30 - 7:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>★ <u>21st Annual International Folk Art Market - Santa Fe</u> <b>6 - 9 PM</b>  <u>Origami in the Garden</u> <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>  <u>Bilingual Books and Babies at La Farge Library</u> <b>10 - 10:30 AM</b>  ★ <u>Shark and Ray Awareness Day</u> <b>10 AM - 2 PM</b>  <u>Animal Encounters</u> <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>  ★ <u>Colorful Creatures With the Santa Fe Bug And Reptile Museum (Main Library)</u> <b>2 - 3 PM</b>  <u>Fine Art Fridays at Santa Fe Children's Museum</u> <b>2 - 4 PM</b>  ★ <u>Movies in the Park: Southside (Wicked)</u> <b>5:15 PM - 8:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>★ <u>21st Annual International Folk Art Market - Santa Fe</u> <b>6 - 9 PM</b>  <u>Santa Fe Saturday Farmers' Market</u> <b>8 AM - 1 PM</b>  <u>Music and Movement in Los Alamos</u> <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b>  <u>Bilingual Books and Babies at Southside Library</u> <b>10 - 10:30 AM</b>  <u>Kids Sing-along with Queen Bee</u>  <u>Music - Reunity Resources Farm</u> <b>10:30 - 11:15 AM</b>  <u>Baby and Toddler Play Hour at the Main Library</u> <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>  <u>Animal Encounters</u> <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>  <u>Science Saturdays</u> <b>2 - 4 PM</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><u>Tot Time at GCCC</u> <b>8:15 AM - 9:30 AM</b>  <u>Origami in the Garden</u> <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>  <u>Music and Movement in Los Alamos</u> <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b>  <u>Nature up Close (Gardens)</u> <b>10 AM - 12 PM</b>  <u>Storytime and Craft at Main Library</u> <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>  <u>Seeds and Sprouts</u> <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>  <u>Animal Encounters</u> <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>  <u>Many Mothers Play Area</u> <b>12 - 2 PM</b>  <u>Meet Cornelius the Snake</u> <b>1 - 2 PM</b>  <u>Create With O'Keeffe at Southside Library</u> <b>3:30 - 4:30 PM</b>  <u>Thursdays Are Yours at Santa Fe Children's Museum</u> <b>4 - 7 PM</b>  <u>Pajama Storytime/Hora Del Cuento En Pijama</u> <b>6:30 - 7:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><u>Origami in the Garden</u> <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>  <u>Bilingual Books and Babies at La Farge Library</u> <b>10 - 10:30 AM</b>  <u>Animal Encounters</u> <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>  ★ <u>Colorful Creatures With the Santa Fe Bug And Reptile Museum (La Farge Library)</u> <b>2 - 3 PM</b>  <u>Fine Art Fridays at Santa Fe Children's Museum</u> <b>2 - 4 PM</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>★ <u>Santa Fe Striders Running Festival with Free Kids Race</u> <b>8 AM</b>  <u>Santa Fe Saturday Farmers' Market</u> <b>8 AM - 1 PM</b>  <u>Music and Movement in Los Alamos</u> <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b>  <u>Bilingual Books and Babies at Southside Library</u> <b>10 - 10:30 AM</b>  <u>Sand Play Saturday</u> <b>10 AM - 12 PM</b>  ★ <u>Wild About Wildlife at New Mexico Wildlife Center</u> <b>10 AM - 3PM</b>  ★ <u>Fiesta De Los Niños</u> <b>10 AM - 4 PM</b>  <u>Caregiver and Tot Creative Movement at Main Library</u> <b>10:15 - 11 AM</b>  <u>Kids Sing-along with Queen Bee - Audobon Center</u> <b>10:30 - 11:15 AM</b>  ★ <u>Summer Spray Down at Swan Park</u> <b>11 AM - 12 PM</b>  <u>Paws and Pages at Southside Library</u> <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>  <u>Animal Encounters</u> <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>  <u>Science Saturdays</u> <b>2 - 4 PM</b>  ★ <u>Route 66 Summerfest</u> <b>5 PM - 10 PM</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p><u>Tot Time at GCCC</u> <b>8:15 AM - 9:30 AM</b>  <u>Origami in the Garden</u> <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>  <u>Music and Movement in Los Alamos</u> <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b>  <u>Nature up Close (Gardens)</u> <b>10 AM - 12 PM</b>  <u>Storytime and Craft at Main Library</u> <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>  <u>Seeds and Sprouts</u> <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>  <u>Animal Encounters</u> <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>  <u>Many Mothers Play Area</u> <b>12 - 2 PM</b>  <u>Meet Cornelius the Snake</u> <b>1 - 2 PM</b>  <u>Create With O'Keeffe at Main Library</u> <b>3:30 - 4:30 PM</b>  <u>Thursdays Are Yours at Santa Fe Children's Museum</u> <b>4 - 7 PM</b>  <u>Random Fandom</u> <b>6 - 7 PM</b>  <u>Pajama Storytime/Hora Del Cuento En Pijama</u> <b>6:30 - 7:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><u>Origami in the Garden</u> <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>  <u>Bilingual Books and Babies at La Farge Library</u> <b>10 - 10:30 AM</b>  <u>Animal Encounters</u> <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>  <u>Fine Art Fridays at Santa Fe Children's Museum</u> <b>2 - 4 PM</b>  ★ <u>Youth Jazz Combos - Los Alamos Summer Concert Series</u> <b>7 PM</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><u>Santa Fe Saturday Farmers' Market</u> <b>8 AM - 1 PM</b>  ★ <u>Traditional Spanish Market</u> <b>8 AM - 5 PM</b>  <u>Music and Movement in Los Alamos</u> <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b>  <u>Bilingual Books and Babies at Southside Library</u> <b>10 - 10:30 AM</b>  <u>Toddler Craft at LAFSN</u> <b>10 - 11 AM</b>  <u>Sand Play Saturday</u> <b>10 AM - 12 PM</b>  <u>Animal Encounters</u> <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>  <u>Come Build With Us at Main Library</u> <b>2 - 4 PM</b>  <u>Science Saturdays</u> <b>2 - 4 PM</b></p>
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**ENTERTAINMENT**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Dawn 'Til Dusk at Coronado <b>All Day</b>            Dawn 'Til Dusk at Los Luceros <b>All Day</b>            Family Art Making at New Mexico Museum of Art - Vladem Contemporary <b>10 AM - 12 PM</b>            Railyard Artisan Market <b>10 AM - 3 PM</b>            Free First Sundays at New Mexico Museums <b>10 AM - 5 PM</b>            Can You Dig It? <b>11 AM - 3 PM</b>            Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>            Arts Alive! At Santa Fe            Botanical Garden <b>10 AM - 1 PM</b>            Nature Playtime <b>10 - 11 AM</b>            Nature up Close (Reptiles) <b>10:15 - 11:45 AM</b>            Toddler Time            at Many Mothers <b>11:30 AM - 12 PM</b>            Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b>            Monday Funday at Meow Wolf <b>3 - 8 PM</b>            Paws and Pages at La Farge <b>4:30 - 5:30 PM</b>            Birth Talk Los Alamos <b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Santa Fe Tuesday Farmers' Market <b>8 AM - 1 PM</b>            Tot Time at GCCC <b>8:15 AM - 9:30 AM</b>            Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>            Music and Movement in Los Alamos <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b>            Babytime Los Alamos <b>10:15 - 11 AM</b>            Storytime and Craft at Southside <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>            Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>            Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b>            Santa Fe Farmers' Market - Del Sur <b>3 - 6 PM</b>            Special Needs/Autism Support Group <b>6 - 7 PM</b>            Paws and Pages at Main Library <b>6 - 7 PM</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>            Music and Movement in Los Alamos <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b>            Bilingual Books and Babies at Main Library <b>10 - 11 AM</b>            Nature up Close <b>10 AM - 12 PM (Birds), 4 PM (Planetarium)</b>            Storytime at White Rock Library <b>10:15 - 10:45 AM</b>            Toddler Tunes at LAFSN <b>10:30 - 11 AM</b>            Kids Sing-along with Queen Bee - Railyard Park <b>10:30 - 11:15 AM</b>            Wee Wednesdays <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>            Storytime and Craft at La Farge Library <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>            Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>            Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b>            What's Up Wednesday at Mesa Public Library <b>1:30 - 3 PM</b>            Teen Lounge at La Farge Library <b>2 - 4 PM</b>            Teen Lounge at Southside Library <b>3 - 5 PM</b>            Youth Chess at Main Library <b>5:45 - 7:45 PM</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Railyard Artisan Market <b>10 AM - 3 PM</b>            Free Family Fun at Georgia O'Keeffe Museum <b>10:30 AM - 2:30 PM</b>            Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>            Arts Alive! At Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian <b>12 - 3 PM</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>            Nature Playtime <b>10 - 11 AM</b>            Nature up Close (Reptiles) <b>10:15 - 11:45 AM</b>            Storytime at NM Museum of Art <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>            Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b>            Monday Funday at Meow Wolf <b>3 - 8 PM</b>            Paws and Pages at La Farge <b>4:30 - 5:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Santa Fe Tuesday Farmers' Market <b>8 AM - 1 PM</b>            Tot Time at GCCC <b>8:15 AM - 9:30 AM</b>            Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>            Music and Movement in Los Alamos <b>9:30 - 10 AM</b>            Arte Para Chiquitos at NHCC <b>10 AM</b>            Babytime Los Alamos <b>10:15 - 11 AM</b>            Storytime and Craft at Southside <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>            Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>            Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b>            Santa Fe Farmers' Market - Del Sur <b>3 - 6 PM</b>            Special Needs/Autism Support Group <b>6 - 7 PM</b>            Paws and Pages at Main Library <b>6 - 7 PM</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Origami in the Garden <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>            Bilingual Books and Babies at Main Library <b>10 - 11 AM</b>            Nature up Close <b>10 AM - 12 PM (Birds), 4 PM (Planetarium)</b>            Storytime at White Rock Library <b>10:15 - 10:45 AM</b>            Kids Sing-along with Queen Bee - Railyard Park <b>10:30 - 11:15 AM</b>            Wee Wednesdays <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>            Storytime and Craft at La Farge Library <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>            Animal Encounters <b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>            Many Mothers Play Area <b>12 - 2 PM</b>            What's Up Wednesday at Mesa Public Library <b>1:30 - 3 PM</b>            Teen Lounge at La Farge Library <b>2 - 4 PM</b>            Teen Lounge at Southside Library <b>3 - 5 PM</b>            Youth Chess at Main Library <b>5:45 - 7:45 PM</b></p>
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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# Calendar of Events

## LEGEND

	<b>CELEBRATION &amp; HOLIDAY</b>		<b>PERFORMING ARTS</b>
	<b>SUPPORT &amp; COMMUNITY</b>		<b>EDUCATION/ENRICHMENT</b>
	<b>SPORTS &amp; MOVEMENT</b>		<b>NATURE</b>
	<b>VISUAL ARTS</b>		<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>

## SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

### CELEBRATIONS & HOLIDAYS

#### ★ **4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION TRAIN – CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD**

**JULY 4**

Celebrate 4th of July with a memorable train ride. Join us for a special evening train ride featuring fireworks and a BBQ dinner. Bookings and more information at [bit.ly/3FDwvC3](http://bit.ly/3FDwvC3)

#### ★ **4TH OF JULY SPECTACULAR IN LOS ALAMOS**

**JULY 4 | 4-10 PM**

Come out and celebrate the 4th of July at Ashley Pond Park in Los Alamos. The event begins at 4 p.m. with music, activities, vendors, and more. Fortunate Son, a Creechence Clearwater tribute, will be the main concert for the evening, and this year's event will only include a drone show, beginning at 9 p.m. Atomic City Transit will be running from Sullivan Field and White Rock Visitor Center to Ashley Pond Park starting at 3:30 pm.

#### ★ **48TH ANNUAL PANCAKES ON THE PLAZA**

**JULY 4**

Pancakes on the Plaza is flipping back into action. Every

Fourth of July, the heart of downtown Santa Fe fills with the smell of sizzling pancakes, the sparkle of classic cars, rows of amazing local art, and thousands of smiling faces. It's not just a breakfast—it's the way Northern New Mexico celebrates Independence Day. Tickets and more information at [pancakesontheplaza.com](http://pancakesontheplaza.com)

#### ★ **101ST BURNING OF ZOZOBRA**

**AUGUST 29**

The next Burning of Zozobra takes place on Friday, August 29 in Zozobra Field at Fort Marcy Park, located a few short blocks from the historic Santa Fe Plaza. Zozobra is a rain-or-shine family event in Santa Fe, weather permitting. Weather conditions may require an earlier or later start. Please help make Zozobra a litter-free event by using recycling bins and trash receptacles to Keep Santa Fe Beautiful! Tickets at [burnzozobra.com](http://burnzozobra.com).

#### ★ **4TH OF JULY PARADE & CELEBRATION IN RED RIVER**

**JULY 4**

Red River is the perfect place for families, and at no time is this more obvious than during the annual 4th of July Parade & Celebration. The day begins at 10

a.m. with the largest parade in northern New Mexico, followed by a full day of family-friendly activities all over town. After the parade stroll down to Brandenburg Park where you can enjoy fun and games in the park, along with music and good food. Then head on over to the Red River Community House for family fun.

#### ★ **FIESTA DE LOS NIÑOS**

**JULY 19**

Step into a living, breathing journey through New Mexico's vibrant past as we invite you to be our guest at this immersive celebration. From tin stamping to rope making, tortilla making to constructing mini adobe houses, every corner offers an opportunity to get your hands on history. Tickets and more information: [bit.ly/3Hnbiga](http://bit.ly/3Hnbiga)

#### ★ **FIREWORKS SHOW AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE**

**JULY 5 | 9-10 PM**

To celebrate the 4th of July, fireworks are launched from Rattlesnake Island to celebrate the founding of our country. Come and see the state's biggest fireworks show reflected off the largest body of water in New Mexico. Park fees waived for the fireworks display only.

#### ★ **FOURTH OF JULY IN CHAMA**

**JULY 4**

Come and celebrate the 4th in Chama. Enjoy a day of fishing or hiking the backcountry where it's always cool and comfortable. Then have a good dinner and find a parking place to watch the fantastic hour-long fireworks show.

#### ★ **ROUTE 66 SUMMERFEST**

**JULY 19**

Summer fun and events featuring local businesses and talent in Albuquerque's Nob Hill. This free

event includes multiple stages full of local bands, food trucks, and more. This edition of the concert series takes over a mile-long stretch on Central Avenue from Girard Boulevard to Washington Street. Bring the family, enjoy the fun, and celebrate Route 66. Free to the public; pets are welcome on leashes. Keep an eye on summer temperatures and stay hydrated in the desert heat. This is a rain or shine event. Central Ave. will be closed from midnight on Friday, July 19 until midnight on Saturday, July 20. Bus routes will be effected. Please check ABQ Transit web-pages for route changes.

#### ★ **WESTSIDE SUMMERFEST**

**AUGUST 2**

Free event with fun for the whole family at a city park. This event features fun for everyone. The final installment of this concert series celebrates everything local. Westside Summerfest features small businesses with handcrafted products in The Shops, food trucks with freshly made cuisine in the Food Court, libations created by breweries, wineries and distilleries in the Cantina, and entertainment by local talent on two stages. Westside Summerfest is free to the public. Pets are welcome on leashes. Glass and alcohol are not permitted at public parks. This is a rain or shine event.

### EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

#### ★ **BEAT THE HEAT MOVIE MATINEE: INSIDE OUT 2**

**JULY 14 | 2-4 PM**

Beat the summer heat with a free movie matinee in the La Farge Public Library air-conditioned Community Room. Free lemonade and popcorn. Movie is rated PG.

★ **FREE MOVIES  
UNDER THE STARS:  
RAILYARD PARK  
PERFORMANCE LAWN**

**AUGUST 2 | 7 PM**

Part of the Santa Fe Summer Scene, come watch Inside Out 2 under the stars at the Railyard Park.

★ **MOVIES IN THE PARK:  
SOUTHSIDE**

**JULY 11, AUGUST 8  
| 5:15 - 8:30 PM**

Join us for the 2025 summer season at SWAN Park. We'll be showing a fun, family friendly movie on the second Friday of the month. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and the whole family for a fun, family-friendly night under the stars. July 11: Wicked. August 8: Moana 2.

★ **SHARK AND RAY  
AWARENESS DAY**

**JULY 11 | 10 AM - 2 PM**

Sharks and rays play an important role in the world's oceans ecosystems and in the imaginations of humans throughout the world. Learn about their amazing adaptations, keen senses and how you can help save them from extinction. Meet the ABQ BioPark's sand tiger, sandbar, nurse and zebra sharks. Visit discovery stations to take a close look at shark skin under microscopes, hold real shark teeth and learn from our docents about shark and stingray biology and adaptations. You can make your own shark or stingray at our crafts table, or play one of our games to learn about shark diversity and eating adaptations of sharks & stingrays!

 **OUTDOORS  
& NATURE**

★ **21ST ANNUAL  
INTERNATIONAL FOLK ART  
MARKET | SANTA FE**

**JULY 10 - 13**

Join us at the 21st annual International Folk Art Market in Santa Fe. From July 10-13, the Railyard Park transforms into a vibrant open-air bazaar where over 150 master folk artists from more than 50 countries share unique, handmade

crafts—textiles, ceramics, jewelry, clothing, baskets, and more. With live artist demonstrations, global cuisine from local vendors, and captivating world music, this cultural celebration offers something for everyone. Sunday is Community and Family Day, proudly supported by New Mexico True, with free entry for all! Families can enjoy our popular children's passport program, which inspires young explorers to learn about different cultures through interactive activities. It's a day filled with fun, discovery, and shopping for the whole family. Visit [folkartmarket.org](#) for more information.

★ **COLORFUL CREATURES  
WITH THE SANTA FE BUG  
AND REPTILE MUSEUM**

**MAIN LIBRARY: JULY 11  
LA FARGE LIBRARY: JULY 18  
2 - 3 PM**

Join us for an unforgettable adventure as the Santa Fe Bug and Reptile Museum visits our libraries this summer! As part of the Color Our World Summer Reading Program, this hands-on experience will introduce you to a world of vibrant insects, dazzling reptiles, and fascinating creatures.

★ **SANTA FE STRIDERS  
RUNNING FESTIVAL WITH  
FREE KIDS RACE**

**JULY 19 | 8 AM**

Be a part of the Santa Fe Striders Running Festival on Saturday, July 19, 2025 at Municipal Sports Complex. There will be a 5K cross-country course and races with distances that vary with age group for younger runners. The 5K course is on trail/dirt roads except for 0.25 miles. For our younger runners we have several free races based on age. You MUST check in by 8:45 am to receive your race number. Free giveaway (SWAG) guaranteed if registered by July 5. Online registration closes on July 17 @ 11:59 p.m. More information at [santafestriders.org](#).

★ **SANTA FE  
INDIAN MARKET**

**AUGUST 16 - 17 | 8 AM - 5 PM**

Santa Fe Indian Market is the largest and most prestigious Indigenous art market in the world. Presented by the Southwestern Association for Indian

Arts (SWAIA), #SFIM25 will take place August 16–17 in the heart of downtown Santa Fe, New Mexico. Now in its 103rd year, SFIM brings together over 1,000 Native artists representing more than 200 Tribal Nations from across the U.S. and Canada. Experience a dynamic weekend of fine art, fashion, film, performances, and community celebration, all grounded in tradition and culture. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a seasoned collector, SFIM offers an unforgettable opportunity to connect directly with Native artists and purchase work that is handmade, authentic, and deeply meaningful.

★ **SUMMER SPRAY DOWN  
AT SWAN PARK**

**JULY 19, AUGUST 16 | 11 AM-12 PM**

Community Engagement and the Santa Fe Fire Department are bringing back Summer Spray Downs. Spray downs at Swan Park last for approximately 15 minutes. Bring the kids and some towels, play in the water, meet our firefighters, and check out the fire trucks.

★ **TRADITIONAL  
SPANISH MARKET**

**JULY 26 - 27**

Held annually on the historic Santa Fe Plaza, the Traditional Spanish Market is a cultural exploration featuring traditional Hispanic art, music, and culture that promotes and preserves the rich Hispanic heritage that has deeply influenced the region's history and traditions. This esteemed Spanish Colonial art market showcases a wide array of traditional art forms, each reflecting the unique history and craftsmanship passed down through generations.

★ **WILD ABOUT WILDLIFE  
AT NEW MEXICO  
WILDLIFE CENTER**

**JULY 19 | 10 AM-3 PM**

July is Wild About Wildlife Month, and New Mexico Wildlife Center is celebrating all things WILD on Saturday, July 19th! Come out to NMWC (19 Wheat Street, Española, NM 87532) for a fun day of Animal Encounter programs, games, and activities.

If you're a fan of all things scaly, you're in luck because this is also part of our Snake Week celebration! Follow NMWC on Facebook, Instagram, and Bluesky for more details.

 **VISUAL ARTS  
& CULTURE**

★ **PRINTMAKING FOR  
KIDS WITH MOIAC**

**JULY 8 | 3 - 4 PM**

Come explore the art of Printmaking using foam and paint to learn about Native American printmakers with Family and School Programs Educator at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Emily Berkes.

★ **TINWORK FOR KIDS  
WITH MOIAC**

**JULY 22 | 3:30 - 4 PM**

Different types of tinwork art can be seen all around Santa Fe and across New Mexico. Come make some fun tinwork art with Family and School Programs Educator at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Emily Berkes.

★ **WEAVING FOR KIDS  
WITH MOIAC**

**JULY 15 | 3 - 4 PM**

Weaving is an important practice for Diné/ Navajo peoples here in the Southwest. Learn about weaving with a hands-on weaving project using a cardboard loom and fun colored yarn with Family and School Programs Educator at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Emily Berkes.

★ **YOUTH JAZZ COMBOS  
- LOS ALAMOS SUMMER  
CONCERT SERIES**

**JULY 25 | 7 PM**

The Los Alamos Summer Concert Series is a non-ticketed, family friendly, FREE community concert series, complete with food court, games, and beer garden. Our students are the opening act for Nick Parr and the Selfless Lovers, 7 p.m.

# RECURRING EVENTS



## SUPPORT & COMMUNITY

### BABY AND TODDLER PLAY HOUR AT MAIN LIBRARY

**10:30-11:30 AM**

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

**DATES:** Every second Saturday

### BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS

**10:15-11 AM**

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

**DATES:** Every Tuesday

### BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS

**6:30-8:30 PM**

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

**DATES:** First Monday

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

#### SUNRISE TO SUNSET

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

**DATES:** First Sunday

### DAWN TO DUSK AT CORONADO HISTORIC SITE

#### SUNRISE TO SUNSET

Coronado Historic Site offers extended hours from dawn until

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

**DATES:** First Sunday

### 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 FARMERS' MARKET - DEL SUR

**3-6 PM**

Santa Fe Farmers' Market (SFFM) in partnership with Presbyterian Santa Fe Medical Center is committed to connecting local growers with the entire city of Santa Fe. Every year the seasonal Santa Fe Farmers' Market - Del Sur runs July through September and is helping spread fresh, healthy food to our wonderful growing community on the Southside of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Held at the Santa Fe Presbyterian Medical Center parking lot starting July 1.

**DATES:** Every Tuesday

### SANTA FE TUESDAY FARMERS' MARKET

**8 AM-1 PM**

Beat the crowds, load up on farm fresh goodies, enjoy the music and treat yourself to one of our delicious burritos in Cafe Fresh. The Tuesday market has it all! Held at the Santa Fe Farmers'

Market Pavilion in the Railyard.

**DATES:** Every Tuesday

### SANTA FE SATURDAY FARMERS' MARKET

**8 AM-1 PM**

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

**DATES:** Every Saturday

### SPECIAL NEEDS/AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

**6-7 PM**

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

**DATES:** Every Tuesday

### TEEN LOUNGE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

**2-4 PM**

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

**DATES:** Every Wednesday (except in July)

### TEEN LOUNGE AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

**3:00-5:00 PM**

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

**DATES:** Every Wednesday (except in July)

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

**4-7 PM**

Extended hours and free admission for children under 17 at the

Santa Fe Children's Museum.

**DATES:** Every Thursday

### TODDLER TIME AT MANY MOTHERS

**11:30 AM - 12 PM**

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

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

**DATES:** First Monday except in July



## SPORTS & MOVEMENT

### TOT TIME AT GCCC

**8:15-9:30 AM**

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

**DATES:** Tuesday and Thursday



## VISUAL ARTS

### ARTE PARA CHIQUITOS AT THE NATIONAL HISPANIC CULTURAL CENTER

**10 AM**

Arte para chiquitos is a free, monthly, 45-minute program for babies and toddlers ages 0 months to 4 years and their caregivers that cultivates creativity and self-expression through the exploration of Hispanic/Latine arts and culture. Participants explore the NHCC Museum, Performing Arts Center, and engage in artmaking, music, movement, dance, drama, and bilingual story time. NHCC instructors model age-appropriate arts techniques that celebrate self-expression, build vocabulary, and strengthen both fine-motor and gross-motor skills in a fun environment. Free Community Event. Please register here: [my.nmculture.org/30048/42138](http://my.nmculture.org/30048/42138), or call the NHCC Welcome Center at 505-724-4771 for assistance.

**DATES:** Second Tuesdays

## **ARTS ALIVE! AT MUSEUM OF INDIAN ARTS AND CULTURE**

**10AM-3PM**

Join us for free hands-on workshops for ages 3 to 103. Art making activities are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum and Garden entrance free for Arts Alive participants during workshop hours. Sunday, 7/6 - Air Dry Clay. Sunday, 7/20 - Cyanotypes. Sunday, 7/27 - Printmaking with guest artist.

**DATES:** 7/6, 7/20, 7/27

## **ARTS ALIVE! AT SANTA FE BOTANICAL GARDEN**

**10AM - 1PM**

Join us for free hands-on workshops for ages 3 to 103. Art making activities are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum and Garden entrance free for Arts Alive participants during workshop hours. Thursday, 7/10 - Community Day – Mud Appreciation Day. Monday, 8/4 - Community Day – Plant Art.

**DATES:** 7/10, 8/4

## **ARTS ALIVE! AT WHEEL- WRIGHT MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN**

**12PM-3PM**

Join us for free hands-on workshops for ages 3 to 103. Art making activities are from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum and Garden entrance free for Arts Alive participants during workshop hours. Sunday, 7/6 - Recycled T-shirt printing with Jacob Meders (Mechoopda/Maidu) \*Bring your own t-shirts! Sunday, 8/10 - Surprise Art with guest artist.

**DATES:** 7/6, 8/10

## **CRAFT-O-MANIA AT SAN- TA FE MAIN LIBRARY**

Craft-O-Mania Colors Our World. Join us every Tuesday in July to try some new crafts.

**DATES:** every Tuesday in July

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

**3:30-4:30 PM**

The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and the Santa Fe Public Library



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are proud to offer free drop-in artmaking. Perfect for kids of all ages, expand your creativity and explore your imagination with new art activities every month. All supplies provided.

**DATES:** Second Thursday

## **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 Thursday

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

**3:30-4:30 PM**

The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and the Santa Fe Public Library

**DATES:** Third Thursday

## **FAMILY ART MAKING AT NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF ART - VLADIMIR 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 Vladimir Contemporary. Explore the galleries to find inspiration and enjoy the power of creating with your loved ones and friends. Light snacks will be avail-

able. These events are free for all New Mexico residents.

**DATES:** First Sunday

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

**2-4 PM**

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

**DATES:** Every Friday

## **FREE FAMILY FUN AT GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM**

**10:30 AM-2:30 PM**

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

Families can also enjoy free access to the Museum Galleries.

**DATES:** Second Sunday

## **FREE FIRST SUNDAYS AT NEW MEXICO MUSEUMS**

**10 AM-5 PM**

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

**DATES:** First Sundays

## **MONDAY FUNDAY: NM AP- PRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF**

**3-8 PM**

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

**DATES:** Every Monday

## **ORIGAMI IN THE GARDEN - SCULPTURE GARDEN**

**9 AM - 1 PM**

We are so excited to be open for our 2025 season with our biggest, boldest, brightest traveling exhibition to date: Florigami. Our Cerrillos sculpture garden and garden welcome gallery will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We hope

that you will have the opportunity to visit our gardens for a very unique experience where you can explore, discover, and engage all of your senses.

**DATES:** Monday through Friday (except 7/4)

### **STORYTIME AT THE NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF ART**

**10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

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

**DATES:** Every other Monday starting 5/5.

### **TODDLER CRAFT AT LAFSN**

**10-11 AM**

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

**DATES:** Third Wednesday & following Saturday

## **PERFORMING ARTS**

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

**10:30-11:15 AM**

Sing-alongs come back on August 18th! Join us every Monday for joyful music and games at Queen Bee Music Association.

**DATES:** Every Monday starting 8/18

### **KIDS SING-ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC - RAILYARD PARK**

**10:30-11:15 AM**

Join us for joyful music and games at the Railyard Park. We meet on the green lawn weather permitting, or in the Community Room adjacent to the parking lot.

**DATES:** Every Wednesday

### **KIDS SING-ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC - RANDALL DAVEY AUDUBON CENTER**

**10:30-11:15 AM**

Join us for joyful music and games every third Saturday at the Randall Davey Audubon Center.

**DATES:** Every third Saturday.

### **KIDS SING ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC - REUNITY RESOURCES FARM**

**10:30-11:15 AM**

Join us every second Saturday at Reunity Resources Farm starting on 6/14 for joyful music and games.

**DATES:** Every second Saturday.

### **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 will be closed 12/22 through 1/4)

### **THE BACKYARD CONCERT SERIES**

**4 PM - 6 PM**

The Backyard Concert Series: A Free Summer Concert Series at the Santa Fe Children's Museum presented in partnership with Queen Bee Music Association. Enjoy a monthly outdoor concert in the Backyard at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. Every second Thursday May through September 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Family-friendly performers. Admission is free from 4-6 p.m. To learn more or check out the lineup, visit [santafechildrensmuseum.org](http://santafechildrensmuseum.org).

**DATE:** Every second Thursday

### **TODDLER TUNES AT LAFSN**

**10:30-11 AM**

Children and parents sing, play instruments, and dance together, while Rachel Josephson shares simple ways to engage

children in music and movement. Free; drop in.

**DATES:** First Wednesday

## **EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT**

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

**DATES:** Every Saturday

### **CAREGIVER AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

**10:15-11 AM**

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

**DATES:** First and third Saturday (except in June)

### **COME BUILD WITH US AT MAIN LIBRARY**

**2-4 PM**

Come use your imagination to build your newest creation!

**DATES:** Fourth Saturday

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

**1-2 PM**

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

**DATES:** First Thursday

### **MANY MOTHERS' PLAY AREA**

**12-2 PM**

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

**DATES:** Monday-Thursday

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

**6:30-7:30 PM**

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

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

**DATES:** Every Thursday

### **PASEO POTTERY THROW DOWN**

**5-8 PM**

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

play in the mud with us. Cost: \$25 per person.

**DATES:** First Friday

### **PAWS AND PAGES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY**

**4:30-5:30 PM**

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

**DATES:** Every Monday

### **PAWS AND PAGES AT MAIN LIBRARY**

**6-7 PM**

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

**DATES:** Every Tuesday

### **PAWS AND PAGES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**

**11:30 AM-12:30 PM**

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

**DATES:** Every first and third Saturday

### **SCIENCE SATURDAYS**

**2-4 PM**

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

**DATES:** Every Saturday

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

**10:30-11:30 AM**

Created with early childhood teaching techniques, this story hour and craft provide social, physical, and cognitive skill practice for kindergarten read-

iness. This program is for preschool-age children.

**DATES:** Every Wednesday

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

**10:30-11:30 AM**

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**DATES:** Every Thursday

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**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

### **WEE WEDNESDAYS**

**10:30-11:30 AM**

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

**DATES:** Every Wednesday

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

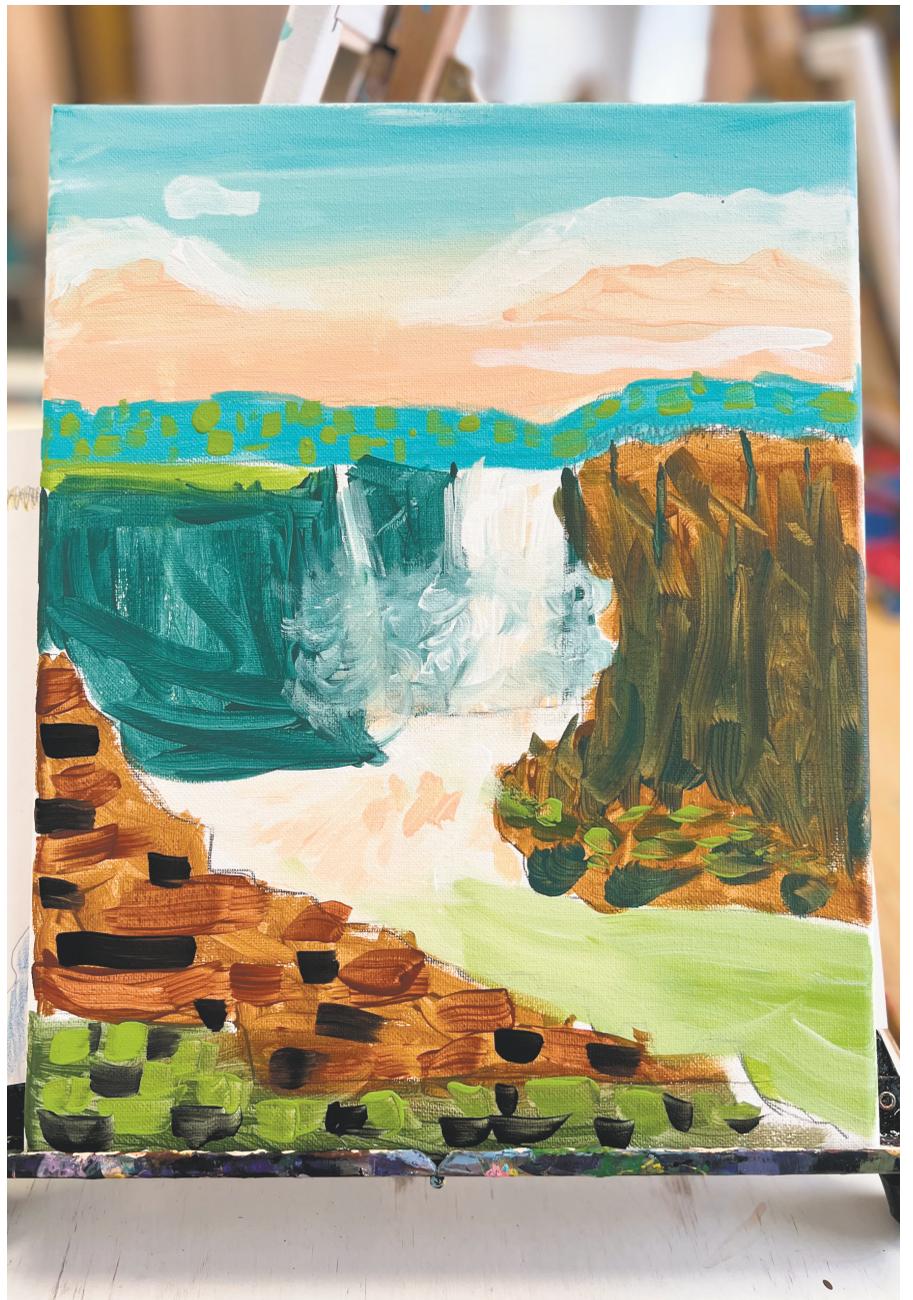
**1:30-3 PM**

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

**DATES:** Every Wednesday



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

**5:45-7:45 PM**

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

**DATES:** Every Wednesday

## **NATURE**

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

**11:30-12:30 AM**

Meet an animal ambassador.

**DATES:** Tuesday through Sunday

### **CAN YOU DIG IT?**

**11AM-3PM**

Unearth the wonders of the past at the “Can You Dig It?” program at El Rancho de las Golondrinas, an exciting hands-on archaeology dig designed especially for kids and families. This unique activity is available on select Wednesdays and Sundays throughout the season, giving kids the opportunity to learn about archaeology and New Mexico history by digging in a simulated archaeology pit. Each child is assigned an area to dig, and they record the variety of objects that they discover in the pit. The program is included in regular museum admission (member families and kids 12 and under always receive free admission). The program is suitable only for ages 5 and older. Parent supervision is required.

**DATES:** 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31

### **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



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educational and highly entertaining and suitable for audiences aged 3 and up.

**DATES:** First Friday

### **MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE**

**1-2 PM**

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

**DATES:** Every Thursday

### **NATURE PLAYTIME**

**10-11 AM**

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

**DATES:** Every Monday (excluding holidays)

### **NATURE UP CLOSE**

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

**DATES:** Mondays, 11:15-11:45 a.m. Birds: Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Walk-In Planetarium Show: Wednesdays 4 p.m. Gardens: Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

### **SAND PLAY SATURDAY**

**10 AM-12 PM**

Experience a morning of exploration, connection and creative play, geared toward young children and their families. Sand Play is a free program running every Saturday from June 7th through August 30th (except July 12th) in the Railyard Park’s beautifully designed sand area.

**DATES:** Every Saturday from 6/7 to 8/30 (except 7/12)

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

**10:30-11:30 AM**

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

**DATES:** Every Thursday

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

### **ANIME CLUB**

**5:30-7:30 PM**

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

**DATES:** Second Thursday

### **RANDOM FANDOM**

**6-7 PM**

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

**DATES:** Fourth Thursday

# YOU'RE INVITED!

Play, create, & enjoy special summer events at the Santa Fe Children's Museum



## The Life Center Foundation Discovery Garden Grand Opening Celebration

July 31st | 4 pm – 7 pm

Experience our newest Backyard updates with special guests, snacks, activities, & more! The space will include new beds, a teaching greenhouse, & a composting system!

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+ A new horno will open near the Discovery Garden!

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## The Backyard Concert Series

Summer Music Series

Listen to live performances by amazing local talent for free!

4:30 pm – 5:45 pm

July 10<sup>th</sup> | August 14<sup>th</sup> | September 11<sup>th</sup>

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