



Anansi August News from the Director

Anansi Charter School

1st Annual Let's Move Event: Hike to William's Lake & Lunch at Bavarian, Sunday August 28th

We are initiating a year long promotion of the enjoyment of family activities that engage us in outdoor physical fun. These events are labeled as "Let's Move" activities. They are sponsored by the school along with various community businesses. Our first event of the year is taking place up in the Taos Ski Valley. We will be meeting at the Bavarian Restaurant Deck at 9am, from there families can begin their hike up to William's Lake. You will want to bring a back pack with water, a hiking snack, rain jackets/ponchos, and a long sleeve shirt. The hike is 4 miles round trip. It is not essential

to get to the top, the idea is to enjoy yourselves along the way. The hike is above 9,000 feet in elevation, please keep that in mind in pacing yourselves. While the hike is sponsored by the school, we will not be providing supervision of your children at any time during the hike or lunch, this is meant to be for family enjoyment. We are merely the initiators of this adventure!

After your hike, please plan to have lunch at the Bavarian Restaurant. There will be three menu options that include an entrée and a drink for one set price. The proceeds from the lunch will benefit the school's educa-

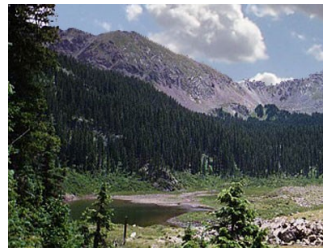


Photo of William's Lake

tional programs. The lunch will be served from 11:30am-1:30pm. Please enjoy a family lunch together in the restaurant or on the deck and remember to thank Anansi parents, Thomas and Jamie Schultz (who are also proprietors of the Bavarian) for their generosity and support of our event and the school! See you on the hike!

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Special points of interest:

- *William's Lake Hike & Lunch at Bavarian, August 28th*
- *School Photo Day, August 30th*
- *Friends of ACS Meeting, August 22nd, 5:30pm*
- *Governance Council Meeting, September 12th*
- *No School: September 2nd & 5th*
- *Parent Work Day September 17th*

Great First Week of School!

We had a fabulous start to our school year. Each day ran very smoothly throughout the day. A great deal of time was spent getting to know each other, establishing classroom routines and becoming a class community. The atmosphere has been cooperative, joyful, and

bursting with energy, although, we were seeing a few yawns by Friday afternoon. Thank goodness for the short first week! Our coming week will be the start of the diagnostic assessments on the computers. This information sets our baseline for instructions. Please be sure to give

your child a good breakfast to start the day.

I want to express my appreciation to parents for getting your children to school on time and prepared for learning. In addition the parking area has run very smoothly thus far, thanks for your cooperation and support.





School Photo Day, August 30th

We have beautiful school photos taken of individual students, siblings, and class photos on Tuesday, August 30th by Southern Exposure Photography. An individual photo will be taken of every student as well as sibling photos so that you can choose the package you prefer. The photos are taken outdoors in a natural setting on the school grounds

rather than with an artificial backdrop.

Our photographer suggests dressing your child in solid colored clothing so that it works with the setting and sets off each student's beautiful face and smile.

If you are not happy with your child's photograph for any reason, or your child is absent on

picture day, re-takes will be offered on Wednesday, September 7th. Photos will not need to be purchased prior to previewing the proofs.



Forms & Paper Work to the Office

We apologize for the very large amount of paperwork required for school enrollment. For those of you who have already turned in all of your paperwork, thank you very much! If you are still working on it, please plan to turn all of your paperwork into the office prior to the end of the week, August 26th. Remember

that we need everyone to fill out the lunch form for us regardless of qualifying for free or reduced fee lunch and regardless of participation in the lunch program. This information determines some of our federal funding for our school and qualifies us for some grants. In addition, as a school we use the information to

offer scholarships for our winter sports programs.

Please remember to provide an updated immunization record and/or a new conscientious objector's form. Alison can notarize your form for you in the office. Thanks for your cooperation, we are required to have all of the information that we request.

After Care Program

Our after school care program is already in full swing at the school. We are grateful to have Miss Stephanie return to head up our program. The program is offered from 3:30-5:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays, and from 1:30-5:30 on Wednesdays. The program offers enrichment and open ended play-

based activities everyday with the following themes: Mondays and Wednesdays are "art days", Tuesdays are "science", Thursdays are "outdoor games", and Friday is know as "Cooking Friday". In addition, we will be offering Art Enrichment with Lucy Perera from the Harwood and chess club with Dennis

Hedges beginning the third week in September.

Our preference is for families to sign up in advance for our programs; however drop-ins are allowed when space is available. Please inquire in the office for availability or turn in your after care form to the office. Please be sure to fill out your after care enrollment forms.

