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Tokens of Love

How my hubby worms his way into my heart

“Used to be, the way to my wife’s heart was chocolates and a string of pearls,” Charles tells his poker buddies. “Now it’s a worm box. Times change.” Told with a wry grin and a roll of the eyes, the quip draws a laugh from the other long-time married men at the table.

Expressing love is an evolving art in a long relationship. We could say the proof is in the pudding — we’re still together after 27 years — but the gestures and tokens of love put the sprinkles on top.

The worm bin was my special birthday request this year. Our old plastic tumbling composter has outlived its usefulness; it becomes hard to turn when it gets too full, and its contents froze in this winter’s early cold spell. When a gardener-friend came over just before Christmas with some homemade goodies for us and talked up the advantages of worm compost, I looked up at Charles with eyes wide, feeling like a child asking Daddy for a new puppy. And on a cold day in January, just

before my birthday, there he was stacking straw bales in a rectangle against the fence near the front door, readying a home for the red wigglers he would add when spring came. He might as well have been singing Roger Miller: *“And if that’s not loving you...”*

We’re wrapping up this issue just before Valentine’s Day, amidst the usual barrage of advertisements attempting to conflate love with iPads, chocolate, roses, cell phone plans, skimpy undergarments and champagne. I take no issue with any of these things,

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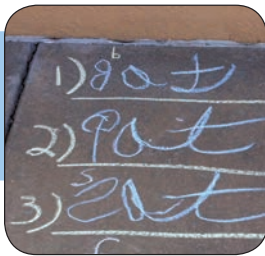
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ON THE COVER: Hera Elise Chavez, shown here in the arms of her mom, Krista Valdez, was born on Jan. 10 at Christus St. Vincent Medical Center in Santa Fe. Her big sisters, Bridget and Gisell, love giving Hera kisses and hugs. Photo © Ana June.

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but after many years of marriage and parenthood, I would like to posit that the true art of expressing love requires imagination and adaptation.

I used to give Charles sweaters on his birthday, until he politely told me he hates gifts of clothing. This year, I gave him a colorful felt squid I found at the Museum of International Folk Art gift shop. It was a reminder of our recent trip to the National Aquarium in Baltimore, where Charles became downright besotted with an octopus named Cordelia. I got him a more serious gift, too, but neither of us can remember what it was. It's the squid that has the place of honor on the piano.

As our loved ones change, our ways of expressing love must adapt. When our son Ariel was born, the best gifts I could offer him were to sooth him when he cried, feed him when he was hungry, and put him to sleep in our bed or just beside it. By preschool, love meant letting him fall asleep in our bed when he needed to, until we carried him to his own bed. Later, it meant moving his bedroom to a room a little farther from Mom and Dad's.

When he performed a song on the saxophone in the elementary school talent show, a bouquet of flowers didn't feel like the right present. Instead, I got him a rubber skeleton from a novelty store with "removable squeaking viscera." What fifth grade boy wouldn't love that?

When he was in middle school, love meant letting him be silent when he came home from school, famished and overloaded, rather than expecting him to open up and tell me about his day — a lesson I learned a little later than I wished.

Now that he is 25, showing love means *not* calling him every day. He chose to spend most of his winter vacation at home with us this year, and calls often, but he values his space. I *do* know parents who call their grown children at least once a day, but that would suffocate this particular kid.

Parental love is constant (or so we hope), but the ways we express it needn't be consistent. Who doesn't need to know they are still loved as they change?

The theme of gifts runs throughout this issue in fascinating, and unplanned, ways. We have a returning writer in these pages: Lucy Gent Foma, who first wrote for Tumbleweeds 16 years ago, when she was 12 years old. Now a mom-to-be, she wisely foresees the gift she can give her children by recognizing and acknowledging the good things in their lives and cultivating her own happiness.

Amy Miller, executive director of the May Center for Learning, writes that we provide children the "gift of potential" when we identify and treat learning differences early. Her article, "Start Strong," offers signs we can look for in young children's behavior that could indicate a need for special assistance.

The quest for parental perfection is more of a punishment than a gift, as Nina Bunker Ruiz notes in her essay on learning to accept herself as a "good enough parent." Sometimes letting ourselves off the hook of perfection is the most caring gift we can give ourselves and our loved ones.

We celebrate the Earth's birthday in April, a great time to think about the gift of thanks we owe our Big Mama. Several community groups, including Wise Fool, Railyard Stewards, ARTsmart and Arts

of Nature, are planning a celebration at the Railyard on April 26, encouraging us to take care of our planet at home, in our community and our schools throughout the year.

While our attention is on the Railyard, Curiosa Crow, our pseudonymous nature writer, opens our eyes, ears and noses to the gifts of the Santa Fe Rail Trail, a ribbon running through our city from the Railyard out to Rabbit Road and beyond.

Who knows what I'll ask for, or be surprised by, on my next birthday. In the meanwhile, it warms my heart to see those straw bales, still draped with a fading blue bow, in a rectangle against the garden fence, the space in the middle filling with our kitchen and yard waste. Those little red worms, munching their way through our food scraps and cranking out pay dirt, are in every sense a gift that keeps on giving.



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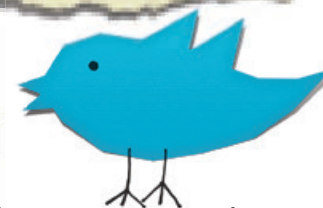
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looking for the goodness

Acknowledge positivity
to encourage positivity

By Lucy Gent Foma

“You did great, Mommy!” the

4-year-old exclaimed as his mom pulled a perfectly browned marshmallow from the fiery horn.

“Well thanks, Sweetie,” she replied tenderly as my husband and I cooed nearby, nibbling on the marshmallow-chocolate sandwiches we had just made. We were sitting at La Posada’s Tuesday evening s’mores station, in the courtyard of their patio café last summer. The dusky sunlight streamed through the lush courtyard, bringing the first tinges of autumn as the evening waned on that August night. The din of meals coming to a close, together with the gurgling of the water fountain and the child’s loving remark, created a moment in time that I will not soon forget.

Witnessing this sweet reversal of roles between parent and child plucked my heartstrings. How wonderful to hear words of encouragement and positivity come out of such a tiny being! All the encouragement in his life must have grown out of somewhere. Positive observations make us and those around us feel happier.

A month later, my husband and I, in preparation for becoming first-time parents ourselves, enrolled in a class called Positive Parenting Program offered through the United Way of Santa Fe. Our class took place over three Thursday evenings. The intimate group included the two of us, a father from India and our teacher. Since the class was targeted for parents of children ages 2 to 8, I think we were a little preemptive, but we vowed to take a refresher course in a few years. Our facilitator, whom we later followed to her birth-preparation class



at The Birthing Tree, informed us that United Way holds these and other sessions regularly in Santa Fe.

The Positive Parenting Program (or Triple P) was developed in Australia, where it is widely taught. The program bases its practical strategies on more than 30 years of research aimed at confidently managing children's behavior, preventing problems from developing, and building strong, healthy relationships.

While I had heard many of the parenting strategies before, there was one particular lesson that stood out above the rest: Look for the Goodness. For the sake of our children, the class encourages parents to point out good things in life, from the simple pleasures that make us happy to commenting positively on another person when we observe behaviors we wish to emulate. This structure of framing the positive things around us helps our children to see the world in an optimistic light.

That's not to say we should shelter them from negative experiences, but that we should train them to notice when good things happen. Practicing this strategy also trains us to take the good things in life as gifts and not birthrights.

"Seeing with grateful eyes requires that we see the web of interconnections in which we alternate between givers and receivers," writes Robert Emmons, co-director of the Greater Good Science Center's Gratitude Project. "The humble person says that life is a gift to be grateful for, not a right to be claimed." This is a practice; we need to train ourselves to find the positive side of a situation.

Looking for the Goodness relates to mindfulness, one of the practices that have been found to correlate with happiness. The Greater Good Science Center out of UC Berkeley conducts research on raising happy children. I found out about this

center from Dr. Christine Carter, author of the book *Raising Happiness*. Mindfulness, compassion, altruism, empathy, forgiveness and gratitude are all traits that lead to happier children and happier people. Practicing the skill of recognizing the individuals and natural world around us makes us feel more connected and biologically trains our bodies to feel at peace.

When I was going to graduate school in Ithaca, New York, the endless gray days really got me down. On my way to the bus on these cold mornings, I started reminding myself to look up and observe the world around me, instead of charging head-down into the mist. I noticed that if I looked closely enough, I could see the tiny purple, green and pink buds appearing on branches, sheltered petals wrapped tightly in the shell of the trees' bark. Daily, I watched as spring slowly unfolded around me, smiling to myself and wondering at the beauty of life's cycles. One day as I walked down the street, I just started smiling. I couldn't stop myself, as if I had accidentally tapped into a cosmic current of happiness. Once we feel good, we start to be receptive to possibilities for growth and outreach, both as adults and as children.

Even though my child is not yet born, I find being present enough to acknowledge the positive things around me is a good practice. I know I will be a better mother if I am a happier person. Reflecting on my

positive observation of the mother and her son this summer, I am reminded that parenting is a process of reciprocal giving. If I can give my child one gift, I hope it will be the ability to Look for the Goodness.

For information about the Positive Parenting Program classes and others offered through United Way, contact: Marisol Atkins, Santa Fe Children's Project Director, United Way of Santa Fe County, at (505) 603-0123 or marisola@uwsfc.org.

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Lucy Gent Foma's first article for Tumbleweeds, "Santa Fe Teen is the Drummer Different" appeared in our summer 2000 issue when she was 12 years old. She and her husband, Okwen, live in Santa Fe and are expecting their first child.



Lucy Gent Foma and Okwen Foma are ready to pop.

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Start Strong

Early identification and intervention helps children with learning differences

By Amy Miller

A learning difference is any variation in the way a person's brain processes information that falls out of the normal range. Individuals with learning differences struggle to learn things such as reading, writing and math in a traditional school setting.

Experts believe that up to 20 percent of the general population has a learning difference. Dyslexia, for example, is thought to be the cause of reading difficulty in 80 percent of those who struggle to learn to read and write.

Individuals with learning differences often have above-average intelligence, but they experience difficulty learning at school and continue to grapple with their learning difference as adults. Because these children are smart and capable, people often assume that they are able to learn in a "typical" way. They may struggle for years before being identified, and by the time they are identified

they many suffer from low self-esteem and not see themselves as intelligent, competent learners. Research shows that these children are more likely to drop out of school, suffer from depression or addiction, and encounter later personal problems such as divorce or even incarceration.

Life outcomes for children with learning differences can improve dramatically with early identification and intervention. Current brain research demonstrates that the young brain has the ability to compensate for processing differences when provided with appropriate intervention. Diagnosing and treating these differences early gives a child the best chances of future success.

"It is undeniable that with the plasticity and resilience of a young child's brain, early intervention is the key to insuring success in life," says Stephanie Binkley, the director of the lower school at The May Center for Learning and mother of Addison, who received early intervention through Santa Fe's New Vistas Early Childhood Development Program. "I believe that early intervention saved my child's life. Without it, we'd have a very different little girl."

Children who are born with certain risk factors should have their development observed closely. These risk factors include premature birth, low birth weight and significant birth trauma or distress. In addition, learning differences can be hereditary, so if someone in a child's family has a diagnosed learning difference or has struggled in school, that child is more likely to have one as well.

Children who have not been exposed to significant oral language in their early years also fall into the at-risk category for literacy and school success. Young children who do not grow up in a language-rich environment, in which they are regularly given words to go with objects and actions, lack crucial modeling and practice necessary for neural development. It is important to note that the absence of a verbally-rich early environment does not *cause* learning differences but may contribute to a lack of school readiness and low academic achievement, and so these children's development should also be observed for signs of behavior that indicates a need for intervention such as speech therapy or tutoring.

Read on to learn more about early signs of a learning difference. You should pay attention to clusters of these characteristics in your child, especially if they are interfering with his or her school life, home life or social relationships.

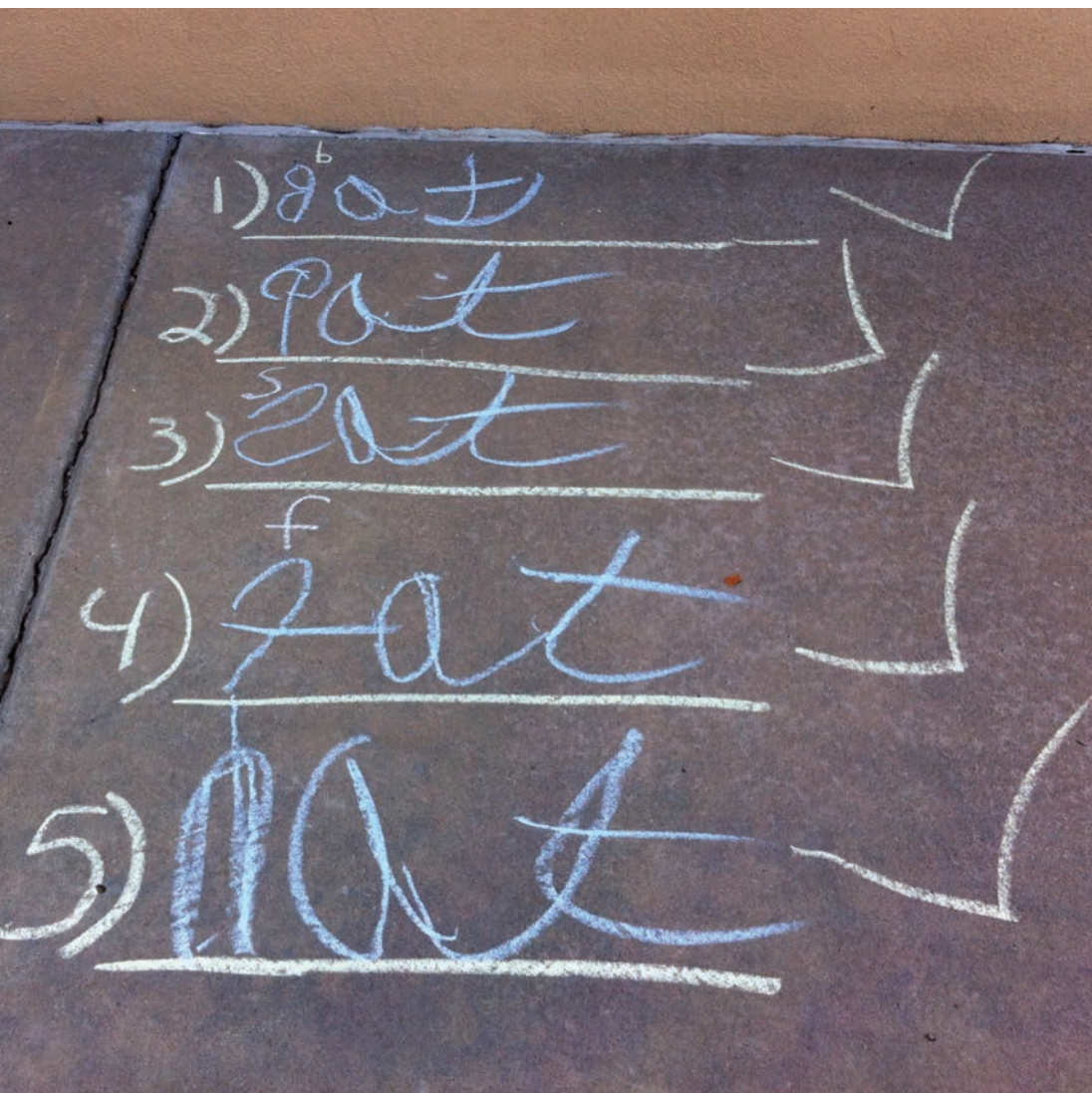
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- Difficulty in rhyming, naming, learning new words, understanding questions, following simple directions or finding the right words to express thoughts and feelings
- Not speaking in sentences by age 3
- Incorrect pronunciation of certain speech sounds

Motor Skills

- Clumsiness, poor balance, awkwardness with running, jumping, climbing or skipping
- Trouble performing self-care activities such as tying shoes or getting dressed



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- Avoidance of drawing or the inability to draw a person with seven body parts

Cognition

- Poor memory for routine procedures
- Difficulty in counting objects, following instructions or understanding concepts such as size and color

Kindergarten and First Grade

Language

- Difficulty associating sounds with letters
- Difficulty in learning to read basic words
- Avoidance of reading

Attention

- Distractibility or difficulty staying on task
- Impulsive or overly reactive behavior
- Hyper-focus on certain activities or difficulty shifting from one task to the next
- Constant repetition of an idea or inability to

move to a new idea

Social Behavior

- Always playing alone or having trouble interacting with others
- Sudden or extreme mood changes
- Getting easily frustrated or having frequent temper tantrums
- Misperception of social cues

If you sense that your child may have a learning difference, don't wait. You should meet with your child's doctor and teacher. The doctor may suggest evaluations to identify developmental delays, learning differences or attention deficits. Your child's teacher can provide important information about your child's behavior and performance in class.

If your child is identified as having a learning difference, contact a certified speech or language therapist, occupational therapist, academic language therapist or school for students with learning differences. Their teacher or doctor should be able to provide you with names. These specialists can provide a tailored education and the extra support that will help your child succeed at school and in daily life and relationships.

It is important to make sure your child knows that having a learning difference has nothing to do with his or her intelligence. It just means that he or she *learns in a different way*. Finding educational specialists who understand how to teach children with learning differences effectively is crucial for your child's self-esteem and success.

"Many students come to us feeling that they *can't*," says Karen Lindeen, director of programs at The May Center, a school and learning center in Santa Fe specializing in working with students with learning differences. "It's our job to show them that they *can*; they just do it differently."

With early intervention, children with learning differences have the best opportunity to reach their intellectual and social-emotional potential. Give your child the gift of possibility by giving him the support he or she needs.

Several organizations in Santa Fe specialize in early education, intervention and support:

- **Las Cumbres Community Services** offers developmental services for young children who have disabilities, have or are at risk for developmental delays or social-emotional vulnerabilities, or have some combination of these challenges. 955-0410.
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- **The May Center for Learning** operates a full- and half-day school program for students with learning differences and offers a summer program, after-school tutoring and training opportunities for educators, parents and the general public. 983-7407.
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Amy Miller is the executive director of the May Center for Learning.

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✓ True or False: Children Can Test with Confidence and Ease

Harness your super-powerful amazing imagination to do your best on the test

By Stacia Shiffler

Twenty-eight third graders are sitting in front of me. They are shifting in their seats, talking and laughing. Today we are beginning the “Do Your Best On The Test” lesson that I created and that is based on using the power of the subconscious mind to help with performance anxiety and anxiousness in general. I call the lesson “What Good Thinkers Do: The Power of Your Super-Powerful Amazing Imagination!”

Long before Standards Based Assessment (SBA) takes place in public schools each spring, teachers and students are in preparation mode. Everyone knows that a lot rides on this test, and although teachers do their best to reduce the stress for the students, nervousness and tension still fill the air.

My lesson is simple and fun for the students, since it asks them to engage their creative imagination. Children are particularly responsive to this request. Since the conscious critical mind is still developing between the ages of 7 and 11, I am working with minds that have the window to the creative subconscious open. As it is, children use their creative imagination much of the time. I keep in mind, however, that since children are so suggestible at this age, everything I say to them — positive or negative — will shape them if they decide it is true.

I start by asking them, “How do you feel about the upcoming test?”

As I ask this, images arise in my mind from 14 years of teaching and testing in public schools.

I remember a student crawling under the desk and refusing to continue the test and another crying and ripping up her homework. I think of children who go

to the nurse or stay home sick on testing days, their bodies shutting down from anxiety and pressure.

As the students begin calling out answers to my question, I write them on the left side of a piece of chart paper: “Scared. Sick to my stomach. Worried. Dumb. Sleepy. Nervous. I don’t know the answer.”

I tell them, “Well, these are all natural feelings and there is nothing wrong with them, but do you want to feel this way?” and they say, “NO!”

“Guess what!” I continue. “You don’t have to feel those feelings if you don’t want to! I am going to teach you a special trick you can do to help yourself in situations where you feel any of these feelings and you want to feel something different.” I explain that they have more control over their feelings than they may realize.

This is hard for many of them to believe, since their parents and teachers are always telling them what to do. But I say, “No matter what anyone says or does to you, you always have control of how you perceive it and what you do with that information.”

This is a lesson I am continually reminding myself and practicing, even as an adult. What we tell ourselves and accept as true can influence how we feel and how we experience the world. I explain to the students that even the smartest student in the whole school can do poorly on a test if the child is nervous and tells him or herself they are not good enough. I explain that if we relax our minds and bodies, we have all we need inside of us to help us do our best. We can fill our minds and put our attention on imagery and ideas that will help us relax and do our best on the test.

We then go through our list written on the left side of the chart paper and reverse all the negative feelings into positive ones, which I list on the right side of the paper. “Scared” becomes “courageous.” “Sick to my stomach” becomes “comfortable in my body.” “Worried” is reversed to “confident.” “Dumb” is changed to “intelligent.” “Sleepy” becomes “awake and alert.” “I don’t know the answer” is changed to “All information I’ve ever learned is in my mind and I can access it when I need it.” A few students want to add, “Get 100 percent on the test,” and I quickly reframe that statement to “Do my best on the test.”

I explain that although our super-powerful, amazing imagination can transform many situations, this process is not magic; if information is not in your brain, it won’t magically appear. However, all our memories, sights and smells, every experience and event, are stored in the mind and body, and this information can be called upon as a positive resource during times like test-taking.

I ask the students to close their eyes and imagine what their classroom looks like. In their mind, can they see the Word Wall? How about the number line above the chalkboard? Can they see the input charts with information about science and social studies? Yes! Then I ask them to imagine their classrooms from last year and the year before.

I know that kids of this age can drop into a deep state of imaginative involvement very easily, usually much more easily than adults. So, when the students ask, “How?” I tell them to



Photo by Ana June

Public schools are in preparation mode long before Standards Based Assessment begins in the spring.

close their eyes and let their mind follow the sound of my voice. I guide the group through three deep breaths, breathing air in through their noses (“smelling the flowers”) and out through their mouths (“blowing out the candle”). To my amazement, even a group of wriggly fifth-graders very quickly settles into their seats, as a deep quiet settles throughout the room.

Then I ask them to imagine that a door is in front of them and that they can reach out and open that door, leading to a passageway to a special place where they are safe, secure, happy and at peace. I know their imaginations are being activated when I see their bodies relax. I hear deep sighs fill the room and I witness smiles spreading across faces. In this state, I know their minds are more open and ready to receive the positive-thought statements we wrote together as a group. They repeat each statement after me, either aloud or silently to themselves. “I am intelligent. I am focused and in control. I am comfortable in my body. I am awake and alert. I am ready to learn. Everything I have ever learned is available to me to help me do my best on the test. I am excited to take the test! School is fun!”

To finish, I count from one to five and tell them to open their eyes. I explain that whenever they are feeling anything they would like to experience differently, they can return to that special place in their super-powerful, amazing imagination. All they need to do is open that door and walk in, and they can experience all those good feelings again.

The lesson is over and I give them exercises to practice at home: They are to say their positive-thoughts statements to themselves when they wake up in the morning, throughout the day and before bed. I remind the students that they can use these skills to prepare and experience success during any important life event, now and in the future, whether they are at school or at home, before and during a driver’s test, a job interview, a big sports competition or a music performance, getting ready for a big date or their first day of college. They giggle and look at each other excitedly as we envision these future events together. As they walk out the door, I remind them, “Remember, you have control!” and their smiles and signs of “thumbs up” show me they do.

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Tips for Parents and Teachers

- Create a time in the day for children to be quiet, calm and centered. In that state, encourage kids to go back to a time in their life when they felt successful and happy and ask them to dwell in that place in their imagination. The more they experience that state of positive feelings, the more they will be able to bring that experience into the present moment.
- Make your use of language intentional. Use terminology like “I am brave!” instead of “I am fearless!” (The subconscious mind will hear the word “fear” and program fear.)
- Encourage children to do their best and to work hard, while continuing to remind them they are “perfect just the way they are.”
- Be aware of your stress and your projections and do your own personal work. Children emulate adults. What we do, they do. The subconscious mind records and understands all verbal language as well as body language and energetic cues.

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PARENTING

The Second Time Around

Support group for grandparents raising grandchildren

By Robyn Covelli-Hunt

It's Thursday night at the Santa Fe Children's

Museum, and families of all shapes and sizes are spilling into the spacious rooms for jungle-gym scaling, bubble making and face painting. But this particular evening, a support group is gathering in a side room around a table laden with three kinds of pizza and a green salad. They are participants in a group formed this fall to support grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

In New Mexico, over 25,000 grandparents are responsible for meeting the basic needs of their live-in grandchildren. In Santa Fe County a significant 35 percent of children under age 6 are in the care of their grandparents. To assist this often invisible group of caretakers and their grandchildren, the Santa Fe Community Infant Program of Las Cumbres Community Services has partnered with the Santa Fe Children's Museum to offer a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group, which meets once a month at the museum. These Thursday evening groups give grandparents an opportunity to discuss tools and resources and to meet with their peers to talk about the unique challenges they face.

One grandparent recounts the shock of taking her grandchild home from the hospital because the baby had been prenatally exposed to drugs and the mother relinquished her rights to her mother, the child's grandmother. The grandmother had never planned, she explains, to have to choose between her child and her grandchild. Another grandmother's daughter is involved with local gangs. The grandmother has guardianship of her grandchild but lives in fear of gang reprisals. Another grandfather simply speaks up and says, of the absent parent in the equation, "I miss my daughter so much."

Photos by Robyn Covelli-Hunt



Facilitated by a team of Las Cumbres' early childhood mental health therapists and social workers as well as Children's Museum staff, an evening with the grandparents and their youngsters is typically broken into two parts. The first half involves the whole family sharing a meal and an arts and crafts activity, which might be building scenery for the museum's holiday train exhibit, exploring new art techniques or discovering what bubbles can teach participants about air, light and geometry. The shared time is followed by breakout sessions for the grandparents *sans* kiddos, while the children enjoy supervised playtime in a museum resplendent with a magical pendulum seeping sand to paint mandalas, a mirrored tunnel into which to clamber, and bubble trays as big as tables with wands that make bubbles bigger than the children's bodies. For the grandparents, these breakout meetings provide an invaluable interval for them to explore their feelings and problem-solve stressors affecting their families.

In the support group, grandparents can explore how to prioritize their own physical and emotional health needs and find resources to alleviate their particular challenges. Guest speakers offer support on issues related to parenting "a second time around." Presentations by Las Cumbres and the Children's Museum address issues ranging from the legal rights of grandparents to the best ways to navigate the state's judicial, educational and social service systems.

Presenters highlight the importance to the grandparents of maintaining their own physical and emotional well-being: getting preventive care and regular health maintenance, making lifestyle changes related to diet and exercise, and breaking out of a growing trend to seek care for themselves only in emergencies.

Most importantly, by participating in the support group,

grandparents quickly realize that they are not alone. One Las Cumbres facilitator explains that within the group there is a wealth of empathy, some sadness, and consistent expression of sincere enjoyment among the grandparents for their grandchildren's presence in their lives.

Rachael Kissling Gilman, the museum's director of programming and visitor experience, observes, "The goal here is to help the two generations work together in a productive way, get excited about something and step into the joy that this special relationship can bring." As these families are given the support to find services they need and to explore common ground with others facing similar challenges, grandparents find their voice, get answers to their questions and advocate for positive change.

Las Cumbres Community Services has been providing support to grandparents raising grandchildren in Rio Arriba County since 2011 and has hosted two Grandparents Raising Grandchildren conferences, each with more than a hundred statewide participants. The Santa Fe support group mirrors the Rio Arriba program for residents of Santa Fe County.

"While the statistics are bleak surrounding the numbers of children in the care of their grandparents, there is cause to celebrate," says Delfinia Romero, Las Cumbres' director of family educational services. "These grandparents, in taking on this job, are instilling traditional cultural values in the children, including respect for family and the customs of northern New Mexico. Grandparents are providing safety and security for their grandchildren who might otherwise land in foster care."

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren pro-

gram is also diligently working to alert the public of the needs of this important population of caregivers. In January a team of grandparents took their needs to the state legislature. Sen. Richard C. Martinez, D-Española, introduced a Senate memorial to recognize and honor grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren. A Senate Joint Memorial to the secretary of the state's Children, Youth and Families Department requested a study of the issues facing grandparents. These issues include challenges such as lack of medical, housing or food stamp assistance, and questions of custody, guardianship and power of attorney. These challenges and their solutions may be addressed with future task forces, policy studies and public education about grandparents with primary care of their grandchildren.

Founded in 1970, Las Cumbres provides a broad range of programs in child and family services, adult services for individuals with developmental disabilities, and respite and personal care for the main caregiver of a child with special needs. It serves Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos counties through direct-care initiatives, and the entire state through outreach, advocacy and training activities, reaching more than 6,000 people each year. Today, the agency is one of the largest social service providers in northern New Mexico.

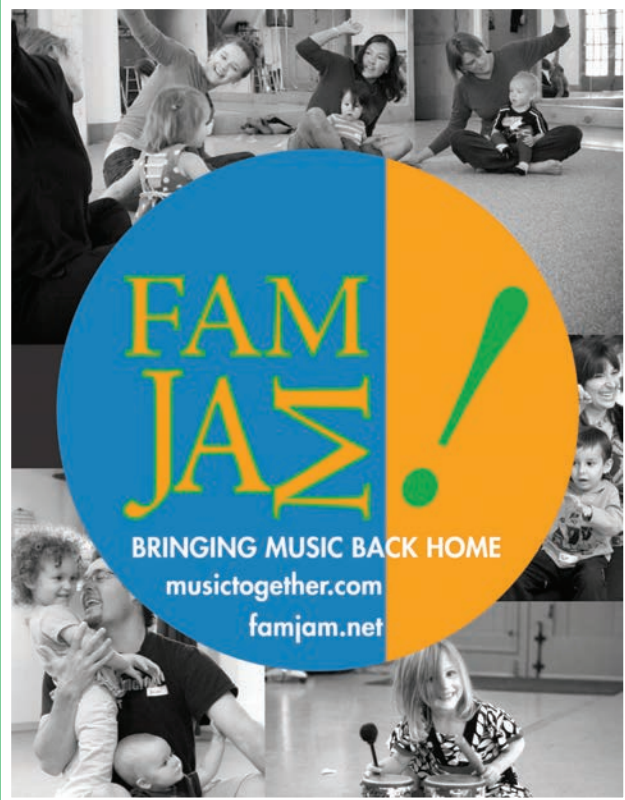
The mission of the Santa Fe Children's Museum is to build upon a child's natural sense of joy and discovery by cultivating habits of inquiry in the arts, sciences and humanities. Its informal learning environment fosters creative play among children and families, and encourages active participation in the learning process through interactive exhibits and programs.

For more information about Grandparents Rais-



ing Grandchildren programs (all of which are free), call the Santa Fe Community Infant Program, (505) 955-0410, Las Cumbres' Española office at (505) 753-4123, or the Santa Fe Children's Museum at (505) 989-8359.

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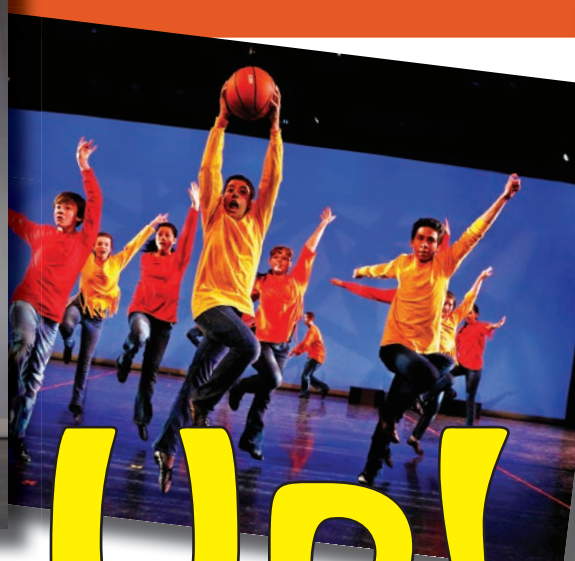
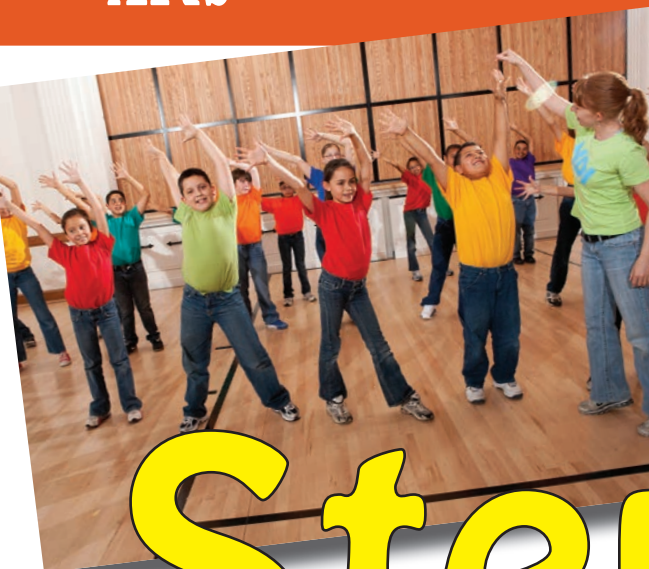
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Stepping Up!

National Dance Institute of New Mexico helps kids boost grades and self-esteem • By Erica Asmus-Otero

Playwright Samuel Beckett once said, “Dance first. Think later. It’s the natural order.” Dance and other arts play a profound role in a child’s intellectual development, because activities such as dancing, singing and acting engage the senses and wire the brain for successful learning throughout life.

Once children start school, a connection with dancing and the arts is essential to learning and academic success. The National Arts Education Association concludes that there is a direct relationship between the arts and creative thinking, particularly original or abstract thought. Art, in its many forms, is key to learning.

The National Dance Institute of New Mexico (NDI New Mexico) has based its programming on the connection between the arts and academic success for 20 years. This statewide nonprofit organization helped hundreds of thousands of New Mexico’s underserved children since 1994. NDI New Mexico programs give students the skills to move through obstacles and gain the confidence, tenacity and hard work ethic necessary to succeed in life. It instills in students what it calls the “Core Four” values: Work hard, do your best, never give up and be healthy.

NDI New Mexico was cofounded 20 years ago by Jacques d’Amboise, New York City Ballet dancer and founder of the National Dance Institute, and Catherine Oppenheimer, New York City Ballet dancer and actress. In its first year the organization served 100 children. Now NDI New Mexico reaches more than 75,000 children each year in 36 New Mexico communities; 78 percent of the students from these communities are from minority groups, and 73 percent qualify for free or reduced-cost school lunches. All NDI New Mexico’s programs are offered at no cost, or little cost, to children and their families.

At The Dance Barns in Santa Fe and Hiland Theater in Albuquerque, NDI New Mexico offers beginning, intermediate and advanced level classes in dance, voice and theater for students ages 3 to 18. The most advanced students perform with the pre-professional student troupe, Company XCel.

“HIP to Be Fit Club,” NDI New Mexico’s program for third through fifth graders, is a three-hour after-school program that encourages healthy eating and exercise and offers extra help with homework. HIP to Be Fit was established in 2004, with a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Carol M. White Physical Education Program, to develop fitness and nutrition programs for elementary teachers and students and to measure its impact.

NDI New Mexico’s “In School Program,” partners with public elementary schools across the state to teach third, fourth and fifth graders dance as part of their school day curriculum. Students participate in either 15- or 30-week classes, or intensive residencies of one, two or three weeks, at no charge to students. At the end of their classes, the students perform for their friends, family and community, in lavish public performances. Currently, 100 schools are on a waiting list to take advantage of NDI New Mexico’s programs.

“NDI New Mexico’s programs are an exciting way for students to learn the skills necessary to learn healthy eating, overcome obstacles and gain the confidence, tenacity and work ethic necessary to succeed,” said its executive director, Russell Baker.

The Wallace Foundation, a private foundation whose mission is to help organizations expand educational opportunities, cited NDI New Mexico in November as one of 48 “exemplary” and “highly effective” arts organizations in the country. Wallace selected NDI New Mexico as one of just eight of those 48 to examine for its case study on successful arts programming. Their report, “Something to Say: Success Principles for Afterschool Arts Programs from Urban Youth and Other Experts” looked at what middle and high school students, their families, teachers and youth development leaders want in an after-school arts program. (The complete report and a summary can be found at www.wallacefoundation.org.)

The first of 10 essential factors for a successful arts-education program noted in the Wallace report is the presence of instructors who are professional, practicing artists. All of NDI New Mexico’s instructors have professional backgrounds in their fields and many years of experience in performing arts. Among them, Evelyn Cisneros-Legate, program director for the recently reopened Hiland Theater, comes to New Mexico from the San Francisco Ballet Company and is the United States’ first Hispanic prima ballerina. Allegra Lillard, program director at the Dance Barns, also danced her way to New Mexico from an impressive professional career.

NDI New Mexico contracts with the Center for Education Policy Research at the University of New Mexico to conduct rigorous, independent evaluations of its programs. The findings have shown that students who use the programs have better physical fitness, increased confidence, better attitudes, tenacity and higher scores in reading, math and science than their peers. Of the classroom teachers polled, 97 percent noticed a positive difference in their students, noting that they had a stronger sense that they could achieve what they set out to do and were more engaged in class.

Students’ positive experiences with NDI New Mexico give them skills and attitudes to successfully join the work force, go to college and break the cycle of poverty as adults. Perhaps best of all, students can showcase their hard-earned efforts in performances for their community at their schools, the Hiland and the Dance Barns.

Celebrate NDI’s 20 years of stepping up for children in New Mexico at its 20th anniversary galas and end-of-year performances in May. The Santa Fe Gala, “Broadway Bound!” takes place at The Dance Barns on May 3, and the Albuquerque Gala, “Eureka!” happens at The Hiland on May 10. Purchase tickets to all performances and galas at ndi-nm.org.

For more about NDI New Mexico or to donate to support these essential programs, visit ndi-nm.org or call 505-983-7646.

Erica Asmus-Otero is a friend of the National Dance Institute of New Mexico.
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Noisy Acorns

At HOME in the Railyard

Earth Day celebration honors community and place

By Carol Schrader

What does home mean to you? Do you think of your house, your family, perhaps your garden, friends and community? What about your home on Earth? For most of us, home is where we are physically “grounded.” HOME, Santa Fe’s Earth Day celebration at the Railyard, April 26, asks people to consider how they view home and what they can do to take care of their home on Earth.

Just as the backyard nature movement has helped people understand that nature isn’t just “out there in the mountains,” the planners of the HOME celebration hope to inspire families to bring Earth Day into their homes and everyday lives. Coming together in a colorful community celebration inspires a sense of place, which provides children and adults with a meaningful starting point for caring for the world around them. HOME envisions a resilient world with creative, year-round stewardship of the Earth. The celebration will inform and inspire visitors to extend this care from their homes to their natural surroundings.

A coalition of more than 30 nonprofit organizations, led by Railyard Stewards, Arts of Nature, Wise Fool and ARTsmart, is organizing this community-wide Earth Day Celebration in the Railyard Park, the place Santa Fe that has long been associated with Earth Day and All Species Day festivities.

“We are thrilled to welcome Earth Day back to the Railyard with so many wonderful community partners,” says Gayla Bechtol, a Railyard Stewards board member and co-leader of the grassroots effort that created the Railyard. “It is important to Railyard Stewards that the community knows that this is their park and that they can hold their celebrations here. It is a place for the community to meet.”

Wise Fool will kick off HOME with a participatory procession of stilt-walkers, giant puppets, music and costumes, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Sanbusco Market Center. “Everyone is invited to join in this celebratory event that will pump up the visual volume of the voice of our community and express our visions



Photo courtesy of Arts of Nature

for caring for our HOME on Earth,” says Amy Christian, Wise Fool’s artistic director. “Bring a costume, puppet or instrument of your own, or just show up and help bring to life our beautiful puppets!” The procession will grow as it travels through the Railyard district, gathering participants of all ages.

When the procession reaches the Railyard Park, a giant puppetry pageant will feature images and ideas born from a month of free community art and puppet building workshops.

Young artists from local organizations, including the marimba band from the Academy for Technology and the Classics and teen artists from YouthxYouthFest, will provide inspiration throughout the park with music, poetry and dance.

In addition to the puppetry and performances, there will be plenty of hands-on activities and workshops with local experts offering demonstrations of sustainable practices that can be implemented at home. Presentations will include goat-, chicken- and beekeeping (replete with live animals), water conservation techniques, plastic reduction, solar-oven cooking, bike-powered generators, photovoltaic devices, gardening and composting, homemade soap and lotion making, adobe building, carbon footprint calculation and more. Workshops and community dialogues will address topics as diverse as the resiliency of neighborhoods, recycling in Santa Fe County and community carbon reduction.

“Our vision is to bring a diverse community together in one place and share inspiration, information and interaction in a colorful village-style celebration,” notes Grietje Laga, director of Arts of Nature.

Winners of the 2014 Sustainable Santa Fe Awards will be on hand to showcase their important work at information tables. These awards highlight innovative projects, programs and organizations that are helping to meet the goals of the city’s Sustainable Santa Fe Plan.

In the afternoon, a bike-a-thon organized by Earth Care’s Youth Allies high school leaders will depart from the Railyard Park and head to the Zona Del Sol Youth and Family Center on the south end of Santa Fe. “People who bike with us or support the bike-a-thon [by sponsoring riders] will be helping to make sustainable alternatives visible and real for all of the community and be helping to actually make our solar installation on an important building on the Southside possible,” says Youth Allies organizer Josue Damian Martinez. Upon arrival at Zona Del Sol, bike-a-thon participants and supporters will be greeted with refreshments and extended Earth Day activities, including entertainment provided by Youth Allies’ Art & Social change performers and a visual art show by local youth entitled “Driven to Extinction.”

How will your family be part of HOME at the Railyard? Since our home planet deserves our attention for more than just one day, the whole month of April will be devoted to Earth Day satellite activities at sites around Santa Fe. Check out the box for details, and visit www.earthdaysantafe.info for more opportunities. And of course, plan to join us in the Railyard Park on April 26. Volunteers, donors and new partners to present workshops, performances and activities are also welcome!

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Carol Schrader is the interim executive director of Railyard Stewards.

Photo courtesy of Wise Fool New Mexico



What's Happening at HOME

March 29, 4 to 6 p.m.

Community Brainstorm Session

Wise Fool New Mexico facilitates a conversation to gather thoughts and inspiration for the Earth Day Community Pageant and Procession. Railyard Park Community Room, 740 Cerrillos Road.

April 5, 12 and 19, noon to 4 p.m.

Free Community Puppet and Street Art Build

Wise Fool opens its Santa Fe studio space for making puppets and other artistic creations for the procession and pageant. Materials, support and expertise provided. All ages. Wise Fool Studio, 2778 Agua Fria Street.

April 6

Family Wilderness Adventure

Arts of Nature presents an afternoon of learning and play for all ages: short hike, mini-workshops in wilderness skills training and old-fashioned fun in the outdoors. (Time and location TBD.)

April 7 to 11, 8 a.m. to noon

HOME-themed Spring-Break Camp

ARTsmart teams up with Cooking with Kids for a week of creative thinking and expres-

sion through visual arts and cooking. Artwork created at the camp will be on display at the HOME event, and the children will be a part of the procession through the Railyard. ARTsmart/ Fine Arts for Children and Teens, 1516 Pacheco Street.

April 6, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Community Homestead Day

All ages are invited to try solar cooking and earth building. Bring your own lunch and maybe something to share. Free. Ampersand Sustainable Learning Center, 36 White Wolf Road (off Highway 14), Madrid, NM.

April 13, 2 p.m. to whenever

Rock On and Rock Out

Lend a hand to a watershed restoration project and learn about erosion control structures made with rock from 2 to 5 p.m., then relax and enjoy a potluck dinner and music. Bring food and an instrument. RSVP: (505) 780-0535. Ampersand Sustainable Learning Center, 36 White Wolf Road, Madrid, NM.

April 19, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Native Plant Walk

Learn natural history, medicinal uses and tips for identifying local plants. Bring a notepad or sketchbook. \$10 suggested donation; free for kids. Ampersand Sustainable Learning Center, 36 White Wolf Road, Madrid, NM.

Throughout April

Gardening Workshops

Hosted by Railyard Stewards in the Railyard Park; www.railyardpark.org/events-calendar/. Please check earthdaysantafe.info/satellite-events.html regularly for an updated schedule of events.

Who's Who at HOME

Ampersand Sustainable Learning Center

www.ampersandproject.org
(505) 780-0535

Arts of Nature

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(505) 795-7272

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By Nina Bunker Ruiz

Since the birth of modern psychology, mothers

and fathers have been warned that how they treat their children is the single most important factor in the children's development, well-being and, eventually, their sense of happiness and self-worth as adults. Add to that pressure an increase of insulated, isolated families and a decrease of cohesive extended family and community. Parents are left to do the village's work on their own, with the caveat that when they mess up, they've damaged their child, possibly forever. And we wonder why parents worry.

Psychology, in this instance, has handed us neurosis rather than unburdening us of it.

In his book *A Good Enough Parent* (Vintage Books, 1987), child psychologist Bruno Bettelheim writes that deep parental insecurities leave kids stranded. Our children look to us for answers and boundaries, but if we're always vacillating and unsure of ourselves, we rob them of a bedrock.

The image of the unsure, worried, angst-ridden parent used to fit me pretty well. Things started to shift when a colleague and therapist introduced me to Bettelheim's idea of "good enough parenting" when we were chatting at work.

As serendipity would have it, a short time later a wise friend listened to my concerns about mothering and said, "What if you truly believed that what you're doing is *good enough*? How would that change your relationships with your daughters?" It started to dawn on me that my mothering *was* good enough, and that reassurance began to dissolve my unhealthy, unrealistic idea of the perfect mom.

I don't flagellate myself for raising my voice or for not giving my full attention to my kids every minute they're trying to speak to me anymore. I don't spend hours steeped in remorse every time I lose my temper and say something unkind. Instead, I apologize and get on with my day.

I've stopped trying to explain myself when I make an unpopular decision. I used to feel I owed my children an explanation when things didn't go their way. A lot of arguments resulted because these explanations gave my kids the idea that the subject was up for debate. I can't tell you how good it feels to say, "Because I said so." And that's good enough. Even though they might have a hard time articulating it, my kids don't miss the arguing either. "Because I said so" is bedrock.

It's not that I've become an insensitive parent. Anyone who knows me as a mother would argue my defense on that front. I've just always had a hard time balancing sensitivity with boundaries, and good enough parenting gives me the flexibility to know that I don't always have to be perfectly attuned or sensitive. In fact, allowing my kids to feel disappointed or even angry with me makes them more resilient and capable of dealing with, to borrow Bettelheim's phrase, "the vicissitudes of life." Experiencing disappointment or anger and then resolving it a healthy way within the family makes for stronger relationships and stronger kids.

These deliberations naturally led me to consider my childhood and my parents. Unlike me, my parents rarely showed anything but resolve and structure. They were good at it. We were a lopsided Brady Bunch with stepmothers, -brothers, -sisters and -fathers, plus a couple of orbiting outliers who would occasionally join the family fracas. It was hard to parent such a prickly bunch, but



Pieta Bunker Ruiz and Stevi Raymond embrace the art of imperfection. Photos by Nina Bunker Ruiz

my parents did their best to include the stepsons, cousins and even a few stray teenage friends who were not part of the immediate family but needed extra support. They would be the first to admit they made plenty of mistakes, but the proof is in the pudding; our family is still close. I'm in constant contact with my sisters, and I take my kids to visit my folks up in northern New Mexico frequently. My parents were definitely good enough.

Still, I've often wondered if they fell victim to the same not-good-enough neurosis that I battled. Either they did and were better at hiding it from their kids, or they really were more secure in their administrative role as parents. So I called them to ask.

To my surprise the answer was a resounding: *Yes, we battled not-good-enough.* As a pediatric nurse practitioner, my stepmom (whom I've always referred to as my mother and will continue to do so here) was savvy to the needs of young children and, consequently, more aware than most when things were not going well in her own. She remembers the first years she and my father were married as the hardest. "When we were first together, we went to a family counselor," she said. "He took one look at us and declared us problem-free, which was too bad because we never went back, and we needed to. Stepfamilies are always hard, and there are no exceptions to that rule. It got better, but it always lingered in the background."

So although my mother did have moments of anxiety and insecurity, especially concerning step-parenting, she feels that "in the end, *you* pick your role as a parent." This sums up my childhood perception of her. She was in charge and I knew what to expect: bedrock.

My dad's response took the form of a parental strategies list that he and my mother used to help shore them up during moments of doubt.

The first involved roles and boundaries: "No matter what, we were always the adults and you were always the kids," Dad said. To cite an example he reminded me of "the almost dictatorial command that everyone sit down to dinner at 6 p.m."

The second concerned independence and chores. "We worked hard to make you as independent as we could, even beyond what other [parents] understood. You were expected to wash your own clothes, make dinner, change a tire and take charge of your own education."

The third parental strategy was to make time for frequent family discussions.

"We encouraged conversation," he said. "We asked you about your homework, your day, current issues — we tried to engage you in critical thinking."

His fourth strategy involved diet: "We always fed you really well. It was beans or something simple, but we fed you really well, and we never had pop in the house."

These strategies, which seem both old-fashioned and forward thinking, were part our bedrock. Even in the dark moments of, "Ack! Not good enough!" this simple list helped my parents hold the torch for us.

My parents' concluding words are my favorite. My mother put on her nurse's cap and gave the following advice: "You can't say 'I love you' and administer healthy loving touches too often."

And my dad: "Love was abundant! We loved you then; we love you now."

So there we have it. Advice from the parents who were good at being good enough: Make sure *you*

pick the role you want as parent, make your kids do their own laundry, sit down to dinner together and converse, show lots of love, and by no means keep pop in the house.

Bettelheim notes that once we stop worrying about perfection and embrace good enough, two things happen. First, the mother's or father's security in their role as parent will be reflected in the child's feeling of security. And second, parenting without the constant burden of guilt and insecurity is a lot more fun.

There is a lot of space for kindness and forgiveness in the notion of good enough. I am able to acknowledge that my parents did a good enough job and let go of painful mistakes they made. I can release myself from the shackles of guilt I've made of my mistakes and move forward. I can give my kids space to make their own mistakes and learn from them, just as my parents did for me. I'm doing a good enough job, and so are my kids and my parents and my husband. We're not perfect, but we're all doing our best and our best is good enough.

I propose a call to action. As a recovered fretaholic, I call for parents to trust their instincts more and to have confidence that they're doing a good enough job.

Of course, I say this with the understanding that abuse and neglect are *never* good enough parenting, whatever the circumstances. Yet how many parents do you know who are doing a great job but constantly beat themselves up anyway? Ask them, ask yourself: *Is this good enough?* Chances are that if you're even asking the question, the answer is *yes*.

Nina Bunker Ruiz is the mother of two elementary school girls who are "good enough daughters."



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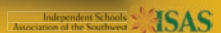


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Written and Illustrated by Curiosa Crow

Editor's note: Look who just flew in — Curiosa Crow! Curiosa alights on the pages of Tumbleweeds from time to time with a scavenger hunt that offers ways for parents and children to learn together about the geological, biological and historical highlights of places close to home. In this installment, she offers clues to signs of spring and relics of train history along the Santa Fe Rail Trail.

“In springtime, the only pretty ring time, birds sing ‘hey ding a ding a ding.’ Sweet lovers love the spring,” sings Gene Wilder in “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.” If we adapt that song for Santa Fe, it might go something like this: “In springtime, the dusty, cold, windy-sting time, folks sing, ‘hey get me through the spring a ding a ding.’ It’s the dirt-whirly, dry ‘n’ crusty spring!”

At first glance, March and April don’t always look a whole lot different from February. During these months the desert jealously guards its subtle swellings and greenings. If you feel ambitious enough to get outside, though, you’ll notice small changes that promise more agreeable weather soon. Even when a tight schedule doesn’t allow you to venture far in your search for signs of spring, the Santa Fe Rail Trail offers little bits of wild, all the way from the Railyard Park to the newly improved trail off of Rabbit Road. During these blustery months over 130 years ago, the railway came to Santa Fe.

TRAIN HISTORY: AT&SF TO RAIL RUNNER

Even before the ninth of February 1880, when the railroad arrived in Santa Fe, our capital was heralded as the heart of Southwestern art, culture, history and — despite the dusty, cold spring winds — a healthy clime. Deservedly or not, this reputation was what Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway not only banked on but also inflated with aggressive ad campaigns. Ironically, the AT&SF, or simply “the Santa Fe,” neglected to budget for the 18-mile spur necessary to connect its namesake city to the Lamy Depot and the rest of the railway network. The Santa Fe community clamored for the connection, but it was ultimately Santa Fe County that forked out money to pay for the spur.

Since that cold, blustery February day, the tracks have been a thoroughfare not only for the train but also for foot traffic that accompanies in-town tracks in any city. Hence the birth of Santa Fe’s Rail Trail — although not yet by that name.

Once internal-combustion engines and paved highways displaced steam locomotives nearly a century ago, railways have taken the backseat, so to speak. It’s easy to forget what the trail looked like even just a few years ago, before it had an official name, when the footpath beside the tracks was no more than a couple of wheel ruts running through stands of ragweed. Both the railroad tracks and the unkempt dirt road were a ribbon of urban neglect.

The Rail Runner commuter train brought a resurgence of continuous rail traffic on the last segment of the spur line, and with the new train and reset tracks came improvements to the pitted dirt road. Once again, more than 130 years after the first ties were laid, the Santa Fe community rallied and governing bodies responded. Thanks to city, county, state and federal funding, as well as private contributions raised by the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, the Rail Trail has been improved as far as the spur trail that links to Santa Fe Community College.

If you and your family haven’t explored the Railyard Park, meandered along the Rail Trail off of Rabbit Road towards Arroyo Hondo, or reconnoitered the various stretches of Rail Trail in between, spring is an excellent season to warm up to the adventure.

As you look for signs of spring in the Santa Fe Railyard Park, consider that it was in the spring of 1880 that Santa Fe residents were getting accustomed to the changes that came to their town with the arrival of the train. Many of the Railyard Park’s design elements embrace its history as a working rail yard, and these are fun to hunt for.

Here’s your first clue: Can you find the train axles in the park? There are, in fact, four axles set on segments of track in the Railyard. Can you imagine these in action on the track? Do you think they came from an AT&SF train that used to come to Santa Fe?

Walk across the street to the Community Bank at the corner of Paseo de Peralta and South Guadalupe Street. The round structure of the building follows the original circular outline of the old train turntable, where the train would be rotated at the end of its southward journey from Colorado before its return trip north.

Here’s your next clue: Look down below the bank’s railing next to the front windows. Can you see the original turntable pit?

Back in the Railyard Park you’ll notice that the park’s ramada, near the intersection of Guadalupe and Cerrillos, is also round, a historical allusion to the turntable.

Stand in the middle of the ramada. Do you think the original train turntable was this big? What kinds of things do you think the train brought that citizens of Santa Fe didn't have before the tracks were laid? Can you find other places in the park commemorating its previous use as a rail yard?

NATURAL HISTORY: SIGNS OF SPRING

"To me the ancient cottonwood is the greatest of trees because in his youth he shaded the buffalo and wore a halo of pigeons, and I like a young cottonwood because he may someday become ancient," wrote Aldo Leopold in his *Sand Country Almanac*. Before they leaf out, these trees set cottonwood catkins adrift in the Santa Fe River and the Acequia Madre (Santa Fe's "mother ditch"). These wooly seeds drift from the cottonwood trees and swirl through the air, making even the most mundane stretch of sidewalk feel enchanted.

As you walk beside the Acequia Madre at the Railyard Park, look for catkins swelling on the cottonwood trees there. What do they suggest to you as they drift in the air? What do they feel like if you pick them up? Can you imagine eating them raw or putting them in meat stew, as folks in many nearby pueblos used to do?

Northern New Mexico has fewer cottonwoods than it did before the Industrial Revolution. The decrease in these trees along railroad tracks may be due, in part, to the use of cottonwood for railroad ties. During the railroad construction boom of the second half of the 19th century, large-scale logging in American forests led to a shortage of hardwoods. In the late 1800s, engineers tried alternating cottonwood ties with hardwood ties. The results were disastrous; the cottonwood ties defied spike and nail and rotted shortly after being placed.

If you're lucky, you may see a few wild cottonwoods along the arroyos that run east to west and intersect with the Rail Trail out near Arroyo Hondo and beyond. Can you imagine a time when there was more water and more cottonwoods in these arroyos?

In March, the sound of morning birdsong peaks as migrating American robins join our local robins (which are American robins that winter-over here)

before traveling to their northern summer breeding grounds. Local robins are much more visible in spring than during winter; they fly down from their winter roosts and start poking around on the ground for newly hatched bugs.

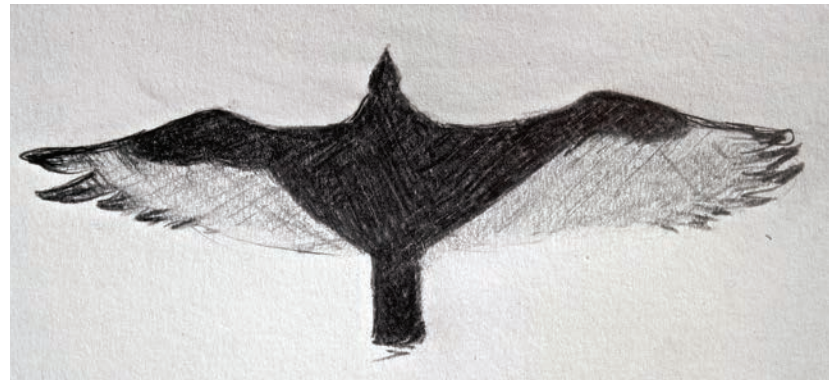
Look out for robins on any section of the Rail Trail, from the Railyard Park all the way to Highway 285. You may hear their sweet, lilting song before you see them. Can you guess if it's a visiting bird or a local?

The section of the Rail Trail south off Rabbit Road is more open than the in-town sections, providing more chances to see wildlife. The turkey vulture, an unlikely harbinger of spring, returns to the Southwest skies come May. Although not a particularly lovely bird up close, the turkey vulture is an impressive soarer. It teeters on thermal rises as it looks for carrion. One of the only birds with a developed sense of smell, the turkey vulture sometimes flies close to the ground, sniffing out its lunch. It has the largest olfactory system of all birds and can smell carrion from over a mile away. You may find this bird during the warmer months on the out-of-town sections of the Rail Trail.

Do you see a large black bird with grey-edged wings circling in the sky (see illustration)? You'll know it's likely a turkey vulture if it makes large circles in the sky with the characteristically few wing beats keeping it aloft and occasional wobbles in its flight as it catches thermal lifts.

On this outer stretch of trail it is easier to find a range of hardy native plants. There are many species to observe in your hunt for spring changes. To name just a few: Chamisa will be putting out leaf buds, the berries on juniper trees will turn a deeper blue, and the willows lining the bottoms of watersheds will turn a more vibrant red.

Can you see the little changes in native plants? Willows will be harder to find along the Rail Trail than junipers. Can you find juniper berries? How



about red willow branches? It shouldn't be hard to find a chamisa with leaf buds. What do you notice about this landscape and its plants and animals that might have changed since the train came in 1880? What do you think happened to make these changes?

Many of the post-train, post-industry changes to our landscape have not been positive, but the story for Rail Trail in the last few years is different; some great improvements have been made. The parking lot for access to the Rail Trail off of Rabbit Road has recently been paved. It's easier to enjoy sweeping views of the surrounding mountain ranges, the relative quiet, open skies and sunlight on desert grasses.

During warmer months it's fun to bike or walk to the Santa Fe Farmers' Market or to see music and performances in the Railyard. The city still has a lot of work to do to make street crossings safer, but the improvements to the Rail Trail have made getting around South Capitol a lot more fun.

It's easy to rail against the spring and its less-than-inviting weather, so rail *with* spring on the Rail Trail. Getting outside, especially when it's not so windy and gritty, helps loosen the windblast blues and makes the little local changes of spring enjoyable. Take advantage of the warmer weather and enjoy the art, culture, history and healthy climate for which our fair city is still famed. And be sure to wave at the Rail Runner as it passes. It's good luck if the engineer sees you and waves back.

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UPCOMING RAILYARD AND RAILWAY EVENTS:

March 22: An Amtrak history train, a traveling museum that is crossing the country, will be in the Railyard all day. For more information you can visit amtrak.com/exhibit-train or railyardsantafe.com.

April 26: HOME, Santa Fe's Earth Day Celebration at the Railyard. See "At HOME in the Railyard," on pages 18-19 of this issue, for details.

Late summer: The much loved and missed Santa Fe Southern Railway train is scheduled to be back up and running by the end of the summer. For more information, call 989-8600.

HOW TO GET THERE:

The Santa Fe Railyard Park is on the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Guadalupe Street and Cerrillos Road. There is a three-level underground parking structure near REI and 500 street parking spaces north and south of Paseo de Peralta.

To find the Rabbit Road trailhead, go south on St. Francis Drive. Past the I-25 turnoff, St. Frances comes to a T-intersection with Rabbit Road. Take a right heading west on Rabbit Road. Go a half-mile until you reach the railroad tracks and a small parking lot on the left.

A parking lot at the northwest quadrant of the Zia Road and St. Francis Drive intersection offers a midpoint access to the Rail Trail.

For a map of the full trail go to Santa Fe Conservation Trust's website: sfct.org/rail-trail.

FOR FURTHER READING:

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La crianza por segunda vez

Grupo de apoyo para abuelos que crían a sus nietos

Por Robyn Covelli-Hunt • Traducción por Flor de María Oliva

Es jueves por la noche y en el Museo de los Niños

de Santa Fe familias de todas formas y tamaños desbordan las espaciosas salas para subirse en las armaduras de escalar, hacer burbujas y pintarse la cara. Pero esta tarde en particular, un grupo de apoyo se reúne en un salón alrededor de una mesa donde hay pizza de tres clases y una ensalada verde. Son participantes en un grupo que se formó en el otoño para apoyar a abuelos que están criando a sus nietos.

En Nuevo México, más de 25.000 abuelos son responsables de satisfacer las necesidades básicas de los nietos que viven con ellos. En el condado Santa Fe, a un significativo 35 por ciento de menores de seis años de edad los cuidan sus abuelos. Para ayudar a estos abuelos, a veces invisibles, y sus nietos, el Programa de cuidado infantil de la comunidad de Santa Fe de los Servicios comunitarios Las Cumbres se ha asociado con el Museo de los Niños para ofrecer un grupo de apoyo a Abuelos que crían nietos. Se reúnen una vez al mes en el museo y les dan a los abuelos una oportunidad para discutir herramientas y servicios a su alcance y para compartir con otros como ellos y hablar de los singulares desafíos que enfrentan.

Una abuela cuenta del shock que tuvo al llevarse a su nieto del hospital a la casa porque el bebé había estado expuesto a drogas prenatalmente y su hija, la madre del niño, le cedió sus derechos sobre el bebé. La abuela explica que nunca planeó tener que escoger entre su hija y su nieto. Otra abuela tiene una hija involucrada con pandillas locales. La abuela tiene la tutela del nieto pero vive con el temor de represalias de parte de las pandillas. Otro abuelo simplemente dice sobre la progenitora que hace falta: “Extraño tanto a mi hija”.

La reunión con los abuelos y los niños la facilita un equipo formado por terapeutas de la salud mental de la niñez temprana y trabajadores sociales de Las Cumbres, así como personal del Museo de los Niños. Típicamente la junta se divide en dos partes. En la primera mitad, la familia entera comparte una comida y una actividad de artes y manualidades, como construir decorados para alguna exposición del museo, explorar nuevas técnicas de arte, o descubrir lo que las burbujas pueden enseñar a los participantes sobre el aire, luz y geometría. A este tiempo compartido lo siguen sesiones sólo para los abuelos, mientras los niños disfrutaban de un rato para jugar en un museo resplandeciente con un péndulo mágico que deja escurrir arena para pintar mandalas, un túnel de espejos en el cual se puede trepar y enormes bandejas con un producto para hacer burbujas y varitas con las cuales es posible formar burbujas tan grandes que los niños

caben en ellas. Estas sesiones les dan a los abuelos momentos invaluableles para explorar sus sentimientos y soluciones a los factores que causan la tensión que afecta a sus familias.

En el grupo de apoyo, los abuelos tienen la posibilidad de explorar formas de sentar prioridades para satisfacer sus propias necesidades de salud física y emocional e identificar servicios para aliviar sus desafíos particulares. Hay presentadores que ofrecen apoyo en asuntos relacionados con la crianza de niños “una segunda vez”. Las presentaciones de Las Cumbres y el Museo de los Niños tratan asuntos que van desde los derechos legales de los abuelos hasta la mejor forma de navegar los sistemas judicial, educativo y de servicio social.

Los presentadores recalcan la importancia de que los abuelos mantengan su propio bienestar físico y emocional: que obtengan atención médica preventiva y chequeos de salud regulares, que hagan cambios de estilo de vida relacionados con la alimentación y el ejercicio, que eviten la creciente tendencia de buscar atención médica únicamente en casos de emergencia.

Lo que es más importante es que al participar en el grupo de apoyo, los abuelos rápidamente se dan cuenta de que no están solos. Un facilitador de Las Cumbres explica que dentro del grupo hay una gran abundancia de empatía y algo de tristeza, pero asimismo una consistente expresión de un gozo sincero entre los abuelos por la presencia de sus nietos en sus vidas.

Rachael Kisling Gilman, directora de programación y de la experiencia del visitante para el Museo de los Niños observa: “Aquí la meta es ayudar a dos generaciones a trabajar juntas en una forma productiva, a entusiasmarse sobre algo y adentrarse en el goce que esta relación tan especial puede ofrecer”. Conforme estas familias reciben apoyo para encontrar los servicios que necesitan y explorar lo que tienen en común con otras que enfrentan desafíos similares, los abuelos encuentran su voz, respuestas a sus preguntas y abogan por cambios positivos.

Los Servicios comunitarios de Las Cumbres han provisto apoyo a abuelos que crían nietos en el condado Río Arriba desde el 2011 y han celebrado dos conferencias, cada una con más de cien participantes de todo el estado. El grupo de apoyo de Santa Fe es como el del programa de Río Arriba para los residentes del condado Santa Fe.

“Si bien las estadísticas son desalentadoras con relación al número de niños bajo el cuidado de sus abuelos, hay motivo para celebrar”, dice Delfinia Romero, directora de los Servicios educativos familiares de Las Cumbres. “Al hacerse cargo de



Marker and crayon drawing, above and on next page, by Eduardo, fourth grade



este trabajo, estos abuelos les inculcan a los niños valores culturales tradicionales que incluyen el respeto a la familia y las costumbres de Nuevo México. Los abuelos proveen seguridad para sus nietos, quienes de otra forma terminarían en hogares temporales.

El programa de Abuelos que crían nietos también trabaja diligentemente para alertar al público sobre las necesidades de este importante grupo de personas. En enero un grupo de abuelos habló sobre sus necesidades a los legisladores estatales. El Senador Richard C. Martínez, D-Española, presentó un memorial del Senado para reconocer y honrar a los abuelos que están al cuidado de sus nietos. Un memorial conjunto del Senado dirigido a la secretaria del Departamento estatal de Familias, Jóvenes y Niños solicitó un estudio sobre los problemas que los abuelos enfrentan. Estos problemas incluyen, entre otros, desafíos tales como la falta de asistencia

médica, de vivienda o cupones para obtener alimentos, así como asuntos de custodia, tutela y poder notarial. Estos retos y sus soluciones se pueden estudiar en el futuro por medio de equipos de trabajo, estudios sobre políticas y educación pública con relación a abuelos encargados del cuidado principal de sus nietos.

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el norte de Nuevo México.

La misión del Museo de los Niños es inculcar en el niño un sentido natural de gozo y descubrimiento al cultivar hábitos de indagación en las artes, ciencias y humanidades. Su ambiente de aprendizaje informal y juego creativo fomenta entre los niños y familias una activa participación en el proceso de aprendizaje por medio de programas y exposiciones interactivas.

Para más información sobre los programas de Abuelos que crían nietos, llame al Programa Infantil de la Comunidad de Santa Fe al (505) 955-0410, o a la oficina en Española de Las Cumbres al (505) 753-4123. El teléfono del Museo de los Niños de Santa Fe es el (505) 989-8359.

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Childcare with international flare

By Anabella St. Peter

“Oh, no, a snow day!” “Another school holiday!”

These are the sorts of comments that I often hear from working families. It is so difficult to juggle it all at home and at work when our children are young and we are busy. Au pair childcare is a wonderful solution for families, because it offers affordable, flexible, quality childcare within a cultural experience.

An au pair, coming from the French term for “at par” or “equal to,” is a young adult from a foreign country who lives with a host family and helps with the care of their children. Cultural Care Au Pair brings educated and motivated young people, ages 18 to 26, to the United States on visas to live and work with a family. The au pairs provide 45 hours a week of flexible childcare and household help related to the children, so parents can organize their schedule according to their work and other responsibilities.

“My husband and I both work as professionals, so it’s sometimes difficult to stick to the 8-to-5 schedule that traditional childcare options offer,” said Kate, a host mom from Tesuque who has had au pairs from Venezuela and Poland. “Our kids get a consistent individual to take care of them when we can’t be there, and our family is exposed to a new language and culture. My almost 2-year-old understands some words and phrases in Spanish and Polish, and the 5-year-old has a grasp of the basics of the language, geography and foods of both the au pairs that we have had.”

Cultural Care Au Pair has been around for 25 years and is regulated by the U.S. Department of State. It has offices in over 20 countries around the world, where it screens, interviews and carefully selects au pairs to come to the United States. The au pairs it places are proficient in conversational English and have childcare experience.

When they arrive in the United States, the au pairs go to a training school in New York, where they receive extra training including CPR, a refresher on child development and a Red Cross classroom course on driver’s safety. On their fifth day in the country, they travel to meet their host families. In Santa Fe and Los Alamos, we have had au pairs from Germany, Poland, Austria, France, Ireland, Venezuela, Mexico, Colombia — to name just a few.

Host families pay administrative fees to Cultural Care and a weekly stipend directly to the au pair for the 51 weeks they are here. The au pairs work up to 45 hours per week, no more than 10 hours in any day, with a day and a half off each week and a full weekend each month. When the annual cost of administrative fees and monthly stipends are divided by the number of hours the au pair works, the cost averages about \$8 an hour. Host families also provide room and board, transportation and educational fees of up to \$500 for the au pair to attend 72 hours of classes per year at an accredited institution.

Host parents choose their own au pair by browsing profiles and skyping with potential candidates. Many au pairs have experience with children who have special needs. A placement manager helps families select the au pair that is the best fit for their family. Evan, a host dad from Santa Fe, advises: “Host families participating for the first time really need to spend a lot of time video conferencing with potential au pairs before making a final selection. If the host family and au pair are on the same page, and fair and responsible to one another, this program is amazing!”

Evan’s family has had two au pairs: Neia, a young woman from Brazil, and now Joel, a young man from Mexico. “We have taken to heart the term ‘au pair’ meaning ‘at par,’” Evan said. “Neia and Joel have really become part of our



Courtesy photos

Marta, an au pair from Poland, with her host children at the ABQ BioPark Zoo.

extended family, with all of us sharing responsibilities around the house and with the kids, as well as quality time together.”

Au pairs have a range of backgrounds and hobbies. They may be proficient in a sport, play an instrument or make art, and they teach these wonderful skills to their host kids. Marta, an au pair from Poland, says, “I am teaching Rohan Polish words like numbers, colors and songs, and some phrases. I read books in Polish, and sometimes I ask the boys simple things in my language. We’ve made some art together like painting t-shirts, pillowcases, birthday cards and salt figures. I also like dancing and singing with my host kids. For Christmas, I prepared some Polish food!”

Although Cultural Care Au Pair is based in Massachusetts, host families get help and advice from a local childcare consultant. The consultant provides support from the moment the family joins the program. In Santa Fe and Los Alamos, two local childcare consultants serve as the liaison between Cultural Care and the host families and au pairs.

The local consultants also meet with the au pairs monthly. These meetings are filled with fun educational and cultural activities, providing a great space for them to get to know each other, learn more about the city in which they live and receive special trainings.

Families join the au pair program for many different reasons. Children from these families range in age. Some parents need help while they work, while others just need an extra set of hands at home. We all know how difficult it is to get ready to leave the house in the morning — getting our kids a healthy breakfast, preparing lunch boxes or just checking in the fridge to see what is even available for lunch! The



Au pairs get to know Santa Fe and each other through frequent meetings at local sites, including the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, with their local liaison Anabella St. Peter (far right).

au pairs help families simplify their lives by assisting them in their daily routines.

Host mother Kate adds: “They really do become part of your family! Each au pair has blended into our family very naturally. We cook for each other, laugh easily and share a real bond built on trust and love. Plus, it has been great for our marriage. Now, it is really easy to make time for each other, which we simply didn't do before having an au pair.”

Au pair childcare is a gift for children of all ages, as it opens their view of the world in a new and fascinating way. To learn more about the qualifications for becoming a Cultural Care host family, visit my website, ast.aupairnews.com, call (505) 992-3261 or email anabella.stpeter@lcc.culturalcare.com.

Anabella St. Peter is a local childcare consultant with Cultural Care Au Pair.

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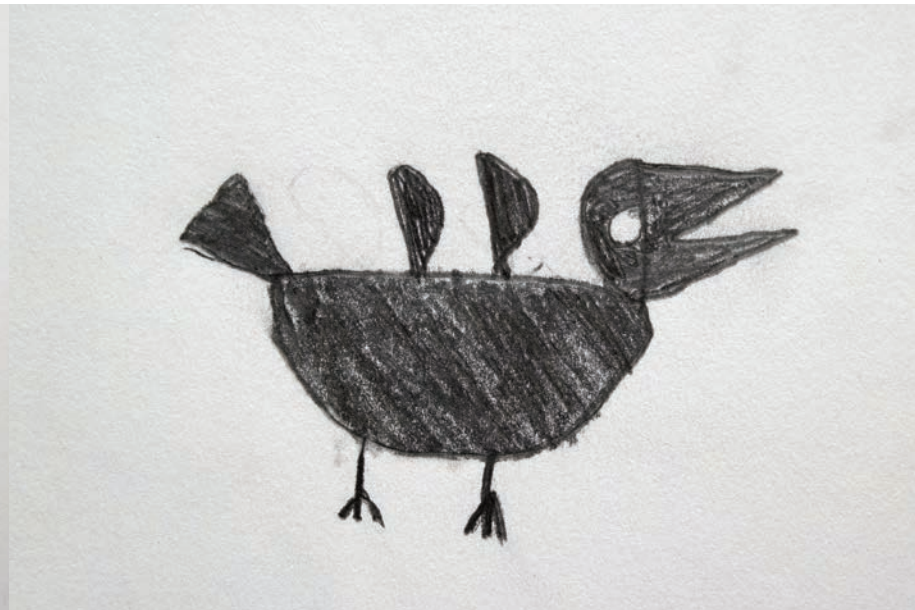
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SPRING BREAK CAMPS & PROGRAMS

ARTSMART'S EARTH DAY SPRING BREAK CAMP

Featuring Cooking with Kids! Students in grades K through 6 will create art that follows the theme of sustainability and responsible world citizenship. Campers' art will be exhibited at the HOME Earth Day event, April 26 at the Railyard. Half of the day will be spent creating art and the other half with Cooking with Kids. \$50 fee includes all art and cooking materials and snacks. 8 a.m. to noon, April 7 to 11, at the ARTbarn and Pink Church, 1516 Pacheco Street. Call 992-2787.

GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER SPRING CAMP FESTIVE

Fun, educational and safe programming for ages 6 to 12, April 7 to 11. Full-day camp, \$135, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with swimming, ice-skating, sports, arts and crafts, games and a special fieldtrip. Half-day Basketball Camp, \$55, 8:30 a.m. to noon; skills, drills and scrimmage games. Combo Camp, \$155: Participate in morning Basketball Camp, then join Day Camp for afternoon activities. Parent must provide lunch and snack. Call Mona at 955-4014 or Melissa at 955-4005, or visit www.chavezcenter.com.

SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM GLOBAL CHEFS SPRING BREAK CAMP

For first through third graders, April 7 to 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Extended care available from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Campers learn about, cook and taste foods from around the world and prepare the daily afternoon snack. The museum's classroom kitchen will be the laboratory. Children will have the opportunity to enjoy playtime in the museum and in the one-acre outdoor exhibits and garden. Maximum 18 campers. Preregistration required. \$245/museum members, \$265/nonmembers. For information/registration: 989-8359 x109, inixon@santafechildrensmuseum.org or www.santafechildrensmuseum.org.

SANTA FE CLIMBING CENTER CLIMBING ADVENTURE CAMPS

Indoor and outdoor climbing, wilderness survival skills, hikes and other outdoor adventure based activities. Weeklong camps from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$349 per week. Spring Break Camp: April 7 to 11, ages 5 through 12 (see listing below for our summer schedule). 825 Early Street. Call 986-8944 or visit www.climbsantafe.com.

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Learn stunts, trapeze, juggling, clowning, unicycling, acrobatics and puppetry from professional circus artists. April 7 to 11, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., for ages 7 to 14, culminating in a performance. Call (505) 510-0161 or visit www.wisefoolnewmexico.org.

SUMMER OVERNIGHT CAMPS

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SUMMER DAY CAMPS & PROGRAMS

ANOTHER BIRD OF SONG MUSIC DAY CAMP

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BELISAMA DANCE AND MOVING PEOPLE

Belisama Contemporary and Irish Dance is now joined by Moving People Dance, offering a full program of dance in Modern, Jazz, Ballet and Irish, including Moving People's pre-professional program for advanced students. Also home to Dance Conditioning Plus! with Kate Eberle, and Vinyasa Yoga with Annie Kohn. For more information visit www.belisamadance.com or contact Adrienne at 670-2152.

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Come join the fun at Bishop's Lodge tennis and multi-sport summer camp. Look forward to activities like tennis, basketball, baseball, soccer, swimming, ping pong, hiking and much more. Also serving local organic breads made by Chef Andre. Camp starts June 2, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$200/week or \$50/day drop-in. \$40 for siblings. Ages 4 to 16, with groups separated by age and supervised appropriately. Call Yon Kemptom at (505) 690-6105 for more information about summer camp and spring afterschool tennis classes.

C-A-M-P IN SANTA FE

Creative Arts, Music and Performance! Enjoy all C-A-M-P has to offer during the day but sleep at home. C-A-M-P in Santa Fe runs June 30 to July 12, Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$795. Inquire about our discount program for siblings or referrals. Limited number of partial scholarships available. Visit our website to learn about C-A-M-P in the Berkshires: August 16 to 25. Register online at www.c-a-m-p.net or call (505) 946-0488.

CAMP SHALOM 2014

A summer of enriched global learning with themes emphasizing wildlife of the world, through art, music, dance, ecology, gardening, recycled arts and just plain summer fun with water, mud, sand and wading pools. Treasure hunts, mazes and obstacle courses add to the fun. June 4 through August 8, for ages 2 through 6 with full- and part-time options. Activities led by experienced teachers with low class ratios. Open to children of all faiths. For further information, visit www.preschool.sffbs.org, email preschool@sffbs.org or call (505) 982-6888.

CANDYMAN SUMMER ROCK CAMP

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CHRIST CHURCH SANTA FE CHRISTIAN MISSION CAMP

Plan to attend the Christ Church Santa Fe Mission Camp, June 9 through 13 for ages 3 through 12; \$10 per child. Camp meets in the morning, with aftercare available from noon to 4 p.m. for an additional fee. Christ Church Santa Fe, 1213 Don Gaspar Avenue, 982-8817. For more information, please email: Jennifer@christchurchsantafe.org.

CREATIVEART INK SUMMER MULTI-ART PROGRAM

Join CreativeArt Ink for a weeklong arts experience with working artists, June 9 to 13. Create animations, sketches and sculptures

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with our artists-in-residence; compose photos with a pro; write a short story or poem with a published writer; improvise with a working actor. Half-day program, or full-day in combination with Filmmakers Ink (see listing below), making movies with award-winning filmmakers. Strengthen your foundation in the arts this summer! Email Patrick@CreativeArtInk.com, call (413) 320-6071, or visit www.CreativeArtInk.com or www.Filmmakers-Ink.com.

DRAGONFLY ART STUDIO SUMMER CAMP

Eleven one-week summer sessions for ages 6 to 15. Classes are designed to stimulate imagination and creativity, and have fun experimenting with various art media. Projects determined by students' interests. Weekly themes: Painting/Sketching, Folk Art, Textile, Printmaking, Sewing, Sculpture and more. Each week's theme is different, so enroll in more than one. Monday to Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Maximum of 20 students. For information about summer camp, after-school art classes or art birthday parties, call Oceanna at 670-5019 or visit dragonflyartstudioforkids.com.

EXPLORE FLAMENCO, ARTS, POETRY & MORE

The Maria Benitez Institute for Spanish Arts hosts its annual two-week Youth Summer Workshop in July. Workshop includes four classes in the arts, including but not limited to: Flamenco, Spanish Guitar, Painting, Percussion and Theater, and Photography, culminating in a final community

performance. Program is directed toward children ages 8 to 12. Scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Workshop dates and location TBA. Call 467-3773 or go to www.institutespanisharts.org and see last year's photos.

FILMMAKERS INK SUMMER FILM CAMP

Make Movies! Filmmaking Camps June 9 to 13. Professional filmmakers work with students to create movies, script-to-screen. Program for ages 11 to 15 includes filmmaking, acting and screenwriting. Special FX program for 8- to 10-year-olds. Half-day program, or full-day in combination with CreativeArt Ink, an arts experience including animation, sculpture, photography, writing and acting (see listing above). All lessons presented by working artists. Strengthen your foundation in creativity this summer! Email Patrick@Filmmakers-Ink.com or call (413) 320-6071. Visit www.Filmmakers-Ink.com or www.CreativeArtInk.com.

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FUN ON THE FARM

Camino de Paz School and the Española

Valley Fiber Arts Center host two weeks of fun and learning on an organic farm and goat dairy in Santa Cruz. Campers participate in fiber craft projects such as weaving, felting, puppet making and farm life. Students help care for kids and hens, prepare organic snacks, milk goats and join in science projects. June 9 to 13 and June 16 to 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. One week \$200; both weeks \$350. Details at www.caminodepaz.net or email daisy@caminodepaz.net.

GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER CAMP FESTIVE

Fun, educational and safe programming for kids ages 6 to 12. Nine weekly sessions, June 2 to August 1, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Proof of age required for 6-year-olds. Weekly Camp, \$135 per camper. Half-day Sports Camp every other week, \$55. Combo Camps, \$155. Activities include sports, swimming, ice-skating, art lessons, games, outdoor play and special field trips. Cost includes breakfast and lunch. Call Mona at 955-4014 or Melissa at 955-4005. Visit www.chavezcenter.com.

GIRLS INC. OF SANTA FE SUMMER CAMP

At Girls Inc. of Santa Fe, every girl has the right to be herself and express herself with originality and enthusiasm. Summer camp registration begins February 24. Girls participate in fun, hands-on activities in a safe, girl-centered environment. Summer camp runs Monday through Friday, June 2 to July 25, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sliding scale, with tuition assistance available. Located

downtown at Hillside Avenue and Paseo de Peralta. Call (505) 982-2042 or go to www.girlscoutsofsantafe.org.

GIRL SCOUTS OF NEW MEXICO TRAILS SUMMER CAMP

In Girl Scouts, campers discover the fun, friendship and power of girls. Girl Scout camp is a safe, fun and affordable summer option. Programs are available for girls entering grades 1 through 12. Mini-session, one-week or whole-summer options available. Open to all girls, not just Girl Scouts. Camp locations in Angel Fire and near Cuba, NM. To learn more, join a troop, enroll in camp or attend a Girl Scout event call (505) 343-1040, email GSNMInfo@gs-nmtrails.org or go to NMGirlScouts.org.

GOLDEN ACORNS SUMMER CAMP

Teachers share knowledge of dance, drumming, music, art, story and healing traditions from Nigeria, Guinea and Indigenous America. Urban Culture Week: break-dancing, hip-hop and graffiti art. Camping Week: overnights, herbalism and nature awareness. Days begin with yoga or Tai Chi and include permaculture, herbalism, compassionate communication and intuitive awareness. For ages 4 to 11. Four weeklong sessions, June 16 to July 11. \$250 per week. Half-day option for younger campers, \$125 per week. Pre- and aftercare, \$35 per week. Contact Helen: 795-9079, goldenacornscamp@gmail.com or www.goldenacornscamp.org.

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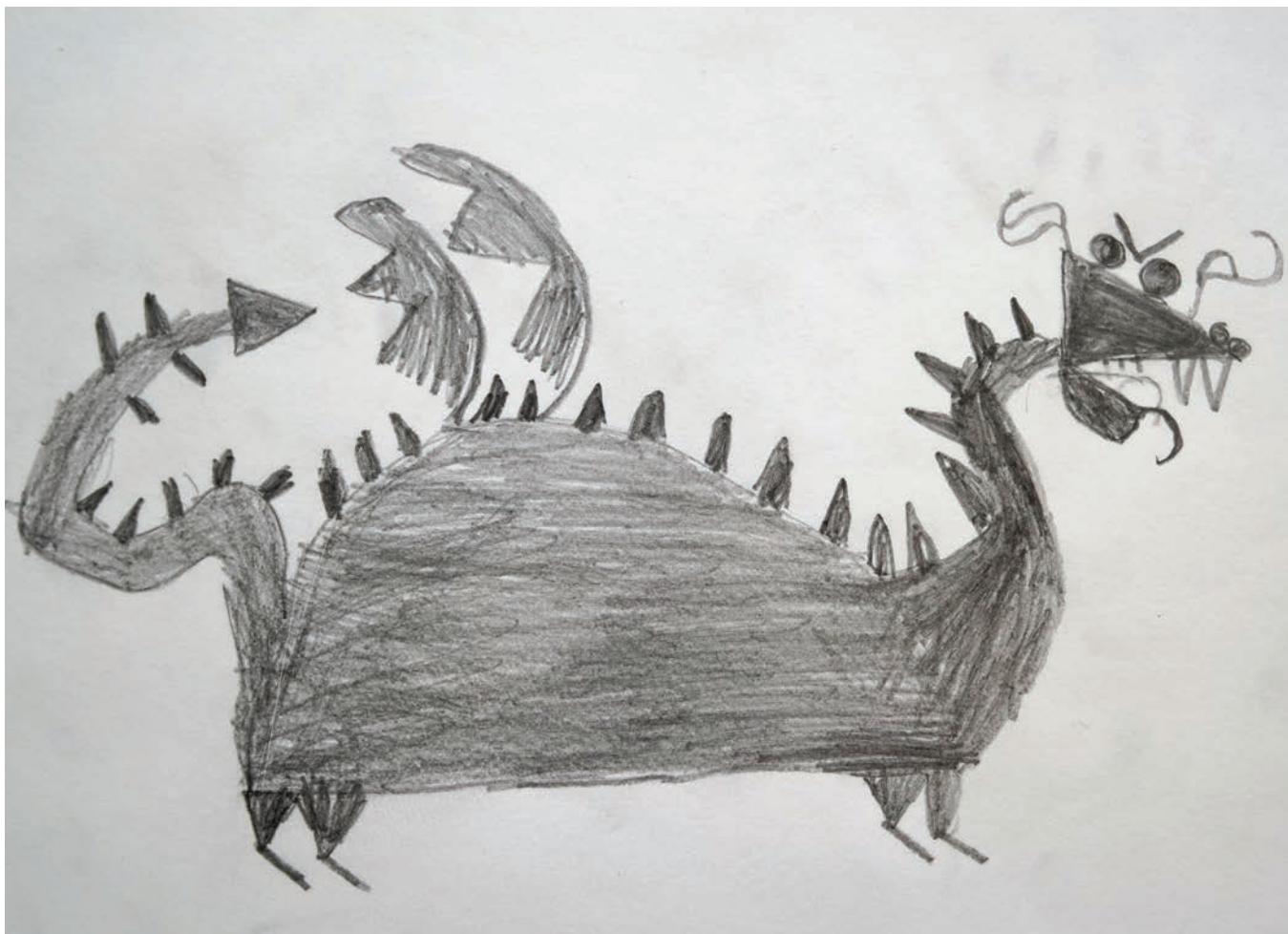
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Memorable summer experiences for children ages 4 to 12, June 2 through August 8. Five two-week sessions for all ages. Minimum enrollment: one session. Enroll three, four or five

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MAKE ORANGE STUDIO-SCHOOL

Make Orange is an art-making studio and learning program founded by Gina Gatto, MA Ed., a veteran teacher who knows that kids' imagination and creativity flourish when given an opportunity to build their proficiency in art. Fundamentals in drawing, painting, sculpting, multimedia, creative writing and illustration. Summer, spring break and after-school. Class size limited to eight students. Age-appropriate learning for 6- to 12-year-olds. Call 204-1194 or visit www.makeorange.com.

MAY CENTER FOR LEARNING — SUMMER LEAP

Reading and Writing Skill Building Camp focuses on improving student's reading fluency, comprehension, spelling, sentence construction and composition, June 16 through July 18, 9 a.m. to noon, \$1450 per student. Math and Problem Solving Camp focuses on improving student's math fluency, computation, logic and problem solving skills, June 16 through July 18, 1 to 3 p.m., \$950 per student. Combine both programs for a full-day camp. Ages 5 to 16. Student/teacher ratio of four to one. No class July 3 or 4. Call 983-7407 or visit www.maycenter.org.

MOTHER'S FARM SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Weeklong full-day camps, starting May 21, with pre- and aftercare for ages 3 to

12 and a mentoring program for ages 13 to 18 on a 10-acre farm off Highway 14 outside Santa Fe. Horseback riding, golden retriever puppy training, painting, sculpting, gardening, cooking, yoga, group games, nonviolent communication, meditation, songwriting. Transportation from Trader Joe's and Factory Outlet Mall. \$199 per week includes snack, materials and taxes. Sibling discounts. Visuddhi Brenda Wittner, (505) 930-1838, www.mothersfarmschool.com, cowgirlbrenda108@yahoo.com.

MOUNTAIN KIDS SUMMER CAMP

Mountain Kids Summer Camp immerses children in nature all day, every day. Kids meet at the Children's Museum and go on daily adventures into the mountains to explore, learn and play in nature. Kids learn wilderness skills, make art, hike, sing, engage in imaginative play, learn about teamwork and most of all — get dirty and have fun! For 5- to 11-year-olds. Weekly themes, weekly or biweekly enrollment. New expanded hours! For more information visit www.santafemountainkids.com.

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Musical theater summer camp for ages 7 through 17, June 16 through July 27. Students study acting, singing and dancing, and then perform in a Broadway-style musical at James A. Little Theatre. Past shows have included "The Little Mermaid," "The Wizard of Oz," "Peter Pan," "Grease" and more. Rehearsals meet at the New Mexico School for the Arts, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuition \$695, including \$100 deposit at registration. Space limited; scholarships available. For information, call 920-0704 or visit www.pandemoniumprod.org.

POMEGRANATE SEEDS WORLD DANCE CAMPS FOR GIRLS

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RANDALL DAVEY AUDUBON CENTER & SANCTUARY SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMPS

This 135-acre wildlife sanctuary is ideal place for young campers to investigate, learn and connect with their local environment. Camp includes hands-on activities providing opportunities to discover, create and play in nature. Camp fosters an atmosphere of community, cooperation and a sense of belonging. For ages 4 through 12. Online registration begins March 22 at 9 a.m. and will continue until all camps are full. Please call Cara Goodwin at 983-4609 or go to nm.audubon.org for more information.

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SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP!

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SANTA FE CLIMBING CENTER CLIMBING ADVENTURE CAMPS & CLASSES

Indoor and outdoor climbing, wilderness survival skills, hikes and other outdoor adventure based activities. Weeklong camps from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$349 per week. Multi-day summer camps for ages 5 through 8 start May 27; for ages 9 through 13 start June 9; for ages 5 through 13 start August 11; for ages 12 through 15: August 4 to 8. Summer indoor climbing classes: Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 to 2:30 p.m. 825 Early Street. Call 986-8944 or visit www.climbsantafe.com.

SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

Offering programs for toddlers to teens. Intellectual and experiential learning through camps in swimming (ages 3 through 13), outdoor adventures (ages 10 through 15), computer programming (ages 9 through 17), plus cooking, music, art and design (ages 8 through 17). For information call 428-1676 or visit www.sfcc.edu/kids.

SANTA FE PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM

Program runs June 16 to July 27. Classes are held Mondays through Fridays. Classes for ages 7 to 12 meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Teen class meets 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Both culminate in main-stage productions on the last two weekends of July. Scholarships are available. Call 982-7992 or email sabato@sfperformingarts.org or visit www.sfperformingarts.org. Endorsed by the National Education Association of New Mexico, and the recipient of the 2012 Mayor's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

SANTA FE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND SCIENCES SUMMER CAMP 2014

June 9 to August 8 (no camp week of July 4th). Ages 3 and 4: Ooey Gooley Hands on Play, Land of the Dinosaurs, The Joy of Cooking, Ages 5 through 7: Sooo Delicious!, Ooey, Gooley. Ages 8 through 10: Animation, Camp Minecraft, Backpacking, Japan Camp, Arts in Nature, Coding, Elements of Theater; Ages 11 and up: Theater, Comic Book Camp, Digital Photography, Backpacking and much more. Most cost \$220. Financial aid available. For more information: 438-8585, office@santafeschool, santafeschool.org.

SKATEBOARD SCHOOL

Ramps and Bowls Camps: Young riders get expert instruction, mornings at Public Skate Parks and afternoons at our Indoor Park, ages 8 and up, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 26 to 30, June 9 to 13, June 23 to 27, and July 21 to 25; cost: \$250. Long Board Camps: Ride the school's boards and learn to turn, stop and slide while riding local bike paths and at our Indoor Park. Ages 9 and up, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 2 to 4,



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Pomegranate Seeds offers world dance camps for girls. See listing on page 30.

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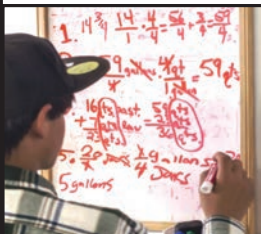


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P indicates an event especially for parents.

Events are free, or included in the price of museum admission, unless otherwise noted.

MARCH

1 SATURDAY, 9-11:30 A.M.

Book Donation Day

On the first Saturday of the month, donate your DVDs, CDs, books dated 2008 or newer and any children's materials. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, 466-7323.

1 SATURDAY, 2 P.M.

Film: Oscar Animation Shorts

Matinee showing of this year's Oscar nominated animated short films. Harwood Museum of Art, 238 Ledoux Street, Taos, (575) 758-9826.

2 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.- NOON

Family Climb

Meet other parents and kids, play games and climb walls. Special family rate: \$7.50 per person; kids under 2 free. Santa Fe Climbing Center, 825 Early Street, 986-8944.

2 SUNDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Jewelry Making Club

Try different jewelry techniques and take home your own treasures. Bring old jewelry to recycle into something new. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

P 2 SUNDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.

Doula Tea

All you need to know about hiring a doula to support you in your pregnancy, birth and postpartum period. The Birthing Tree, 2047 Galisteo Street, www.thebirthingtree.com.

P 3 MONDAY, 6:30-8 P.M.

Birth Talk Los Alamos

Learn about options in pregnancy and



Opera Makes Sense, a project of the Santa Fe Opera, the First Presbyterian Church Childhood Development Center and the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, exposes children ages 3 to 5 to opera through dance, song, music, costumes and art. See April 5 listing.

childbirth and hear birthing experiences. Los Alamos Family Strengths Network, 1990 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, 662-4515.

4 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Books, songs and finger games for ages 6 months to 2 years. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6783.

4 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Stories, rhymes and crafts for ages 2 to 5. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4863.

P 4 TUESDAY, 1-3 P.M.

Many Mother's Circle

Educational presentations for proactive parenting, self-exploration and peer support. Today: First foods for your baby. Santa Fe Soul's Sun Room, 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 3, 983-5984.

5 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Books, songs and finger games for ages 6 months to 2 years. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4863.

5 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Stories, rhymes and crafts for ages 2 to 5. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-4863.

5 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesday

Enjoy bilingual preschool stories, songs and games. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

5 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.

Toddler Tunes

Children and parents sing and experiment with percussion instruments. Los Alamos Family Strengths Network, 1990 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, 662-4515.

5 WEDNESDAY, 2:30 P.M.

Lego Club

Hands-on fun for all levels of LEGO enthusiasts ages 5 to 12. Drop in any time. \$10 one-time family fee per school year. Los Alamos Family Strengths Network, 1990 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, 662-4515.

5 WEDNESDAY, 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Family Story Time

Fun stories and hands-on activities on the first

Wednesday of every month. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4863.

6 THURSDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Books, songs and finger games for ages 6 months to 2 years. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-4863.

6 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Weekly story time for children 6 months to 5 years. All children must be supervised by an adult. Collected Works Bookstore, 202 Galisteo Street, 988-4226.

6 THURSDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.

Firefighter Storytime

Local firefighters share a favorite book and a few fire safety tips on the first Thursday of each month. A fire truck will be onsite when possible. Firefighters will be on duty and may need to leave to take care of an emergency. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

6 THURSDAY, 4-6 P.M.

Mini-Makers

Make something from basic materials or recycled items. Learn to make your ideas come to life with basic construction techniques. Appropriate for all ages. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

6 THURSDAY, 4-7 P.M.

Try it Thursdays!

If you've never been to the Children's Museum before or you want to try something new, this is your day. Children 16 and under are free on Thursdays after 4 p.m. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

6 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

The Cornelius Hour

Watch the museum's snake eat his weekly

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meal, draw pictures of what you see, write a poem and learn new facts about snakes. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

6 THURSDAY, 7-8 P.M. Backyard Astronomy

Live presentation of the current skies in the planetarium and an outdoor viewing of the night sky. Show begins promptly. Adults \$5, preteens and seniors \$3, free to students of the college. Santa Fe Community College Planetarium, 6401 Richards Avenue, 428-1744.

7 FRIDAY, 9 AND 10 A.M. Parent and Me Art Class

Weekly Art classes for children ages 2 to 5 to enjoy with parents. \$12 per session. Make Orange Studio School, 1807 Second Street Unit #93, 780-5044.

7 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M. Tumbletots

Parents of children from birth to 4 can drop in and play in a safe, clean environment. \$10 per family. Tumbledown Studios, 3214 Calle Marie, Suite A, 473-0926.

7 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M. Garden Sprouts: Pre-K Reading Program

Stories and hands-on activities for ages 3 to 5 with a caregiver, sponsored by the Santa Fe Botanical Gardens and Railyard Stewards. Meet in the Railyard community room. \$5 suggested donation; free to members. Santa Fe Railyard Park, 740 Cerrillos Road, 316-3596, mollie@santafebotanicalgarden.org.

7 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M. Preschool Prime Time

A special time for children 5 and under. Explore everything from colors and numbers, to developing fine and gross motor skills. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

7 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M. Watercolor Exploration

Explore many different watercolor techniques and make up some of your own.

Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

7 FRIDAY, 11-11:30 A.M. Preschool Storytime

Stories, rhymes and crafts for ages 2 to 5. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6783.

7 FRIDAY, 11-11:45 A.M. Story Time

Weekly stories and activities for children under 5 and their family or caregiver. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, 466-7323.

7 FRIDAY, 1-4 P.M. Global Adventures After-School Program

A global safari to distant lands, where children in first through fourth grades uncover buried treasures and artifacts, and piece together past and present civilizations and cultures. Contact India Nixon to register for the month. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359, ext. 109.

7 FRIDAY, 2 P.M. Friday Afternoon Art

Art program for families. Supplies provided. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6783.

7 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M. Open Art Studio

Work with a local artist to explore everything from acrylics to pastels, watercolor to blocks and glue. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

7 FRIDAY, 3:30-5 P.M. First Friday Forts

Join other kids (and their parents) who like building forts. Play and hang out in the new place you created. Parent supervision required. Pajarito Environmental Education Center, 3540 Orange Street, Los Alamos, 662-0460.

7 FRIDAY, 4-6 P.M. Family Program: Celebrate Creativity

Opening reception for exhibit of artwork from the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum's Pre-K Programs, on view through March 17, 10 a.m. to

4 p.m. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Education Annex, 123 Grant Avenue, 946-1036.

7 FRIDAY, 6 AND 7 P.M. Friday Fractals

Award-winning planetarium show on the never-ending world of fractals. Call for prices. New Mexico Museum of Natural History, 1801 Mountain Road, Albuquerque, (505) 841-2800.

7 FRIDAY, 8 AND 9 P.M. Fractal Rocks

More rock and less talk, as the dramatic zooms transport you deep into amazing fractal images, accompanied with original surround-sound music. Call for prices. New Mexico Museum of Natural History, 1801 Mountain Road, Albuquerque, (505) 841-2800.

8 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON Drama Club

Join this improvisation group and play theater games. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

9 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON Family Climb

Santa Fe Climbing Center. See March 2 listing.

9 SUNDAY, 12:30-2 P.M. Jewelry Making Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

9 SUNDAY, 1-3 P.M. Parent Talk

Richard Nasef, a licensed marriage and family therapist with a specialty in child clinical psychology, will be available to take questions from children, teens and adults about anything and everything. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

9 SUNDAY, 1-3 P.M. State Championships Poetry Slam

High school students from around the state compete for the championship in this annual poetry slam. St. Francis Auditorium, 107 W. Palace Avenue.

11 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M. Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

11 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M. Preschool Storytime

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

12 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON Parent Talk

Simran Adeniji, a local childbirth and early childhood development educator, will answer parenting and caregiving questions in a welcoming environment. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

12 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M. Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

12 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M. Preschool Storytime

Southside Library. See March 5 listing.

12 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M. Wee Wednesday

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

12 WEDNESDAY, 1-2:30 P.M. Lego Club

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 5 listing.

P 12 WEDNESDAY, 7-9 P.M. Queen Bees and Masterminds

Rosalind Wiseman, internationally recognized expert on teens, parenting and bullying, issues a call to action to transform how we speak to and about young people. Tickets \$15. Lensic Performing Arts Center, 211 W. San Francisco Street, 988-1234.

13 THURSDAY, 10:30-11 A.M. Books & Babies

Southside Library. See March 6 listing.



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P 13 THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-NOON
Chores for Children Workshop
 Learn practical chore guidelines to apply to children and teens of all ages. Los Alamos Family Strengths Network, 1990 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, 662-4515.

13 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.
Children's Story Hour
 Collected Works Bookstore. See March 6 listing.

P 13 THURSDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.
La Leche League Meeting
 Monthly meeting for all mothers interested in breastfeeding help or information. Indigo Baby, De Vargas Center, 564 North Guadalupe, 954-4000.

13 THURSDAY, 4-6 P.M.
Mini-Makers
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

13 THURSDAY, 4-7 P.M.
Try it Thursdays!
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

13 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.
The Cornelius Hour
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

13 THURSDAY, 7-8 P.M.
The New Milky Way (Part 1)
 Our galaxy, piece by piece: stars, cosmic clocks, the halo, the core and the disk. Adults \$5, preteens and seniors \$3, free to students

of the college. Santa Fe Community College Planetarium, 6401 Richards Avenue, 428-1744.

14 FRIDAY, 9 AND 10 A.M.
Parent and Me Art Class
 Make Orange Studio. See March 7 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.
Tumbletots
 Tumbledown Studios. See March 7 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Garden Sprouts: Pre-K Reading Program
 Santa Fe Railyard Park. See March 7 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.
Preschool Prime Time
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.
Watercolor Exploration
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 11-11:30 A.M.
Preschool Storytime
 Main Library. See March 7 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.
Story Time
 Vista Grande Public Library. See March 7 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 1-4 P.M.
Global Adventures After-School Program
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 2 P.M.
Friday Afternoon Art
 Main Library. See March 7 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.
Open Art Studio
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

14 FRIDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.
Family Movie Night
 Family-friendly film on a big screen. Popcorn and juice provided. Call for movie titles and ratings. Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, 466-7323.

15 SATURDAY, TIME TBD
"The Secret of the Kells"
 Matinee showing of the animated story of the boy behind the famed Book of Kells. Free admission to children under 12. Show time will be posted at www.jeancocteaucinema.com. Jean Cocteau Cinema, 418 Montezuma Avenue, 466-5528.

15 SATURDAY, 9 A.M.-NOON
11th Annual Cardboard Derby
 Team up with friends or family, ride your cardboard vessel down the slope and see if yours is a winner. Sipapu Ski & Summer Resort, 5224 Highway 518, Vadito, (575) 587-2087.

15 SATURDAY, 9:30-11:30 A.M.
Family Program: Leis
 Make your own leis in celebration of Hawaii and a tropical getaway. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, 217 Johnson Street, 946-1039.

15 SATURDAY, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
Open House at Little Earth School
 Visit the classrooms, learn Little Earth's

philosophy and meet the teachers. Children welcome. Little Earth School, 321 W. Zia Road, 988-1968.

15 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON
Drama Club
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 8 listing.

P 15 SATURDAY, 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M.
Cloth Diapering Basics
 Monthly informational class introduces all styles of diaper systems and basic how-to's. Call ahead to register. \$10 per family. Indigo Baby, De Vargas Center, 564 North Guadalupe, 954-4000.

15 SATURDAY, 2:30 P.M.
Family Movie Matinee
 Family-oriented movies with light refreshments. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-4863.

P 15 SATURDAY, 6 P.M.
Christus St. Vincent Hospital Tour
 Follow the path of arriving at and getting admitted to the hospital during labor. Sponsored by the Birthing Tree Cooperative. Christus St. Vincent's Hospital, 455 St. Michael's Drive, 690-3492.

15 SATURDAY, 7 P.M.
Spotlight on Young Musicians
 Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association's live performance competition featuring skilled young musicians playing selections from Bach to Basie to the Beatles to Broadway. Scottish Rite Temple, 463 Paseo de Peralta, 467-3770.

16 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON
Family Climb
 Santa Fe Climbing Center. See March 2 listing.

16 SUNDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.
Jewelry Making Club
 Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

16 SUNDAY, 2 AND 3 P.M.
GranMary's Place
 Storytelling for the whole family. Free admission on Sundays for New Mexico residents with ID. Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, 710 Camino Lejo, 476-1272.

18 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies
 Main Library. See March 4 listing.

18 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Preschool Storytime
 Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

18 TUESDAY, 10:30 A.M.-NOON
Hiking with Young Children
 Learn about local trails and how you can hike with very young children. Los Alamos Family Strengths Network, 1990 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, 662-4515.

18 TUESDAY, 3:30 P.M.
School Age Craft
 Cool craft activity for ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4863.

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School Age Craft
 Cool craft activity for ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-4863.

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19 WEDNESDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Guided Tour at Little Earth School
Visit the classrooms, learn Little Earth's philosophy and meet the teachers. Children welcome. Little Earth School, 321 W. Zia Road, 988-1968.

19 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies
Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Preschool Storytime
Southside Library. See March 5 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesday
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.

Lego Club
Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 5 listing.

19 WEDNESDAY, 3:30 P.M.

School Age Craft
Cool craft activity for ages 5 to 12. Call to register. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6783.

20 THURSDAY, 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Growing Up Montessori Tour
Learn the philosophy of this Montessori preschool for ages 2 to 6, meet other parents and tour the facility. Reservations required; adults only, please. Growing Up Montessori, 2638 Via Caballero del Norte, 795-7256.

20 THURSDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies
Southside Library. See March 6 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour
Collected Works Bookstore. See March 6 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 4-6 P.M.

Mini-Makers
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

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Try it Thursdays!
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20 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

The Cornelius Hour
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 7-8 P.M.

The New Milky Way (Part 2)
Santa Fe Community College Planetarium. See March 13 listing.

20 THURSDAY, 7:30-9 P.M.

"The Addams Family" Musical Comedy
This macabre musical comedy brings the weird and wonderful family to life. Popejoy Hall, 203 Cornell Drive SE, Albuquerque, (505) 277-8010.

21 FRIDAY, 9 AND 10 A.M.

Parent and Me Art Class
Make Orange Studio. See March 7 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Tumbletots
Tumbledown Studios. See March 7 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts: Pre-K Reading Program
Santa Fe Railyard Park. See March 7 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Prime Time
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Watercolor Exploration
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 11-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Storytime
Main Library. See March 7 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.

Story Time
Vista Grande Public Library. See March 7 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Global Adventures After-School Program
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 2 P.M.

Friday Afternoon Art
Main Library. See March 7 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

21 FRIDAY, 4 P.M.

John Polinko
Juggling, magic, animals! Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4863.

21 FRIDAY, 5-7 P.M.

Family Program: Celebrate Creativity
Opening reception for exhibit of artwork from Eldorado Elementary and Middle Schools, on view through April 4. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Education Annex, 123 Grant Avenue, 946-1000.

21 FRIDAY, 6:30 P.M. TO 22 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Aquarium Overnight
Pack your pajamas and pillow for the ultimate sleepover. Explore the aquarium at night. Learn about ocean animals and their nighttime behavior. Overnights start at 7 p.m. on Friday and end at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. \$30 per person. ABQ BioPark Aquarium, 2601 Central Avenue, Albuquerque, (505) 848-7180.

21 FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Mixed Repertoire
World premiere commission by choreographer Nicolo Fonte, known for his daring and original approach to dance. Call for prices. Lencic Performing Arts Center, 211 W. San Francisco Street, 988-1234.

21 FRIDAY, 8-9:30 P.M.

"The Addams Family" Musical Comedy
Popejoy Hall. See March 20 listing.

22 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

Santa Fe Japanese Cultural Festival
Annual event featuring stage performances throughout the day. Santa Fe Community Convention Center, 201 W. Marcy Avenue.

22 SATURDAY, 10:30 A.M.

John Polinko
Juggling, magic, animals! Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6783.

22 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Drama Club
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 8 listing.

22 SATURDAY, 2 AND 8 P.M.

"The Addams Family" Musical Comedy
Popejoy Hall. See March 20 listing.

22 SATURDAY, 2:30 P.M.

John Polinko
Juggling, magic, animals! Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-4863.

22 SATURDAY, 7:30 P.M.

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Mixed Repertoire
Lencic Performing Arts Center. See March 21 listing.

23 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON

Family Climb
Santa Fe Climbing Center. See March 2 listing.

23 SUNDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Jewelry Making Club
Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

23 SUNDAY, 1 AND 6:30 P.M.

"The Addams Family" Musical Comedy
Popejoy Hall. See March 20 listing.

23 SUNDAY, 2-4 P.M.

Japanese Folk Kite Making
Hands-on kite making activity in conjunction with "Kite Crazy in Japan." By museum admission, free to New Mexico residents on Sunday, kids 16 and under always free. Museum of International Folk Art, 706 Camino Lejo, 476-1200.

23 SUNDAY, 7:30 P.M.

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Mixed Repertoire
Lencic Performing Arts Center. See March 21 listing.

25 TUESDAY, 8:30-10:30 A.M.

Visitor Morning at the Santa Fe Waldorf School
Parents and prospective students for preschool through grade 12 tour the school's campus and classrooms. Call for reservations. Santa Fe Waldorf School, 26 Puesta Del Sol, 992-0566.



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25 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

25 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Preschool Storytime

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

25 TUESDAY, 3:30 P.M.
Science After School

For ages 6 to 12. Call to register. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4863.

25 TUESDAY, 3:30 P.M.
Science After School

For ages 6 to 12. Call to register. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-4863.

26 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON
Parent Talk

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 12 listing.

26 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

26 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Preschool Storytime

Southside Library. See March 5 listing.

26 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Wee Wednesday

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

26 WEDNESDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.
Lego Club

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 5 listing.

26 WEDNESDAY, 3:30 P.M.
Science After School

For ages 6 to 12. Call to register. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6783.

27 THURSDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies

Southside Library. See March 6 listing.

27 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.
Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 6 listing.

27 THURSDAY, 4-6 P.M.
Mini-Makers

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

27 THURSDAY, 4-7 P.M.
Try it Thursdays!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

27 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.
The Cornelius Hour

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 9 AND 10 A.M.
Parent and Me Art Class

Make Orange Studio. See March 7 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.
Tumbletots

Tumbledown Studios. See March 7 listing.



Pencil self-portrait by Samantha, fourth grade

28 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.
Garden Sprouts: Pre-K Reading Program

Santa Fe Railyard Park. See March 7 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.
Preschool Prime Time

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.
Watercolor Exploration

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 11:00-11:30 A.M.
Preschool Storytime

Main Library. See March 7 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.
Story Time

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 7 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 1-4 P.M.
Global Adventures After-School Program

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

28 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.
Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

29 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.
Spring Storytelling Festival

At this weekend festival, kids will explore many techniques, hear stories from local storytellers and learn how to tell stories themselves. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

29 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON
Drama Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 8 listing.

30 SUNDAY, TIME TBD
"The Sandlot"

A coming-of-age film about young baseball players set in 1962. Free admission to children under 12. Show times will be posted at www.jeancocteaucinema.com. Jean Cocteau Cinema, 418 Montezuma Avenue, 466-5528.

30 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.- NOON
Family Climb

Santa Fe Climbing Center. See March 2 listing.

30 SUNDAY, NOON-5 P.M.
Spring Storytelling Festival

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 29 listing.

30 SUNDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.
Jewelry Making Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

APRIL

1 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

1 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Preschool Storytime

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

2 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

2 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Preschool Storytime

Southside Library. See March 5 listing.

2 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Wee Wednesday

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

2 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.
Toddler Tunes

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 5 listing.

2 WEDNESDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.
Lego Club

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 5 listing.

2 WEDNESDAY, 6:30 P.M.
Family Story Time

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

3 THURSDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.
Books & Babies

Southside Library. See March 6 listing.

3 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.
Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 6 listing.

3 THURSDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.
Firefighter Storytime

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

3 THURSDAY, 4-6 P.M.
Mini-Makers

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

3 THURSDAY, 4-7 P.M.
Try it Thursdays!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

3 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.
The Cornelius Hour

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

Spring Calendar 2014 April

3 THURSDAY, 8-9 P.M.

Backyard Astronomy

Santa Fe Community College Planetarium. See March 6 listing. Santa Fe Community College Planetarium, 6401 Richards Avenue, 428-1744.

4 FRIDAY, 9 AND 10 A.M.

Parent and Me Art Class

Make Orange Studio. See March 7 listing.

4 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Tumbletots

Tumbledown Studios. See March 7 listing.

4 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts: Pre-K Reading Program

Santa Fe Railyard Park. See March 7 listing.

4 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Prime Time

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

4 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Watercolor Exploration

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

4 FRIDAY, 11:00-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Main Library. See March 7 listing.

4 FRIDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.

Story Time

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 7 listing.

4 FRIDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Global Adventures After-School Program

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

4 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

4 FRIDAY, 3:30-5 P.M.

First Friday Forts

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See March 7 listing.

4 FRIDAY, 6 P.M. AND 7 P.M.

Friday Fractals

New Mexico Museum of Natural History. See March 7 listing.

4 FRIDAY, 7 P.M.

14th Annual Nuestra Musica

Annual event celebrating New Mexico's deeply-rooted, diverse musical heritage. Tickets \$10; seniors free. Lentic Performing Arts Center, 211 W. San Francisco Street, 988-1234.

4 FRIDAY, 8 AND 9 P.M.

Fractal Rocks

New Mexico Museum of Natural History. See March 7 listing.

5 SATURDAY, 9-11:30 A.M.

Book Donation Day

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 1 listing.

5 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Drama Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 8 listing.

5 SATURDAY, 11 A.M. -2 P.M.

Community Day: Wonder and Art

Interactive gallery activities, art making, artist demonstrations, performances, live music, treasure hunts and more. Harwood Museum of Art, 238 Ledoux Street, Taos, (575) 758-9826.

5 SATURDAY, 5-7 P.M.

Family Program: Opera Makes Sense

Journey to Italy with "Don Pasquale." Children are introduced to opera through dance, song, music and art. Email aquintanar@santafeopera.org to reserve space. Santa Fe Opera, 301 Opera Drive, 986-5900.

6 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.- NOON

Family Climb

Santa Fe Climbing Center. See March 2 listing.

6 SUNDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Jewelry Making Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

P 6 SUNDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.

Doula Tea

Indigo Baby. See March 2 listing.

6 SUNDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Wooden Menagerie: Made in New Mexico

Animal mask making for ages 3 and up. Music, refreshments and more. By museum admission,

free to New Mexico residents on Sunday, kids 16 and under always free. Museum of International Folk Art, 706 Camino Lejo, 476-1200.

6 SUNDAY, 2 P.M.

LUMA

A mesmerizing interplay of shadow and light as performers create brilliant images of color and motion. Call for prices. Lentic Performing Arts Center, 211 W. San Francisco Street, 988-1234.

6 SUNDAY, 2-4 P.M.

Get To Know Your Art Museum

Learn how a museum works and why, through lively conversation and art projects. New Mexico Museum of Art, 107 W. Palace Avenue, 476-5068.

P 7 MONDAY, 6:30-8 P.M.

Birth Talk Los Alamos

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 3 listing.

8 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

8 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

P 8 TUESDAY, 1-3 P.M.

Many Mother's Circle

Santa Fe Soul's Sun Room. See March 4 listing.

9 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON

Parent Talk

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 12 listing.

9 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

9 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Southside Library. See March 5 listing.

9 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesday

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

P 9 WEDNESDAY, 6-8:15 P.M.

Chit Chat Dinner for Expecting Parents and Parents of Infants

Meet other expecting parents to network and share experiences. Call to register. \$10 per family. Los Alamos Family Strengths Network, 1990 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, 661-9338.

10 THURSDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Southside Library. See March 6 listing.

10 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 6 listing.

P 10 THURSDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.

La Leche League Meeting

Indigo Baby. See March 13 listing.

10 THURSDAY, 4-6 P.M.

Mini-Makers

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

10 THURSDAY, 4-7 P.M.

Try it Thursdays!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

10 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

The Cornelius Hour

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

10 THURSDAY, 8-9 P.M.

How to Select and Use a Telescope

Commonly asked questions about telescopes will be answered during the planetarium presentation. Adults \$5, preteens and seniors \$3, free to students of the college. Santa Fe Community College Planetarium, 6401 Richards Avenue, 428-1744.

11 FRIDAY, 9 AND 10 A.M.

Parent and Me Art Class

Make Orange Studio. See March 7 listing.

11 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Tumbletots

Tumbledown Studios. See March 7 listing.

11 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts: Pre-K Reading Program

Santa Fe Railyard Park. See March 7 listing.



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Ink drawing by Abigail, fourth grade

11 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Prime Time

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

11 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Watercolor Exploration

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

11 FRIDAY, 11-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Main Library. See March 7 listing.

11 FRIDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Global Adventures After-School Program

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

11 FRIDAY, 2 P.M.

Pysanky Egg Design

Learn techniques of the beautiful Ukrainian art of egg painting. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6783.

11 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

11 FRIDAY, 4 P.M.

Teatro Paraguas

Bilingual theatre for children. Oliver La Farge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, 955-4863.

12 SATURDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Teatro Paraguas

Bilingual theatre for children. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6783.

12 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Drama Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 8 listing.

12 SATURDAY, 2:30 P.M.

Teatro Paraguas

Bilingual theatre for children. Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, 955-4863.

13 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.- NOON

Family Climb

Santa Fe Climbing Center. See March 2 listing.

13 SUNDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Jewelry Making Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

13 SUNDAY, 1-3 P.M.

Parent Talk

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 9 listing.

15 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

15 TUESDAY, 10:30- 11 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

15 TUESDAY, 3:30 P.M.

School Age Craft

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 18 listing.

15 TUESDAY, 3:30 P.M.

School Age Craft

Southside Library. See March 18 listing.

16 WEDNESDAY, 10:30- 11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

16 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Southside Library. See March 5 listing.

16 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesday

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

16 WEDNESDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.

Lego Club

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 5 listing.

16 WEDNESDAY, 3:30 P.M.

School Age Craft

Main Library. See March 19 Listing.

17 THURSDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Southside Library. See March 6 listing.

17 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 6 listing.

17 THURSDAY, 4-6 P.M.

Mini-Makers

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

17 THURSDAY, 4-7 P.M.

Try it Thursdays!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

17 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

The Cornelius Hour

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

17 THURSDAY, 8-9 P.M.

Our Solar System

Lunar observation and planet exploration. Adults \$5, preteens and seniors \$3, free to students of the college. Santa Fe Community College Planetarium, 6401 Richards Avenue, 428-1744.

18 FRIDAY, 9 AND 10 A.M.

Parent and Me Art Class

Make Orange Studio. See March 7 listing.

18 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Tumbletots

Tumbledown Studios. See March 7 listing.

18 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts: Pre-K Reading Program

Santa Fe Railyard Park. See March 7 listing.

18 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Prime Time

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

18 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Watercolor Exploration

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

18 FRIDAY, 11-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Main Library. See March 7 listing.

18 FRIDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Global Adventures After-School Program

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

18 FRIDAY, 2 P.M.

Pysanky Egg Design

Learn techniques of the beautiful Ukrainian art of egg painting. Main Library, 145 Washington Avenue, 955-6783.

18 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

18 FRIDAY, 6:30 P.M. TO 19 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Aquarium Overnight

ABQ BioPark Aquarium. See March 21 listing.

19 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON

Easter Egg Hunt and Resurrection Story

For children ages 2 to 8 years old. Register by April 17. Rodeo Road Baptist Church, 4305 Vereda Baja, 573-9467.

19 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Drama Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 8 listing.

P 19 SATURDAY, 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M.

Cloth Diapering Basics

Indigo Baby. See March 15 listing.

P 19 SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Christus St. Vincent Hospital Tour

Christus St. Vincent's Hospital. See March 15 listing.

Spring Calendar 2014 April

20 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.- NOON

Family Climb

Santa Fe Climbing Center. See March 2 listing.

20 SUNDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Jewelry Making Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

21 MONDAY, 7:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M.

School Closure Day Camp

Games, sports, swimming, ice skating and arts & crafts for ages 6 to 12. \$35. Genoveva Chavez Community Center, 3221 Rodeo Road. Call Mona 955-4014 or Melissa 955-4005.

22 TUESDAY, 8:30-10:30 A.M.

Visitor Morning at the Santa Fe Waldorf School

Santa Fe Waldorf School. See March 25 listing.

22 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

22 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

22 TUESDAY, 3:30 P.M.

Science After School

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 25 listing.

22 TUESDAY, 3:30 P.M.

Science After School

Southside Library. See March 25 listing.

23 WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON

Parent Talk

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 12 listing.

23 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

23 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Southside Library. See March 5 listing.

23 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesday

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

23 WEDNESDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.

Lego Club

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 5 listing.

23 WEDNESDAY, 3:30 P.M.

Science After School

Main Library. See March 26 Listing.

24 THURSDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Southside Library. See March 6 listing.

24 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 6 listing.

24 THURSDAY, 4-6 P.M.

Mini-Makers

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

24 THURSDAY, 4-7 P.M.

Try it Thursdays!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

24 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

The Cornelius Hour

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

25 FRIDAY, 9 AND 10 A.M.

Parent and Me Art Class

Make Orange Studio. See March 7 listing.

25 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Tumbletots

Tumbledown Studios. See March 7 listing.

25 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts: Pre-K Reading Program

Santa Fe Railyard Park. See March 7 listing.

25 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Prime Time

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

25 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Watercolor Exploration

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

25 FRIDAY, 11:00-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Main Library. See March 7 listing.

25 FRIDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Global Adventures After-School Program

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

25 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

25 FRIDAY, 5-7 P.M.

Family Program: Celebrate Creativity

Opening reception for exhibit of artwork from Santa Fe High School, on view through May 2. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, 123 Grant Avenue, 946-1039.

25 FRIDAY, 7-10:30 P.M.

10th Annual Youth Music Night

Music and Art events throughout the museum galleries. Free admission. Museum of International Folk Art, 706 Camino Lejo, 476-1200.

25 FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.

Ballet Next - Program I

An elite dance troupe dedicated to presenting classical ballet as well as contemporary choreography. Lentic Performing Arts Center, 211 W. San Francisco Street, 988-1234.

25 FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.

Ballet Next - Program II

Lentic Performing Arts Center. See April 25 listing.

26 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

10th Annual Wood Gormley Panther Run

5K Run, 2 Mile Walk and 1K Kids Fun Run. Races divided by ages, Pre-K through sixth grade, and adults. Events benefit the school and start and finish on site. Call to register. Wood Gormley, 141 East Booth Street, 670-1124.

26 SATURDAY, 9:30-11:30 A.M.

Family Program: Tropical Watercolors

Study the varied tropical flowers and foliage of Hawai'i by creating unique watercolors. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, 217 Johnson Street, 946-1039.

26 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Drama Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 8 listing.

26 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-3 P.M.

Play-A-Thon

A day of music on the bandstand presented by the Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association. Santa Fe Plaza, 467-3770.

26 SATURDAY, NOON-4 P.M.

Earth Day Celebration at the Railyard Park & Plaza

Family-friendly earth day festival with local groups involved in education, conservation, arts and environmental justice. Railyard Park, 1607 Paseo de Peralta.

26 SATURDAY, 2:30 P.M.

Family Movie Matinee

Southside Library. See March 15 listing.

27 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.- NOON

Family Climb

Santa Fe Climbing Center. See March 2 listing.

27 SUNDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Jewelry Making Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

28 MONDAY, 10-11:30 A.M.

Homeschool Art

Harwood Museum of Art. See March 24 listing.

29 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

29 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 4 listing.

29 TUESDAY, 6:30 P.M.

Santa Fe Public Schools Orchestras

Listen to the talented musicians of our middle and high school orchestras. Free. Lentic Performing Arts Center, 211 W. San Francisco Street, 988-1234.

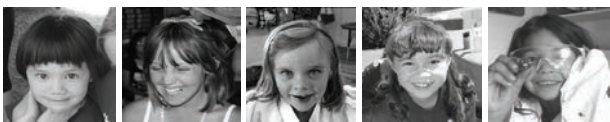
30 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

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30 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Southside Library. See March 5 listing.

30 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesday

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

30 WEDNESDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.

Lego Club

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 5 listing.

30 WEDNESDAY, 6 P.M.

Science Café for Young Thinkers

"Saving the Otters from Extinction: A Worldwide Campaign" with Melissa Savage from the Four Corners Institute. For students ages 13 through 18 and their teachers and parents. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Education Annex, 123 Grant Avenue, 946-1036.

MAY

1 THURSDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Southside Library. See March 6 listing.

1 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 6 listing.

1 THURSDAY, 11-11:45 A.M.

Firefighter Storytime

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

1 THURSDAY, 4-6 P.M.

Mini-Makers

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

1 THURSDAY, 4-7 P.M.

Try it Thursdays!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

1 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

The Cornelius Hour

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

2 FRIDAY, 9 AND 10 A.M.

Parent and Me Art Class

Make Orange Studio. See March 7 listing.

2 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Tumbletots

Tumbledown Studios. See March 7 listing.

2 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts: Pre-K Reading Program

Santa Fe Railyard Park. See March 7 listing.

2 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Prime Time

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

2 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Watercolor Exploration

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

2 FRIDAY, 11:00-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Storytime

Main Library. See March 7 listing.

2 FRIDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Global Adventures After-School Program

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

2 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

2 FRIDAY, 3:30-5 P.M.

First Friday Forts

Pajarito Environmental Education Center. See March 7 listing.

2 FRIDAY, 6 AND 7 P.M.

Friday Fractals

New Mexico Museum of Natural History. See March 7 listing.

2 FRIDAY, 8 AND 9 P.M.

Fractal Rocks

New Mexico Museum of Natural History. See December 7 listing.

3 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Santa Cruz Feast Day

Corn dance, blessing of the fields and traditional foot races. Taos Pueblo, 120 Veterans Highway, Taos, (575) 758-1028.

3 SATURDAY, 9-11:30 A.M.

Book Donation Day

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 1 listing.

3 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Earth Day 2014

Vendors, booths, Clan Tynker, and more. Pajarito Environmental Education Center, 3540 Orange Street, Los Alamos, 662-0460.

3 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Battlefield New Mexico: The Civil War and More

Experience military drills, camp life, lectures, demonstrations and reenactments. Adults \$8; seniors and teens \$5; kids 12 and under are free. El Rancho de las Golondrinas, 334 Los Pinos Road, 471-2261.

3 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

Wind Festival

Learn how to make a kite, participate in kite-flying contests or just fly for fun. Peregrine Falcon demonstration where you can see the birds up close. Wildlife West Nature Park, 87 West Frontage Road, Edgewood, (505) 281-7655.

3 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Drama Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 8 listing.

4 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON

Family Climb

Santa Fe Climbing Center. See March 2 listing.

4 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Battlefield New Mexico: The Civil War and More

El Rancho de las Golondrinas. See March 3 listing.

4 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

Wind Festival

Wildlife West Nature Park. See March 3 listing.

4 SUNDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Jewelry Making Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

4 SUNDAY, 2-4 P.M.

Animal Stories

Joe Hayes tells animal stories. By museum admission: Free to New Mexico residents on Sunday with ID; kids 16 and under always free. Museum of International Folk Art, 706 Camino Lejo, 476-1200.

P 4 SUNDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.

Doula Tea

Indigo Baby. See March 2 listing.

P 5 MONDAY, 6:30-8 P.M.

Birth Talk Los Alamos

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 3 listing.

6 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

P 6 TUESDAY, 1-3 P.M.

Many Mother's Circle

Santa Fe Soul's Sun Room. See March 4 listing.

7 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

7 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesday

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

7 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11:15 A.M.

Toddler Tunes

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 5 listing.

7 WEDNESDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.

Lego Club

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 5 listing.

8 THURSDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Southside Library. See March 6 listing.

8 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 6 listing.

P 8 THURSDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.

La Leche League Meeting

Indigo Baby. See March 13 listing.

8 THURSDAY, 4-6 P.M.

Mini-Makers

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

8 THURSDAY, 4-7 P.M.

Try it Thursdays!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.



Watercolor by Yara Sophia, first grade

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8 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

The Cornelius Hour

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

8 THURSDAY, 5-7 P.M.

Family Program: Celebrate Creativity

Opening reception of Art Spring: Artwork from New Mexico School for the Arts, on view through May 22, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Education Annex, 123 Grant Avenue, 946-1036.

8 THURSDAY, 7-8:30 P.M.

Family Movie Night

Vista Grande Public Library. See March 14 listing.

9 FRIDAY, 8:45 A.M.-1 P.M.

May Faire

Dance around the May Pole, enjoy music, food and friends at this free community event. Santa Fe Waldorf School, 26 Puesta Del Sol, 992-0566.

9 FRIDAY, 9 AND 10 A.M.

Parent and Me Art Class

Make Orange Studio. See March 7 listing.

9 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Tumbletots

Tumbledown Studios. See March 7 listing.

9 FRIDAY, 9:30 A.M.-7:30 P.M.

Passport to the Arts

Exhibits, demonstrations, live music, food, auctions and activities for kids on Canyon Road. A three-day annual public art event with over 100 participating artists. visitcanyonroad.com/passport_current.html.

9 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts: Pre-K Reading Program

Santa Fe Railyard Park. See March 7 listing.

9 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Prime Time

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

9 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Watercolor Exploration

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

9 FRIDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Global Adventures After-School Program

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

9 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

9 FRIDAY, 7 P.M.

"Beauty and the Beast"

Disney's animated film comes to life on stage with Pandemonium Productions' presentation of the classic musical. Adults \$10; kids \$6. James A. Little Theater, 1060 Cerrillos Road, 982-3327.

10 SATURDAY, 9:30 A.M.-7:30 P.M.

Passport to the Arts

Canyon Road. See March 9 listing.

10 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Dragonfly School Spring Fair

Entertainment for the whole family, silent auction (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), food, crafts, games, book and plant sales. \$5 suggested donation. Dragonfly School, 935 Alto Street, 995-9869.

10 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON

Special Saturdays: Frisbee Golf

Activities for K-12 children with developmental or physical needs, snacks provided. Call to register. \$10 per session. Los Alamos Family Strengths Network, 1990 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, 662-4515.

10 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Drama Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 8 listing.

10 SATURDAY, 7 P.M.

"Beauty and the Beast"

James A. Little Theater. See May 9 listing.

11 SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.-7:30 P.M.

Passport to the Arts

Canyon Road. See March 9 listing.

11 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-NOON

Family Climb

Santa Fe Climbing Center. See March 2 listing.

11 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

Mother's Day Concert

Celebrate Mother's Day with music from the

New Mexico Philharmonic. ABQ BioPark Zoo, 903 Tenth Street, Albuquerque, (505) 764-6214.

11 SUNDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Jewelry Making Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

11 SUNDAY, 1-3 P.M.

Parent Talk

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 9 listing.

11 SUNDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Mother's Day Celebration

Celebrate moms, grandmas, and aunts! Secret gift-making fun. Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359.

11 SUNDAY, 2 P.M.

"Beauty and the Beast"

James A. Little Theater. See May 9 listing.

13 TUESDAY, 8:30-10:30 A.M.

Visitor Morning at the Santa Fe Waldorf School

Santa Fe Waldorf School. See March 25 listing.

13 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

14 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

14 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesday

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

14 WEDNESDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.

Legos Club

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 5 listing.

15 THURSDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Southside Library. See March 6 listing.

15 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 6 listing.

15 THURSDAY, 4-6 P.M.

Mini-Makers

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

15 THURSDAY, 4-7 P.M.

Try it Thursdays!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

15 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

The Cornelius Hour

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

16 FRIDAY, 9 AND 10 A.M.

Parent and Me Art Class

Make Orange Studio. See March 7 listing.

16 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Tumbletots

Tumbledown Studios. See March 7 listing.

16 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts: Pre-K Reading Program

Santa Fe Railyard Park. See March 7 listing.

16 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Prime Time

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

16 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Watercolor Exploration

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

16 FRIDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Global Adventures After-School Program

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

16 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

16 FRIDAY, 6:30 P.M. TO 17 SATURDAY, 8 A.M.

Aquarium Overnight

ABQ BioPark Aquarium. See March 21 listing.

16 FRIDAY, 7 P.M.

"Beauty and the Beast"

James A. Little Theater. See May 9 listing.

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17 SATURDAY, 9:30-11:30 A.M.

Family Program: Oceans to Deserts

Explore color and create seascapes and desert landscapes with a variety of drawing materials. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, 217 Johnson Street, 946-1039.

17 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Drama Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 8 listing.

P 17 SATURDAY, 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M.

Cloth Diapering Basics

Indigo Baby. See March 15 listing.

17 SATURDAY, 2:30-4 P.M.

Maria Benitez Institute for Spanish Arts Spring Flamenco Recital

All ages of students at ISA will perform. Call for prices. St. Francis Auditorium, 107 W. Palace Avenue, 467-3773.

P 17 SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Christus St. Vincent Hospital Tour

Christus St. Vincent's Hospital. See March 15 listing.

17 SATURDAY, 7 P.M.

"Beauty and the Beast"

James A. Little Theater. See May 9 listing.

17 SATURDAY, 7:30 P.M.

The Santa Fe Symphony: Beethoven's Ninth

Double presentation of Beethoven's Ninth and Brahms's Tragic Overture. Lensic Performing Arts Center, 211 W. San Francisco Street, 988-1234.

18 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.- NOON

Family Climb

Santa Fe Climbing Center. See March 2 listing.

18 SUNDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Jewelry Making Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

18 SUNDAY, 2 P.M.

"Beauty and the Beast"

James A. Little Theater. See May 9 listing.

18 SUNDAY, 4 P.M.

The Santa Fe Symphony: Beethoven's Ninth

Lensic Performing Arts Center. See May 17 listing.

20 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

21 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

21 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesday

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

21 WEDNESDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.

Lego Club

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 5 listing.



Pencil self-portrait by Braulio, fourth grade

22 THURSDAY, 10:30- 11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Southside Library. See March 6 listing.

22 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 6 listing.

22 THURSDAY, 4-6 P.M.

Mini-Makers

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

22 THURSDAY, 4-7 P.M.

Try it Thursdays!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

22 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

The Cornelius Hour

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

23 FRIDAY, 9 AND 10 A.M.

Parent and Me Art Class

Make Orange Studio. See March 7 listing.

23 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Tumbletots

Tumbledown Studios. See March 7 listing.

23 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts: Pre-K Reading Program

Santa Fe Railyard Park. See March 7 listing.

23 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Prime Time

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

23 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Watercolor Exploration

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

23 FRIDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Global Adventures After-School Program

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

23 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

24 SATURDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Santa Fe Fiber Arts Festival

Demonstrations in sheepherding, sheep shearing, weaving and more. Adults \$8; seniors and teens \$5; kids 12 and under are free. El Rancho de las Golondrinas, 334 Los Pinos Road, 471-2261.

24 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Drama Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 8 listing.

25 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.- NOON

Family Climb

Santa Fe Climbing Center. See March 2 listing.

25 SUNDAY, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Santa Fe Fiber Arts Festival

El Rancho de las Golondrinas. See May 24 listing.

25 SUNDAY, 12:30-2 P.M.

Jewelry Making Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 2 listing.

27 TUESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Main Library. See March 4 listing.

28 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Oliver La Farge Branch Library. See March 5 listing.

28 WEDNESDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Wee Wednesday

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 5 listing.

28 WEDNESDAY, 1-2:30 P.M.

Lego Club

Los Alamos Family Strengths Network. See March 5 listing.

29 THURSDAY, 9 A.M.- 5 P.M.

Backyard Garden Train Show

Miniature trains bring the gardens to life. ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden, 2601 Central Avenue, Albuquerque, (505) 764-6200.

29 THURSDAY, 10:30-11 A.M.

Books & Babies

Southside Library. See March 6 listing.

29 THURSDAY, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

Children's Story Hour

Collected Works Bookstore. See March 6 listing.

29 THURSDAY, 4-6 P.M.

Mini-Makers

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

29 THURSDAY, 4-7 P.M.

Try it Thursdays!

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

29 THURSDAY, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

The Cornelius Hour

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 6 listing.

30 FRIDAY, 9 AND 10 A.M.

Parent and Me Art Class

Make Orange Studio. See March 7 listing.

30 FRIDAY, 9-10 A.M.

Tumbletots

Tumbledown Studios. See March 7 listing.

30 FRIDAY, 10-11 A.M.

Garden Sprouts: Pre-K Reading Program

Santa Fe Railyard Park. See March 7 listing.

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Marker and crayon drawing by Alexis, fourth grade

30 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Preschool Prime Time

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

30 FRIDAY, 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Watercolor Exploration

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

30 FRIDAY, 1-4 P.M.

Global Adventures After-School Program

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

30 FRIDAY, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Open Art Studio

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 7 listing.

31 SATURDAY, 11 A.M.-NOON

Drama Club

Santa Fe Children's Museum. See March 8 listing.

Ongoing Events

Museums, cultural centers and other nonprofit organizations, within an easy drive of Santa Fe, offering exhibits, programming and activities for families

ABQ BIOPARK: ZOO, AQUARIUM, BOTANIC GARDEN

Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission options: Buy a ticket to Zoo only, Aquarium/Botanic Garden, or "BioPark Combo" for all three. Call for prices. Zoo: 903 Tenth Street. Botanic Garden and Aquarium: 2601 Central Avenue, NW, Albuquerque, (505) 764-6200, www.cabq.gov/biopark.

ABQ BIOPARK: TINGLEY BEACH

Fish, hike, relax or sail a model boat. Year-

round, sunrise to sunset. Free; no tickets needed. 1800 Tingley Drive, SW, Albuquerque. (505) 764-6200, www.cabq.gov/biopark.

BATAAN MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Artifacts from the Bataan Death March, Medal of Honor ribbons and biographies. Private tours available; call to arrange. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, 474-1670, www.bataanmuseum.com.

BRADBURY SCIENCE MUSEUM

Displays, videos and interactive exhibits on the history of the atomic bomb and contemporary research conducted at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday and Monday 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. 15th and Central Avenue, Los Alamos, (505) 667-4444, www.lanl.gov/museum.

CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER NEW MEXICO

A nonprofit educational organization engaging young people in science, technology, engineering and math education. Interactive educational Space simulations for students in grades 5 to 12. Special programs for grades K through 4. Activities for all ages. Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with some evening activities. Call for prices and schedule; most activities require reservations. Located at the Unser Discovery Campus, 1776 Montañito Road, NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, (505) 248-1776, www.challengernm.org.

EL MUSEO CULTURAL

Popular venue in the Railyard for classes and community events. Call or visit website to view calendar for upcoming events. 1615 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, 992-0591, www.elmuseocultural.org.

EL RANCHO DE LAS GOLONDRINAS

A living history museum located on 200 acres just south of Santa Fe, dedicated to the history, heritage and culture of 18th and 19th

century New Mexico. Tours, special festivals and weekend events offer an in-depth look into aspects of life in the Spanish, Mexican and Territorial periods of the Southwest. Open Wednesday through Sunday, June through September, and by appointment in April, May and October. Seasonal events through the summer and early fall. Regular admission: Adults \$6; seniors and ages 13 to 18 \$4; under 13 free. Prices for special events vary. 334 Los Pinos Road, Santa Fe, 473-4169. www.golondrinas.org

EXPLORA

Family-oriented science center creating opportunities for discovery through interactive experiences in science, technology and art. Programs for toddlers to adults. Open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Ages 12 and up \$8; seniors \$5; children \$4; under 1 free. Children and toddlers must be accompanied by a paying adult. 1701 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, (505) 224-8300, www.explora.us.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM

The largest single repository of O'Keeffe's work in the world. Exhibitions, education programs, family and youth programs. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday until 7 p.m. Closed April 20. Adults \$12, New Mexico residents \$6; seniors and students over 18 with ID \$10; ages 18 and under free. Free first Friday of each month to residents from 5 to 7 p.m. 217 Johnson Street, Santa Fe, 946-1000, www.okeeffemuseum.org.

HARWOOD MUSEUM OF ART

Historic and contemporary art and culture of the Taos region. Open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Monthly Homeschoolers activities for two age groups and weekly Teen Art activities. Many family programs; call for program details. Adults \$10; seniors, students and AAA members \$8; ages 12 and under free. New Mexico residents admitted free on Sundays with proof of residence. 238 Ledoux Street, Taos, (575) 758-9826, www.harwoodmuseum.org.

INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS MUSEUM

The National Collection of Contemporary Indian Art. Monday and Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Closed April 20. Adults \$10; seniors, students with valid ID and New Mexico residents \$5; Native people, members and veterans free. New Mexico residents free on Sunday. Children 16 and under

always free. 108 Cathedral Place, Santa Fe, 983-8900, www.iaia.edu.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

Line dances from Europe, the Balkans, Greece, the Middle East and Israel. All levels, beginners welcome, no partner needed. Sunday 6:30 to 8 p.m. (mostly teaching) and Tuesday 7 to 10 (teaching 7 to 8 p.m.) Israeli dance, Sunday 8 to 10 p.m. Open on holidays. \$5 per session (no charge first time). Oddfellows Hall, 1125 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, 501-5081.

LEONORA CURTIN WETLAND PRESERVE

Adjacent to El Rancho de Las Golondrinas south of Santa Fe, this 35-acre nature preserve of the Santa Fe Botanical Garden hosts a diversity of plants and wildlife, trails with numbered interpretive markers, a pond and docents to answer questions. Open May to October, Saturday 9 a.m. to noon; Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. Docents lead small group tours at 10 a.m. on Saturdays. Free. For directions, call 471-9103, www.santafebotanicalgarden.org/visit-us/leonora-curtin-wetland-preserve/.

LOS ALAMOS FAMILY STRENGTHS NETWORK

Education, support groups and activities for all families, parents, teens and children. Open Open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., also for scheduled evening class times. School holidays, delays and closures observed. 1990 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, (505) 662-4515, www.lafsn.org.

MUSEUM OF INDIAN ARTS AND CULTURE

Including The Roland Discovery Center: interactive exhibits, puzzles and games for the young and young at heart. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed April 20. General admission \$9; New Mexico residents \$6 daily and free on Sundays; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays. Children 16 and under are always free. 710 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, 476-1250, www.indianartsandculture.org.

MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL FOLK ART

Wide range of folk art displays from around the world. Museum open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed April 20. General admission \$9; New Mexico residents \$6 daily and free on Sundays; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays. Children 16 and under are always free. 706 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe, 476-1200, www.internationalfolkart.org.

POMEGRANATE SEEDS WORLD DANCE CAMPS FOR GIRLS

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Contact Myra Krien, 986-6164 or email: pomegranatesfm@yahoo.com

Spring Calendar 2014 Ongoing Events

MUSEUM OF SPANISH COLONIAL ART

Special activities for families and children include "Possible Bags," an art activity bag; the MoSCA Treasure Hunt; puzzles, books, historical costumes and hands-on activities in the Youth Art and Activity Center. Docent tours at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Special tours for children and adults may be arranged by calling the education department at 982-2226, ext.122. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission \$5; free to New Mexico residents on Sundays. Children 16 and under are always free. 750 Camino Lejo on Museum Hill, 982-2226, www.spanishcolonialblog.org.

NEW MEXICO HISTORY MUSEUM

Explore history from the indigenous people through the Atomic Age, including the clash and melding of cultures. In addition to galleries, the museum features the Discovery Center, a gathering space for families to engage in hands-on, self-paced activities. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays until 8 p.m. General admission \$9; New Mexico residents \$6 daily and free on Sundays; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays. Children 16 and under are always free. Free Friday evenings 5 to 8 p.m. Historical downtown tours Monday through Saturday 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. 113 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, 476-5200, www.nmhistory.org.

NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF ART

Guided tours free with museum admission.

Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays until 8 p.m. Closed April 20. General admission \$9; New Mexico residents \$6 daily and free on Sundays; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays. Children 16 and under are always free. Free Friday evenings 5 to 8 p.m. 107 W. Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, 476-5072, www.nmartmuseum.org.

NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND SCIENCE

Various exhibits, Planetarium and movies at the giant-screen Lockheed-Martin DynaTheater. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. DynaTheater movies are shown hourly from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Museum admission: \$7 adults; \$6 seniors; \$4 ages 3 to 12; separate admission for DynaTheater and Planetarium. Free First Sundays: Museum admission is free to New Mexico residents with ID on the first Sunday of every month. 1801 Mountain Road, NW, Albuquerque, (505) 841-2800, www.naturalhistory.org.

ORTIZ MOUNTAINS EDUCATIONAL PRESERVE

Join Santa Fe Botanical Garden at their Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve on various Saturdays and Sundays for a variety of outdoor activities, including bird walks, history tours, bat watches, gold mine tour, hikes to Placer Peak and more. Open for docent-led hikes only, May through October. \$5 suggested donation. Located 30 miles southwest of Santa Fe, off Highway

14. Reservations required. (505) 471-9103, www.santafebotanicalgarden.org/visit-us/ortiz-mountains-educational-preserve/.

PAJARITO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Nature center and outdoor education programs that allow people of all ages to explore the rich natural and cultural heritage of the Pajarito Plateau. Open Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nature playtimes for toddlers and preschoolers every Monday (except holidays) from 10 to 11 a.m. Preschool and homeschool discovery programs, nature clubs, middle school and high school environmental clubs and many other activities. Registration required for most activities. 3540 Orange Street, Los Alamos. (505) 662-0460, www.pajaritoeec.org.

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Various exhibits from colonial New Mexico. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays until 8 p.m. General admission \$9; New Mexico residents \$6 daily and free on Sundays; New Mexico seniors with ID free on Wednesdays. Children 16 and under are always free. Free Friday evenings 5 to 8 p.m. Closed April 20. 105 W. Palace Avenue, 476-5100, www.palaceofthegovernors.org.

RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

Local artists and craftspeople, farmers, ranchers and food artisans, musicians, refreshments and entertainment, in the heart of the Santa Fe Railyard. Free; every Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Santa Fe Farmers Market, 1607 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, 983-4098, www.artmarketsantafe.com.

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WAREHOUSE 21

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Please send us information about family events happening in June, July and August for our Summer 2014 Calendar. Send by email (preferred): calendar@sftumbleweeds.com; or mail: Tumbleweeds, 369 Montezuma #191, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Deadline: May 2.

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BIRTHING TREE COOPERATIVE

Childbirth and parenting workshops to enhance your experience, build community and learn tools to improve connections with children. To register, call 690-3492 or go to www.thebirthingtree.com.

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SANTA FE WALDORF SCHOOL'S PARENTING CLASSES

Parent/Child and Parent/Infant classes begin March 21! Friday classes welcoming parents and their children focus on developing imagination and the senses. Learn more at: www.santafewaldorf.org/parent-education/.

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GERARD'S HOUSE

Support groups for children, teens and families in grief. 3204 C Mercantile Court, Santa Fe. 424-1800, ext. 22.

MANY MOTHERS' CIRCLES

Gathering for moms and babies, with presentations on parenting topics, first Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Santa Fe Soul, 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 3. Free. All are welcome, including pregnant moms. Offered by Many Mothers. Call 983-5984.

SERVICES

ADELANTE

Families who do not have a home, or who share a home with another family because

they cannot afford a place of their own, are eligible for services from Santa Fe Public Schools to help with school uniforms, school supplies, tutoring and other services. Services are free, confidential and open to all. Call 467-2571 or 467-2524.

AU PAIR CHILDCARE

Flexible and affordable live-in childcare for \$8 per hour. Contact Anabella St. Peter, local childcare consultant with Cultural Care Au

Pair, (505) 992-3261, anabella.stpeter@lcc.culturalcare.com.

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BIRTHING TREE COOPERATIVE

Childbirth preparation classes, doula services and postpartum home support. Birthing professionals working to enhance the experience of pregnancy, birth and parenting. Call 690-3492 or go to www.thebirthingtree.com.

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CRISIS RESPONSE OF SANTA FE

A 24/7 crisis counseling hotline for children, teens and adults. Adult and youth counselors provide help by phone throughout New Mexico. Crisis management from substance abuse and mental health to personal problems includes information and referral to other community resources. Call toll free (888) 920-6333, or locally 820-6333. National Suicide Prevention Hotline: (800) 273-TALK. Services are free of charge.

CHRISTUS ST. VINCENT HOSPITAL DOULA CARE SERVICES

Certified, trained doulas provide physical, emotional and informational support to a woman before and during birth and in the immediate postpartum period. Call 913-5793.

ESPERANZA SHELTER FOR BATTERED FAMILIES

A confidential shelter for victims of domestic violence and their dependents. Individual, group and child counseling, 24-hour crisis intervention, transportation, court advocacy, and systems advocacy. Case managers and advocacy services for victims. Crisis lines: local, 473-5200; Northern New Mexico, (800) 473-5220.

FAMILY SUPPORT COACHING SERVICES

For adoptive and foster families, and those having behavioral challenges with birth children at home, school or both. Support to families going through turmoil, referrals for counseling, educational experts, and legal referrals. Services are confidential. Sliding Fee scale. Eileen Richardson, Certified Life Coach, 577-8130.

FREE IMMUNIZATIONS FOR UNINSURED CHILDREN

Call for appointment: Santa Fe Public Health Office, 605 Letrado Street, 476-2600;

Española Valley Health Office, 2010 Industrial Park Road, 753-2794; Los Alamos Public Health Office, 1183 Diamond Drive, 662-4038.

HEALTHY FAMILIES FIRST "PRIMEROS PASOS"

Care coordination and home visiting program from pregnancy through child's third year of life. Provides information, resources and help for parents with new babies. Free. Call 476-2604 or 476-2649.

HEALTHY TOMORROWS MEDICAL VAN

Medical services for children and adults, including physicals, immunizations, gynecological exams, diagnosis and treatment of minor illnesses. Accepts Medicaid and private insurance, and has a sliding fee for the uninsured. Van visits Sweeney, César Chávez and Ramirez Thomas Elementary Schools and Ortiz Middle School. Call 467-1575 for an appointment.

LA FAMILIA MEDICAL CENTER

Care for the whole family including prenatal, pediatric with vaccinations, health education, dental and behavioral health services. Financial assistance based on eligibility. Alto Street Clinic, 1035 Alto Street, 982-4425; Southside Clinic, 2145 Caja del Oro Grant Road, 438-3195; Health Care for the Homeless, 818 Camino Sierra Vista, 988-1742.

LA LUZ LIFELINK FAMILY SERVICES

Rental assistance to families in need, to prevent homelessness. Mental health treatment services also available. 2325 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe. Call 438-0010.

LAS CUMBRES COMMUNITY SERVICES

Early intervention therapies for children birth to 3 with developmental disabilities or delays; behavioral health services for children birth to 6 struggling with social/emotional challenges; and a therapeutic preschool. Licensed Masters-level therapists work with families in their homes or our office, to strengthen parents' relationship with their child and increase confidence as parents. No fee. Call 955-0410.

LET'S TALK SANTA FE

Workshops and other resources provide schools, community groups, businesses and families with tools to promote safety and health so that young people can achieve success in school and community life. talk@letstalksantafe.org, www.letstalksantafe.org.

MANY MOTHERS

Volunteers visit families in the home to provide new mothers with practical, educational and emotional support in the critical first six months after a baby is born. Call 983-5984 or visit www.manymothers.org.

NEW VISTAS

Support and education for families of children birth to 3 who have or are at risk for developmental delays or disabilities. Home visits, service coordination and developmental intervention. Bilingual. 1121 Alto Street. Call 988-3803 or visit www.newvistas.org.

ORTIZ MOUNTAIN HEALTH CENTER

Full primary health care for all ages, including prenatal care, and well- and sick-child care. Sliding scale, Medicaid, Medicare, insurance. 8 Main Street, Cerrillos, NM. Call 471-6266.

PARENTS REACHING OUT

For families with children birth to age 21 with unique needs, offering support, encouragement, information and resources. Call (800) 524-5176 or visit www.parentsreachingout.org.

PROJECT ANN

Free vision and dental services (including eye exams and glasses, dental cleanings, fillings and X-rays) for children up to and including age 19 who cannot afford these services. Call Mike Lopach, Project ANN office (Ayudando Nuestros Niños / Helping Our Children). Se habla español. Call 955-1209.

SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance Program, 6401 Richards Avenue, 428-1344. Childcare information, training and support to parents and providers, including the Warm Line (free telephone support for parents) at 428-1344 or toll-free (866) 209-6116.

SANTA FE COUNTY MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH COUNCIL OFFICE

Free resource directory available for families with young children available. Call 995-9527.

VILLA THERESE CATHOLIC CLINIC

Free well and sick medical services for children, including immunizations and medicine. Women's and children's dental clinic. Foot and eye exams for adults and children. Skin cancer screening clinic. Donations are welcome. 219

Cathedral Place, Santa Fe. Call 983-8561 for an appointment.

YOUTH SHELTERS

The Clinical Services Center provides free therapy for children, teens and families. Emergency shelter, transitional living and street outreach for homeless youth. All services are free. Main: 983-0586. 24-hour shelter: 438-0502 or visit www.youthshelters.org

VOLUNTEERS

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Volunteers needed to be mentors and friends to children ages 5 to 18. The time commitment varies and is flexible, but is generally four to eight hours per month, with a one-year commitment. Call Velora, 983-8360; email velora.peacock@bbbs-nm.org or visit www.bbbsnorthernNM.org for more information on how you can give a child facing adversity the chance to succeed in life.

CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates advocate for abused and neglected children in Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos counties. No prior experience needed, but application required. Call 820-1500, email info@casafirst.org, or visit www.casafirst.org.

FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS

Abused and neglected children in custody need short- or long-term foster care or adoptive homes. Foster parents receive a monthly stipend and financial help with childcare. Foster and adoptive parent training takes place evenings and weekends and is free. New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department. Call (800) 432-2075.

MANY MOTHERS

Would you enjoy providing friendly mentoring and support to new mothers? Volunteers are needed a few flexible hours per week. Bilingual encouraged but not required. Call 983-5984.

SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Adult and teen volunteers are needed for two to four hours weekly to help children interact with museum exhibits inside and outside, assist visiting artists and scientists, work in the museum shop and belay on the climbing wall. Staff provides monthly orientation and training sessions for new volunteers. Call 989-8359, ext. 117.

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