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Upcoming Music Events:

—April 30th—6 pm An Evening with
Strings: Sedona Charter School, Desert
Star, West Sedona, and Sedona Red Rock
High collaborate in performances at the
Sedona Performing Arts Center

—May 13th—6:30 pm Spring Strings
Concert at The Master's Bible Church

—May 14th Sedona Charter School Youth
Orchestra will join Red Rock High School
for their spring concert at the Sedona
Performing Arts Center.

—July 28th-August 1st Strings Camp
Reminder from Ms. Kristina: please
encourage your children to practice!



Bohemian Night of the Arts

A celebration of the arts

Sedona Charter School is proud to present Bohemian Night of the Arts for the seventh year in row. Join our students and staff as they showcase their artwork as well as live musical and theatrical performances.

April 15th starting at 5:30 pm

Sedona Charter School's first Bohemian Night of the Arts was held in 2007 and focused on the 1920s Parisian café society. This year, the students will be displaying all that they have learned about many mediums of art during the evening. The night will offer a sampling of drawings, paintings, sculptures, theater, poetry, singing, and more. Each classroom has spent weeks preparing their own renditions of songs, plays, a peace mural and their very own nature trail.

The evening will flow from lower elementary, to upper elementary, to middle school, and finish outside with the grand opening of our nature trail.



To enhance the celebration, adults and children alike are encouraged to dress in their own interpretation of Bohemian attire. Parents, please check your school e-mail for a request to prepare home-baked goods for the students to share throughout the event.

Please feel free to invite friends and family — this is your opportunity to get a taste of all the classrooms and show off your child's school.

The Hills are Alive!

Lower Elementary has been vigorously researching and preparing for the Bohemian Night of the Arts. The students have been studying biomes and linking each biome to an art project. A biome is a community of plants and animals that live in a particular kind of place. Some examples of a biome would include: the desert, forest, tundra, ocean, and grasslands.

Students have been doing research on the different biomes through the Internet as well as through books. During their research, they are asked to study the different colors and textures of each biome to add to their art projects. Though the students have not finished learning about all of the biomes and have not finished the corresponding art projects for those biomes, their current projects and completed works will be on display, as will other individual sketches and drawings.

Make sure to see the peace mural the students created with Nancy Lattanzi as part of Sedona's "Artist in the

Classroom" program. The highlight of Lower Elementary's program will be a performance the students have been preparing for all year. Under the direction of Annette Foldes, students will present selections from Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II's *The Sound of Music*.



Kindergarten Corner

The Kindergarten and pre-K students are also working on art projects. Students have been busy filling their art books with drawings, other creative works and working on the alphabet. Ms. Gail has been teaching her students how to draw by having them copy her drawings on the white board. The class also participates with the City of Sedona's "Artist in the Classroom" program which partners local artists with classrooms to expose children to many mediums of art.

Can you Imagine?

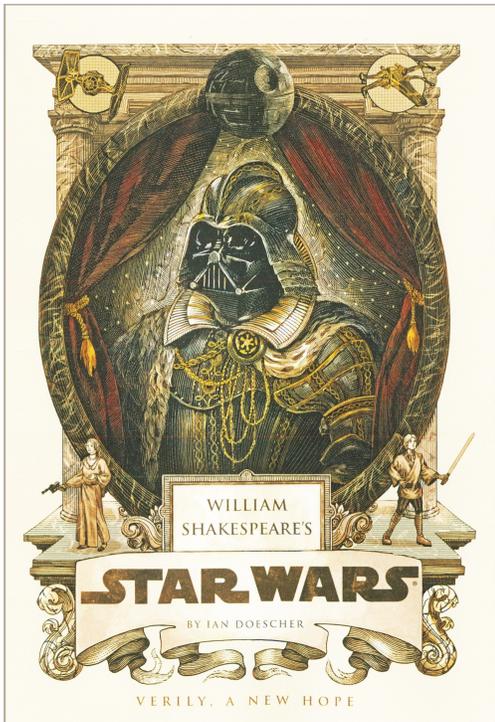
Upper Elementary has been hard at work preparing for the Bohemian Night of the Arts. They have been utilizing all art forms and have created abstract collages, realistic drawings, sculptures and glass art for the night. Students will also be sharing their own poetry. Come see the Upper Elementary classroom transformed into a Spanish restaurant as students wait on their guests with "the finest food paper can make." At 7 pm, the upper elementary class will debut their nature trail which they have been perfecting all year.

In preparation for the big night, the class has been learning about music from the late 1960s to early 1970s with a focus on the Beatles. After taking a look into John Lennon's iconic song, *Imagine*, the students were asked to interview someone who lived through that time. In addition, each student interpreted what the song *Imagine* meant to them. At the Bohemian Night of the Arts, seven students will be sharing those interpretations with their family, teachers and peers. They will also be singing *Imagine*.



Lights, Camera, Action!

Art can take many forms: pen and paper, watercolor, sculpture, or on the big stage under the lights.



As we head into the final months of this school year, our Middle School students have been up to much more than preparing for their jump to high school. They just hosted their third Coffee House field trip fundraiser, beta-tested the new

PARCC test that all Arizona students will be taking next year, and sent eight delegates to the Montessori Model United Nations in New York—all while planning their Bohemian Night program under the guidance of Principal Educator Kathleen Goglin.

The students will have you laughing as they take you to a galaxy far, far away during their rendition of Shakespeare's Star Wars. The out-of-this-world story has been translated into the timeless Shakespearean language and will use "The Force" to have you giggling all the way to the Death Star. The class will also be performing a musical number from Cinderella, the classic fairytale of an under appreciated stepdaughter turned princess. Though the class' main focus this year has been theater, a few students will showcase their own visual art pieces during Bohemian Night of the Arts.

Letter from the President



Dear Sedona Charter School Families,

It's hard to believe there are only two months left before summer break begins! As President of the Governing Council, I am excited about all the educational and community-building events we already have in the works for next year.

We are grateful to our middle school staff for giving us ample notice of their plans for next year, allowing our hiring committee plenty of time to do an extended search for new teachers.

Although Kathleen, Keith and Jon will be missed without a doubt, we appreciate all the time they have dedicated to SCS.

Our new teachers are so thrilled to be a part of our school and we are excited to have them! We announced previously that Jenn Jordan will be the new PE of middle school; she is a highly qualified teacher with six years of Montessori middle school teaching experience in New York. She is currently finishing her PhD in Education in Cambridge, England. Pairing up with Jenn is Tim Marsh, a highly qualified and certified middle and high school math teacher with a BA in World History and an MA in US History. He has 4 years teaching experience with specialty training in both common core standards and in teaching math. He comes highly recommended by our advanced math teacher, Mr. Byrnes.

I have spent a great deal of time interviewing and talking with both of these new teachers and feel confident that they are going to be a wonderful addition to our SCS family and add significant value to our children's education.

If anyone has any questions about any of our new teachers, please don't hesitate to call or email me. See you at Bohemian Night!

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ask a teacher >>>

Q: Why a nature trail?

A: To challenge minds and muscles



Bill Baker, Upper Elementary Principal Educator, explains that his students have been working hard to design and build our school nature trail. They have identified the flora and fauna that surrounds them, studied how Native Americans used medicine wheels and learned how the ancients used a sundial to tell time. Math and geometry skills were also put to the test building a fort. This new outdoor classroom space allows students to observe and learn in a relaxing outdoor environment. Be sure to walk the trail April 15th!



staff >>>

Lower Elementary: Bob & Terri Wentsch, Ginny Bianco, Dolores Biermann
 Upper Elementary: Bill Baker, Marsha Johnson, Shandra Ryan
 Middle School: Kathleen Goglin, Keith Okie, Jon Anderson, Dick Byrnes
 Administration: Alice Madar, Jan Montgomery, Jane Cathcart
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Our Mission: Our Montessori school challenges each child to achieve excellence through an individualized program. We inspire a passion for learning, instill a sense of personal responsibility, and cultivate a respect for the environment and involvement in the community.

looking ahead >>>

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- Letter From the President

APRIL 2014

Keeping parents informed

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
Re-Enroll!		1	8 am Parent Partnership Mtg. Log Cabin	2	UE Field Trip to NAU—Leaving school at 8 am	3	4	4 pm—Soccer Game @ Ctnwd Oak Crk School	5
MS Montessori Model United Nations Field Trip to New York City									
6	7	8	8 am Parent Partnership Mtg. Log Cabin	9	10	11	12	9 am—noon Spring Clean-Up Day	
		AIMS TESTING - EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST & ARRIVE ON TIME							
13	14	15	5:30 pm Bohemian Night of the Arts	16	8 am Parent Partnership Mtg. Log Cabin	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26			
	4 pm—Soccer Game @ Ctnwd Oak Crk School	Earth Day	8 am Parent Partnership Mtg. Log Cabin	8 am Parent Partnership Mtg. Log Cabin					
27	28	29	6 pm An Evening with Strings Performing Arts Center @ the High School	30	LOOKING AHEAD May 2—3rd grade field trip to Grand Canyon May 5-9—Teacher Appreciation Week May 11-16—Catalina Field Trip May 13— Spring Strings Concert May 16-21—6th grade field trip to Grand Canyon May 22—8th Grade graduation				