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Upcoming Music Events:

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

—May 14th — 7:00 pm Sedona Charter
School Youth Orchestra joins 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!

Old Fashioned Family Picnic

Save the Date

Sunday, October 5, 2014 Sedona Charter School will be hosting our fall fundraiser. Families are invited to stop by the school for an afternoon of fun for everyone including a barbecue lunch. Meet and mingle with SCS students, staff and families. The day will include a pie eating contest, potato sack races, three legged races and other games. Adults, plan to bid on silent auction items and homemade pies while your children enjoy the petting zoo and bounce house. There will be something for everyone!

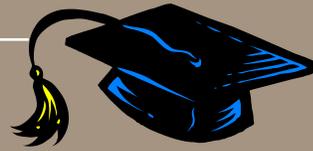
We are looking for sponsors for this event to help raise funds for our great school. Families may sponsor as well as local businesses.

Parents are also asked to please start looking for and/or donating items for our silent auction. Donations must be new or like new unused items and can be small or large. Gift certificates, artwork, and free services are all good ideas; every little bit helps.

More details will follow. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you all there!



Moving on Up!



Lower Elementary has been hard at work preparing for end of the year plays, third grade graduation and year end field trips.

Working in conjunction with Artist in the Classroom, the students will begin rehearsing plays that will be performed on May 20th. Dev Ross and Kate Hawkes, both experienced in the art of drama, will be working with the students to develop, practice and perform plays. The class will be split into two groups, with each group writing and performing their very own plays.

The class is also preparing for their year end program, focusing on singing, playing their recorders and square dancing as graduation

quickly approaches. The third years will be presenting their moving on speeches to the first and second years as well as thanking their teachers. This is a special ceremony that you will not want to miss, so join LE third years at 6 pm Thursday, May 22, 2014 as they move on up!

In addition to being excited about graduation, the third year students are gearing up for their big trip to the Grand Canyon on Friday, May 2nd. All of Lower Elementary will be headed to Montezuma Castle on Friday, May 9th.

New Murals

With the help of artist Joan Bourque, our students will be revitalizing the mural walls on campus to depict the five great Montessori lessons through art. Our young artists have already provided their input and ideas and will begin Phase I of the project on Friday, May 2nd with the first great Montessori lessons — the coming of the universe and life on earth. The remaining lessons: the coming of human beings, the story of writing and the story of numbers will follow.

The mural project will continue next year and become a fantastic visual tool to remind us daily of our Montessori heritage and these five great lessons.



Kindergarten Corner

Ms. Gail has her class working on perfecting their ABC's, numbers and singing voices as they diligently prepare for Kindergarten graduation. The class has been working on songs about the days of the week, all 50 United States, and all seven continents. Watch out Lower Elementary, you've got some bright students headed your way!

Kindergarten graduation will be May 23rd —12:30 pm at Sedona Montessori School

The Play Pays Off

After unveiling the nature trail at Bohemian Night of the Arts, Upper Elementary started working on their year end plays. Due to a series of unfortunate mishaps, the actors were forced to scrap their original play and start fresh just one week before taking the stage. Writing from experience, the students came up with the idea to write a play detailing the events of practicing for and performing their own class play. The night was a great success and the actors had the audience in stitches as they switched up the original script. This comedic instance was a shock to Principal Educator Bill Baker, as even he did not know his script had been sabotaged with pages removed or turned upside down.

The students also made and sold homemade healthy pizza, and auctioned custom glass art pieces to help offset the cost of year end field trips. The evening was such a success that Upper Elementary is proud to announce all year end field trips will be paid for and no supplementary parent funds will be needed. Way to go UE!



Be on the look out for Bill's announcements regarding Classroom Impossible coming this summer!

Modeling for Change

Model UN allows children to learn about the international community and how it acts on global concerns



Eight of our middle school students recently took a week long trip to New York City to represent Sedona Charter School at the Montessori Model United Nations International Conference. The students represented Singapore and were responsible for creating action plans and resolutions on issues such as the environment, human rights, the rights of a child, and women's rights.

This unique opportunity allowed our students to meet with peers from around the country and the globe to discuss major world topics and how they would come together to

compromise and solve them. All of our SCS team resolutions passed.

In addition to working with other teams for the greater good of the world, they were able to make long-lasting friendships and experience the Big Apple. They exchanged ideas and opinions with their new friends and each learned about the other's culture; whether they grew up in Boston or China.

The group visited Times Square, the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, United Nations Head Quarters and enjoyed the Broadway musical "Aladdin." The team said their trip was an unforgettable experience and will be a great addition to their future resumes.



ask a teacher >>>

Q: Will MS field trips continue next year?
A: Definitely!



Jenn Jordan, Middle School Principal Educator, might be new to Sedona Charter School, but she is no stranger to field trips, having taken students to Spain, Mexico, Washington DC, and Gettysburg, just to name a few. An important component of any Montessori adolescent program is to experience education in the world outside the classroom. Jenn says that trips such as Tombstone, MMUN and Catalina are important educational experiences that she plans to continue in 2014 to provide as much continuity as possible for the class. New trips may be planned in future years as Jenn and Tim Marsh become more familiar with all the southwest has to offer!

Letter from the President



Dear SCS Families,

It is time to start winding down what has been a really fantastic school year! For the teachers, however, that does not mean, "slowing things down." They are just as busy this month as any other month! Please remember to show them how much you appreciate them next week during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5th-9th).

Without our dedicated and hardworking teachers and staff, we would not have the amazing school that we have and I truly believe we are extremely fortunate to have the choice to have a school like Sedona Charter School in our town where our children can receive a tuition-free Montessori Education. This type of free Montessori education is not often available in other towns or states. Most Montessori schools are private and tuition based.

Sedona Charter School is dedicated to providing academic excellence for our children, but our teachers and faculty focus on so much more than just academics throughout the year. Through this, we envision the children of Sedona Charter School developing these qualities: **honesty, integrity, responsibility, self discipline, perseverance, respectful behavior, friendship, compassion, empathy, awe of the world, curiosity, appreciation for the arts, sense of humor, pursuit of quality work, joy of accomplishment, involvement in the local and global community and stewardship of the earth!**

I hope that you and your family have a healthy and fun-filled summer, whether you are here in Sedona or traveling around the county. I hope that your commitment to Montessori living and academic excellence as parents will continue over the summer as you spend time with your children and carry over all the hard work that you and the teachers have accomplished throughout the school year.

Please remember that I am always available via phone or email should you have any concerns, questions, ideas or comments. I look forward to seeing you over the summer!

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Middle School: *Kathleen Goglin, Keith Okie, Jon Anderson, Dick Byrnes*
Administration: *Alice Madar, Jan Montgomery, Jane Cathcart*
Title I and Strings: *Teri Lechowski, Kristina Beachell*

Box Tops



Since 1996, the Box Tops for Education program has helped schools across America earn cash for the things they need. The little pink coupons are everywhere! Each Box Top is worth 10 cents and SCS can earn up to \$20,000 per year from the Clip program. If every family cuts just 100 box tops throughout the year (10 per month), SCS could earn \$1,000! Keep your eyes open and continue collecting box tops throughout the summer! Visit their website for a list of eligible products. www.boxtops4education.com

looking ahead >>>

June, 2014

*Middle School Meet the Teachers
Ice Cream Social (July)*

Classroom Impossible

Summer Camps and Festivities

Alumni News



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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.

Highlights >>>

Students Excel Outside the Classroom

Sedona Charter School students work hard and deserve to be recognized for their fantastic work in the classroom and beyond!

2014 began with several of our students displaying their vocal expertise in the first Cottonwood Idol competition. Lazor Lanson, Olivia Reinhold, Lela Winant, and Riley Whittaker all made it to the top 30 finalists. Riley finished as one of the top 4 finalists. Awesome job Riley!



Isabella Constante took first place in the community Valentine's Day art contest for her multimedia representation of love.



State Chess Team

The Chess Club put their best pawns forward as they took eighth place out of 25 schools in the state. Team members George and Killian Black, Saydrin DeMayo, Forrest Hartley and Kai Zimmerman earned the opportunity to compete at the state level. It was a total team effort and our students learned many new things. Well done!

Chess club will continue to meet all summer on Fridays at the Sedona Library from 1-5 pm.

Sedona Charter School Upper Elementary math and science team members used their smarts to win sixth overall out of 18 schools in the Yavapai County math and science competition.

Serena Allen won a math estimation competition and Ashton Bialek-Kling placed first overall in science and ninth overall in science and math combined. Other members of the math and science team included Isabella Constante, Clemens Wilson, and Sofia Zimmerman. Nice job to everyone who participated.



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Keeping parents informed

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | <p><i>Looking Ahead:</i> June 10-11—Science of Cookies Camp June 18-19 — Robotics Camp June 26 — Biodiversity Camp July 1 — Camp Fossil July 28 to August 1 — Strings Camp</p> | | | <p>5:30 pm—Freshman Registration Night at SRRHS</p> | <p>3rd Grade Trip</p> | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Teacher Appreciation Week | | | | | | |
| | <p>8:30-11:30 am Strings Dress Rehearsal at TMBC</p> | <p>6:30 pm —Spring String Fling Concert 175 Kallof Place</p> | 14 | 15 | <p>LE Trip to Montezuma Castle</p> | 17 |
| 8th Grade Trip to Catalina Island Science Camp | | | | | | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | <p>11 am 8th Grade Graduation Library</p> | <p>10:30 am—UE End of year ceremony</p> | 24 |
| Trip to Grand Canyon | | | | | | |
| 25 | <p>26 Memorial Day</p> | 27 | 28 | <p>6 pm—LE End of year ceremony</p> | <p>Last Day of School 1/2 day—Dismissal begins at 11:30 am</p> | 31 |