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Bohemian Night



Back by popular demand, this year's Bohemian Night of the Arts will be held on Wednesday, February 12th. You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to see first-hand the many talents of our students. Join us promptly at 5:30 pm as we showcase their creativity.

Our first Bohemian Night of the Arts was held in 2007 and focused on the 1920s Parisian café society. This year, students will be displaying a variety of visual arts in the classroom as well as performing throughout the evening. The night will offer a sampling of drawings, paintings, sculptures, theater, poetry, singing and more.

To enhance the celebration, adults and children alike are encouraged to dress in their own interpretation of Bohemian attire. Parents, please check your email for a request to prepare home-baked goods to share throughout the evening. We encourage you to invite friends and family to get a taste of all our classrooms have to offer and show off your child's school!

Famed Carnegie Hall

Since it opened in 1891, Carnegie Hall has set the international standard for musical excellence as the aspirational destination for the world's finest artists. From Tchaikovsky, Dvořák, Mahler, Rachmaninoff and Bartók to George Gershwin, Leonard Bernstein, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Judy Garland, and The Beatles, an honor roll of music-making artists representing the finest of every genre has filled Carnegie Hall throughout the years.

The Hall's unique history is rooted in its stunning acoustics, the beauty of its three concert halls, and its location in New York City, where it has played a central role in elevating the city into one of the world's great cultural capitals.

It is such an honor to know that in just over a month, our SCS students will perform at this exquisite venue and leave their footprint in its storied history. In our build-up to the big day, we thought it might be fun

to share some interesting facts about Carnegie Hall:

- Steel magnate Andrew Carnegie was inspired to build Carnegie Hall by his wife, Louise, who sang with the Oratorio Society of New York.
- The hall was designed by William Burnet Tuthill, a professional architect and amateur cellist who had never built a concert hall before!
- It opened on May 5, 1891, with a spectacular concert that featured famed Russian composer Pyotr Ilych Tchaikovsky, conducting his own music in his American debut.

It seems inconceivable now that Carnegie Hall, having fallen into disrepair in the late 1950s, was once slated for demolition. The building was saved only when bought in 1960 by the City of New York after a major campaign led by renowned violinist Isaac Stern. It was subsequently designated a National Historic Landmark.

Carnegie Hall has 3 performance auditoriums. The main hall, Isaac Stern Auditorium, where our students will be performing, is a five-level hall with 2,804 seats. The hall is enormously high, and visitors to the top balcony must climb 137 steps!



lower elementary >>>

Buzzing With Learning

The students of Lower Elementary returned from winter break with a renewed determination to work and learn. Our classroom is alive with that working buzz that Montessorians love to hear as students learn and grow.

Students have been completing work such as: What Year Is It?, Geometric Cabinet, Parts of Vertebrates, Checkerboard Multiplication and much more! Please ask your child about what they have been learning. Our kids are more

and more interested in mathematics this year and are constantly seeking new lessons. We have been expanding our Montessori Math materials and introducing multiplication as early as 1st year.

In our Specials (Music, Art, Physical Education and Computers) the students have been working on projects appropriate for their grade level. In Music all students have been learning two songs in sign language as well as our traditional Bridging Ceremony song "Movin' Right Along." Students have also been learning rhythm and making music with their bodies.

Students are enjoying their projects of mandalas, self-portraits, color blending and weaving in Art class as well as learning balance, stretching and playing soccer in P.E.

In Computers, we focus on introducing students to working with computers, how to login and out of our academic programs and proper computer etiquette. Our students

really enjoy playing math games and taking assessments on their devices. Our 3rd years are also learning typing and how to

transcribe previously written paragraphs from writing group. They are given the opportunity to share their writing with their peers as well as Ms. Katarina and Ms. Amy for editing.

Our LE community is excited and working hard to prepare for Bohemian Night of the Arts on Wednesday, February 12th and look forward to sharing some of their art with our school family. Parents can look forward to art on display and a short variety show.

Onward!



montessori >>>

Did You Know?

Our Middle School students play an integral part in compiling the school's annual yearbook.

Yearbook

committee has begun our semester-long work compiling the wonders of our school year...our students, events, classroom happenings, and more! We are so



excited, but we also need your help!

Parents, staff, friends, please send us your pictures from events and happenings at our school. This can include field trips, after-school events, classroom activities, public performances, and more. Please email them to jacki.rice@sedonacharterschool.com and write the name of the event in the subject line. Thank you so much for helping us create a wonderful representation of our community this school year.

Due to the volume of pictures, we cannot guarantee which ones will be chosen for print in the yearbook, nor can we give photo credit.

With gratitude from

The Yearbook Committee:

Evita, Juliana, Esmeralda, Sophia, Hannah, Orielle, Gauge, Skyla, Laura, Mia, Nia, Daisy, Savanah, Yemayasil and Omar

upper elementary >>>

Linking the Past to the Present

Understanding the linkages between past and present is absolutely basic for a good understanding of the condition of being human.
—Penelope J

This year our history studies take us from the Middle Ages through the Renaissance. We have delved into great battles, witnessed brilliant victories, heard fascinating legends, met leaders filled with courage and integrity, saw new religions blossom and learned about historical figures in all inhabited lands.

History is taught through storytelling, art, simulations and drama. One of the first simulations we undertook was to turn our classroom into a Medieval Monastery. Long rows of tables were carefully placed in the class, the lights were dimmed with only electric candles to provide light, simple table settings were carefully placed, and student-made soup and bread were served... and all of this was done in...silence. Absolute silence from our 60 participants, because meals were a time for reflection.

We marveled at the patience and commitment it took to write books during these times as monks painstakingly wrote by hand each letter to pure perfection. The children made their own illuminations with great reverence for this craft.

Next month, our students will be researching an important person from the past as they glean fascinating facts and walk in the shoes of those who came before them. Parents will be invited to

come and learn from these historical figures with our very own "Panel from the Past." This year, parents will play an active role in this event as they take on the role of journalists and ask our panel pre-selected questions. As always, we will have historical commercial breaks throughout the program that always delight our audience.

In the spring, we will be studying Shakespeare and will be centering our yearly musical around many of his works. Be prepared to be fully entertained for "Shakespeare Unshackled" is once again coming to Sedona Charter School!



Growing in Many Ways

A new year, new semester and new quarter. We are rejuvenated with plans in Middle School, from students designing their own individual long-term projects based on their interests, to a new class novel read of "The Education of Little Tree," to learning geometry in preparation for making 3-D models, and authoring children's books in foreign languages. Life is bustling with our teenagers as they move into more independence with, and responsibility for, their own learning, while actively connecting with the community outside of SCS.

Last month we had our second event at the elderly communities of Sedona Winds and Cottonwood Village. These intergenerational activities are more special than words can describe. Many of our students want to have monthly visits with our new friends, and we are doing all we can to make that happen. The next trip will involve students interviewing elderly residents about their knowledge and experience with the students' chosen topics for their projects. So far, these topics include immigration, deportation, marine biology, sea urchins, film making,

football, the effects of video-gaming, high school, Native American heritage, baking, the history of McDonalds, prison reform, racism and much, much more.

Our classroom discussions are deeper with more thought and mindfulness. Many important events have taken place within our own government and on the world scene in addition to our own interpersonal issues in the MS classroom. Students have sought information to better understand these issues as they become more aware of the world outside of their own community. We see the connections between our own behavior and consequences, as well as the actions of the adults making important decisions around us. It is indeed a rich time for learning, processing and growing.

Speaking of growing, we are starting our seeds inside for future planting in the garden. As the soil slowly warms, our days are getting longer, and our nights are getting warmer. It is a blessing to be part of the cycles of nature, the cycles of human growth and to move in rhythm with the community we've built together.



ask a teacher >>>

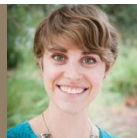
Q: Will You Be My Valentine?

Just when you thought the holidays were behind you, February sneaks up, and suddenly it's Valentine's Day. Here's a quick guide to school etiquette that won't break any hearts.

- When giving out cards, be inclusive and make sure every child receives one, not just your child's close friends. This teaches children to be polite and inclusive.
- Moms, put away the Pinterest app and let your child call the shots. Don't feel obligated to hand make valentines. Whether it's boxed cards or paper chain hearts, give your child free rein to decide. Remember, the holiday is about making people feel loved and special, not outdoing each other.
- Rethink candy. It's natural to want to give out candy for Valentine's Day, but due to allergy restrictions and healthy eating initiatives, consider non-food alternatives like pencils, erasers, stickers, tattoos, coloring pages or small toys.
- Nip bullying in the bud. Chat with your child's teacher and your children and suggest everyone write one nice thing down about each of their classmates on a paper heart.

The hearts can be hung around the room, making each child feel valued and worthy. Above all, let kids be kids; let them get caught up in the excitement of this holiday that celebrates kindness and love.

Katarina Houser



Letter from the President



I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy.

Khalil Gibran

Hello SCS Family!

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying their winter. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the time you spend volunteering for our school. We definitely appreciate you!

Many of us volunteer for different reasons and it definitely has benefits. Not only does volunteering help our community, but it helps us as individuals. It connects us with other people and expands our social circles. Doing good for others helps us to feel a state of accomplishment and purpose. Working as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity, helping to boost your self-confidence by taking you out of your natural comfort zone and environment.

Volunteering can be positive for our physical health as well as our mental health. In research from Carnegie Mellon University, it was found that adults over 50 who volunteered regularly were less likely to develop high blood pressure (hypertension) when compared to non-volunteers. Volunteering can also combat depression and anxiety because we can build a strong support system which may cause us not to feel lonely.

I hope that as volunteers you are able to enjoy all these great rewards!

Yamile Daher, President
Sedona Charter School
Governing Council

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looking ahead >>>

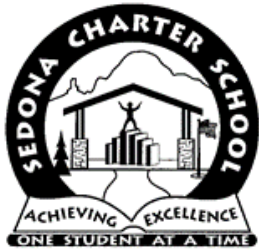
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Classroom News

Ask A Teacher

Special Events

Around Campus



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our mission... *Our Montessori school challenges each child to achieve excellence through an individualized program, which includes a schoolwide musical strings 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.*

around campus and beyond >>>

Montessori Model United Nations—China

Ni hao! Our MMUN delegates had a very successful and inspirational time in Hangzhou, China last November. They worked with over 350 students solving real world problems and creating original and thoughtful resolutions. When asked what they will take away from this experience, many stated that finding their voice and public speaking were huge accomplishments as well as meeting people from around the world and collaborating together for a common solution. Oh, and the shopping and site-seeing were big hits, too. We couldn't be more proud of the delegates and parents who made our first international trip such a success!






Sedona Charter School

FEBRUARY 2020

Keeping parents
informed

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