

The Seed

Seeds of Wisdom from the Office

Upcoming Events

Sat, April 10 School Garden Tour
9am-1pm

Sun, 4/10 Garden Workday 8am

Mon, 4/12 Rubio's Fundraiser Dinner

Finance Committee Meeting 6pm

Special Board Meeting 6:30pm

Tues, 4/13 AIMS and Stanford 10
testing begins

Sat, 4/17 Spring Gala and Auction
5-11pm

Sun, 4/18 Garden Workday 8am

Mon-Fri, 4/19-23 Media Free Week
(National turn off the TV week)

Tues, 4/20 Town Hall Meeting
6:30pm

Fri, 4/23 Campus Tour and Over-
view 9am

Announcements

Hello DMS Community,

Last week, the DMS Parent Council voted and approved an exciting option to the Toyota Prius Raffle. The winner of the raffle can now choose between a new Toyota Prius OR \$15,000 in CASH! Is that exciting or what?!

Buy your tickets today! Tickets can be purchased in the DMS office or on our website for only \$20. Tell all of your family and friends! Only 2000 tickets will be sold! The drawing will occur at the end of the school year.

Support your DMS Parent Council by buying your tickets today.

*Knowledge is not simply another commodity.
On the contrary. Knowledge is never used up.
It increases by diffusion and grows by dispersion.*

Daniel j Boorstin

You, your talents, and generosity are invited to host a Community Table Event. This 3rd annual portion of our Spring Gala is a wonderful way to support the Parent Council's fund raising effort and share your knowledge with others.

In the past, the hosts have offered insight into wine and food pairing, small and beautiful craft projects such as knitting workshops and felting projects, and even events for your children like horseback riding and a teddy bear tea.

If you are willing to share your knowledge and talents in a warm and friendly environment, please contact Cyndi Bartholomew at apauseintime@gmail.com with the following information:

WHAT kind of event; WHEN would it be held (date(s) and time); WHO is hosting; WHERE is it to be held; IS this an adult only event (can my kid tag a long or not); MINIMUM/MAXIMUM of participants (if applicable); HOW much will your event cost (now, this is where YOUR generosity comes in. Typically, the host states a reasonable fee for the event and this money goes directly to the Parent Council. Also, the host takes care of the supplies such as the wine and tasty tidbits for the wine tasting or needed craft supplies for an art project; however, it would be difficult to supply cameras for photography events or the such. Please state WHAT will be supplied and WHAT the participant may need to bring.

Thank you, in advance, for agreeing to help our PARENT COUNCIL who help our TEACHERS who help our STUDENTS ~otherwise known as our beautiful children.

Every Friday for three weeks the 7th and 8th grades practiced the Track and Field events. The last two weeks we went to South Mountain Community College to practice. Each student who participated in the Track and Field events had to choose a minimum of four events. Two of the events were running and two were non-running. I personally liked shot-put, javelin, long-jump, the mile run, hurdles and the relays the best. I chose to do every event (12 total) and received eleven ribbons, nine of them were first place ribbons. It was challenging to do twelve events because I didn't have any breaks in between (except during the finals), but I chose to do all of them because it was fun to compete against the other schools. The mile was the most difficult for everyone. Many people collapsed after they finished because they were so tired. At the end of the day when everyone was worn out we had the awards for the finals. Desert Marigold scored many awards. Overall, the Track and Field events were the most fun event of the year this far.

Miguel Tobon
8th Grade Student
Desert Marigold School



Please feel free to drop by the office and read our Community Bulletin Board where you will find details about all community events and other local events of interest not listed here in the Seed.

Animal Care

Our April Fool's Day after school muck out was a great success...again! We are starting to have a regular core of kids who want to help in the barn. Some come for 30 minutes, some work the whole 2.5 hours, some rake the barnyard while others do the heavier work shoveling and hauling manure up to the garden, and some of the smaller participants sweep the feed room and brush out the animals - but they come and they work and we get the chores done. To this special group of workers, I sincerely thank you all for your commitment to our barnyard friends. Our next after school muck out will be **Thursday May 6 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm**. We will have our last after school muck out for the school year on Wednesday June 2 (it's a half day for everyone), so mark your calendars!

As summer approaches, we need to start making plans for the care of our animals during the summer break. We will need to muck out the barn in July and August for which I will schedule workdays. We will need to get the barn in good shape for the summer by rebuilding the interior structure - not a hard task, but it needs to be done. We will need committed people to help with feeding and bedding down throughout the summer. If you have a handle on your summer plans and you know when you are going to be in town, why not spend your early mornings stopping by the school to feed or put the animals to bed? If you would like to be a regular feeder over the summer - all the better! Just let me know! Amy Weibel (Baker) - 602.237.2186 (home), 602.373.6344 (cell), or acweibel@msn.com.

Another Grade 3 Building Project Completed!

Our third graders are an industrious group, indeed! They dedicated the last Friday afternoon in March to construct two brooding boxes - and they did a fantastic job! A brooding box is a simple box used for raising newly hatched chickens (or other fowl) that provides a heat source and open ventilation. We can thank Lowe's at 19th Avenue and Baseline Road for donating some of the materials for this project. Well done, third graders!

The Chicks Are Here!

There has been an abundance of excitement among the fourth graders this week - the chicks are here! With the completion of two well constructed brooding boxes, built by the third graders, the fourth graders are now caring for 23 chicks that hatched on Thursday April 1. We have Rhode Island Reds, Buff Orpingtons, and Black Sex Links. The fourth graders will raise these babies in their classroom for about one month before they are moved over to our chicken coop behind the early childhood play yard. Our plan in animal care is to slowly build up our flock and produce eggs that we can sell back to the community. So, next August, our peeps should be ready to lay eggs, and with more than 20 pullets (hens) we should be getting about a dozen large brown eggs every day! We'll keep you posted on their progress.



The "Havana Nights" Spring Auction Gala on April 17th is only 2 weeks away.

We appreciate the donations that have been made, from blacksmithed wrought iron works of art to a beautiful gift basket filled with bath and body products. We will be taking donations up to April 16th. Arrangements can be made with anyone who needs to drop their donation off at The Alwun House on April 17th, the day of the event.

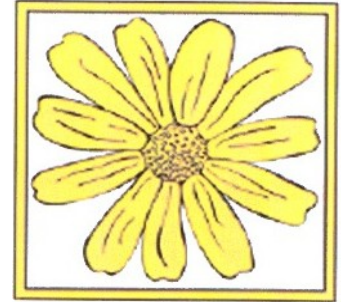


We are at the school under the trees every Thursday at the ½ day pick up and Friday at 3:20 pm pick up to accept donations. You may also drop your donation off at the office. Attached are two documents: a letter you can present to business owners/managers explaining this DMS fundraising effort and a form to fill out when you hand in your donation.

It would be greatly appreciated if we could receive RSVP's by April 13th, so we can give our caterer the final #, but will be able to accept them until the 16th. There are extra invites and RSVP cards in the office if needed.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with check-out and clean-up. A sign-up sheet is on the handwork patio.

Thanks from Susan Martin and Sarah Fukuda, Spring Gala Co-chairs



Desert Marigold School

Inspired by Waldorf Education

April 30, 2010

Dear Donor,

As you plan your community support for the year 2010, please consider supporting the Desert Marigold School by contributing either goods or services to our annual auction.

This year's auction is being organized to raise money to support the training and development of our teaching staff; it is our major fund-raising event of the school year. Please help us make this another spectacular year for Desert Marigold School and the families we serve. Our committee is currently gathering auction items for the silent auction at our "Havana Nights" event on April 17th. We would like to request donations of goods, services, or direct cash contributions, which will definitely enhance our auction. We thank you for your continued support and urge you to review the opportunity to showcase your community involvement.

In considering our request for a donation, please keep in mind that all donors will be recognized for their support in our program for the evening, as well as visually during the auctions. Of course, all donations are 100% tax deductible. Desert Marigold School is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization: our federal tax ID number is 86-0769535.

Desert Marigold School was founded in 1994 and offers the only Waldorf-inspired education in the Phoenix Area and currently offers classes from preschool through 9th grade. Waldorf education was created by Rudolf Steiner, PH.D., more than 80 years ago in Europe and has continued to extend to all parts of the globe. Rudolf Steiner was a great visionary, educator and scientist. He was adept at observing the developing child. His goal in education was to nurture artistically, spiritually, and intellectually the highest potential in each child. A respect for nature, the earth and one another is interwoven throughout the Waldorf experience. Waldorf Schools now comprise one of the largest independent, non-profit, non-denominational school systems in the world, with more than 700 schools in 35 countries.

Two requirements were met prior to Steiner accepting the challenge of forming a new school: that all children are admitted regardless of socioeconomic backgrounds and that freedom from political, economic or religious control is essential. Steiner's school was to be "free" as a child must have freedom to grow. It is our goal at Desert Marigold to realize these foundational ideals. With your help, we can continue to increase our annual fundraising efforts to meet the demands of an education that truly does provide for each child's potential. Please consider the gift of freedom you give to our future generations as you consider what you are able to contribute to the Desert Marigold Annual Silent Auction.

We kindly appreciate any donation you and your company can make. VSWEA is a non-profit organization (501© 3) for your tax purposes our Federal Tax ID is 86-0769535.

Sincerely,

Sarah Fukuda and Susan Martin
Silent Auction Co-Chairs
Desert Marigold School

Silent Auction Item Donation Information:

For questions or to discuss other sponsorship opportunities please call:
Susan Martin @ (602)-626-0779 or Sarah Fukuda @ (602) 284-6160
Please complete this form and either fax it to: (602) 243-6933 or mail it to:
6210 S 28th Street, Phoenix AZ 85042

Business/Group: -- _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Brief Description of item: _____

Signage Information: (Please indicate what you would like printed on the sponsorship sign placed beside your item at the silent auction. You may provide your own promotional materials, as well): _____

Approximate value: \$ _____

To schedule a pick up of your auction item, please call (602) 284-6160

We cannot participate in the event this year, but we would like to support Desert Marigold School. Enclosed is our contribution of \$ _____.

Method of Payment: Check American Express Visa MasterCard Discover
[Please make checks payable to: Desert Marigold School]

Card Number: _____ Exp date: _____
Security Code on the back of the card: _____
Cardholder's Name: _____
Cardholder's Signature: _____

Community support allows us to provide high quality education for our students, our future.

Desert Marigold School is a 501 c 3 non-profit, tax-exempt organization. All donations are tax deductible. Please make a copy of this and retain for your tax records. Our tax ID number is: 86-0769535

All Contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Important Deadline: All donations received by April 16th will be included in the event program.

Silent Auction Co-Chairs
Desert Marigold School