



## Upcoming Events

Middle School Dinner and Dance 5:30-8:30pm	Fri 10/23
Early Childhood Penny Faire	Fri 10/30
Grades Pumpkin Festival 10am	Fri 10/30
Halloween Carnival 5:30-8:00pm	Fri 10/30
Dia de los Muertos Potluck 5:00pm	Sun 11/1
Feed the Faculty Sunflowers and 4th Grade	Tues 11/3
Class Rep Mtg 6:15pm	Thur 1/5
Parent Council Mtg 7:00pm	Thur 1/5
Martinmas Festival	Fri 11/6
Lantern Walk 5:45-7:00 pm	Fri 11/6



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.

## Green School House

On Tuesday, we were notified by Brighten a Life, a non-profit organization, that we have made the "short list" and are a finalist in the Green Schoolhouse Series Grant. We are the only charter school to make the short list. The grant, written by board member Nick O'Riley, is for the construction of the Green Schoolhouse **R20;StudioR2 I**; concept facility, a 3,000 SF, sustainable, self-contained building, intended to support students in arts and music

programs. A complete profile of the **Studio** is available on their website, [www.brightenlife.org](http://www.brightenlife.org). Representatives from Brighten a Life will do a site visit next Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> as part of their final selection process.



Figure 1 Conceptual design of the Green Schoolhouse Series' "Studio" facility.



## DMS Tax Credits

Dear Desert Marigold Families,

Every DMS family should have received a tax credit packet in the mail this week. If you did not receive your packet please come to the office to pick one up. The purpose of this packet is to provide you with all the tools you need to go out and ask friends, family members, neighbors and business associates who are Arizona taxpayers to direct their tax credit to Desert Marigold School. It includes:

-Tax credit forms. (These are what people need to fill out and send in to DMS. If you run out, you can get more in the office.)

-Self-addressed envelopes to give to people to use to send in their tax credits.

-Examples of the most commonly used Arizona tax forms that show where to find your tax liability.

-A flyer highlighting the DMS programs supported by the tax credit. This is great to give to people who are not familiar with DMS.

-Tools to help you get those tax credits, including a place to list everyone who are going to ask, a step-by-step guide for how to ask for tax credits, and strategies that make it possibly for nearly everyone to do a tax credit.

Please take the time to look through this packet and figure out how you are going to do your part to help DMS reach our goal of raising \$200,000 in tax credit funds every year. You will be receiving a call from a representative of the Tax Credit Committee in the next couple of weeks.

If you have any questions about the DMS tax credit program, please check in with Amy Bird or Jamie Shaver in the school office, or give Jill Thomas a call on her cell phone 602-561-0408. With a little effort on everyone's part, we can make the tax credit do wonders at DMS. Thank you!

2009 DMS Tax Credit Committee

Jill Thomas Charity Williams Tami Hendrix Amy Bird

## Costume Exchange

9<sup>th</sup> grade is doing a Costume exchange under the 9<sup>th</sup> grade porch area on Wednesday Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 3 PM

One man's old is another man's new. Suggested donations are \$1 to 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

Drop off Costumes any time before the 28th.

### DMS Committees

The following is a list of DMS committees and leadership bodies, as well as contact info. One of the best ways to truly engage with the life of this community is to become actively involved in one or more of these areas.

#### Committees

Finance – Meets monthly, usually the week before the Board meeting. Contact – Jamie Shaver, School Office.

Festivals – Meets weekly, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Contact – Narsingh Khalsa [sat-dsmom@hotmail.com](mailto:sat-dsmom@hotmail.com).

Animal Care – Meets the first Sunday of each month at 9 a.m. in the barn. Contact – Sarah Butterfly, [Sarahbutterfly1@cox.net](mailto:Sarahbutterfly1@cox.net) 623-206-8531.

High School Committee – Meets every Wednesday in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade classroom from 4:30 – 6 p.m. Contact: Laura Alvarado-Coady [laura@coady.com](mailto:laura@coady.com) 480-238-7872.

#### Leadership Bodies

Administrative College of Teachers – Meets weekly on Thursdays and welcomes written correspondence. Please give to the office receptionist.

Pedagogical College of Teachers – Meets weekly on Tuesdays and welcomes written correspondence. Please give to the office receptionist. The Chair of the College of Teachers is Pax Piper.

Parent Council – Meets monthly, usually the first Thursday evening of the month. All are welcome to attend.

Board of Directors – Usually the second or third Saturday morning of the month. All are welcome to attend. The Board welcomes written correspondence. Please give it to the office receptionist.