

Gala FAQ's for parents of performers- 2020

Is my student performing at the Gala?

YES! YES! YES! ALL of our students in levels 4-6, 6-9, 9-11 & TMMS are performing and participating in the Gala! If your child is a student of Ms. Tonja, Ms. Megan, Mr. James or Mr. Nick (**ALL** of our students are expected to be there except for Ms. Melissa's 3 year olds), then your child will be up on stage at the event.

- All 4-6 students (*yes, even the 4 year olds!*) will be performing General Music in the first concert (Session A).
- All 1st grade students will be performing General Music in the first concert (Session A).
- All 2nd and 3rd grade students will be performing in the first concert (Session A).
- All 4th and 5th grade students will perform in the second concert (Session B).
- All Middle School students will be performing in the second concert (Session B).

How much are tickets?

Tickets are \$12 with cash or check (or \$13 online at www.SupportTMES.com to cover the processing fees) for one or both concerts (Session 'C' is available to families with students performing in both sessions). **Tickets purchased at the door on the day of the event will be \$20 each.** Although we have over 2300 seats at the Kiva, tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis so we cannot guarantee there will be tickets available. *We suggest you buy your tickets now!*

Where do I get tickets?

Online on our event website at www.SupportTMES.com through March 25th. There was also a paper order form in the Gala packet that was sent home. Please note that a ticket must be purchased for **every** person attending the concert (*except for performers up on stage!*) Tickets may be purchased through our Montano Campus office until March 27th at 10:00 am. After that point, all tickets must be purchased at the Kiva Auditorium Box Office beginning at 4:00 pm on March 27th. Please see the 'Gala FAQ's' on the event website for more details.

When can I purchase tickets?

Now! Tickets purchased in the Box Office at the Kiva on the day of the event will be \$20 each. Pre-purchased tickets online, or with the paper order form, will go home in communication folders the week of the event.

Does my child need a ticket for their performance?

Your child does not need a ticket for either Session A or Session B if they are a **current** Casita/TMES/TMMS student. If you have a child who is not a current Casita/TMES/TMMS student, you will need to purchase a ticket for them. Thank you!

What is the money going towards?

All proceeds of this event will go towards our EA Fund. This fundraiser is critical in helping us keep Educational Assistants in our classrooms this school year. Please invite your friends, family and co-workers to this fun event!

What time should I bring my student to the Kiva?

First concert students (Session A) who are in Strings (*2nd & 3rd year students*) will need to be at the Kiva at 4:15 pm.
First concert students (Session A) in the *4-6 level and 1st grade*, need to be at the Kiva no later than 4:30 pm.

Second concert students (Session B) should be at the Kiva no later than 6:45 pm

ALL students should be dropped off at the 'Students Only' entrance of the Kiva Auditorium. The Students Only entrance is the east entrance into the Kiva Auditorium. There will be signs directing you at the event. ***It is imperative that your student is on time!***

What should the performers wear?

All performers should wear 'best dress' attire. Dress must comply with TMES/TMMS dress code. Any student that does not comply with our dress code will be asked to wear a black smock during the concert. Cellist must wear a full length dress/skirt or pants to the performance.

Can I pick up my child early from their performance?

Please plan on staying for the ENTIRE session! It is disruptive to have parents pick students up early during the performance so please plan on enjoying the entire session. *We cannot release students early.* Thank you for your cooperation.

Is there a rehearsal?

We will have in-school rehearsals the week of the event, March 23rd – 27th. Please make sure that your students come with their instruments **every day** that week!

Do I need to bring anything else to the Gala?

All Strings players must bring their instruments. Cellists must bring their straps/rocks stops. Violinist/Violist must bring their shoulder rest. All 9-11 and Middle School Orchestras must bring their music.

Is there food available for purchase at the Kiva?

Yes! There will be food available for purchase at the concession stand directly in front of the Kiva. Although it is not part of our fundraiser, we asked them to have the concession stand open for your convenience. Please remember to feed your child before the performance!

Is it a normal school day on the day of the Gala?

Our students are scheduled for Early Dismissal at 12:30 pm March 27th. Most of our staff is preparing to have an easy morning with students doing relaxing activities in preparation of the long evening. **ALL students MUST be picked up by 1:00 pm (After Care is only available until 4:00 pm).**

Where is the event?

The Spring Gala and Silent Auction is at the Kiva Auditorium in the Albuquerque Convention Center downtown. There is a detailed map and parking instructions on our event website at: www.SupportTMES.com.

Where do I park for the Gala and how much does parking cost?

We suggest you park at the Convention Center parking garage (the above ground parking garage) on the corner of Broadway & Martin Luther King Blvd. Parking is \$6 per car. The most direct entrance to the Kiva is from Level One in the garage. There will be signage directing you to the Kiva Auditorium from the parking garage.

I have more questions!

Have you checked our event website, www.SupportTMES.com? If you still have questions, please contact MJ at msams@tmesnm.com.

Thank you for your support! Don't forget to purchase your tickets early, send in any donation items you would like to contribute to the Silent Auction, ask business owners you may know to become a Sponsor and help spread the word about our event!