



## *A letter from the PTO*

Dear Parents, Teachers, Staff, and Studio Community,

As we reach the end of another academic year, it's time to reflect on the journey we've embarked upon together. The challenges we've faced, the victories we've celebrated, and the memories we've created will forever be etched in our hearts and minds. We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Your unwavering support, dedication, and commitment have been the cornerstone of our success this year. From the countless hours spent volunteering in classrooms to the late nights spent grading papers, your continued contributions have not gone unnoticed.

To the parents who have entrusted us with supporting the school and lifelong memories of your children, thank you for your trust and partnership. Your involvement in your child's school year has been invaluable, and we are grateful for your unwavering support.

To the teachers who have poured their hearts and souls into nurturing young minds, thank you for your passion, patience, and perseverance. Your dedication to excellence has inspired and empowered our students to reach for the stars.

To the staff members who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our school running smoothly, thank you for your hard work and dedication. Whether it's ensuring the halls are clean, the lunches are nutritious, or the technology is up and running, your efforts do not go unnoticed.

And to the broader school community—volunteers, donors, and supporters—thank you for your generosity and kindness. Your contributions, whether big or small, have made a profound impact on our students' lives.

Together, we have weathered storms and celebrated triumphs. We have laughed, cried, and grown together as a community. And as we bid farewell to another school year, let us not forget the collective effort that has brought us to this moment.

We could not have done this without you. Your support, encouragement, and love have been the driving force behind our success. As we look ahead to the future with new leadership, let us continue to work together to create a brighter tomorrow for our students and community.

With deepest gratitude,

*The Studio School PTO*

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# 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 DOOR DECORATING	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL STAFF WORKDAY CHALK THE WALK 11-1	7 DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER OR PJS LIKE SLEEPY 2ND GRADE FIELD TRIP	8 KIDS CAN DRESS UP AS THEIR FAVORITE CHARACTER OR WEAR MICKEY EARS! 1ST GRADE PERFORMANCE	9 DRESS LIKE YOUR FAVORITE ENCANTO CHARACTER!! OR WEAR COLORFUL CLOTHES 1ST GRADE PERFORMANCE	10 WEAR YOUR TEACHER'S FAVORITE COLOR!! SWEET TREAT FRIDAY	11
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## TEACHER APPRECIATION/SPIRIT WEEK!!

- Monday May 6 - NO SCHOOL! **Come chalk the front sidewalk with us from 11-1.**
- Tuesday May 7 - Snow White day; **Dress as your favorite Snow White Character or be sleepy and wear your pajamas!**
- Wednesday May 8 - Mickey Mouse Clubhouse; **Kids can dress up as their favorite character or wear Mickey ears!**
- Thursday May 9 - *Encanto* Day; **Dress like your favorite *Encanto* Character or wear colorful clothes.**
- Friday May 10 - UP day; **Wear your teacher's Favorite Color!!**

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 05/06- NO SCHOOL -STAFF WORK DAY
- 05/6-10TH/2024- TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
- 5/08- FIRST GRADE PERFORMANCE- FINDING NEMO JR
- 5/09- FIRST GRADE PERFORMANCE- FINDING NEMO JR
- 5/10- SWEET TREAT FRIDAY- FROZEN THEME
- 5/14- SPIRIT NIGHT- RENEGADE BURRITO
- 5/15 - ZERO WASTE WEDNESDAY
- 5/17- FITNESS DAY- SAVE THE DATE MORE INFO TO COME
- 05/17-5/19- ALL-SCHOOL MUSICAL PERFORMANCES: FROZEN JR
- 05/23- PTO MEETING @ 5:30PM, SCHOOL LIBRARY AND ON ZOOM. FOOD AND CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED
- 05/27- NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY
- 05/29- END-OF-YEAR PARTY, 5-7PM- 5TH GRADE FINALE
- 5/30 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
- 5/30- 5TH GRADE CONTINUATION @ 1PM IN THEATER

# TREASURY

# REPORT

**TOTAL**  
**\$ 78,735.11**  
**CHECKING**  
**\$77,639.99**  
**VENMO \$ 998.11**  
**PAYPAL \$ 97.01**

**PLANNED SPENDING**  
End-of-Year Celebration  
Teacher Appreciation  
Back-to-School Party  
Custodial Support  
Back-to-School Celebration  
Volunteer Appreciation

**THANK YOU!**  
**WITHOUT YOUR**  
**SUPPORT WE COULD**  
**NOT SUPPORT**  
**THE COMMUNITY**  
**THE WAY WE DO!**

# MAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As the school year wraps up, we recognize that May is a bustling month for all! We're truly grateful to each person who takes a moment to review these lists and lend a hand. It takes a village, and The Studio School certainly has a wonderful one! Thank you for your support and involvement.

Friday, May 3 - [Stock the lounge \(staff appreciation week\)](#)

Friday, May 3 - [Decorate a door for a teacher!](#)

Thursday, May 9 - [We don't talk about Bruno Teacher Lunch](#)

Friday, May 10 - [Sweet Treat Friday](#)

Wednesday, May 15 - [Zero Waste Wednesday](#)

Wednesday, May 29 - [End of year carnival](#)

**All School Musical Volunteer Opportunities, please see this spreadsheet to sign up for help on any of these days:**

## [Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Sun 12 May - Moving Set Pieces from TSS to Legacy

Mon 13 May - Tech Run Show (help with students and dinner serving)

Tue 14 May - Tech Run Show (help with students and dinner serving)

Wed 15 May - Run Show (help with students and dinner serving)

Thurs 16 May - 4:00 pm Dress Rehearsal for Studio Staff (help with students and makeup)

Fri 17 May - 6:00 pm Opening Night (help with students, ticket sales, makeup)

Sat 18 May - 11:00 am Show (help with students, ticket sales, makeup)

Sun 19 May - 2:00 pm Show (help with students, ticket sales, makeup, help move set back to TSS after show)



# Principal Feature

**FOR OUR LAST NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR WE WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT AND SEND OUT A BIG THANK YOU TO SHARLA KACZAR FOR 13 WONDERFUL YEARS AT THE STUDIO SCHOOL!**

From Sharla: I'm deeply grateful for the unwavering support both personal and professional that has surrounded me as I embrace this significant change in my life. For thirteen years I have had the honor of serving as the Proud Principal of The Studio School, where each day has been enriched by the dedication of my wonderful and talented staff, devoted parents, inspiring district leaders/colleagues, and the boundless creativity of our kind and intelligent students. My journey with Adams 12 Five Star Schools spans nearly three decades, shaping me into the educator I am today. I look forward to both closing the school year at The Studio School in the most meaningful and memorable way, as well starting next school year in the same manner. I will ALWAYS love my Studio students! All of THEM!



**Principal Kaczar and our new Principal next year, Mrs. Kristi Sampson**



# Teacher Feature

## MR. IRWIN - MUSIC DIRECTOR



### A Few of Mr. Irwin's favorite things:

**Color:** Red

**Sports Team:** Whomever is winning. I like the Nuggets right now

**Snacks:** Ribs

**Homemade Goodies:** Gluten-friendly options, please

**Place to Eat:** We like Efrain's of Boulder

**Place to treat yourself:** A massage

### **Q. What inspired you to become a teacher?**

Excellence in music. Especially vocal jazz and Musical Theater

### **Q. What do you enjoy doing in your free time?**

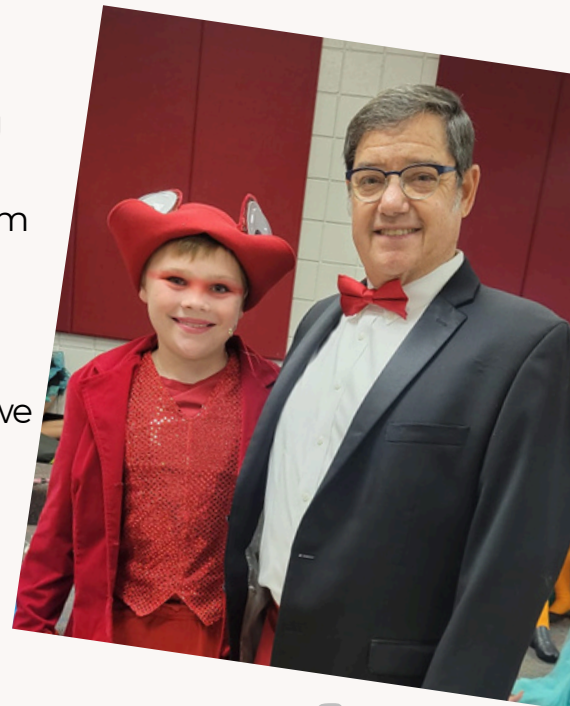
Tennis, pickleball, customizing and riding Pedego Electric bicycles, restoring/restomodding my 1958 Morris Minor convertible, traveling with my wife in our RV.

### **Q. What advice would you give someone who is considering becoming a teacher?**

Make sure you love the children. They know if you believe in them or not.

### **Q. Can you share a memorable experience you had with a student that reaffirmed your love for teaching?**

Every time our students meet and exceed expectations, when we support them with the highest level of comprehensive performing arts/music instruction, and believe they can.



Thank you Mr. Irwin!





NEWS FROM  
*Green Team*

going →  
**ZERO**  
WASTE

How to pack a waste free lunch & snack

A zero waste lunch is simply a meal that generates no trash (landfill waste)

Reusable lunchbox or bag

Water bottle or thermos

Cloth napkin & reusable utensils

Food that needs no wrapping (like fruit)

Re-sealable containers



**Next zero waste day: May 15, 2024**

**All waste should be sorted for composting or recycling**

**LAST CALL FOR MILK CAPS**

**PLEASE TURN IN MILK CAPS BY MAY 17TH TO THE SCHOOL!!!**



THE STUDIO SCHOOL

# END OF YEAR CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY MAY 29, 2024

PORTFOLIO REVIEW 4:30-5:30 ● CARNIVAL 5:00-7:00

PACK A PICNIC DINNER OR  
ORDER FROM OUR ON-SITE FOOD TRUCKS

Celebrate the End of the School Year with  
Carnival Games and Community Fun!



**YOU DONT WANT TO  
MISS THIS!!!**

There will be  
free Kona Ice,  
Acrobat  
Performances,  
jugglers,



Face painting, balloon  
animals, carnival  
games and so much  
more!!



# PLEASE JOIN US

## *For the Last PTO meeting of the year & Volunteer Appreciation*



**When: Thursday May 23rd @5:30**

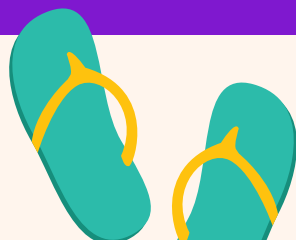
**Where: The Library of TSS**

**What: Dinner will be provided, and we will celebrate every volunteer's hard work through the school year!**



**Childcare will be  
available!**

**Please RSVP so we  
can get an  
accurate count for  
food!**



Thank you for going above & beyond.

Because of you TSS PTO was able to fund:



### Grade Level Field Trips

Paid for all grade level field trips



### Birds of Prey

Birds of prey school wide assembly



### Cleo Parker Robinson

Week-long Cleo Parker Residency for all grades



### Classroom Support

Noise-cancelling head phones for Kinder, 3rd & 4th grade, ST Math support, Griffin Room Support, Book writing program



### Staff Appreciation

Monthly Staff Appreciation, Staff Week gifts from all students, Staff lunch/dinner during conferences, gift from all students to Principal Kaczar

APPRECIATE YOU

### Special Education Support

Helped support Special Education with flexible seating, fidgets, multi-sensory writing program, wall dividers, organizing items



### Student Appreciation

Solar Eclipse Glasses, snacks throughout the year, end of year gift, field day support, back 2 school pool party, food during tech week for "Frozen Jr.", flowers after performances, gallop prize levels



### Community Events

Gingerbread house building, back to school celebration, chalk the walk, craft fair, fall fest



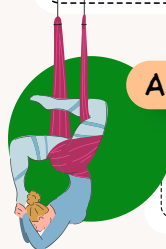
### Scholarships

4 Alumni Scholarships  
2 Scholarships for Hero kids sports



### Aerial Acrobat Performance

Aerial Aura Trapeze Group Performance at end of year carnival



### End of Year Carnival

Free event for all, free games, Kona Ice for all students, cotton candy, facepainting, balloon artist, & prizes



### Community Support

Helping families during the holidays, covered a portion of The Studio Social, library remodel



### Volunteer Appreciation

Appreciation & gift event for all volunteers



VOLUNTEERS

### African Drumming

Drumming with Mr. Jonathan for all students



### Improv Residency

Ms. Heather's week long Improv residency for all students



We couldn't have done it without you!!!



# Congratulations!

## ALUMINI SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

### Xavier Mariotti



Xavier will be  
Speaking  
at the 5th grade  
continuation



### Leyni Stavola



### Mia Hock



### Ella Bush



# The Studio School Summer Events & Meetups



Everyone is welcome to join these free community building events. They are great for staying in touch with friends and meeting other Studio School families. If you go to any of the events and have a TSS t-shirt, wear that so new families can find us!

## JUNE

**THURS  
13**

### **SOUL SCHOOL @ HARLEY BROWN AMPHITHEATER + JUNETEENTH**

↘ This event is hosted by the City of Thornton. For more details visit [thornton.gov](http://thornton.gov)

**WED  
19**

### **11 AM - BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC TO THE PARK @ CARPENTER PARK**

↘ This event is hosted by TSS PTO

**SAT  
29**

### **7 PM - MOVIE IN THE PARK - WIZARD OF OZ @ COMMUNITY PARK**

↘ This event is hosted by the City of Thornton. For details visit [thornton.gov](http://thornton.gov)

## JULY

**THURS  
11**

### **7 PM - 5280S BAND @ WOODGLEN-BROOKSHIRE PARK**

↘ This event is hosted by the City of Thornton. For details visit [thornton.gov](http://thornton.gov)

**WED  
17**

### **9 AM - MORNING PARK PLAYDATE @ BIG DRY CREEK PARK**

↘ This event is hosted by TSS PTO

**THURS  
25**

### **5:30 PM - FACE @ HARLEY BROWN AMPHITHEATER ARTS IN THE PARK: BEACH PARTY CELEBRATION**

↘ This event is hosted by the City of Thornton. For details visit [thornton.gov](http://thornton.gov)

## AUGUST

**FRIDAY  
9**

### **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH! SAVE THE DATE.**

↘ This is hosted by TSS PTO



# STAY IN TOUCH

JOIN OUR FAMILY

hello

## TSS Family Facebook Group

Join our Families Facebook Group to stay in the know of all things going on.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/344362906135067/>



## reminders

Use our link tree to access all our important links. Scan the QR code or click below.

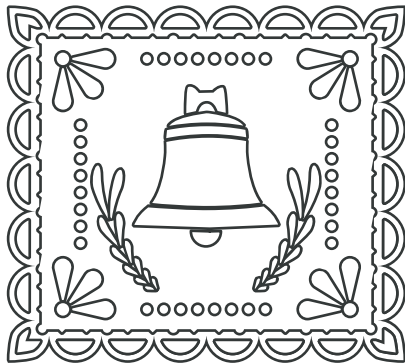
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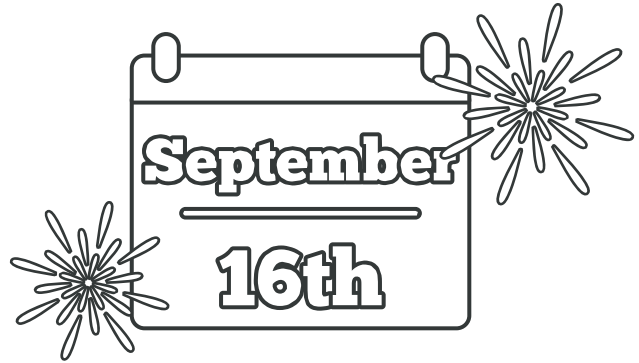


## 10 Fun Facts About Cinco de Mayo

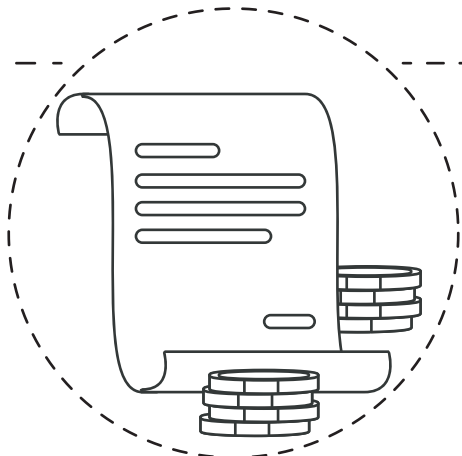
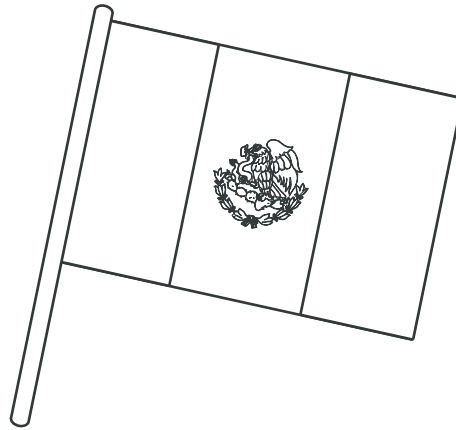
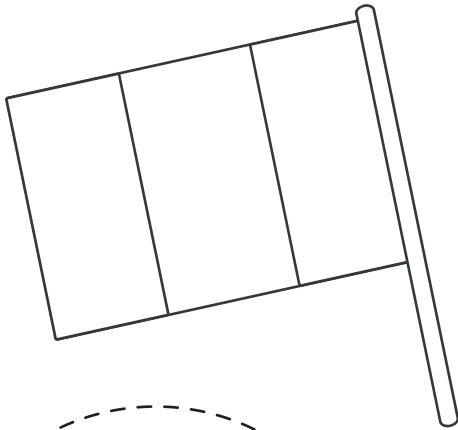
Cinco de Mayo isn't Mexican Independence Day.



Mexican Independence Day is actually celebrated on September 16th.



It commemorates the Mexican victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.



The French invaded Mexico pursuing money and land rights as payment for their loans.

Cinco de Mayo isn't a federal holiday in Mexico. In fact, most of the celebration happen only around Puebla, where the battle happened.



# CINCO DE MAYO

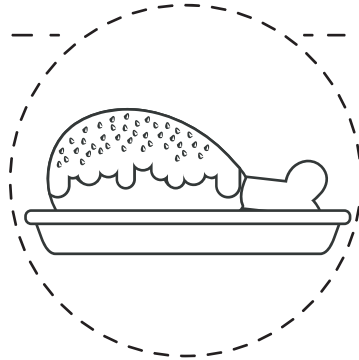
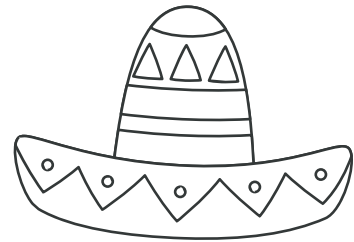
Cinco de Mayo was popularized in the United States in the mid-1900s thanks to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Good Neighbor Policy."



The holiday is more celebrated in the United States than in Mexico.

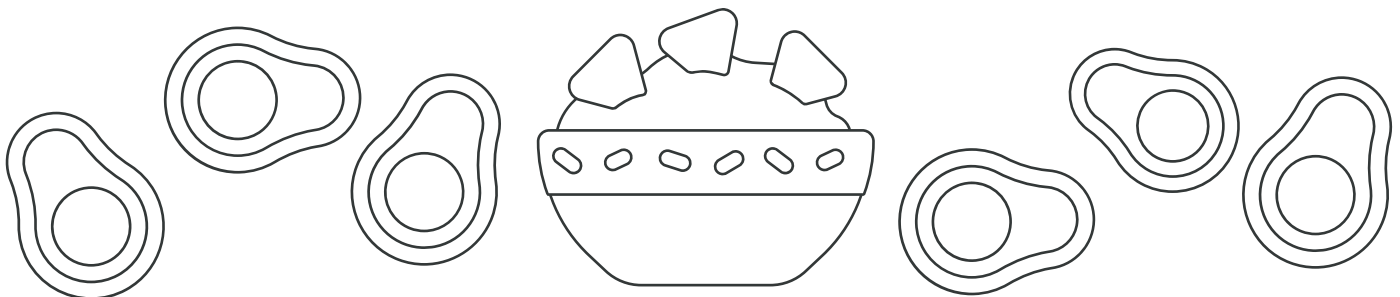


Cinco de Mayo is one of more than 365 festivals celebrated by people of Mexican descent in America.



There's an official dish of Cinco de Mayo, and it's called Mole Poblano: a dark red-brownsauce usually served with chicken. Yummy!

Around 70 million pounds of avocados are eaten on Cinco de Mayo in the US.





♥ HAPPY    
MOTHER'S  
 DAY ♥

