



Fourth grader Emily Ganley, a member of the Manzano Mesa Elementary "Helping Hands," demonstrated her salesmanship abilities promoting "real art made by real kids" at the school's Fall Festival.



## MANZANO MESA'S "HELPING HANDS" HELPS KIDS

"Helping Hands" is the name devised by a special group of students at Manzano Mesa Elementary to reflect the ambitious goal they have set for themselves. The students are 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the school's Gifted program.

Working with their Gifted teacher, Kathleen Parker, and Kris Keller, their art teacher this year, the students decided to create art with recycled materials that they can sell. They will use the proceeds to benefit local non-profits that serve children.

Through Keller, the students learned to make paper pulp using recycled materials. They've used the pulp to create a variety of colorful and practical objects such as bowls, picture frames and ornaments that they offered for sale at the school's Fall Festival in late October. Proceeds from this sale—the first of several—were approximately \$200.

It is the students' intention to research local non-profits regarding the work that they do with children in order to determine which groups will be the beneficiaries of their proceeds from the work of their helping hands.

## SAVE THESE DATES!

If you don't have your 2009 calendar, now would be a great time to get one! You won't want to miss any of these events that feature the talents and creativity of APS students of all ages.

The Focus exhibit will require museum admission.  
All other events are free and open to the public.

### NM Music Educators All-State Concerts

Wed., January 7, 2009

All-State Honor Jazz Band Concert featuring La Cueva HS  
5:45 pm; Popejoy Hall - UNM

Thurs., January 8

All-State Mid-School Honor Orchestra Concert  
featuring LBJ Mid-School  
7:45 pm; Popejoy Hall - UNM

### Metro Youth Art Exhibit

Opening: Friday, March 6 • 5 – 7 pm  
Fine Arts Gallery – NM State Fair

### Beginning Orchestra Concert

Saturday, March 14 • 3pm • Highland HS Gym

### "Art is Elementary"

Opening: Friday, March 13 • 4 – 7pm  
Indian Arts Building – NM State Fair

### "Words & Images" Illustrated Poetry Exhibit

Opening: Monday, April 6 • 4 – 7 pm  
APS Montgomery Complex

### Focus on Youth Photography Exhibit

Opening: Sunday, May 3 • 1pm • Albuquerque Museum

### NM Symphony Orchestra 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Concerts

May 4, 5, and 6; 10:15am and 12:15pm all three days  
Popejoy Hall - UNM

Information on making reservations for these concerts will be sent to APS fourth grade teachers in early March. There is no cost to schools for either tickets or transportation.

## CELTIC CHRISTMAS FEATURED FOR EDUCATOR'S NIGHT AT POPEJOY HALL

Popejoy Hall would like to thank all the wonderful educators and those who support them this holiday season.

Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 pm is Educator's Night at Popejoy Hall.

Long before *Riverdance*, Irish men and women knocked sparks off the flagstone floors dancing to the fiery music of the bodhran, fiddle, tin whistle and the uilleann pipes. Tomaseen Foley's *A Celtic Christmas* recreates the joy of such a night in the west of Ireland when neighbors gather round the fire

to grace the long wintry night with the laughter of their stories and the joy of their music. The show features Grammy Award-winning guitarist William Coulter; Kathleen Keane on fiddle, tin whistle, vocals and Irish dance; Brian Bigley on uilleann pipes, whistle, low-whistle and flute, and Marta

Cook, world champion Irish harpist and champion Irish stepdancer. A 20% discount for all educators will apply to tickets to *A Celtic Christmas*. Tickets will be \$35, \$26, \$22 with the 20% discount. For complete information on ordering tickets and parking go to [www.schooltimeseries.com](http://www.schooltimeseries.com).