



SGMS Newsletter

**Sidney Gutierrez
Middle School**

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From the Principal's Desk



In a recent speech, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan reiterated his view that parental involvement in their children's education is an essential element for education success. Educators must do more to involve parents, and parents must step up to the plate and demand excellence in their schools. We support this view completely. We urge parents to meet with staff, to visit the school, come to performances and other activities, chaperone and volunteer, work with the PTO, keep informed through email and our website, give us feedback on what's working well and what's not. It is through collaboration and communication that we will achieve educational success for each student.

As we enter our last days of the 2009-2010 school year, I want to thank everyone for all their hard work and dedication to our school's mission. Our students made tremendous strides this year in all areas and while there is always room for growth and improvement, I think we can all be proud of this year's accomplishments.

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Adrian Lopez received the Woodman's Award for Outstanding 8th Grade American History student.

SGMS Camps

The Animation Camp is filled, but there is still space in the Young Authors' Camp (week of June 7) and the Debate Camp (week of June 21). Forms are available at school and have been emailed with the daily update. Summer programs help ensure your child's academic success. Other camps are also being offered in Roswell (Santa Fe Opera Camp and Missoula Children's Theater). Mrs. Lawner can give you information on these camps.



8th graders prepare a song for graduation under the direction of Mrs. Primm.

PTO News

The PTO has served the teachers luncheon as appreciation for their work. We have had a successful year fundraising and offering the students some fun activities. Please help with the PTO. Even if you can't attend the meetings, there is much you can do to help.



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Home of the Falcons

May 20 is last day of school.



Seventh graders enjoy the great outdoors at their Cottonwood Gulch expedition.



School Trips and Activities



Eighth grade commencement ceremony is set for Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 pm.

End of year pool party is set for Thursday morning, May 20. Students may be picked up at the ENMU-R pool at 11 o'clock.

SGMS is offering 3 camps in June. The week of June 7 is Young Authors' Camp/Filmmaking, The week of June 14 is Animation Camp with Karen Aqua. The week of June 21 is Debate Camp. Studies show that students who participate in enriching summer activities are more successful than those who do not. Take advantage of these great offerings. Scholarships are available.

Final exams will be given on Monday and Tuesday, May 17 and 18. Make-up exams will be given on Wednesday. Final exams make up 20% of a student's semester grade, so please make sure your child prepares for the tests.

The seventh grade trip to Cottonwood Gulch was a tremendous success. The students had a true wilderness experience and found out just what, with teamwork and effort, they were capable of achieving. Thanks to Mrs. Aguilar and Mrs. McGuire for taking the students, to Mrs. Liakos for securing funding and chaperoning, and to Mrs. Latimer who helped out on the trip as well.

Mrs. McGuire took the 6th graders to Fort Lone Tree on Tuesday, where they got to try the screamer, rappelling, horseback riding, and some teambuilding activities.

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