

SIDNEY GUTIERREZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Desk

The first nine weeks have ended, and report cards have been distributed. Some students were pleased and some not so pleased with the results. In either case, the grades reflect the student's effort and achievement. One of the key skills we do hope to instill in our students is how to study. We also hope to help them develop the attitude that studying is necessary. Some students are satisfied with middling grades, but if those grades reflect a lack of effort and study, then that satisfaction is not warranted. When we seek out people to do jobs for us or to provide services to us in the world of adults, we don't look for people who do a merely passing job. We want people who do the best work possible. The attitudes that underlie success in life are attitudes that students develop now, and the attitude we want to foster is that in every task I do, in every effort I undertake, I want to do the best job I possibly can. We know that striving for excellence will translate into success.

Joseph Andreis, Principal

PTO News

Our PTO has many activities planned for the upcoming months. Spirit Week will be the last week in October, along with the Boxtops for Education contest. Parents are urged to sign up for lunch duty in November as well. In addition to a Krispie Kreme fundraiser in November, the PTO will begin sales of sports cups and popcorn buckets. You can purchase these items with the logos of your favorite college or professional teams. Once again we urge you to support the PTO, which provides funding and assistance for many of the activities that make SGMS the great school that it is.

Spirit Week Schedule (Students pay \$1 to participate each day)

Tuesday – Crazy Hair and Hat Day

Wednesday – PJs and Slippers Day

Thursday – Retro Day

Friday – Come has your favorite literary character

8th Graders work on Roswell Reads Fair Booth



Ongoing and Upcoming Events

The experiment that the students came up with during the NASA Summer Camp this past July has been selected by the NASA Space Grant to be included in the Sounding Rocket launch in April, 2011. The students who participated will get to go see their experiment get launched at the New Mexico Spaceport and will retrieve and analyze the data from the experiment.

Science Olympiad after-school practice has begun. Tuesday afternoons are set aside for practice and study.

Mrs. Bell continues to need 2 liter plastic bottles for an upcoming unit. Please send in any bottles that you have.

The New Mexico School for the Arts in Santa Fe recently came to Roswell to let future high school schools know about their art-intensive program. This is a charter school that allows students to board during the week, and its focus is performing and visual arts. One former SGMS student is currently attending this school. See one of our teachers for more information.

The 8th graders are reading Pearl Buck's classic *The Good Earth*. They are also studying our Constitution. David Clary, who has authored two books about George Washington, will be speaking to the 8th graders about our first president on Nov. 4. Both the 7th and 8th graders held mock debates on the New Mexico gubernatorial and House races. The 7th graders will be reading Lois Lowry's book *The Giver*. The 6th graders are finishing up their study of Ancient China and are getting ready to begin Ancient Greece and Rome.

Summer Animation Camp Film Wins More Film Festival Awards!!!!

The student film made at this summer's Animation Camp with Karen Aqua and Ken Fields has been chosen for showing at three more film festivals: the Third Imagine Science Film Festival in New York, the 9th Annual Wild and Scenic Environment Film Festival in Nevada City, California, and the Mostra de Ciencia e Cinemas (A Coruña Spain).

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN!!!!

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No, it's not "Dancing with the Stars," it's dancing with the students. SGMS students have their first ballroom dancing class.