



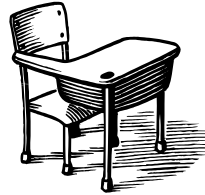
SGMS Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk



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Back from our winter break, our students have already returned to the serious work of learning. It is a pleasure to walk into the classrooms now and see students focused and engaged and thriving. The influx of applications for the 2009-2010 school year validates our efforts and lets us know that our community supports us and recognizes that we serve the needs of our students.

The New Mexico state legislature session begins shortly and we already know that funding for education is going to be significantly affected because of the overall condition of the economy. We have always budgeting carefully so that we could make the best use of our resources and offer our students unique and enriching experiences. We certainly hope to be able to continue to do so, and we will be monitoring the session carefully to that end. Going forward, it's clear that SGMS will need to rely on our families and the PTO to continue its programs.

In spite of the uncertain future, I know that the second half of this school year will be tremendously successful. Staff and students are motivated to succeed and have the supports they need to do so. Welcome back and let's enjoy this great year.

Joe Andreis, Principal

Open Enrollment for '09-10 School Year

The open enrollment period for '09-'10 school year began Jan. 5 and will end Jan. 19, 2009. Students already attending SGMS are automatically re-enrolled for the next year. Applications for new students are available at the school and on the website and may be submitted (in person or by mail only) starting Jan. 5. Siblings of SGMS students receive a preference in the open enrollment period but must still submit an application during the open enrollment period.

Lost and Found

Many items are currently residing in the school's lost and found spot in the commons near Mrs. V's desk. Please make sure to look through the collection and claim anything that belongs to you.



PTO News

The next PTO meeting is set for Jan. 12 (Monday) at 5:30 at the Anderson Museum. Many important items will be discussed, so please plan to attend.

Support your PTO!



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Home of the Falcons

**No school on
Monday Jan. 19, for
Martin Luther King
Day**



Mrs. Arganbright is cheerful over her Trade Fair bargains. Students work their trade fair booths, play dreidel, and otherwise have fun after finals last December.

Teacher Recognition

Our math teacher, Mrs. Bell, recently passed her oral comprehensive examination at New Mexico State University. She is now working on her dissertation for a PhD in Education, focusing on curriculum development. The topic for her dissertation is using concept mapping in mathematics.

School Trips and Activities

The National Writing Project's **Young Authors' Camp** is coming to SGMS this summer! Please return the questionnaire that was sent and emailed home to help us select the date and time. .



Science Olympiad practice continues. If you can help out or coach an event, please contact Ms. Ball. Practice schedules will be posted on line (sgms.us) and on the white board outside Mr. Andreis' office. The Regional Competition is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 31 in Cloudcroft.

A trip to the **Roswell Museum** has been scheduled for the 6th graders, where they will work with Aria Finch to make celadon pottery similar to the pottery we are reading about in *A Single Shard*.

Poetry Week begins Jan. 26, as poet John Brandi returns for a week-long poetry workshop for all grades.

