



SGMS Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

We can see the light at the end of the tunnel. End of year trips and culminating activities, speakers, and outings all indicate that the summer is quickly approaching. While the summer is time for relaxation and fun, we know that learning does not stop. We hope our families will take advantage of the many fine programs offered in and around Roswell to keep the students in the "growing" mode. We are offering a one-week camp through the auspices of the National Writing Project and High Plains Writing Project, which will give students a unique creative experience and an authentic audience. Please consider signing your child up for this activity. As the year concludes, I want to thank the PTO and parents who have done so much to help our school both in fundraising and volunteering. Parental involvement is certainly a prime ingredient in our success.

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PTO Meeting

The last PTO meeting of the year is scheduled for Monday, May 4, at 5:30, Anderson Museum.

Young Authors' Camp

Places are still available for Young Authors' Camp, which is set for the week of June 15. The Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge will provide inspiration for our writing. The fee is \$25. Applications are on our website.



High Prairie Poetry Contest Winners Jet Murphy, Haley Willard, and Adrian Lopez read their poems at the Roswell Library on Sat. April 25.



Students learn about rodeo and making their own paths in life from Miss Penny at the "Cowboy Up" presentation on Tuesday.





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Home of the Falcons

**Last day of school is
May 21.**



E Cyber Mission Team Victory

SGMS's E-Cyber Mission team, Kayla Bell, Elias Liakos, and Emily Taylor took third place for communication and collaboration at the national competition conducted by the U.S. Army. Their project compared germ levels found in different modes of transportation. They will each receive a \$2000 savings bond.

School Trips and Activities



Transition meetings for 8th grade students with IEPs will be held on April 27-28. See Mrs. Gazdik for details.

RHS counselors will be at SGMS on May 1 to register students for their fall classes. GHS counselors will be here on May 4.

The Commencement Program for our 8th graders will be held on Tuesday, May 19. Details coming soon.

The 6th grade attended Goddard Days on April 27.

The Culture Fair and the 6th grade performance of "Beowulf on a Budget" is set for Friday afternoon, May 8.

The end-of-year swimming party for all grades is set for Wed. afternoon, May 20.

Our Orchestra students will perform in a Solo and Ensemble Concert May 7, 7 pm in the Mountain View Middle School Band Room.

7th Grade Math

Mrs. Bell's students are designing packaging for ping pong balls as part of a Connected Math Unit on Geometry. They even created their own rubric for the project.

Stock Market Game Winners

Eighth graders Isaiah Lawson, Elias Liakos, and Robbie Rivas were Portfolio Equity State Champions and the Southern Region Middle First Place Winners in this year's State Stock Market Game competition. Sixth graders Abbey Bell, Gus Liakos, and Jet Murphy won 1st place for Portfolio Efficiency. Quite a feat considering how the market has been acting lately!