

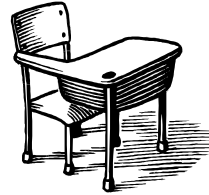


SGMS Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

The end of the first semester is upon us. Students will have finals in most of their classes during the week of Dec. 15. We urge parents to make sure that they are prepared for these tests. The final exam grades are 20% of the student's semester's grade. This process helps not only to prepare the students for the demands of high school and college, but it also helps reinforce the importance we place on durable learning, learning that becomes part of the student's active body of knowledge and understanding.

Like all schools in New Mexico, SGMS will be affected by the poor economy and declining state revenues. We will have to cut our budget going forward, affecting our ability to take field trips, to bring in special speakers and programs, and to supplement the classroom materials we use. Please support our PTO, as this organization's fundraising efforts will become more important than ever in helping our school continue its educational efforts.

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Celebrating *The Good Earth*

The 8th graders dined at the Zen Restaurant to mark the reading of Pearl Buck's *The Good Earth*. Chopsticks were optional.



PTO News

The **Scholastic Book Fair** kickoff, a Ski Lodge Party, is Monday, Dec. 8, at 5:30. The fair will last through the 12th. **Krispie Kreme** sales monies are due Dec. 3 and donuts will be delivered Dec. 8. The next PTO meeting is on Mon. Jan 12, 5:30 at the Anderson Museum. **Support your PTO!**



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Home of the Falcons

**Winter break
begins Dec. 20 and
school resumes on
Jan. 5.**

Identity Boxes

Next semester the 7th graders will be making identity boxes. They will need a sturdy cardboard box, items that reflect who they are, and fabric, ribbons, and other decorative materials for this project. If you have or can start saving these things, it will make these projects even better!

Teacher Recognition

Mrs. Gazdik has been asked to present the results of her Action Research at the Center for Teaching Excellence's Summer Conference in Taos. Congratulations to Mrs. Gazdik for her excellent work.

Firefighter Thompson shows us how to play bagpipes, "Zoo to You" host talks about birds (above right), and the SGMS orchestra practices for its recital on Dec. 15.

School Trips and Activities



The 7th graders are going to see the exhibit, West of Beyond, on Friday, Dec. 6. We will arrive at the Roswell Museum at around 11:30. Students will need \$1 for bus fare. Chaperones are welcome.

The SGMS orchestra, under the direction of Reuben Hall, will have its Winter Concert on Monday, Dec. 15, at Mountain View Middle School. The concert begins at 7:00.

A Trade Fair is planned for Friday, Dec. 19. Students will have a chance to bring in items from home, including things that they have made, to trade for other items which they may keep or give away as gifts. Start collecting things that can be brought in to trade.

Thanks to SGMS alum Casey Carroll for talking to the 7th and 8th graders about planning for and going to college.

Science Olympiad practice has begun. If you can help out or coaching an event, please contact Ms. Ball. Practice schedules will be posted on line (sgms.us).

