



# SGMS Newsletter

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## From the Principal's Desk



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Once again our small student body has accomplished something unbelievable, 3rd place in the State Science Olympiad Competition in Socorro. It shows us what can be accomplished when students are given opportunity, some coaching, and a bit of encouragement. This week our school is being recognized by the State Legislature in Santa Fe for having the highest scores in the 8th grade science NMSBA (standardized test) in 2008. We may not have a million dollar endowment or the fanciest facilities, but we succeed because our dedicated staff sets high goals for each and every student and because our students learn that they can achieve these goals through hard work and commitment. We can all be proud of our school. Let's continue our hard work and success.

Joe Andreis, Principal

## SGMS TAKES 3rd IN STATE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD!!

Competing against 25 other middle schools, SGMS placed 3rd at the State Competition in Socorro on Feb. 21, under the coaching of Ms. Ball, and with the help of Mrs. Bell, Al Collar, Cymantha Liakos Kim Taylor, Maureen Olguin, Professor Lee, and many other parents and friends. It's an incredible accomplishment, especially since almost all the schools in the competition have student bodies much larger than ours. This is the highest the SGMS has ever placed in the State Competition, and we only achieved third place once before. Students were treated to a great tour of the NM Tech Campus and had dinner with Sidney Gutierrez on Friday night. Col. Gutierrez is on the Board of Regents of NM Tech, where the event is held, and our success is very important to him personally. See results of individual events on back page.



6th Grade visited the Roswell Museum where Aria Finch had them make their own celadon bowls.

## PTO News

The next meeting will be Monday, Mar. 16, 5:30 pm at the Anderson Museum. We need much more parent support for our upcoming fundraisers, which are more vital than ever due to the tightening of school funding.

**Support your PTO!**



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Home of the Falcons

9 weeks ends March  
10.

7th graders work on their  
Identity Boxes as part of  
the Holocaust Unit



Science Olympiad Team shows off  
3rd Place Trophy in Socorro

## School Trips and Activities



Students from all 3 classes volunteered as ushers for the **Roswell Symphony** this month. Good work!

On Wed., Feb. 4, the 6th graders went to the **Roswell Museum** to work with Aria Finch to make celadon pottery similar to the pottery we read about in *A Single Shard*. A trip is scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 3 for the 8th graders to go to Spencer Theater to see the musical **Bye Bye Birdie**. Let Mrs. Lawner know soon if you wish to chaperone.

We have many IEPs to schedule this spring. Please let Mrs. Gazdik know as soon as possible if you are unable to make a scheduled meeting.



### Holocaust Unit and Civil Rights

The 7th graders are currently studying the Holocaust and the 8th graders are learning about the Civil Rights Movement. We are using a variety of primary and secondary sources, including several documentaries and feature films, to give the students a sense of how each of these time periods felt to those who lived through them. If you have any materials that you would like to share with the class on these topics, please call Mrs. Lawner. Culminating activities will help the students see how they can act to prevent intolerance in their world.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!  
Results from 2009 State Science Olympiad Competition

Team Members: Abbey Bell, Jesse Jennings, Gus Liakos, Jet Murphy, Bryce Peterson, Nathan Nguyen, Ben Morgan, Kayla Bell, Isaiah Lawson, Elias Liakos, Hannah Martinson, Anthony Olguin, Emily Taylor, Tristan Collar, and Sienna Fleming

Alternates: Victoria Meraz, Christian Wentland, Mitchel Latimer, and Connor Olguin

2nd Place: Physical Science Lab: Elias Liakos and Ben Morgan

2nd Place: Crave the Wave: Gus Liakos and Bryce Peterson

3rd Place: Bio-Process Lab: Abbey Bell and Gus Liakos

3rd Place: Reach for the Stars: Tristan Collar and Emily Taylor

4th Place: Dynamic Planet: Tristan Collar and Gus Liakos

4th Place: Environmental Chemistry: Isaiah Lawson and Kayla Bell

4th Place: Experimental Design: Ben Morgan, Isaiah Lawson, Sienna Fleming

5th Place: Disease Detective: Kayla Bell and Hannah Martinson

5th Place: Fossils: Tristan Collar and Jesse Jennings

5th Place: Meteorology: Nathan Nguyen and Sienna Fleming

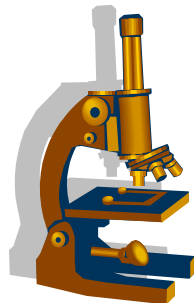
5th Place: Road Scholar: Tristan Collar and Jet Murphy

6th Place: Pentathlon: Anthony Olguin, Elias Liakos, Emily Taylor, Kayla Bell

6th Place: Scrambler: Hannah Martinson and Kayla Bell

7th Place: Ecology: Nathan Nguyen and Sienna Fleming

9th Place: Robo-Cross: Abbey Bell and Jesse Jennings



## **Results from 2009 Regional Competition**

### 1st Place:

BioProcess Lab: Abbey Bell and Gus Liakos  
Compute This: Elias Liakos and Emily Taylor  
Crave the Wave: Gus Liakos and Bryce Peterson  
Environmental Chemistry: Kayla Bell and Isaiah Lawson  
Physical Science Lab: Elias Liakos and Christian Wentland  
Ecology: Konnor Kundomal and Nathan Nguyen  
Experimental Design: Sienna Fleming, Emily Boardman and Jet Murphy  
Meteorology: Nathan Nguyen and Javier Dykstra

### 2nd Place

Amphibians and Reptiles: Anthony Olguin and Christian Wentland  
Dynamic Planet: Tristan Collar and Gus Liakos  
Experimental Design: Isaiah Lawson, Ben Morgan, Alysha Guajardo  
Reach for Stars: Tristan Collar and Emily Taylor  
Science Crime Busters: Tristan Collar and Jesse Jennings  
Disease Detective: Reyes Gallegos and Joel Castel

### 3rd Place

Write It, Do It: Emily Boardman and Alejandra Dykstra

### 4th Place

Anatomy: Hannah Martinson and Bryce Peterson  
Ecology: Anthony Olguin and Javier Dykstra  
Scrambler: Kayla Bell and Hannah Martinson  
BioProcess Lab: Emily Boardman and Alejandra Dykstra  
Pentathlon: Mitchel Latimer, Jet Murphy, Alejandra Dykstra, Connor Olguin  
Physical Science Lab: Sienna Fleming and Konnor Kundomal

### 5th Place

Write It, Do It: Emily Taylor and Alysha Guajardo  
Disease Detective: Kayla Bell and Hannah Martinson  
Amphibians and Reptiles: Nathan Nguyen and Konnor Kundomal  
Compute This: Hayley Primm, Tory Meraz, Sienna Fleming  
Crave the Wave: Emily Boardman and Joel Castelo  
Bridge: Anton Dominguez and Joel Castelo  
Scrambler: Tory Meraz and Hayley Primm