



SGMS Newsletter

**Sidney Gutierrez
Middle School**

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From the Principal's Desk

As the New Mexico legislature prepares to convene its 60-day session, we are carefully monitoring the budget proposals and education bills for their impact on our school. The state's financial situation almost assuredly will result in cuts in our funding and may require us to reassess our priorities. As always, it is advisable to keep apprised of the activities of the elected representatives in Santa Fe and to let our own elected officials know what actions we would like to see them take. Our students will be following the legislative session as part of their social studies. Take the time to talk with them about what they have learned and share your ideas with them as well.

I also wish to note that we are currently taking applications for students for the 2010-2011 school year. All applications received during the open season, which ends on Jan. 22, will be placed in a lottery and drawn to determine slots. The lottery takes place on Jan. 25.

J. Andreis, Principal

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Open Season for 2010-11 Registration

SGMS will accept applications for students who will be in grades 6 through 8 for the 2010-11 school year. Siblings of SGMS students have a preference in enrollment but applications for their enrollment must still be filed during this open enrollment period. Applications must be either physically delivered to the school by Jan. 22 or postmarked no later than Jan. 22. that Applications are available at the school or on our website.



6th graders play the Hanukkah game of dreidl

End of Semester Activities

Once final exams were done, the students had several exciting educational activities that closed out the first semester. The 6th graders toured the Bitter Lake Wildlife Refuge with Mrs. McGuire. In fact, the school received a letter from the Friends of Bitter Lake complimenting the students on their preparation and behavior on the tour, and inviting all students and their families to participate in the first Saturday "backlot" tours at the Refuge which includes sinkholes and the chance to view several endangered species.

The 7th and 8th graders had some fun at the Anderson Museum, where Adrian Lopez's podcast tour was debuted. They also enjoyed the exhibit at the Roswell Museum of "recycled" materials by Petra Soeseman and our own Nancy Fleming. The 7th grade production of "Cyrano" was enjoyed by everyone. The trade fair on the last day of school was also a lot of fun and a great way to exercise some problem solving skills.

PLEASE, PARENTS—

Mrs. V works hard to get emails out to every family at the end of each school day with homework assignments and other important information. Please check your email daily for these important messages!!!

PTO News

The next PTO meeting of the year will be held on Monday, Jan. 11 at 5:30 at the Anderson Museum.

The Scholastic Bookfair was a success, giving the school over \$400 in educational materials. Thanks to all those who participated, and especially Maureen Olguin, who spearheaded the Fair and put much time and effort into making it fun and successful.



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No school on Mon.
Jan. 18

PTO Participation and 8th Grade Graduation

In past years, the PTO has funded end of year and graduation activities for the 8th graders, with the planning and organizing largely done by the parents of the 8th graders. While the school will schedule the graduation ceremony, any refreshments or parties will require 8th grade parents to pitch in. Please attend the next PTO meeting in order to get the planning started.



Scenes from "Cyrano"

School Trips and Activities



Seventh graders will be visiting the "West of Beyond" exhibit at the Roswell Museum and Art Center on Friday, Jan. 15. Our tour begins at 10:00. Parent chaperones are needed.

The 8th graders will be meeting with Mayor LaGrone and other members of his staff on Monday, Jan. 11 at City Hall to discuss the Yucca Center and other city facilities used for youth activities. This meeting is in response to letters the students sent to the mayor expressing concerns over the facilities that the city has for its young people. Two student letters were published in the Roswell Daily Record (Dec. 29 and 31).

The 6th graders have watched the film *The Miracle Worker* and will read some of Helen Keller's autobiography. We will follow that with "disabilities day" during which each student will receive a simulated disability to see what life is like when you are differently abled.

David Clary, author of several historical books including a biography of Robert Goddard, will be speaking to 7th graders about Robert Goddard in the near future. The 7th graders will have speakers next week to talk to them about recycling programs and opportunities in Roswell.

Poetry week with John Brandi begins Jan. 25.

ATTENTION—

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD PARTICIPANTS!!!!

The Regional Competition in Cloudcroft is on Jan. 16. We will be holding our last Saturday practice (from 8:30 - 12:00) before we go to our regional competition. The team needs donations of healthy snacks to take with us to Cloudcroft. You can leave the donations in Mrs. McGuire's class. Make sure to wish our Science Olympiad Team good luck!

Bowling Kudos

Zachary Armstead recently came in the top 10 in a recent state-wide bowling tournament. Congrats!