



SGMS Newsletter

**Sidney Gutierrez
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From the Principal's Desk



Not all lessons are learned in the classroom or sitting behind a desk. A group of 25 SGMS students recently competed in the regional Science Olympiad, where they were tested in a variety of subjects that are not part of a typical curriculum. Under Mrs. Fleming's guidance, our 7th and 8th graders are corresponding with contemporary artists about their work and inspiration. Our 7th graders are working on recycling projects, and our 8th graders recently met with the mayor and his staff to express their concerns about the recreational facilities available to them, and the effect of this on Roswell's desire to increase its population. The 6th graders are learning first hand what it is like to live with a disability. All students are invited to participate in raising money to help the people of Haiti rebuild after the earthquake. Other service projects, including reading to students in the lower grades, are also in the works. Providing our students authentic learning opportunities is part of what makes our school different, and in our view, successful.

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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. Applications are available at the school or on our website.

Regional Science Olympiad

SGMS took two teams to Cloudcroft on Jan. 16 for the Regional Science Olympiad Competition. The "A" team took first place at the competition, making it eligible to compete at the State Science Olympiad competition in Socorro on Feb. 20. Students competed in 23 events coached by 1st year coach and science teacher Jessica McGuire, who did an excellent job preparing 25 students for the challenging events. She was greatly assisted by Brie Bell, Gerald Harrington, Cymantha Liakos, and Kerri Bell. Results of the individual events are attached to this newsletter.

Help for Haiti

Students have decided to hold a bake sale to raise money to help relief efforts in Haiti. The 6th graders are asked to bring in baked goods on Mon., Jan. 25, the 7th graders on Wed., Jan. 27, and the 8th graders on Fri., Jan. 29. Please send in items for sale and some money for the kids to spend. You may also bring in items on a different day if that works better, Our plan is to send the proceeds to the American Red Cross.



Students working on their events at the Cloudcroft Regional SO competition



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Home of the Falcons

**Mid 9 Weeks end
February 4.**



Jimi Gadzia and former mayor Tom Jennings talk to the 7th graders about recycling.



Eighth graders meet with Mayor LaGrone, the City Planner, and Parks and Rec staff at City Hall on Jan 11. The students presented a power point on the Yucca Center.

School Trips and Activities



Seventh graders visited the "West of Beyond" exhibit at the Roswell Museum and Art Center on Friday, Jan. 15, with expert guidance from docent Ann Huff.

In conjunction with the Anderson Museum, the 7th and 8th graders have emailed artists with work on display to gain more information and insight into the particular pieces. The museum will use this information to enrich its visitors' experience.

The 8th graders met with Mayor LaGrone and other members of his staff and the Recreation Department on Monday, Jan. 11 at City Hall to discuss the Yucca Center and other city facilities used for youth activities.

Jimi Gadzia and Tom Jennings talked to 7th graders about recycling, helping them understand the benefits and economic considerations of recycling programs.

Mrs. Guajardo, a teacher of children who are visually impaired, visited the 6th graders on Wed. Jan. 20 to show them how these children learn to read using Braille and other aids.

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. The 7th and 8th graders will have a "writing" trip to the zoo on Wednesday.



Docent Ann Huff explains the tools of commerce and trade in the "West of Beyond" exhibit at the Roswell Museum



2010 Science Olympiad Regional Results

First Place:

Bio Process Lab, Abbey Bell and Gus Liakos
Compute This, Nathan Nguyen and Javier Dykstra
Junkyard Challenge, Ben Morgan and Kylene Reeves
Pentathlon, Bryce Peterson, Mitchel Latimer, Blake Maxey,
Scooby Taylor

Second Place

Meteorology, Nathan Nguyen and Javier Dykstra
Physical Science, Ben Morgan and Kylene Reeves
Shock Value, Abbey Bell and Gus Liakos
Solar System, Alysha Guajardo and Adrian Lopez
Trajectory, Mitchel Latimer and Bryce Peterson

Third Place

Anatomy, Hayley Primm and Alysha Guajardo
Battery Buggy, Kayla Bell and Abbey Bell
Ecology, Nathan Nguyen and Javier Dykstra
Experimental Design, Alysha Guajardo, Hayley Primm and
Adrian Lopez
Fossils, Jet Murphy and Jesse Jennings
Solar System, Alex Vivens and Jacob Pinon