



SGMS Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

We have this Friday set aside for parent-teacher conferences. We encourage parents to come out and meet with staff to discuss their students' progress. These dialogs are most helpful to us as we endeavor to prepare your children for high school and beyond. Of course, if you cannot make it to school during this time, we would be glad to meet with you at your convenience. Please call to set up a meeting.

Spring break is almost here, and soon after the students return we will be giving the New Mexico Standards Based Assessments. We could use some parents to help monitor in the hallways and arrange for healthy snacks during this week. The testing window has been moved to later in the school year, which we think will help us demonstrate what the students learn in school. As always, we will ask that you support our efforts during testing by making sure your child is well-rested, arrives to school on time, and has healthy snacks. We will do our best to make sure your child is academically prepared.

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Spring Break is the week of March 23. School resumes on March 30.

PTO Fundraisers

Krispy Kreme sales will begin right after Spring Break. Donuts may be picked up on ~~Monday, April 13, at our~~ **PTO Yard Sale**. Start saving items for our yard sale, which is always one of our best annual fundraisers.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be available at the end of the year. If you would like to put in an ad to help support the cost of production, email Mrs. Lawner (llawner@sgms.us) for details.

Place your message here. For maximum impact, use two or three sentences.



8th grade students plan and take measurements for their Legacy Project and Metcalf Concrete pours the pad for the bench.

PTO News

Game Night is 6:30, Thurs., March 19. Entry fee to play is \$5. There will also be pizza, snacks and fun. Plan on coming and don't forget to **Support your PTO!**



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Home of the Falcons

**Parent-Teacher
conferences - Fri.
March 20**

DUE TO THE INTERVENTION OF A WEEKEND, PI DAY (3.14) WAS CELEBRATED BY SGMS STUDENTS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17. MOST OF THE PIE WAS THEREFORE GREEN.



E-Cyber Mission Sent Off

Elias Liakos, Emily Taylor, and Kayla Bell submitted an experiment (how clean is your mode of transport) as an entry in the E-Cyber Mission contest. Results should be coming in soon. We wish them luck!!!

School Trips and Activities



6th Graders went to the Southeastern Historical Society Museum last week to learn about life during the Industrial Revolution.

The 8th graders are working on their Legacy Project under the guidance of Nancy Fleming. Concrete has been poured for a pad for a bench with their mosaic designs.

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.

End of Year Field Trips

Field trips for the 6th and 7th grades are being planned for Friday, May 1. The 6th graders will be heading to Los Alamos and the 7th graders will spend the day in and around Santa Fe.

An 8th grade overnight trip to Las Cruces is also in the works, but no date has been set a yet. Other trips may also be scheduled, depending on budgeting. Watch out for future notices.



Students do yoga with instructor Ann Garrison as part of Mrs. Arganbright's class.

Conferences

Mrs. Bell recently attended the annual conference of the Center for Gifted Education at the College of William and Mary. She attended sessions on teaching probability (stem projects) and assessments.

Mrs. Lawner attended the annual conference of the Rural Sites Network of the National Writing Project where she learned about using technology in the classroom (remixing and mash-ups). Sounds like our students are in for some interesting stuff!