

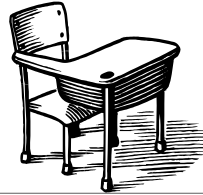


SGMS Newsletter

**Sidney Gutierrez
Middle School**

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From the Principal's Desk

We are now into the second 9-week semester, and students have had a chance to acclimate to our school and our requirements. Progress this year seems to have come more slowly than in the past, and to ensure that we adhere to practices that we know from past experience are successful, we have provided some more specific direction for the students.

You have received the letter explaining the tightening up of protocols at SGMS. Students must turn their work in on time. We expect complete, thoughtful, and well-crafted product from all students. Generally applicable rubrics and exemplars for student work will be posted on our website; teachers will continue to distribute specific rubrics and exemplars for individual projects and assignments to the class. I want to stress again that by holding students to high standards and creating high expectations, the students will achieve outstanding objectives.

J. Andreis, Principal

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Science Olympiad: Let the Games Begin!!!

Science Olympiad had the first meeting at 6:30 Tuesday evening. Those who would like to participate but were not able to attend the meeting must sign a commitment letter, both the student and parent, before they will be allowed to try-out for the team. Our first after-school practice will be Thursday, October 29th from 3:10-4:00. The second and third after school practice will be Monday, the 2nd and Tuesday the 3rd of November. All subsequent practices will be held every Tuesday until we get closer to competition time and need to add more practices.

English Expo Competition

Interested students should let Mrs. Lawner which events they are interested in competing in for this competition scheduled for Feb. 27. A list of events can be found on Mrs. Lawner's information board.

Students may also enter the annual Scholastic Arts and Writing Competition. Information about this competition is found at artandwriting.org. See Mrs.

New Council Member

Dr. Mike Taylor has joined the SGMS Governing Council. We welcome his service to our school.

PTO News

The next PTO meeting of the year will be held on Monday, Nov. 2, 5:30 at the Anderson Museum.

All during October we will collect BoxTops For Education by class. The winning class will have a party. Please trim BoxTops and check expiration dates.

Book Fair will begin with an after-school event on Dec. 7. Watch for details!



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Home of the Falcons

Mid-9 weeks ends
Nov. 13.

Staff Development

Mrs. Bell and Mrs. McGuire recently attended the New Mexico Math and Science Teacher Conference in Ruidoso last week. Mrs. Bell visited Spence Theatre and learned about sound acoustics. Mrs. McGuire traveled into the White Mountain Wilderness and observed how volcanoes have effected and are still effecting New Mexico.

Mrs. Lawner will attend the National Writing Project Annual Conference in Philadelphia next month. She will participate on a panel about teaching the Holocaust.

School Trips and Activities



The National Gallery of Writing is in the process of posting our students' work. Check out the RoswellWrites Exhibition Hall of the National Gallery of Writing at www.galleryofwriting.org.

Students have been working on projects in their social studies/language arts classes. The 8th graders are working on information on the states, the 7th graders have made Identity Boxes to show who they are, and the 6th graders are working on murals and journals to describe their boat trip down the Nile River in about 3000 BCE. Work will be on display. Come in and enjoy their creations.

Literature rules at SGMS! The 6th graders are reading Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. The 7th graders are enjoying Joseph Bruchac's novel *Codetalker* which tells the story of a young Navajo man who joins the Marines during World War II and becomes a codetalker. In the 8th grade, we have just begun to read Stevenson's *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. Just in time for Halloween!



Students enjoy Spirit Week at Sidney

