

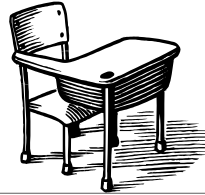


SGMS Newsletter

**Sidney Gutierrez
Middle School**

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From the Principal's Desk

We have had a great many student absences in the past two weeks. We certainly appreciate it when parents keep ill students at home so that more students are not exposed to germs. We want to be sure that we take all necessary and prudent steps to keep our students and staff as healthy as possible.

The unusually high number of absences makes life more difficult for teachers, who have to continually remind students to turn in work they missed while out. If at all possible, check the school website (sgms.us) daily for assignments and have your child make up any work he or she can while absent. The policy allows students who are out for excused absences adequate time to make up missing work. That said, if the student fails to complete and turn in the work missed promptly, it becomes harder for that student to follow the work when back in class. Low grades in classes are almost always due in large part to missing assignments. Please help us by making sure your child does everything possible to stay current in all schoolwork.
J. Andreis, Principal

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PTO Sponsors Spirit Week



If our vandalism matters are resolved, Spirit Week will begin Tues.

Oct. 27. That Tuesday is Retro Day, and students can dress in styles from the 50s to the 80s.

Wednesday is PJ and Slipper Day.

Thursday is Crazy Hair/Hat Day.

Friday is Literary Costume day and prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Students pay \$1 for each day they choose to participate.

This is a FUN fundraiser, so take part and help your school!

English Expo Competition

This year we are hoping to field a team for the English Expo, which is a language arts-based competition to be held on Feb. 27, 2010 in Albuquerque.

There are 23 events in which two compete, which involve reading, expository, fictional, and poetry writing, speaking, editing, and related skills. Interested students received informational handouts and more information will be made available as we learn more details about the event. We have had a lot of student interest, so this looks like it may be a great experience.

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

**No school on
Monday, Oct. 26.**

Congratulation to Joseph Martinez

Joseph Martinez, a 6th grader was recently presented with the Youth Bowler of the Year Award for the State of New Mexico. He has been bowling for 3 years and in 2009 won the local Youth Masters Tournament. His high game is 189. In addition to a beautiful glass trophy, he was also given private lessons by professional bowler Parker Bohn III as part of his award. Joseph looks forward to continuing to compete in bowling as he realizes that this is an excellent source of college scholarship funds.

School Trips and Activities



Most of our students (those who returned permission slips in time) will have their memoirs posted in the RoswellWrites Exhibition Hall of the National Gallery of Writing on Oct. 20. The internet address is www.galleryofwriting.org. Check it out!

Seventh graders have begun testing for belts in Recorder Karate. They are judged on tone, articulation, and accuracy of notes. Many students earned their white belts the very first day and will receive their belts in a "Belt Ceremony" in the next few days. They have also begun their 1st ensemble piece "Popcorn BAG". Our seventh graders are some of the fastest learning recorder students our school has seen.

Algebra students are exploring the Pythagorean Theorem and its applications. Stats students have been utilizing the standard deviation formula in unique situations and comparing it to other statistical descriptors. Sixth grade students are exploring geometry and tessellations.

STEM students with Mrs. Bell are continuing their work on Skateboard Parks, exploring the concepts of friction and energy states. We are still in great need of cardboard tubes (paper towel and wrapping paper).

Marge Woods from the Roswell Zoo visited the 7th grade science class on Thursday. She taught them about animal adaptation and survival skills.

7th graders hard at work.

