



Mitchell Mustang

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From the Principal's Desk...

Important Dates

- April 2: PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
- April 2-13: Clothing Drive
- April 5: New dismissal times begin
- April 6: Vernal Holiday, No School
- April 11: Family Science Night, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- April 23: In-service Day, No School
- April 28: Community Day at Mitchell



Dear Parents,

This year we were hit with several snowstorms that necessitated the closing of school. While the APS calendar has always set aside two days at the end of the school year to make up for school closures, that did not prove to be enough in view of the bad weather we have experienced this winter. Consequently, the administration approved the addition of a third day on May 25 to make up for the three days that schools were closed after winter break due to hazardous road conditions in and around schools.

We have an additional day that must be compensated for the school closure that took place February 14. This fourth Snow Day will be made up by adding 10 minutes to the school day at all school levels. This means that starting April 5th, school will dismiss at 3:50 p.m. each day, except on Wednesday, when we will dismiss at 1:10 p.m. We will still begin school at 8:59 a.m. This schedule will be in effect until May 24th. The last day of school will be May 25th and we will be dismissing around noon (lunch will not be served). We do not have the exact time yet. Please be sure and mark your calendars with this new end date. I will keep you updated as additional information comes out. It is my hope that any inconvenience will be minor.

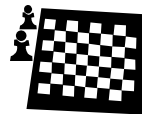
Thank you for your flexibility and understanding. Please contact the school at 299-1937 if you have any questions.

Raquel Reedy

Principal

Please join us on Wednesday, April 11th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. for our **Family Science Night**. Science projects, water cycle demonstration, bubble factory, lung demonstration, and much more!

Chess Team Takes 5th Place!



Congratulations to the Mitchell Chess Team for taking fifth place in the Albuquerque Schools Chess League! Players this year were: Brendon Gray, Ryan Schalip, Caleb Ellington, Daniel Zeter, Chris Wright, Harlan Schmaltz, Kendall Duran, James Erickson, Jenna Sinkevitch, James Horsechief, Tanner Foust, Jonah Spear, Brandon Schalip, David Burr, Meridian Cole, Jacob Hattler, and Jonah Hoffman. Way to go Mustangs!!!! We hope to see all of the returning players and other chess club members next year for another great season of chess.

From the PTO President...

We are well on our way to another end of the school year and the PTO is already planning for next year. We are looking for dedicated parents who want to be a part of a team of parents who truly want to make Mitchell an awesome place for all of our children. We meet the first Monday of the month at 6:30 in the administration office.

We are planning another Family Swim night at Sandia Pool. We are looking at the end of April or the beginning of May - so keep your eyes out for more news. Last time was so much fun.

Hope you enjoyed your Spring Break and are ready to race to the end of school!!!!

Edie Guess

Spring Clothing Drive

During this beautiful Albuquerque spring-time the Clothing Bank volunteers are serving students in need and preparing for next winter. Please bring in your donations of clean, usable clothing, coats, and shoes in all sizes. New packages of socks and underwear are also greatly needed and appreciated. The Clothing Bank serves all APS students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Our Clothing Drive will take place at

Mitchell Elementary from April 2 - 13th.

The Clothing Bank volunteers have always been appreciative of the generous support of Mitchell families. Thank you for your continued support.

Urgent Needs:

- New socks, size medium, boys & girls
- Winter jackets, sizes 7-8 and 10-12, for boys and girls

**April is Earth Month
Beautify Mitchell on April 28th**



Mark your calendar for some great fun and music on Saturday, April 28th, all while beautifying our community school! Times and more information will be announced soon.

Help Needed!

We are looking for people or businesses to help with our Community Day coming on Saturday, April 28th. We need lots of soil, flowers, seeds, tools, planters or any other donation you would like to help with! A cash donation to the PTO is always accepted!

Also...

Are you a landscaper? Are you good with a trowel, jackhammer, or cement work? We need volunteer experts for some future projects at the school. We are searching for grant money to fund the supplies, but labor costs aren't allowed in most grants. Can you help? Contact Bonne at bcleveland00@comcast.net.

Play Day 2007!

Play Day 2007 is quickly approaching. All Mitchell students are excited and looking forward to this special day. The theme this year will be Adventure.

The format will be very similar to Play Day 2006. We will have stations featuring activities in the adventure theme that the students will rotate through. The students will be in groups of approximately 7-8 students in each group. First through fifth grades will enjoy a movie in the library when they are not outside playing. This will give the students a full day of adventure-filled activities!

Like last year, we will need many parent volunteers to run the stations. So, if you are feeling a little adventurous, and would like to

spend a super day playing with the students, please let your child's teacher know that you would like to be a part of play day. We could not have such a successful and fun day without our volunteers.

The dates for play day are as follows:

May 14, 2007 1st and 2nd

May 15, 2007 3rd and 4th

May 16, 2007 Kindergarten

May 18, 2007 5th grade

Like to Bike Ride?

The Outdoor Adventure Club is looking for adults to help accompany a group of children on its after school, bi-weekly bike rides. Riders must be comfortable on a bicycle and able to ride 2-3 miles easily. The dates needed are Tuesdays and Thursdays April 10 & 12, April 24 & 26, and May 8 & 10.

The rides will be from 3:55 to 5:00 pm on those days. If you are interested, please contact John McNett at the school, 299-1937, or better yet, e-mail him at: mcnett@aps.edu.

Mustangs Win Temple Tournament!!!

March Madness was alive and well at Temple Academy the weekend of March 23 –24. The Mitchell basketball team entered the Temple tournament along with nine other local teams to compete for the first place title. The first game for the co-ed Mustang team was on Friday night against Governor Bent. The Mustangs won their first game but had to face Bel Air on Saturday. Bel Air had beaten the feared Alamosa team the night before in a nail-bitter. The Mustangs ended up losing this hard-fought game against Bel Air, 20 – 38, which put them in the lower bracket. But, despite the odds, the team went on to play three tough, consecutive games after this, and, made it to the championship game Saturday night, at 7:00 pm-- only to face Bel Air once more.

The Mustangs were so filled with energy and thrilled to be in the final game. They had played 5 hard games and were starting to show signs of fatigue, however, their desire to win took over. The boys and girls played terrific team ball, overcoming Bel Air with a final score of 32-31! The team was filled with elation and the celebration began!

Game 1 vs. Governor Bent 37-17
Game 2 vs. Bel Air 20-38
Game 3 vs. Armijo 27-22
Game 4 vs. Barelás 33-31
Game 5 vs. Temple 38-25
Game 6 vs. Bel Air 32-31

Way to go Mustangs!!!

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From the April Library Bookshelf:

Our Book Fair was a great success. Thank you to all the students and their families who participated. We are a very generous and caring community. Businesses and students were asked to contribute money to our **ONE FOR BOOKS** program which gave many of our students the ability to take home a book and read. **These are the very special people who gave others the gift of literacy:**

ALBUQUERQUE GYM SCHOOL (Linda and John Charzak) \$100.00
LESLIE H. HUTCHINS D.D.S., P.C. \$50.00
APPLE MOUNTAIN MUSIC \$25.00
JESS' ECONOMY TIRE \$25.00
FOSTER UPHOLSTERY (Ed Foster) \$20.00

STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

THE \$20.00 CLUB: OLIVIA SEARS

THE \$10.00 CLUB: RACHEL UDALL ABBY WHITE

THE \$6.00 – \$10.00 CLUB: RACHEL ROSE J.B. MARTINEZ CAROLINE CAFFERY
CONNOR CAFFEREY MADISON CONRAD ANDREW VEGA

THE \$5.00 CLUB:

BRYCE HILL JANELLE KOVALSKI JULIAN MARTINEZ DANIEL ZETER CASEY COLLIER
JACOB JONES LINDSAY IRWIN BETH KAESTNER ISAIAH MCREAKEN
CATIE STURGESS SCHALIP FAMILY ADRIANNA MUNGER CALEB JARAMILLO
ROJO FAMILY KATIE BELT MCDONALD GEORGE MARTINEZ JAYLEN DOMINO LOVATO
CHRISTINA SILACHANH

THE UNDER 5.00 CLUB:

MARYNA MATHEWS NAPASHYA REYNOLDS BOBBY REHREN-ZEPEDA ALYSON BEGAY
LIANNA RANKIN KATIE LAUBIN RUBEN MEDINA NIKI HULTQUIST RABYA EHSAQZODA
STERLING MANCUSO NATALIA CHAVEZ ALEXIS HENDRICKSON ASPEN HOTCHKISS
BRENDEN JACKSON CALEB ELLINGTON KEITH GARCIA SAMUEL GROSSO
SEARA BURTON MCKENNA CHAPMAN ANDRES FLORES TAYLOR KELLY
MERCEDES ESTES DALE CHAPMAN HAYNELYEN ARISMENDI MARCUS FERGUSON
TYLER MCLELLAN BECCA SEDILLO MICHELLE PRINCE FLAVIO ARELLANO

And last, but never least, were our wonderful volunteers who made this Book Fair the success it was!
PAULA ADAMS, JENNIFER BROWN-ELLINGTON, BERNADETTE BURR, LYNELLA FERGUSON,
JILL HOTCHKISS, CARLA IRWIN, MARTHA KURLEY, JAN REHREN-ZEPEDA, STACY STURGESS,
JENNY WHITE

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