



# Mitchell Mustang

Volume 31 Issue 6

February 2007

## From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents,

On February 6, Albuquerque voters will be asked to go to the polls to vote on extending the current two-mill levy to maintain school facilities for students and staff. If passed, the mill levy will not raise taxes, but it will provide \$157 million to keep schools in good repair with money for projects like lighting, fire protection, painting, and roof maintenance and repair. The mill levy will also buy new furniture for schools and fund upgrades for heating and cooling, electrical service to schools, and wiring for computers in schools.

Please vote on February 6... it's about the kids.

For more information on the mill levy and the projects included, see the article on page 2 or you may visit [www.voteaps.com](http://www.voteaps.com).

*Raquel Reedy*

Principal

### Important Dates

- Feb. 5: PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Feb. 9: In-service, No School
- Feb. 19: Presidents' Day, No School
- Feb.20-Mar.2: Book Fair
- Feb.26-Mar. 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1 pm Dismissal
- Feb.26 -Mar. 23: 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Testing
- Feb. 28: Book Fair Family Night



---

## Spelling Bee

The Mitchell Spelling Bee was held in the library on December 8, 2006. It was a lot of fun! Each 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classroom sent their top two spellers to the Bee. These 18 participants were Seara Burton, Jimmy Quach, Ryan Eggersdorf, Sara Asfan, Ernesto Gutierrez, Cameron Saunders, Caryn Dannenbaum-Phillips, Olivia McInnis, Liam Schwantes, Alyson Begay, Kassie Gomez, Abraham Haddad, Cody Spear, Caleb Ellington, Emily Lutz, Rachel Rose, Ryan Schalip, and Shelby Suber. Congratulations to all of these students!

We are proud to announce that our 1st place Spelling Bee Champion was Caryn Dannenbaum-Phillips. She is a 5th grader in Mrs. Sandoval/Mrs. Botz's class. Our runner up was Ryan Schalip, a 5th grader in Mrs. Kuebler's class. Our third place winner was Ernesto Gutierrez, a 4th grader in Mr. McNett's class. He deserves our congratulations as well as he has only been speaking English for 2 years! Way to go Ernesto! Caryn and Ryan represented Mitchell at the Eldorado Cluster Spelling Bee at Oate Elementary School on January 16, 2007. They did an outstanding job and we are very proud of them!

[pto.org](http://pto.org), [www.mitchellpto.org](http://www.mitchellpto.org), [www.mitchellpto.org](http://www.mitchellpto.org), [www.mitchellpto.org](http://www.mitchellpto.org)

**From the PTO President's Desk...**

We will be starting our cookie dough fundraiser February 5. This is our last BIG fundraiser of the year. Our goal for the cookie dough is to raise \$8000. We need this money in order to fund the bus field trips for the school (we provide the cost of the bus - one for each class, not the cost of the field trip), to help support the after school programs, and to provide a very small stipend for the teachers. Please consider helping - if you do NOT wish to sell cookie dough, perhaps you could donate some money instead. It is not mandatory that you participate, but we hope you will consider helping us to provide a few extras for Mitchell Students.

Thank you to all who came to the Mitchell Movie Night. We are planning on hosting another FREE family event before the end of the year - more info to come.

We will be meeting this month on Monday February 5th. Hope to see you there.

Edie Guess  
President

For additional info on Mitchell PTO check out: [www.mitchellpto.org](http://www.mitchellpto.org)



**Vote APS on Feb. 6th!**  
*Albuquerque Public Schools Mill Levy  
and Board of Education Election*

On **Feb. 6, 2007**, an election is being held for the Albuquerque Public Schools. Voters will have the opportunity to decide whether to invest in our community's educational future. On the ballot is a \$157 million mill levy proposal for school maintenance and improvements. This election is the only source that schools have for the majority of the maintenance and repair of schools in Albuquerque. Funds from this election will be used to pay for everything from painting classrooms to repairing roofs and athletic fields. The approval of the mill levy will not raise taxes. Voters in some areas of Albuquerque also will have the chance to elect their representative to the APS Board of Education.

**What will a 'Yes' vote mean to APS students?**

The money will be used to make needed repairs or improvements at existing schools and new school sites. Every school in the district will benefit from the passage of this Mill Levy. APS is continuing to replace outdated heating and cooling equipment, buy new furniture for classrooms, and improve mechanical systems - electrical, plumbing and fire protection. Funds will

also provide connections for student computers. If APS voters approve the 2007 two-mill levy, the New Mexico Public School Capital Outlay Council is expected to provide \$11.4 million in matching funds for school maintenance and renovation in the APS district.

**What would a 'NO' vote mean to students?**

If the Feb. 6, 2007, Mill Levy election fails, APS will not have the money needed to do maintenance and repair of schools and classrooms over the next six years.

**If passed, will the Mill Levy election raise my taxes?**

No tax rate increase is necessary if voters approve the continuance of the two-mill levy for school maintenance and repair. Approval by voters will not increase the mill levy from its current rate of \$2 per \$1,000 of net taxable value, or \$8.33 a month on a \$150,000 home--a good investment in our children's education.

## From The February Library Bookshelf:

An important date to remember is **February 6, 2007**. There is a Mill Levy being considered by voters to provide funding for new schools on the West Side. They currently do not have funding for their libraries. If the Mill Levy passes, our school library will **not** be affected. If, however, the Mill Levy does not pass, then our library funding will be decreased in order to provide these new libraries with their needs. So please **VOTE** on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** is arriving **February 16<sup>th</sup>**. We will be "Reading On a Beach." Think Summer and begin preparing for your child's summer reading with a treasure chest full of summer books. Summer reading lists will be available to help you choose your books.

Our **ONE FOR BOOKS** program will once again be a part of our Book Fair. If you can, send in \$1.00 or more to allow other students who cannot afford to buy books, to choose a "free" book from the Book Fair. Fill out the form below and send it and the money in an envelope with your child to school. Your child will then be entered in a drawing for prizes and participate in a Library Pizza Party.

**Volunteers** are once again needed for this Book Fair. If you can help in any way, please fill out the form below and send it to the school office ASAP



### ONE FOR BOOKS

To: Mitchell Elementary

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your contribution to our school and students.

### TEACHER GIFT CERTIFICATE

Teacher Receiving Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Donating: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in amount and staple check or cash to the certificate. Send both to the Mitchell Office or Library.



\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I can help with the Book Fair

I would like to:

- Decorate the Library for Fair \_\_\_\_\_
- Assist children and parents in locating books \_\_\_\_\_
- Cashier \_\_\_\_\_
- Security \_\_\_\_\_
- Help Set up Book Fair Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_
- Set up Classroom Wish List \_\_\_\_\_
- Help plan & assist at the Family Event \_\_\_\_\_
- Send out Request For Donation Letters to Businesses \_\_\_\_\_
- Help with the One For Books Pizza Party \_\_\_\_\_
- Hang posters around school Feb. 19, Monday between 8:30 and 9:30 am. \_\_\_\_\_
- Remove posters March 5<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_



My Child's Name is \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name is \_\_\_\_\_

I Can Be Reached At: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

My Name Is: \_\_\_\_\_

M  
U  
S  
T  
A  
N  
G

# MITCHELL MUSTANG

## Yearbooks

Be on the look out for yearbook order forms! They will be handed out in your child's room or you may pick one up in the office after Feb.12.



## Basketball Highlights

The Mitchell Mustangs Boys Basketball team won their first game on the road against Armijo. The final score was 35-17. The Mustangs came out strong, with Cameron Holland leading the scoring with 14 points and 5 rebounds. Ryan Schalip helped the team with some awesome defense with 7 rebounds and 4 points. Paul, Chris, Flavio, Kendall, Traxler, and Liam all scored points, and every team member made some key rebounds to help the Mustangs to victory. The Mustangs did a great job playing together as a team.

The boys played their second game of the season at the Barelvas Community Center Gym. The Barelvas gym is a full-sized court, complete with beachers and a scoreboard. The boys were so excited to play in this environment—they felt like they were playing in The Pit! Barelvas played a very tough game, however, the Mustangs came out on top, winning the game with a score of 28-26. Cameron led the way with 19 points, 14 rebounds, 1 steal, and 1 block. Paul, Jacob, and Liam all helped to make the 28 points. Liam had 6 great steals, helping the Mustangs to gain more points.

The team then traveled to La Mesa on January 10 to face the Wild Cats on their home court. The game was a very physical, defensive struggle from the beginning. At half time, the Mustangs were ahead by four points, but the second half proved to be more challenging. La Mesa became much more aggressive and, unfortunately, we ended up with two players hurt on the bench. The final score was La Mesa 23—Mitchell 20. The Mustangs continued to play hard and with good sportsmanship, in spite of the physical nature of the game. Good job, Mustangs, on a game well played.

The Mitchell Mustang Girls Basketball team had their first game on January 17 at our home gym. The girls' first opponent were the Cougars from Governor Bent. The Cougars were very physical and played a very fast-paced game. The Mustangs scored 16 points and played hard the entire game. The Cougars' excellent shooting skills proved to be a big factor in the game. The final score was Cougars 30—Mustangs 16. The girls gained valuable experience from their first game and played with excellent sportsmanship.

Please **REMEMBER** that the **Clothing Bank** accepts donations all year. You may drop off any items at the Office.

Commercial · Residential · Remodel  
New Construction · Sheet Metal · Service Calls

**Hausermann  
Mechanical**

Lic # 93951, Bonded

John Hausermann

(505) 459-5730

Upcoming Event...

### Family Science Night

Date: Wednesday, April 11th

Time: 6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Location: Mitchell Elementary  
School

Activities, exhibits, experiments,  
and much more!