



Mitchell Mustang

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From the Principal's Desk...

Important Dates

- Feb. 1: Mitchell Night @ Thunderbirds
- Feb. 4: PTO Meeting, 6:30
- Feb. 4: 5th Grade Orientation Night @ Hoover
- Feb. 13: Spelling Bee, Grades 3-5
- Feb. 18: President's Day, No School
- Feb. 25-29: Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1pm Dismissal

Dear Parents,

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be taking the Standards-Based Assessment beginning Monday, February 25. We hope to complete the testing and any make-ups by Wednesday, March 12th. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be testing for approximately two hours each morning and one hour each afternoon. Please remind your child to try and do his/her best in each subject area (reading, math, writing, and science).

You can help your child perform his/her best by making sure that he/she gets a good night sleep, eats a healthy breakfast each morning, and comes to school encouraged and confident. A few extra hugs and words of encouragement are always recommended!

Please let your child's teacher know if he/she is experiencing any worries about testing. Reminding your child to take a few deep breaths before and during the test will help him/her focus and remain calm. You can also send your child with a healthy snack. Our teachers suggest pretzels, trail mix, fruit slices, or crunchy vegetables.

Attendance is vital every school day, but especially during testing. It is important for you to know that a student cannot enter the classroom once testing begins, so please make sure that your child is on time each morning. We remain confident in our Mitchell students' skills and abilities. We believe that all of our students will continue to meet the New Mexico state requirements for Adequate Yearly Progress and we appreciate your help and support in these efforts.

Sincerely,
Debbie Garrison
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS!

In December four Mitchell staff members became college graduates:

- LeAnne Clark Masters of Business Administration
- Ed Browitt Bachelor of Science in Education – Special Education
- Brandee Martinelli Bachelor of Science in Education – Teaching English to Students of Other Languages
- Stephen Saenz, Jr. Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, with a minor in Social Welfare

In February we will have three staff members certified in *Mind in the Making*. This program, designed by the Families and Work Institute in New York, focuses on what the latest brain research tells us about early learning and how to use this knowledge in everyday practice. **Susan Coopersmith, Vickie Crook, and Romaine Dunn** will be sharing the current research with our staff.



Interested in Mitchell PTO, check us out at :

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APS Transfer Process to Begin for the 2008-2009 School Year

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Families who are seeking to have their child attend an Albuquerque Public School outside of their designated attendance area can apply for a transfer beginning February 1, 2008. The first window of opportunity will run from February 1, 2008, through March 15, 2008. Individuals can apply for a transfer by contacting the APS Student, School and Community Service Center at 6400 Uptown Blvd. NE Suite 100 West. Applications and transfer information are also available on-line (www.aps.edu, link to Service Center from the home page) and in the main office here at Mitchell. Transfer applications will be accepted under the Open Enrollment and No Child Left Behind provisions.

Transfers will be granted on a space-available basis and in compliance with State and Federal requirements. As per legislation, we will be using a random lottery system in granting transfer approvals, following the prescribed priority system.

Students who currently have an approved transfer do not need to re-apply unless they are changing schools. They will be considered a "rollover" transfer if they remain at that school site. "Rollover" transfers do not apply from one school to its feeder school. Feel free to contact the Student Service Center at 855-9050 or 855-9040 for more information on the student transfer process.

We have several students here at Mitchell on transfers and they, along with our neighborhood students, have enabled us to maintain a very stable population. We are small enough to provide a personal education for our students, while being large enough to offer a full complement of academic programs (music/art, PE, counseling, and technology).

CHESS MEET



Congratulations to the Mitchell Chess Team for winning 8 games at the Jan 23rd Abq. Schools Chess League here at Mitchell. Players are: Brendon Gray, Caleb Ellington, Daniel Zeter, Athena Kyriacou, Ernesto Gutierrez, Caleb Holloway, Cole Babcock, Remy Feldman, Mikaela Montroy, James Horsechief, Tanner Foust, Daniel Bruce, Thomas Loucks, David Burr, and Ian Russell.

The team remained in the top five in the overall standings with two more meets to go!
Way to go Mustangs!!!!

Thank You!

A million thanks for all of your old ink cartridges. We have earned approximately \$200.00 from your old computer ink cartridges. When your computer says, "low ink", THINK MITCHELL. Keep sending in your dry cartridges.

Just a reminder!



We gratefully accept clothing donations all year. Just bring your clean usable jackets, clothes and shoes to the office and we will deliver them to The Clothing Bank. Thank you for your continued support!

The next time you walk past a class doing a math lesson, be prepared to hear a lot of excitement!

We are proud to be an Everyday Math School! As a staff we stand behind and support this rich math curriculum. EDM was designed to maximize student learning while focusing on:

- High expectations for all students
- Concepts and skills developed over time and in a wide variety of contexts
- Dynamic applications
- Multiple methods and strategies for problem solving

The University of Chicago developed Everyday Math. The EDM curriculum provides our children with the tools they need to be life-long mathematical thinkers.

Remember: You can access Everyday Math Games on-line. It is a fun and educational way to sharpen those math skills.



MITCHELL BASKETBALL

Come out to the Mitchell gym on Wednesday afternoons and have some fun watching your Mustang basketball teams. Both teams are playing very well. You will see team work, good sportsmanship, and a very exciting game! The boys and girls always bring their best effort to the game in true Mitchell pride!

Girls Basketball

12/5/07	vs. Gov. Bent	loss	15-35
12/12/07	vs. Bel Air	loss	24-33
1/ 9/08	vs. Armijo	win	36-10
1/16/08*	vs. Temple - see below		

Boys Basketball

12/5/07	vs. Gov Bent	win	47-14
12/12/07	vs. Bel Air	win	39-34
12/19/07	vs. Cochiti	win	63-43
1/9/08	vs. Armijo	loss	34-44
1/16/08 *	vs. Temple	win	39-28

Boys Stats

As of 1/16/08, the Boys' record is 4 wins: 1 loss and they have scored a total of 222 points, averaging 44 points/game. They have kept their opponents to a total of 164 points, with 32 points / game.

Way to go!

(Girls stats next month)

* Boys & Girls Combined into a Co-ed team



Mitchell Mustangs Girls Basketball Schedule 2007-2008

Go Mustangs!!

1/16/08	3:00 pm	Temple	Home
1/23/089	2:45 pm	Bye	Bye
1/30/08	2:45 pm	Bye	Bye
2/06/08	2:45 pm	Bye	Bye
2/13/08	2:45 pm	Alamosa	Alamosa
2/20/08	2:45 pm	Gov. Bent	Home
2/27/08	2:45 pm	Bel Air	Home
3/05/08	2:45 pm	Armijo	Home
3/12/08	2:45 pm	Temple	Home
3/19/08	2:45 pm	Alamosa	Home

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From the February Library Bookshelf:

"TAKE A READING ROAD TRIP" with us February 19 – 29 with Scholastic Book Fairs. Think **summer** and begin preparing for your child's summer reading with a car or truck full of summer books. Books also make terrific gifts for any occasion!

Our **ONE FOR BOOKS** program will once again be a part of our Book Fair. It has already made a difference in so many of our students' lives. Your past generosity was so very appreciated by these students. 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.

All students donating \$1.00 or more will be invited to a **Library Pizza Party** to show our appreciation. Also, with a donation of \$5.00 or more, your child will be entered in a drawing for prizes. And don't forget to add to your classroom library. This is a good time to buy an end-of- the-school-year present for your teacher.

Family Night will be February 27th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Buy books that night and be entered in a drawing for prizes. Visit with Clifford The Big Red Dog from 6:00 to 6:45 pm.

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. We will meet at 1:00pm Feb. 13 to organize ourselves. Everyone is welcome.



ONE FOR BOOKS DONATION

I would like to donate \$_____ so others may read.

My name is _____ Teacher's Name _____



TEACHER WISH LIST

Teacher to Receive Certificate _____

Student Donating _____ Amount _____



VOLUNTEER FORM FOR BOOK FAIR

I would like to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hang posters around school 2/22 between 8:30-9:30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Remove posters on March 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorate library | <input type="checkbox"/> Cashier sales during school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help set up Fair Feb 15th starting at 2:30 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Help students locate books |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist on Family Night | <input type="checkbox"/> Security |

Name _____ Child's Name _____

Teacher _____ Phone _____ Cell _____