



Mitchell Mustang

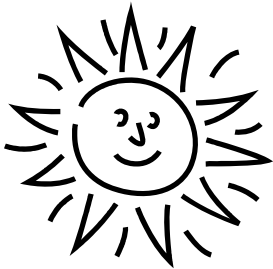
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From the Principal's Desk...

Important Dates

- May 4: PTO Meeting, 6 p.m.
- May 11-15: Play Days (see below)
- May 18: 5th Grade Party
- May 22: Last Day of School, 3:40 pm Dismissal



Have a Great
Summer!

Mitchell Mustang Newsletter

Mitchell Mustang is sponsored by the Mitchell PTO.
For more info go to:
www.mitchellpto.org

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for making our Cancer Awareness Day such a success. We have about three weeks left of school, and we ask for your help in keeping our students on task. Even though vacation is just around the corner, we still have some important learning left to do! We often have parents ask how they can help their students stay involved in learning over the summer months. There are a number of activities available, and many of them are free or low-cost. The New Mexico Kids! Family Magazine is an excellent resource, and can be found at local grocery stores and restaurants. Most importantly, don't forget to just spend time reading and writing with your children this summer. Let them take the lead in the topics they wish to explore with you. Take them to the library, buy them notebooks to record their thoughts, and encourage them to read, read, read.

Thank you to our dedicated and loving staff for helping our children learn, grow, and mature not only in academics but also as good citizens. Thank you to our PTO for working so hard to make our school the best elementary school in Albuquerque. And finally, I want to thank each and every family for helping to make this year such a success for our children.

Please be sure to keep an eye on our marquee, the Mitchell website (www.aps.edu/aps/mitchell/index.html), and the Mitchell PTO website (www.MitchellPTO.org) for important dates and other information regarding next school year.

For those families leaving Mitchell, good luck in your future endeavors. For those who will be returning, I look forward to seeing your children this fall, full of energy and ready for a brand new school year. I hope you have a relaxing summer.

Debbie Garrison
Principal

Play Day Schedule

- 1st & 2nd Grades: May 11
- 3rd & 4th Grades: May 12
- Kindergarten: May 13
- Weather Day: May 14
- 5th Grade: May 15

Volunteers Are Needed! Please let Coach Aragon or your child's teacher know if you can help. Don't forget hats, sunscreen & water bottles.

CANCER AWARENESS DAY

Thank you to all who helped make the first Mitchell Elementary Cancer Awareness Day a success. This day was such an important day for our community, as we paid tribute to our staff living with cancer and honored the victims of cancers we have lost.

Parents and staff put in hours of time organizing, distributing flyers, collecting donations, designing shirts and water bottles, making posters, and so much more. Our staff, parents and extended community is such a giving and caring community, and that is what makes Mitchell Elementary such a special place. Please take a moment and read through our list of donors below. Be sure and let them know how much we appreciate their contributions.



***Thank you to all our generous Contributors and Volunteers
who made this a momentous event – You Are AWESOME!!***



Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Museum
– Jennifer Taylor
Albuquerque Isotopes Baseball Club
Beijo Bag Independent Distributor Nancy O'Neil
Ben E. Keith
Cub Scout Pack #386
Breast Cancer Resource Center
Chili's Restaurant
Cochiti Golf Course
Costco - Eubank
Costco - Renaissance
Courtyard by Marriott Journal Center
da Vinci's Gourmet Pizza
Deb Garrison
Defined Fitness
Dennis Chavez at Matthew Lee's Hair Styling
Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center of New Mexico
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Eldorado High School Honor Society
Flying Star
Giggles The Clown – Dorothy Carroll
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Girl Scout Troop #1624
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Smoothie King
Starbuck's
Souper Salad
Sweet Tomatoes
Trader Joe's
Kimberly Thomson & National Student
Nurses Association
UNM Cancer Center
UNM Cheerleaders
Wal-Mart—Eubank

***... and of course, our FANTASTIC Mitchell Elementary Staff,
Mitchell Community, Mitchell Parents & Mitchell PTO***

**NOTICE!!!
APS CAFETERIA CHARGING
AND REQUIRED PAYMENT
POLICIES**

- All balances for 08-09 school years must be paid by May 22nd.
- Any unpaid balances will rollover to beginning of student's 09-10 school years. Please pay now so there is no confusion and your student starts next year in a positive direction. (APS previously cleared unpaid balances, this is no longer allowed. **Payment in full, is required.**)
- **REMEMBER:** Approvals for reduced meals require a new application to be filled out annually. Applications will be available at time of registration.
- **Any questions regarding students accounts please call Mitchell Elementary at 299-3821.**

WILDFEST

WILDFEST is a community education day organized annually by Talking Talons Youth Leadership. At **WILDFEST**, youth of all ages can learn about the environment, wildlife, and personal health in an atmosphere of fun and discovery.

WILDFEST features environmental educators, amazing wildlife, youth development groups, a **health fair**, and fun for the whole family!

Don't miss out on your chance to attend this year's event! **WILDFEST 2009** will be held on **Saturday, July 25** from **10 am – 4 pm** at **Roosevelt Middle School** in Tijeras, NM.

For more information, visit www.wildfest2009.com!

**A Special Thank You
to Our PTO Volunteers**

This month the PTO recognizes **TyAnna Lovato** and **Kelly Lotrich**, our Co-Vice-Presidents, and **Stacy Scott-Sturgess**, Volunteer Coordinator. We really appreciate the time and hard work you put in to our school to make this year a great success!!

**ATTENTION ALL 5TH GRADE
PARENTS! SAVE THE DATE!**

The 5th grade party will be Monday, May 18 from 2:15 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. This is a nice way to celebrate our 5th graders as they get ready to move into middle school. We will have pizza, drinks and ice cream for the celebration!

You will be receiving a flyer after Spring Break asking for help with the food and for parents to help at the party.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Zeter (Daniel's mom) at 237-1869.

Hope you can help!

Thank You...



...to the Sturgess family for bringing us the play "A Fish Tale." Also thank you to UNM Theatre Tour Show for putting on such a wonderful performance!

From the May Library Bookshelf...

- We have had a great year in the library. Thank you to all of our volunteers, without you I could not accomplish as much as we do together.
- Please continue to Read and use the **Public Library on Juan Tabo** this summer. They have a great reading incentive program for children.
- Before the end of the school year please **LOOK FOR ANY LOST BOOKS** in your collection and **RETURN** them to our Library for next year.
- Carissa Rosin (Marketing Coord.), Amelie (Manager) and Dion's hosted our **ONE FOR BOOKS** Pizza Party for the children who donated their hard earned money so other children could read. The children had a wonderful time. Thank you to **DION'S** on Montgomery and Morris. Also, thank you Jan Rehren for coordinating this event. **Next time you visit DION'S tell Michelle, the manager, how much we appreciate their support of our school.**
- Lastly, if there are any books in your collection that you no longer need or want, consider **DONATING** these to our Library. We are always in need of books in good condition that children enjoy reading . A Book Plate will be placed on the inside front cover of the book with your child's name as the one who donated this book(s).
- Lastly, please shop at Barnes & Noble in Coronado on May 22-24 for your summer reading. A portion of your sale will go to our library for books. Take in the book mark that was sent home- and give it to the cashier.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER READING
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**

Chess Club Follow-Up

Thanks for another great year of chess. The success of the program comes from the steady support of all the families involved. A special thanks goes out to parents Devin Gray and Cathy Evans for their help with the program. We hope to see you all again next year for chess club.

PTO's Budget 2009-2010

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>PROJECTED</u>
Peelers (Sept)	\$5400.
Fall Festival (Oct)	3000.
Chocolate Bars	5000.
Jog-a-thon	5000.
Booster/Membership	1000.
School Pictures	1000.
Family Night Out	300.
T-shirts	150.
Box Tops	300.
Target	150.
Albertson's	100.
TOTAL	\$24,100.
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>PROJECTED</u>
Copy Machine	4000.
After School Programs	3000.
Handbooks	650.
Staff Support/ Discretionary	4500.
Newsletter	900.
Computer Lab	1500.
Field Trips	3000.
Hospitality	1200.
Community Outreach	1200.
Chorus	200.
Community Nights	300.
Play Day	600.
Corporate Bond	150.
5th Grade Party	300.
Website	400.
Office Supplies	250.
TOTAL	\$22,150.

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Summer Science Adventure Camp

Register now for Talking Talons Youth Leadership's **Summer Science Adventure Camp!** With dynamic activities involving live hawks, falcons, owls, bats and reptiles, this camp is a great way to learn about wildlife around the world. There will be field trips and hikes, art and sport activities, and lots of public speaking opportunities. Ages 6-12.

This exciting adventure day camp will be running three two-week sessions:

Session 1: June 15-26

Session 2: July 13-24

Session 3: August 3-14

One session costs \$300/child, with sibling discounts available.

For more information, please contact Deidre Linden at 281.1133 x7#, email her at deidre@talkingtalons.net, or check out our website: www.talkingtalons.net.

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Stop the Summer Slide!

Join our Mustang Summer Reading Club

Sponsored by our own

Mitchell Teachers

Tuesday and Thursday 10-11:15 AM

In the Library

Beginning May 28

Sign up today!

Questions?

Call Mrs. Weninger, 299-1937

Only 36 slots!



Fill out and return to Mrs. Weninger

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Teacher's Name _____

E-mail Address _____

PARENT COMMITMENT:

I will be responsible for my child getting to and from MSRC. _____

Initials

PRIDE COMMITMENT:

I will come to Mustang Reading Club prepared, take responsibility for my behavior, make good choices, be dedicated to learning, and show a caring attitude towards others.

Student Signature