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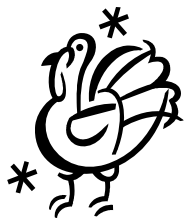
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## From the Principal's Desk...

### Important Dates

- Nov. 5: PTO Meeting, 6:30pm
- Nov. 9: In-Service Day, No School
- Nov. 12-16: Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1 pm Dismissal all week
- Nov. 21-23: Thanksgiving Break



Dear Parents,

We look forward to welcoming our students' family members to school during conference week, November 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Family members look forward to hearing the successes and challenges that face their child in the classroom. Teachers look forward to sharing anecdotes, data, and information about each child in their classroom.

### *The steps to ensuring a productive conference include the following:*

- Review the parent friendly standards for your child's grade so you know what content he/she will cover during the school year.
- Reflect upon how you and your child are managing homework time. Write down any questions you may have about classroom procedures or your child's progress and bring them to the conference.

### *During the conference you should expect to:*

- See samples of your child's class work
- Review your child's Standards Based Progress Report with the teacher.
- Discuss any concerns you or the teacher may have about your child's academic progress, social skills development, or behavior.
- Celebrate the progress made by your child since August 14, 2007!!!

Conference time is valuable for all of the participants. We appreciate the time you set aside to come to school for your child and his/her teacher.

Since the beginning of the school all Mitchell students, grades K-5, have taken district assessments for math and/or reading. These tests have provided baseline data regarding student academic performance. These fall scores, along with scores from last spring, are used to determine if a student is at risk for not mastering the standards for their specific grade level. Students who do not achieve academic proficiency levels on district assessments are qualified for an Academic Improvement Plan (AIP). The classroom teacher, together with the student's parent(s), develops the initial AIP, at the fall parent-teacher conference. This written AIP must include:

- The specific academic deficiencies to be addressed through remediation
- The specific, research-based remediation strategies/ interventions to be applied
- Timelines
- Measurements (short cycle assessments) to be used to determine if the student is overcoming the deficiencies
- The academic expectations (performance criteria) to define what proficiency will look like.

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**From the Principal's Desk, cont...**

The classroom teacher is responsible for implementing the AIP and documenting student progress. Students will take the same assessments in the winter (January) and spring (April). If the student fails to make adequate yearly progress on these assessments, the Student Assistance Team (SAT) will meet with the classroom teacher and the parent to discuss student progress and other interventions, including summer school and retention.

If you would like further information regarding the assessments, please speak to your child's teacher or call the office.

Debbie Garrison, Principal

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FALL FESTIVAL THANK YOU



A HUGE "thank you" to all the parents, teachers, students, and businesses who made Fall Festival such a great success!! We couldn't have done it without all of your help! A special thanks to the Maes Family for once again donating their time and hot air balloon. This year each booth was sponsored by a local business. We also received donations from many other businesses and we would like to thank them for supporting our school. In turn, let's support them when we can and say "thanks for helping Mitchell."

- ABC Cakes
- A Taste of Italy
- Albuquerque Gymnastic School
- All Class Electric
- Applebee's
- Apple Mountain Music
- Barbara Fort Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Bare Necessities
- Chili's
- Chuck E. Cheese's
- Courtyard by Marriot
- Defined Fitness
- Dion's
- Fantastic Sam's
- Foster's Upholstery
- Great American Land & Cattle Co.
- Great Harvest Bread Co.
- Hilton of Albuquerque
- Hinkle Family Fun Center
- Impressions Hair Salon
- Isleta Golf Course

- Laffs Comedy Club
- McDonald's
- Mitchell Parents
- Morris & Comanche Auto Service
- Olive Garden
- Pasquale Reality
- Pelican's Restaurant
- Red Brick Pizza
- Relay NM Phone Service for the Deaf  
& Hard of Hearing
- Sandia Casino
- Scarpas
- Spectators Sports Bar & Grill
- Staples
- Starbucks
- Sonic
- Tomato Cafe
- Tucanos
- Wild Oats
- ZiaFe.net

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**Entertainment Books**  
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**Donations Needed for the Nurse's Office...**  
Please send in new pairs of girl's socks and underwear (all sizes).

## From the November Library Bookshelf...

The **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** will be here in the Mitchell Library from Nov. 2nd through the 16th. The theme will be "A Book Fair Blizzard". It is a great Arctic theme filled with imagination, polar bears and fun.

The hours will be:      Nov. 2-16 8:40am to 4.00pm  
                                 Nov. 15 (Family Night) 5:30pm to 7:00pm

On Family Night we will have a drawing for a \$10.00 gift certificate and other prizes for all purchases of \$5.00 or more. We will also have fingerprinting in the library for all parents who wish to have their child fingerprinted for safety. Geronimo Stilton will be visiting during the Family Event. Look for our Book Fair Flyers going out the month of November.

**This Book Fair is a huge fundraiser for our library** and we look forward to seeing you and your family.

Remember the holiday season begins in November and **Books Make Great Gifts for all reasons and seasons!**

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**If anyone has a TV that is in good operating condition, 21 inches or more, we would appreciate the donation for one of our classrooms.**

**Mitchell Clean-Up Day**  
**Saturday, November 17th**  
**8:30-11:30 a.m.**



Let's get together and pick up trash, trim the bushes, and weed. We made such a big difference last year, let's keep Mitchell beautiful. Bring your work gloves, trimmers, and weeding tools. Together, we can make a difference!

**Collet Park Elementary School's**  
**12th Annual Craft Fair**  
2100 Morris Avenue  
December 1st, 9 am-4 pm



### **Pay for School Lunches Online**

You can now pay for school lunches without leaving home! Just go to [mylunchmoney.com](http://mylunchmoney.com) and enter "Albuquerque Public Schools" in the district category, then "Search." A list of individual school names comes up and you can select Mitchell. **Note:** If you type in "Mitchell Elementary" in the school name it will say that it has no record of it. So be sure to enter APS and then search.



### **THANKSGIVING LUNCH**

Thanksgiving Lunch will be served on Friday, November 16th. If you are interested in having lunch with your child that day, please call Bev in the cafeteria 299-3821 to make reservations.

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

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## Mitchell Kids Corner

A cat was hiding behind a pumpkin. He was cute.

Crystal Pacheco

First Grade

This is my dog. Her name is Kerbey. She is a dalmation. She went Trick or Treating with my day and me. It was a stormy night. When we got home we had lots of candy. When he ate all the candy we had a tummy ache.

After we let out tummies set we ate dinner.

Samantha Jackson

First Grade

The house was haunted and the floor creaked so was the door creak.

The ghost said BOO!

Isaiah Mejei

First Grade

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### Thanksgiving Word Scrambles

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### Answers

Corn  
Turkey  
Family  
Candies  
Pumpkin pie

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