



# Mitchell Mustang

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## Important Dates

- Nov. 3: PTO Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 3-21: Book Fair
- Nov. 4: No Classes, Election Day
- Nov. 5: Literacy Luncheon, 11:30-1 p.m.
- Nov. 11: No Classes, Veterans' Day & Read-a-thon Begins
- Nov. 17-21: P/T Conferences, 1 p.m. Dismissal & Clothing Drive
- Nov. 27-28: No Classes, Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 28-30: Barnes & Noble holds Book Fair for Mitchell



## Mitchell Mustang Newsletter

Submission deadline for the Dec. Issue is Friday, Nov. 14. Send articles to: [newsletter@mitchellpto.org](mailto:newsletter@mitchellpto.org)  
Mitchell Mustang is sponsored by the Mitchell PTO. For more info go to: [www.mitchellpto.org](http://www.mitchellpto.org)

## From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents,

Wow, the Fun Run was some fun! I so enjoyed spending time on the field with students and parents. I want to thank our amazing PTO for all of the hard work that went into the Fun Run. We did not raise as much money as we had hoped, so we may end up selling something later in the year. We will keep you posted.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Literacy Luncheon on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 - 1:00. Each classroom will be celebrating literacy with presentations, puppet shows, coral readings, etc.

We look forward to welcoming our students' family members to school during conference week, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</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 12, 2008!!!

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).

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## From the Principal's Desk, cont.

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

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.

Happy Fall!

*Debbie Garrison*

Principal

**Please make sure that the office has current and updated contact information. We have had students get sick or injured here at school and we cannot reach anyone. We must have the current contact information for the parent(s) and at least two, preferably three, emergency contacts.**



## Health and Wellness News:

### Snacking Healthy



Have you ever read the ingredients on a bag of Cheetos? How about Oreos? This could be a scary endeavor, as many food items are filled with processed food ingredients that can't remember where they originated! They have been altered, refined and filled with additives, so they are sweeter and encourage you to consume more. It is very convenient to throw a bag of snack food in a lunch bag when time is short, however, there are much better choices available.

Don't fear—there is good and easy help available! There is a web site: [www. Kidshealth.org](http://www.Kidshealth.org) -- that is filled with very good information. There is a link for recipes and snacks that has many easy and nutritious ideas. This is a kid-friendly site that is easy to navigate and will get the children involved in making their own choices for snacks. Try out this website for some great ideas on snacks and other nutrition advice.

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## From the PTO President:

Greetings Mustangs!

What an **AWESOME** turn out for our First Annual Fun Run! Thank you to all our students, staff, parent volunteers, and sponsors who participated to make this fundraiser so successful. Edie Guess did a spectacular job coordinating this exciting event. Mitchell PTO appreciates all the volunteers and would encourage anyone who has any interest in becoming more involved in our school to attend a PTO meeting, to become a PTO member, and to check out our website at [www.mitchellpto.org](http://www.mitchellpto.org). Our volunteers never have a boring moment assisting in all areas of school such as the Fun Run, Read-A-Thon, the Spell-A-Thon, and student clubs.

Please remember that your PTO funds many things including: various supplies for the school, buses for field trips, and many other programs. Your donations and contributions are crucial! **We need each of you** to help make future PTO events just as successful as the Fun Run; the **STUDENTS** are the ultimate **WINNERS!**

Our next scheduled event is the Read-A-Thon which begins November 11 thru January 2009. Help make it a success, have fun meeting your fellow volunteers, and support the students by joining the PTO!

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting which is held the first Monday of each Month at 6:00 pm in the office.

Don't forget, you too can become a Mitchell Mustang Booster!! (forms in the office)

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## Parents

Can your child answer the  
"Mitchell Question of the  
Month" on page 4?

## MITCHELL ELEMENTARY PTO BOOSTERS OF THE MONTH- OCTOBER

Denise Maestas  
Stacy Scott-Sturgess

### New members

Bonne Cleveland  
Lisa Tschida  
Christine Bauer

Thank you for your support!!

If you would like to become a PTO Booster or member, forms are available in the office.

## From the PTO Treasurer...

We made \$5500.00 profit from our Fun Run, that's a little short of our goal, but everyone really had a great time. We did get \$800 in t-shirt sponsors for the event. We continue to encourage everyone to become members of our PTO (\$5) or the Booster Club (which is a donation of any amount).

Kim Cordova

## Mitchell Clothing Drive

The clothing drive will run from November 17-21, during Parent/Teacher Conference week. Be on the lookout for brown bags coming home! If you need to bring in your donation sooner, feel free to drop it by the office any time. Donations are gratefully accepted all school year.

## FALL FESTIVAL DONORS

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 many booths were 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."

Albuquerque Gymnastics School  
All Classic Electric  
Apple Mountain Music  
Barnes & Noble  
Ben E. Keith  
Betty's Bath & Day Spa  
Big 5 Sporting Goods  
Blackman Taekwondo Academy  
Black Angus Steakhouse  
Bravo!  
Chili's  
Chuck E. Cheese's - Wyoming & Montg.  
Cochiti Golf Course  
Crocs  
DaVinci's Gourmet Pizza  
Dion's—Morris & Montg.  
Defined Fitness—Juan Tabo  
Elephant Restaurant  
Embassy Suites & Spa  
Fantastic Sam's  
Farmer's Insurance: Barbara Fort  
Timothy Scott  
Francine's Hallmark -Tramway & Montg.  
Gaylord-Gould Insurance  
Golden Corral

Gruet Steakhouse  
Hinkle's Family Fun Center  
Isleta Golf  
Laffs Comedy Club  
Le Peep Restaurant  
Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon  
Lord & Lynn Salon  
Morris & Comanche Auto Services  
Olive Garden - Juan Tabo  
Outback Steakhouse  
Parent—Dennis Carter, Maes Family  
Pelican's Restaurant  
Quarters  
Rio Grande Insurance  
Sandia Peak Tramway  
Smoothie King - Juan Tabo  
Staples - Eubank & Montg.  
Starbucks Coffee - Eubank & Montg.  
State Farm Insurance - Nancy Berch  
Team Technologies  
Texas Land & Cattle  
Weck's - Juan Tabo  
Whole Hog Cafe  
Wild Oats/ Whole Foods - Juan Tabo



***Literacy Luncheon***  
***Bring your lunch***  
***and join your child(ren)***  
***in their classroom(s) on***  
***Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>***  
***11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.***  
***as we celebrate literacy***  
***at Mitchell Elementary.***



## Go Green!

Would you like to receive your newsletter by e-mail? Sign up today at: [www.mitchellpto.org](http://www.mitchellpto.org) or fill out the form below and...

save a tree!



## Do you have a Target credit card?

If so, you can go online and join Target's **Take Charge of Education** program. Target will donate up to 1% of your Target Redcard purchases to the school of your choice. So go online and designate Mitchell Elementary School today!



## Newsletter by E-Mail

If you would like to receive the Mitchell Mustang Newsletter by e-mail and NOT a paper copy, please fill out this form and drop it off at the school office.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

## Mitchell's 1st Annual Fun Run Winners

### WAY TO GO MUSTANGS!

#### MOST LAPS

|                    | K-2              | 3-5                 |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>GIRL</b>        | Skyla Lillard    | Ashley Williamson   |
| <b>BOY</b>         | Elijah Smith     | Christian Patterson |
| <b>CLASS</b>       | Kassetas         | Casias              |
| <b>TEACHER</b>     | McNett           |                     |
| <b>TEAM SPIRIT</b> | Szwed / Sandoval |                     |

#### MOST MONEY RAISED

Dakota Gervais (K)

#### WINNER OF NINTENDO DRAWING

Sydney Brittain (4th)

#### STUDENTS IN EACH CLASS WHO RAN THE MOST LAPS

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| DUNN:           | Luciano (20)                               |
| TORRES:         | Clyde, Jacob, Andres, Aaron, Miryam (15)   |
| SCHRIPSEMA:     | Elyce, Alex, Destiny, Andy (14)            |
| MARTINELLI:     | Bianca (17)                                |
| MAUPIN:         | Matthew                                    |
| MCELROY:        | Lindsey (19)                               |
| HOY:            | Mariah (19)                                |
| KASSETTAS:      | Elijah (23)                                |
| BROWN:          | Laurel, Skyla (22)                         |
| STEWART:        | Jazmeen (20)                               |
| COLLINS:        | Cameron (20)                               |
| GUMBLE:         | Tyler (23)                                 |
| BOTZ:           | Milo (17)                                  |
| CLARK:          | Nakii (17)                                 |
| SZWED/SANDOVAL: | Tyler, D'Andre, Noah, Jaylen, Katrina (13) |
| CASIAS:         | Tanner, Christian, J.J. (18)               |
| MCNETT:         | Rodrigo, Daniel (15)                       |
| ENCINIAS:       | Isaiah (16)                                |
| KUEBLER:        | Levi, Carlton (16)                         |
| BACA:           | Cayley (14)                                |
| TSCHIDA:        | Jonah (18)                                 |

**Mitchell Question of the Month**  
**Who was the principal before Mrs. Garrison?**

Write your name, teacher, & the answer on a piece of paper and put it in the Mustang Box in the office within 3 days of receiving newsletter. First correct answer drawn is the winner and the student will receive a prize!

**From the November Library Bookshelf:**



The **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** will be here in the Mitchell Library from Nov. 3rd through the 21st. The theme will be **"A Reading Safari"**. It is a great Jungle theme filled with imagination, lions and tigers and bears....or not....oh my.  
 The hours will be: Nov. 3-21 8:40am to 4.00pm.  
 Nov. 12 (Family Night) 5:30pm to 7:00pm

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

**We have many children who cannot afford to participate in the book fair.** If you wish to help, please fill out the form below and send in the donation attached to the note.

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.

A **Pizza Party** is held for students who donate \$1.00 or more. A drawing for prizes from the book fair is held for students who donate \$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00 dollars. We encourage Community Service with the One For Books Program.

We will also have **Child Identification** in the library for all parents who wish to have their child fingerprinted for safety. **Farmers Insurance** with **Barbara Fort** will be doing the Milk ID program. Clifford the Big Red Puppy 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 school** and we look forward to seeing you and your family.

**Gift Certificates for classrooms are available.**

- Also, Barnes and Noble, in Coronado Center, will be holding a book fair for us in their store **Nov. 28, 29 and 30**. Look for the vouchers going home in November. We will receive 15% in books from Barnes and Noble for every book sold that weekend!



I wish to donate to the **ONE FOR BOOKS** Program.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Donated \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach money to note.)



I wish to give a gift certificate to help my child's **Classroom Library**.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Of Certificate \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach money to note.)