



Mitchell Mustang

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From the Principal's Desk...

Important Dates

- Oct. 1: PTO Meeting, 6:30pm
- Oct. 8: Fall Break, No Classes
- Oct. 19: Fall Festival, 5:30-8pm
- Oct. 22-26: Clothing Drive



See you at
Fall Festival!

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by thanking you and the wonderful Mitchell staff for the very successful beginning of the year. We have several new staff members this year, so I am going to take this opportunity to introduce them to you and to welcome them to the Mitchell Family. They are as follows:

Kindergarten

- **Romain Dunn** is our new teacher replacing **Susan Coopersmith** who moved to the Instructional Coach position and **Susan Davis** is the new Educational Assistant in that class.
- **Kathy Crites** is the new Educational Assistant with Ronda Schripsema. **Christina Romero** is a student teacher from UNM that will be working with Mrs. Schripsema this year, too.

1st Grade

- **Ashley Allen** is a student teacher from UNM that will be working with Karen McElroy this year.

2nd Grade

- **Todd Stewart** is our new teacher replacing Ina Collins who moved to 3rd grade.
- *We also welcome **Tom Maupin** back after missing the beginning of the year due to a family emergency.*
- **Elise Austin** is a student teacher from UNM that will be working with Lindsey Szwed this year.

3rd Grade

- **Ina Collins** is now teaching 3rd grade, replacing Sandy Brown who is out on medical leave for the year. **Barbara Skelton** is a student teacher from UNM that will be working with Mrs. Collins this year.

4th Grade

- **Brandee Martinelli** is a student teacher from UNM that will be working with Kari Casias for the first semester of the year.
- **Kimberly Brothers** is a student teacher from UNM that will be working with Erica Encinias this year.

4th/5th Combination

- **Lisa Tschida** is our new teacher joining the 4th and 5th grades due to a large number of students in those grades.

Special Education

- **Christine Bauer** is teaching our primary special education class. **Tiffany Mlodzik** is working in that class as a one-on-one educational assistant.
- **Ed Browitt** is teaching our intermediate special education class.

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Custodians

We continue to have **Joey Archibeque** as our Head Custodian working during the day and **Theresa Apodaca** is joining our other night custodian, **Stephen Saenz**.

Nurse

- We welcome **Anne Marie Collins-Hornyak** to Mitchell as our school nurse. We share her with Comanche Elementary, so she is only here two and a half days per week.

Art

- Mitchell is lucky to have an art teacher this year, **Suzannah Peffer**. She is currently out on maternity leave, but will be back after winter break.

It is exciting to have so many new faces on campus this year and we are truly blessed to have an awesome staff.


As you may have noticed, some improvements were made to the playground and patio areas the past few weeks. A completely new Kindergarten playground and renovated bathrooms in the patio area are still to come.

It was great to see everyone at Open House and I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Fall Festival, which will be held Friday, October 19th.

Debbie Garrison
Principal

Entertainment Books
are still available for purchase in the office. Get yours now for only \$35!

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!

Pay for School Lunches Online

You can now pay for school lunches without leaving home! Just go to 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.



Hoover Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, October 27, 2007
9 a.m.—4 p.m.
Start your holiday shopping with some unique items.

Utopia™
Therapeutic massage and Body treatment
"A natural place to get a great massage!"
Northeast corner of Menaul and Louisiana
Offering Signature massage, Steam therapy, Oxygen sessions, massages for kids, teens, and more...
Call 505.977.5833
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From the PTO President...

I want to start off by saying thanks for supporting Mitchell with the Peeler cards. We raised roughly \$3000. This will help fund field trips for each class. The PTO funds \$100 per class/per year to pay for buses for each class. Thank you for your support. On that same note - we are gearing up for our BIG fundraiser for the Fall. This will be our last fundraiser until January when we will sell cookie dough. We are going to sell chocolate bars from Reader's Digest. We are NOT selling wrapping paper or gift type items this year. Our goal for this fundraiser is \$5000. This money will be used for stipends for the teachers for the fall, and to help fund the after school programs. Please consider supporting this endeavor. I know that fundraising is not a FUN event - we feel that it is a necessary event to support our school where APS falls short - so we appreciate your willingness to help.

Our Fall Festival is rapidly approaching. It is scheduled for Friday, October 19 from 5:30 - 8pm at the school. We have so much planned with more booths, basket raffles, food from Red Brick Pizza, music, and lots more. We hope to see you there! It is sure to be a FUN family event.

Remember that we meet the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the administration of- fice. We would love to see you there.

Eddie Guess, President

For more info on Mitchell PTO check out: www.mitchellpto.org



COMING SOON ... FALL FESTIVAL

Join us for the Fall Festival on **Friday, October 19th, 5:30—8 p.m.** There will be lots of games, booths, baskets full of great prizes, two cake walks, and Red Brick Pizza. Lots of inexpensive fun for the whole family!

As in the past, we will have tickets for sale before the festival. Order forms will be coming home soon. Tickets will be 5 for \$1. If purchased at the festival, they are 4 for \$1.

Donations for the Cake Walk can be brought to school on the day and evening of Fall Festival. Cakes can be either homemade or store bought, but please remember to attach a label with all the ingredients. Thank you for your donations!

The **Blood Mobile** will also be on campus during the festival from 5—8 p.m. If you would like to donate blood, they prefer that you make an appointment, although walk-ins will be accepted. To make an appointment and to see criteria for donating, check out their website at www.unitedbloodservices.com

We do need help getting more donations for the baskets. If you own a business or want to contact one or more businesses, please do. It will make the baskets all the better! Volunteers are also needed to make the festival a great success. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please leave your name and phone number with the folks in the office and they'll make sure the PTO gets it. Look for more information to come home soon.

Hope to see you there!



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BOX TOPS

Make sure you turn in all of your Box Tops by the end of October. A drawing will be held on **November 1st**. Be sure to write your name and teacher's name on the back of the Box Tops. Both can be turned into the office at any time.



Field Trips Needed

Would you like to donate a field-trip to your child's class? Many teachers would like to go on more fieldtrips but don't have the money for buses. If you can help, please talk to your child's teacher.

From the October Library Bookshelf...

The children are doing a wonderful job keeping their library books safe in Ziploc bags and in their backpacks. **Tell your child "Good Job!"**

- On **October 19th** we are having an event at the **Fall Festival** called **"Build a Klutz Book."** Each book kit will sell for \$6.00 and will be made in the library by your child and then will be a treasured keepsake for years to come. You can pre-order a kit for that evening by sending in a check made out to "Mitchell" or cash stapled to **the form below**.
- Our **Annual Fall Library Fundraiser** is opening on November 5th. It is the **Scholastic Book Fair** where we will be visiting the Polar Region for a **"Book Fair Blizzard"**!
- The Book Fair profit helps our school library purchase new and much desired current titles and classroom equipment. Books also make great long-lasting gifts for all students.
- The fair will feature specially priced books, including award-winning titles, children's classics, and bestsellers. Please donate \$1. (or more) to **ONE FOR BOOKS** so children whose families can't afford a book can still get one.
- It will be open from November 5th through the 16th from 8:40am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.
- Family Night will be Wednesday, November 14th from 5:30 to 7:00 in the evening. Geronimo Stilton will be our special guest. Enter a drawing for free prizes.
- Volunteers are needed for promoting and running our fair. It's a small investment of your time—but it brings big benefits to our school. If you are able to volunteer please contact Debbie Sprague at 299-1937. It's fun and rewarding!
- We need people to put up signs, decorate, cashiers (very simple process), security, send out letters to get sponsors, help children and parents locate books, help with Family Night, set up and take down. If you have any time available, **please send in the form on the next page**.



KLUTZ BUILD A BOOK— OCTOBER 19TH PRE-ORDER

Student Name _____ # of Kits (\$6.00 Each) _____

Teacher Name _____ Total \$ _____

FROM THE OCTOBER LIBRARY BOOKSHELF, cont...

ONE FOR BOOKS DONATION

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

My name is _____ Teacher Name _____



VOLUNTEER FORM FOR BOOK FAIR

I would like to help by:

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| _____ Setting up signs around school 11/5 at 8:45 am | _____ Take down signs after fair 11/16 |
| _____ Decorate Polar Theme 11/2 PM | _____ Cashier sales during school hours |
| _____ Send out One For Books business letters | _____ Help students locate books |
| _____ Cashier sales on Family Night | _____ Prepare fliers to take home |

Name _____ Child's Name _____

Teacher _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Days/Times Available _____



What Is Your Special Talent Or Field?

The Mitchell Humanities, Social Studies and Fine Arts Committee is looking for parents or members of our community with **musical, artistic, and technological talent**. We need you to help us enhance our student learning at our school. Please respond by filling out the survey at the bottom by **October 12, 2007**. Return the information to the office at Mitchell and it will be forwarded to the committee. We would like your help with brainstorming and sharing our big ideas for our students!



Name _____

Phone number _____

Area of expertise _____

Would you be able to attend a meeting with the Committee?

Would you be available to volunteer at our school?



Fall Clothing Drive

Now is a great time to clean out drawers and closets for the fall clothing drive to benefit the BCCPTA Clothing Bank (Bernalillo County Councils of PTA's).

The Clothing Bank is a non-profit organization whose primary objective is to provide clothing to any student in kindergarten through twelfth grade who is in need. They serve Mitchell students as well as students from the entire district who could use assistance. Although APS donates the facility space, the BCCPTA is not an APS program. The Clothing Bank does not receive funding from APS or the government but is 100% supported by schools, individuals, and a few businesses.

We will send home reminders for your family to fill up bags with clean, usable children's clothing, jackets and sweaters, new packages of socks or underwear, and shoes in good condition.

Clothing will be collected **October 22-26**, so now is a great time to start sorting out all the clothing outgrown by your children and bring it in for the clothing drive. We also gratefully accept donations all year round. Your generosity in past years has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated.


If you have any questions about the clothing bank or are interested in volunteering in this endeavor, please call Janet Gagliano at Mitchell, 299-1937 or at home, 292-4050. We could use drivers to deliver the clothes to the Clothing Bank. Thank you again for your generous support




Mitchell Kids Corner




Sudoku Level 1



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1			3
4			2
	1	3	



Sudoku Level 2



3					5
	5			2	
6					1
1					3
	3			5	
5					2

