



DOUBLE EAGLE NEWS



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear DE families,

Each year every school in New Mexico is required to write and submit an EPSS (Educational Plan for Student Success) in reading, math and parent involvement. Prior to setting goals, teachers and principals review recent student assessment data at each grade level and in goal teams to develop overall school goals and specific grade level target goals for the school year. At Double Eagle, goal teams in reading and math propose the goals and strategies, then the Instructional Council approves and finalizes the plan. APS Superintendent Winston Brooks has reviewed and approved our school EPSS for 2008-09.

The following are our overall goals for 2008-09.

Overall Reading Goal: The percent of students *scoring proficient or above* in reading will increase from 90% to 92% as measured by the Spring 2009 Standards-Based Assessment.

Overall Math Goal: The percent of students *scoring proficient or above* in math will increase from 76.9% to 80% as measured by the 2009 Standards-Based Assessment. Each grade level team and our special education team also have target goals in reading and math based upon the Short Cycle Assessments at each grade level. The Short Cycle Assessments for grades 3 – 5 are the A2L tests in reading and math; in grades 1, 2 the assessments are the DRA and Everyday Math; and in kindergarten the assessment is the Dibels. Short Cycle Assessments are taken three times a year.

One instructional strategy all teachers will be using this year is an ACE (Answer, Compute and Explain) process and rubric for math problems. Certain problems will be assigned to be "ACE"d. Research shows that students who can demonstrate how to do a problem and explain how they got their answer to the problem better understand and explain math procedures and the answers.

If you are interested in seeing the EPSS in its entirety, please stop by the office at your convenience.

Have a terrific weekend!! - Robin Hoberg, DE Principal

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2008

19th Last day of school

JANUARY 2009

5th First day of school after Winter Break

23 Science Fair

SNOW DAYS



When the weather conditions are severe, parents should listen to the radio or watch the television for announcements concerning the APS school schedules. Double Eagle is **NOT** considered a mountain school. If an abbreviated day is declared, the instructional day will begin two hours late (11:00am) and the day will end at the regular time (3:46pm). If an abbreviated day is declared on a Wednesday, the school day will also end at 3:46pm. Buses will pick up students two hours later in the morning than usual on those days. Lunch will be served on these days.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING BEFORE/AFTER CARE

Children's Choice will follow APS schedules in regards to school delays, closures, and early dismissals due to inclement weather. If APS cancels schools, no basic service program will be offered that day. If APS is on delayed schedule, no Before School programs will be offered. If APS closes early due to inclement weather, after school care will not be offered.

During the regular APS school year, Children's Choice will offer basic service programs for scheduled breaks such as Fall Break, Winter Break, Spring Break, etc. **When the weather conditions are severe, parents should watch Channel 7 News or call the Children's Choice office at 296-2880 for additional information.**



Pictures for the 2008-2009 Double Eagle Yearbook needed! Please e-mail to MKrajeck@MSN.com or RonBrightwell3@comcast.net



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hi Parents,

The expectations of the holidays, having the children home or in extended care during the upcoming school break, and personal adult concerns all contribute to an already stressful life.



During Double Eagle counselor-led classroom "Second Step" and "Steps to Respect" sessions, we teach your students to learn an automatic self-calming strategy for when they get angry, frustrated, unhappy, or disappointed. We practice the technique, as a group, in the classroom. It is very simple and can often forestall/eliminate an untoward reaction. Could you please practice it with them at home?

Step 1. - Say a "self-talk" message out loud or in your head like: "Calm down," "easy does it," or "chill."

Step 2. - Take three really deep breaths.

Step 3. - Count to 10.

Step 4. - Repeat this routine as necessary. The result produces a relaxing effect.

Six Kinds of Self-Calming Techniques for Kids (and Adults)

<u>Physical</u>	<u>Creative</u>
Examples: Hold yourself together by wrapping your arms around your body. Give yourself a hug!	Examples: Make hot chocolate, make a craft, draw picture, do a squiggle page, play a musical instrument.
<u>Auditory/Verbal</u>	<u>Self-Nurturing</u>
Examples: Listen to music, sing, recite a poem, talk with a friend.	Examples: Soak your feet, place a cool/warm cloth over your face, give yourself a hand massage with lotion.
<u>Visual</u>	<u>Humor</u>
Examples: Watch the sunset, study a favorite photograph, stare at your aquarium, think of your positive qualities as you look in the mirror.	Examples: Make a silly face, think of an experience that was not laughable, but is now, Find a family joke on the internet and tell it at dinner.

Adapted from "Parenting Press," PEP Talk, 2005

Remember, you can forget about the small stuff if you remember it's ALL small stuff!

- Alicia Snyder, counselor

LIVE HOMEWORK HELP--FREE link to <http://www.cabq.gov/library/homework.html>

Expert online tutors in math, science, social studies, and English available seven days a week from 3-10 p.m. Grades 4-12. This is offered by the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System.

The Albuquerque Teacher's Federation Dial a Teacher program provides free homework help. Call Dial-A Teacher at 344-3571, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Here is a great year-round link for parenting ideas. This month they have a section on holiday crafts for kids. Go to: www.ParentingPress.com/ezine/dec.

The Fall 2008 Edition of the School Health News is now available in two locations on the PED website:

- o <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/whatsNew.html>; or
- o <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/SchoolFamilySupport/>



BOOK CLUBS

These are students who have received reading awards since the last newsletter:

Caldecott

Will Benham
Breanna Boling
Stephen Chu
Tommy Goslau
Mary Gresham
Gabriel Munoz
Nora Rich
Savannah Slade
Emma Sullivan
Devon Van Leeuwen
Matthew Voelkel
Caitlin Wahe
Sarah Wang

Arthur

None this time

Franklin

None this time

Junie B Jones

None this time

Magic Treehouse

Katarina Yopez (her name should have appeared in an October newsletter—sorry about the oversight, Katarina!)

Mystery

None this time

Newbery

Alexis Boone
William Mied

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER— From Ms. Kerr

Thank you, Double Eagle community for another successful Book Fair! In addition to raising money to support our library and many library-sponsored programs, our Book Fair contributed books to several non-profit charities. We participated in the Scholastic **"One for Books"** program, which donates one book for each donated dollar we receive during our Book Fair. Through your purchase of books for your teachers' classrooms and East San Jose Elementary School, we were able to donate approximately 1,057 books to K.I.D.S. (Kids in Distressed Situations), the National Center for Family Literacy, and Toys for Tots. I find this figure quite amazing and I'm very impressed with the generosity of our community. I would like to thank Clifford the Big Red Dog for making several cameo appearances, but I would especially like to thank all the fabulous library volunteers who spent hours helping to make the Book Fair such a resounding success. Each and every one of you is an invaluable asset to our library and I can never thank you enough for all that you do.



Students are already asking when the next Book Fair will take place! Our next Fair is scheduled for the first week in May, 2009. In the meantime, watch for other exciting events on their way to Double Eagle, such as a spring Build-a-Book event, the D.E.A.R. reading club, and our highly anticipated Slime Party.

Congratulations to Skyler Gee in Mrs. Stearns's class and Sami Siska in Mr. Kummet's class. They each received a birthday gift book when their names were randomly drawn as our November student birthday winners.

I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable winter break, and we will see you in the library in January, 2009.

Congratulations to the following students: **Arianne Carey** in Ms. Lara's class has read and tested on 15 Junie B. Jones books and her name has been added to the Junie B. Jones Board in the library.

Jordan Staveley in Mr. Kummet's class has read and tested on twenty Magic Tree House books and his name has been added to the Magic Tree House Board.

Excellent job, Arianne and Jordan!

Congratulations to Sebastian Bujoi in Ms. Mac's class. He has read 150 Caldecott books and is now a member of the Caldecott Hall of Fame! His name will soon appear on the Caldecott Hall of Fame plaque outside the library.

Please note: Because so many library books get lost on airplanes and left at grandma's house in California during winter break, all library books **must** be turned in no later than December 15-19.

There will be no books checked out the week before the winter break.



Send your articles to Penny Tennant prtennant@comcast.net

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– DE SCIENCE FAIR –
JANUARY 23, 2009

Winter break is a great time to put on your thinking caps and start experimenting. Fourth and fifth graders are required to submit entries, but all students are welcome to participate. The Science Fair Handbook will be available on the school website in January.



Volunteers are also need to judge entries. Contact Alma Rosa Delgado with questions or to volunteer at dmgfineart@msn.com or 856-6655.



WE ARE THANKFUL...

Thank you to our great parents for providing snacks for the staff on 11/17 during parent-teacher conferences and pies on 11/24! We appreciate the help from the following parents: Stacy Bewley, Beth Benham, Judy Brightwell, Dana Fotieo, Michelle Garrett, Kathy Gough, Karen Ihlein, Alyson Jones, Yvonne Otts, Julie Pfeiffer, Susan Sun, Susie Supple, Kirsten Thomson, and Kyle Zottnick!



HOLIDAY SPIRIT

The teachers and staff enjoyed hearty appetizers and desserts for lunch on December 8. Thank you to the following parents for bringing food: Deb Baldwin, Beth Benham, Marnie Bethel, Stacy Bewley, Liz Black, Judy Brightwell, Dana Fotieo, Laura Grayson, Kristin Grenemyer, Karen Ihlein, Alyson Jones, Ellen Mather, Sheila Matson, Amy Neal, Merideth Spencer, Cori Sullivan, Susie Supple, Mythi To, Shan- ele Whatley, Tonya Wilkinson, and Kyle Zottnick!



MORE SNOW DAY INFO:

The deciding factor is the ability of school buses to transport students safely to and from school. Several factors come into play to make that decision to abbreviate the day or to cancel the school day. Information is then sent out to the media as early as possible. This year, you can also expect a call from the Parent Link informing you as well.

If schools are cancelled, they will usually announce an abbreviated schedule first. When they find that transportation safety is still affected, they will announce a cancellation. A cancelled school day will be made up at the end of the spring semester.



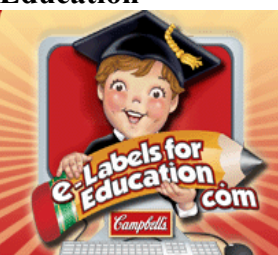

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