



YOUNG ARTISTS WIN AWARDS

The community arts show, Reflections, hosted by the Joint PTA, was a resounding success for all involved.

A special thanks to those who volunteered their time to judge the many categories: **Terry Dunn, Flora Gutierrez, Terese Wing, Sharon Moser, Patricia Dickinson.**

The following students won in the listed categories:

DOUBLE EAGLE

VISUAL ARTS /

Primary: Vanessa Krajeck—1st (Place); Eileen Bettinger—2nd; Phillip Tennant—3rd

Intermediate:

Andrew Chu—1st; Andrew Tennant—2nd

PHOTOGRAPHY /

Primary: Shane Zotnick—1st
Intermediate: Ian Smithpeter—1st; Arden Smithpeter—2nd

LITERATURE /

Primary: Drew Krajeck—1st
Secondary: Katianna Zaffery—1st; Derek Kane—2nd; Jonathan Kane—3rd

MUSICAL COMPOSITION /

Primary: Sarah Allen—1st;
Secondary: Hannah Allen—1st

NORTH STAR

VISUAL ARTS /

Primary: Alena Zaffery—1st; Julie King—2nd; Miya Mobley—3rd
Intermediate: Elizabeth Ochoa—1st; Trent Southwick—2nd; Jordan Vick—3rd

PHOTOGRAPHY /

Intermediate: Noah Mobley—1st; Ben Petry—2nd; Andrea Balzis—3rd

LITERATURE /

Primary: Mason Smith—1st
Intermediate: Erin Piastcki—1st; Sarah Hamby—2nd; Brenna Daskalos—3rd

FILM/VIDEO /

Intermediate: Nicole Rosley—1st

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

11-15	Explora Science Outreach Program: DE & NS
12	North Star PTA General Meeting 7 PM DEES Cafeteria
18	Winter Break Begins

JANUARY

3	Classes Resume for Double Eagle ONLY
3	Prof. Development Day for North Star—No School
3	Open House North Star Campus 5:30—7:00 PM
4	Classes Resume for North Star NEW HOURS (North Star ONLY) 7:45—2 PM

Clip & Save Important Dates

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The Parks and Recreation Department 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 will not be offered.

During the regular APS school year, the Parks and Recreations Department will not offer basic service programs for scheduled breaks such as Fall Break, Winter Break, Spring Break, etcetera.



Troy Hughes
Double Eagle Principal

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information**

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<http://www.aps.edu/aps/DoubleEagle/index.htm>

North Star:

<http://www.northstarwolves.com/>

MOVING DAY FOR DOUBLE EAGLE

The year is coming to an end quickly and it is time for Double Eagle to be planning their move. We have enjoyed our time working with North Star on our campus and especially the families and children that have been involved with Double Eagle over the years. North Star is scheduled to open on time in January 2007 and their teachers will be moving during the Winter Break.

Double Eagle is also going to use the time during

Winter Break to give some of our classrooms a new coat of paint and organize and redistribute materials. There are a few Double Eagle classes that will move during the break, but the majority of the move for Double Eagle will take place January 12 - 16, 2007. If you are able to assist in some way, large or small, please contact your room parent, as they are working with our PTA to distribute labor.

The year has gone very well and the children have

had a great time here at school. Thank you for your consistent support as we will go from a school of over 913 kids to 490. The "Two Schools and One Community" motto has worked for us and it is a true testament to how wonderful of a community we have here.

Thank you for your support

Troy Hughes,
DEE Principal

CONGRATS TO COMMUNITY CHOIR

What a wonderful concert performance we had by the Double Eagle and North Star Choir on November 30th. All the extra time and practice

really paid off as they sounded terrific. I would like to thank Mrs. Dekleva and Mrs. Kerbleski for volunteering so much of their time in making this

such a great experience for our children.

Thanks
Troy Hughes, DEE
Principal

SNOW DAY PROCEDURES FOR DOUBLE EAGLE

We had our first delayed start of the year because of snow, on Thursday, November 30, 2006. Please note that when weather conditions are severe, parents should listen to the radio or watch the television for announcements concerning the school schedule. There is either a two hour delay or full day cancellation. This decision is made early in the morning before the 1st wave of buses start. A two hour delay means that the instructional day will begin here at Double Eagle at 11:00 AM and end at the regular time of 3:45 PM. Just a reminder that Double Eagle is not considered an APS Mountain School.

FIRST DAY AT NORTH STAR: JANUARY 4

The time has almost come when we will depart Double Eagle and enter North Star Elementary. The staff, as well as the students are very excited for this new journey.

January 3rd is an in-service day for teachers; **first day of classes for North Star students is January 4th**. PTA is hosting an open school night January 3rd from

5:30-7:00 PM. More information regarding the opening of North Star will be sent home before the break.

Amanda Stavig, Assistant Principal, North Star



Diane Kerschen
North Star Principal

**READER
ROSTER****Junie B Jones**

Caitlin Christiansen,
Cheyenne Dubois,
Megan Whitehouse

Arthur

None this time

Magic Treehouse

Maheck Jerez,
Jordan Staveley,
Alena Zaffrey

Newberry

Sean Allin, Stephen
Chen, Eric Cruz,
Cameron Eanes,
Darius Fatemi,
Hailey Fortin,
Deanna Garcia, Jade
Harman

Caldecott

Evan Ausman,
Morgan Fortin,
Thomas Judkins,
Jared Kane, Kallista
Kunzler, Tara
Morton, Aakshi
Sanchorawala, Aashi
Sanchorawala,
Samuel Vigil, Eva
Yambao

Franklin

None this time.

Mystery

None this time.

**LIBRARIANS' NOTE**

*From Mrs. Stepetic
& Mrs. Wray*

What does the word “gumshoe” bring to your mind? If you asked your child what the word meant, chances are you’d be met with a blank stare. This private eye/detective style of literature lends itself to a number of successful, suspenseful and often amusing children’s books. While there are many mysteries for young readers, the gumshoe genre within this style includes double-crosses and wisecracks, a tough private eye who may often be cynical and streetwise. Often picture books take a tongue-in-cheek approach and use illustrations to play with visual allusions and exaggerated characters.

Listed here are a great variety of detective and crime stories, all of which will allow the reader to practice their deductive reasoning skills as they enjoy the suspense of a well-written whodunit!

Bones and the Cupcake Mystery
David Adler *K-2nd*

Utterly Me, Clarice Bean Lauren Child *K- 5th*
Grandpa’s Teeth Rod Clement *K – 3rd*

Mystery at the Club Sandwich
Doug Cushman *1st – 4th*

The Big Nap: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko.

Private Eye Bruce Hale
3rd – 5th

Jake Gander, Storyville Detective: the Case of the Greedy Granny George McClements *PreS – 3rd*

Tuff Fluff: The Case of Duckie’s Missing Brain Scott Nash *1st – 3rd*

The Web Files Margie Palatini

K- 4th

The Case of the Climbing Cat
Cynthia Rylant *1st – 3rd*

Detective LaRue: Letters from the Investigation Mark Teague
K- 3rd

The Last Treasure Janet Anderson *5th – 8th*

Chasing Vermeer Blue Balliett
5th – 8th

Shakespeare’s Secret Elise Broach *4th – 7th*

The Big House Carolyn Coman
3rd – 6th

Mr. Chickee’s Funny Money
Christopher Paul Curtis *3rd – 6th*

The 7 Professors of the Far North John Fardell *4th – 7th*

Time Stops for No Mouse
Michael Hoeye *5th – 8th*

The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn
Dorothy & Thomas Hoobler *5th – 8th*

The Raven League Alex Simmons & Bill McCay *4th - 6th*

The Case of the Missing Marquess: An Enola Holmes Mystery Nancy Springer *4th – 8th*

BOOK DONATION**THANK YOU TO ALEX HIETT!****HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!**

Happy Birthday to all of our students that celebrated a birthday in October and November! Friends of the Library for both Double Eagle & North Star would like to say an extra special “Congratulations!” to the monthly birthday winners for each school. They are:

**Double Eagle****North Star****October**

K - 2

Molly Ranger

Christopher Campbell

3 - 5

Julia Lu

Katherine Guo

November

K – 2

Mirabelle Kinberger

Kevin Baca

3 – 5

Sami Zeurcher

Megan Einhorn

SWEET TREATS

December 11:
Holiday Cookies

Dana Fotieo
(DEPTA) 822-9632
Jessica Sweet
(NSPTA) 856-2059



PIES!

Thanks for the Pies! Teachers/staff from Double Eagle and North Star enjoyed an assortment of pies on Monday, November 20. Double Eagle Moms that brought sweet treats were Stacy Begley, Judy Brightwell, Dana Fotieo, Karen Ihlein, Kathy Livesay, Sheila Matson, and Linda Myers. Thanks, too, to the following North Star Parents Lisa Slenes, Grady Ripley, Sharon Moeser, Susan King, Julie Maner, Mindy Staten, and Shana Anderson.

CHOIR NOTES

By *Suzie Dekleva & Julie Kerbleski*

Congratulations to the DEES and NSES choir! You all did a terrific job at your winter concert

on November 30! Way to go! Just a reminder--no rehearsals until after winter break. What a fun time we've had together! Thanks to all the parents that

brought cookies and helped set up and tear down. We appreciate you so much! And, thanks for letting us share music with your children.

A BIG THANK YOU!

We appreciate your generosity for both the Food Drive Donations and the Holiday In A Box contributions for our Sister School, East San Jose Elementary.



NUTRITION NUGGET: GO FOR THE FRUIT



Water break

If your youngster is thirsty, she has waited too long to have a drink. Encourage her to stop regularly for a drink at the water fountain in school and to have water frequently while at home. Even if it's not hot outside, active children can get dehydrated.

Downsize the tableware

In these days of supersizing, there's an



easy way to handle portion control: use smaller plates. Since kids tend to fill their dishes, smaller dinnerware means smaller servings. For example, a half cup of ice cream looks fine in a small cup, but skimpy in a soup bowl.

Make a deal

Does your child want screen time? Reach a compromise. For every 15 minutes that he watches television, plays a video game, or uses the



computer, he will do 15 minutes of physical activity. (Try to keep overall screen time to no more than an hour a day.) Fewer elementary schools have daily physical education classes than in the past. Ask your principal how you can help put more PE in your school. In the meantime, try to make sure your child gets at least an hour of physical activity each day outside of school.



Provided by Resources for Educators



Do you have experience writing newsletters? Would you like to take over publishing the Double Eagle newsletter beginning in January? The Double Eagle PTA is looking for a volunteer to take over this position for the remainder of the school year. Training will be provided. Please contact Becky at 828-1551 or perrybl@hotmail.com if you are interested.

2007 Missoula Children's Theater for Double Eagle
Pre-Registration is Thursday, February 1 from 4-6 PM at DE.

MCT is February 12-17

Auditions February 12 after school.

There will be two performances of **THE LITTLEST MERMAID** at Valley High School on **Saturday, February 17.**

Laura Harris (823-2386) or Alice Baumstark (797-3351)

PARENTS: HEADS UP! THE MOVE IS COMING!

All classrooms (with the exception of Ms. Dountas and Ms. Rider) who are currently in portables will be moving into the Main

Building on January 15 and 16. When we return from Winter Break, check your child's Friday Folder for specific information about your

classroom. Questions, ideas, concerns? Contact Jessica Corley 400-3288 or jcorley25@comcast.net



Don't forget to visit the Double Eagle PTA web page!

<http://www.aps.edu/aps/DoubleEagle/PTA/index.htm>

Find out what is happening in your school and how you can get involved.

DOUBLE EAGLE FAMILIES

We're getting geared up for our annual

Jog-A-Thon

March 2007

You can advertise your business on our T-Shirts, water bottles, etc. and sponsor this fun event with a donation

Contact Laurie Depies 797-8874 or Sue Boren 858-2429

SWEET TREAT DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

Are you already signed up to help out with Sweet Treats at Double Eagle?

Then mark your calendars for 2007 events:

January 8

February 5

March 8,

April 5

May 3

If you're not part of this committee yet and would like to help out, contact:

Dana Fotieo (Double Eagle) 822-9632

GIANT TILED MOSAIC WALL PLANNED FOR DEDICATION CEREMONY IN MAY 2007

Thank you to all North Star Teachers and Staff for all the great work they've done on the tiles. The artwork is beautiful. Students will begin painting their own memorial tiles soon. Watch for more details.

SIGN UP FOR E-NOTICES!

Beginning in January, 2007, North Star will



publish newsletters only *once each month*. **Most other**

news, updates, and notices will be communicated via Email.

Sign up to receive email notices at North Star's website. Please note—your email will only be used by North Star's Technology Staff to notify you of pertinent North Star news. *No one else will be allowed access to the email list.*

Sign up at:

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WE'RE MOVING!

IMPORTANT PTA / INFORMATIONAL GENERAL MEETING

DECEMBER 12 7 PM DEES CAFETERIA

Bernalillo County will present information on walking trails & roads. Also on the Agenda: Bus Routes / Schedules, Information about the New Campus

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Parents

The anticipated move date is finally here. I can't believe it! The amount of work our principal and vice principal have put in to get this done has been incredible. I think they were more like the general contractor than they expected. We have been working hard trying to iron out the road, walking and bus issues. Our **General Meeting on December 12** will cover these topics as well.

We will be having an **Open House** on

Wednesday evening

January 3 from 5:30-7:00

PM to allow the children and parents to come and see the school and find their classroom. Your child's teacher will not be there, but we will have PTA directing you to your child's classroom. If you can help us with this evening please let us know.

Please check your mail over Winter Break for more detailed information about the opening of the new campus.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work fundraising

and volunteering during these last few months. We have reached our goal and will be able to fund the programs we voted on in the spring. Any new money raised will be used for new programs and supplies as the needs arise. These decisions are made at the PTA meetings. If you would like to participate please join and let us hear your opinion. Our next meeting is December 12 at 7:00 PM in the Double Eagle cafeteria.

Julie Kerbleksi,
NS PTA President

MISSOULA REGISTRATION FOR NORTH STAR

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Mark your calendar! Registration for Missoula Children's Theatre will be on **Monday, January 29, 2007 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm and from 6:30 to 7:30 pm**. Watch for further announcements for the location. **EVERY CHILD WHO WOULD LIKE TO TRY OUT FOR THE PRODUCTION MUST REGISTER DURING ONE OF THESE TIMES.** The registration of your child assures that your child will be able to try out for the production. Every effort is made to include all children in the production. However, due to the show size constraint, this does not always occur and some children are, unfortunately, "cut" after the try out. Other important items to remember are:

- Missoula will be after school the week of February 26th through March 3rd, 2007. Due to parent/teacher conferences there is no school on March 1st and 2nd (Thursday and Friday). Practice times will be determined for these two days upon discussion with Missoula directors.
- There are two performances on Saturday March 3rd at Valley High School
- Missoula requires 100% commitment for the week and Saturday-NO EXCEPTIONS

The cost for each child chosen to perform in the show will be between \$50.00 and \$75.00.

We are still looking for a volunteer piano player who would be available Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The times will vary on those days. If you are interested, please contact Julianie Lee at 856-0789. If you have any other questions, please call Laurie McAlister (880-0724) or David Krauss (828-1368).

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM DRMS FOR ALL 5TH GRADERS!

NEWS FROM DESERT RIDGE MID SCHOOL

(For 5th Grade Parents)

February is the month 5th graders will be pre-registering for the 2007-2008 school year at Desert Ridge, so **SAVE either your December or January PNM bill!**

The Desert Ridge area is: East of Edith, North of Paseo to Holbrook, East of Holbrook to San Antonio, North of San Antonio. The Eastern boundary is the mountains. (See the DRMS website: www.desertridgems.com for the map of our area.)

If your 5th grader lives in the Desert Ridge area, he/she will bring home registration materials and information on **Tuesday, February 13th (Double Eagle)** or **Thursday, February 15 (North Star)**. You will be asked to select classes, sign forms, and return this material to the 5th grade teacher WITH AN ORIGINAL JANUARY OR FEBRUARY PNM BILL. (The PNM bill is proof of residence in the DRMS area. Note: your child will not be registered for classes without this proof of residence.) DRMS cannot accept copies of the PNM bill, but if you would like to keep your original bill, just take it to the counseling office at Desert Ridge for verification **prior to February 20 (Double Eagle)** and **February 22 (North Star)**.

Students who do NOT live in the Desert Ridge area but would like to attend DRMS MUST apply for a transfer. Please call the Transfer Office at 855-9048 for information.

This year there will be open enrollment for the Accelerated Math classes. A representative from the Desert Ridge Math department will be at **Double Eagle Thursday on February 8** and **North Star on February 5** to give a Math Placement test to those students who want to take the test. Students will be pulled out of class to take the test. If students are absent on this date, a make-up will be given at Desert Ridge from 2:30-4:30 pm on Friday, February 9th.) The results will be provided to each parent to assist them in making a decision about the possible success of their child in an Accelerated Math class. It is also recommended you consult with your child's teacher about your student's placement in this class before signing up.

On **Tuesday, February 20 (Double Eagle)** and **February 22 (North Star)**, DRMS counselors will meet

with your student at Double Eagle, collect materials, and answer questions. Please make sure your student has returned the:

- (1.) Course Selection Form with parent signatures and initials beside selected courses
- (2.) PNM bill attached to the Residency Policy sheet
- (3.) Music form, if your child is selecting a music class as an elective

A 5th Grade Parent Night is scheduled on **April 17, 2007** at 6:30 in the DRMS gymnasium. Activities are provided for the 5th graders while the parents are at the meeting.

Please call the Desert Ridge Counseling Office at 857-0193, if you have questions.

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This is the final edition of the Double Eagle and North Star Community Newsletter. The generosity of both communities have made these few months together a productive, memorable occasion. A special thanks is in order to the neighborhood businesses below who have helped provide timely news to our blended community. It's been a pleasure!

Lisa Abeyta: Communications Chair, NSPTA

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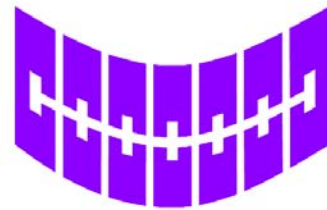
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