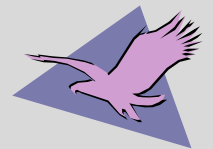




# DOUBLE EAGLE NEWS



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## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



By: Troy Hughes—Principal

Parent Teacher Conferences will be **Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>** and **2<sup>nd</sup>** with no school on these days.

Conference time is such a wonderful time in your child's education. It is an opportunity to come in and share information about your child and hear how their educational and social progress is going. The best conferences end with both the parents and teacher feeling that they have learned something about the child. For this to occur please use these following suggestions that have been made by both parents and teachers.

Before you go, please review the

mid trimester report that was sent home by the teacher and note any areas of concerns. Please take time to make a list of what you want to tell the teacher about your child and what you see occurring at home with them. How does your child feel about school? Is there something special the teacher needs to understand about your child and family that would help him/her understand your child better? Ask your child what they might like for you to discuss with their teacher or a special project to look for in the room. (Make sure you have an answer for them when you get home ☺.)

At the conference: Please arrive on time as there are conferences scheduled throughout the day. The teacher will be well prepared to explain how your child is doing with the **Standard Based Progress Report** and

with their social development. You may want to ask in what areas is your child doing well and what areas can we continue to work on for improvement. What can I do at home to help with my child's learning?

When you get home: Tell your child something wonderful that their teacher said about them! Let the child know how much you LOVE them. Your child will be seeking praise for all of their hard work and will be ready to implement ideas that were discussed at the conference.

Education is a continuous process and should always be worked on throughout life. So please, continue communicating with your child's teacher throughout the year. We are looking for another **100% attendance** from our parents! Thank You for all you do to help Double Eagle such an outstanding place for your child.

## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

**26 Current Student Registration Packs Sent Home**

### MARCH

**1-2 No School—Parent-Teacher Conferences**

**2 Current Student Registration Packets DUE!!**

**6,7 New Student Registration (10:00AM-7:00PM)**

**16 Jog O'Thon**



**26-30 Spring Break**



Clip & Save Important Dates

## 2007-2008 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration Packets for **current Double Eagle students** that will be attending Double Eagle next year will be sent home on February 26th. Please retain a current PNM bill for registration and return the completed pack to your child's teacher by Friday, March 2, 2007.

~All students registering with the Albuquerque Public Schools for the 2007-08 school year **MUST** present proof of residency in their school's boundary area every year. Proof of residency will be a **January or February 2007 Public Service Company (PNM) bill**. You must present the portion of the bill that shows your name, date, and service address at registration.

**New student & kindergarten registration** is scheduled for Mar. 6 & 7, 2007 from 10am to 7pm. Bring a current PNM bill, shot records and birth certificate to registration.

## SURVEY AT PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

Parent-teacher conferences are coming soon! After you are finished speaking with your child's teacher, **Dr. Elizabeth Everitt**, APS Superintendent, invites you to fill out a 2-question ballot about standards-based marks in elementary schools. You will get one ballot from your oldest child's teacher and can return it to the office or in the boxes provided outside the classrooms.

Let me take this opportunity to refresh your memory about how standards-based marks work on the **Standards-Based Progress Report (SPBR)**.

The **SBPR** shows how well students understand New Mexico content standards. Content standards name the skills and knowledge that

students need to learn each year in school. A copy of these standards in parent-friendly language has been sent home (and are also available at: [www.rda.aps.edu](http://www.rda.aps.edu)).

The **SBPR** tells you three things about your child's learning.

1. How well my child has learned during the last 12 weeks.

*A 4,3,2,1 measures their understanding during this point in time. A 3 or 4 tells you that your student has a full understanding of the material.*

2. How well my child understands what's needed to move on to the next grade level.

*An "M" for Mastery in each topic is the goal for the school year.*

3. How much effort your

student makes to learn.

*Measured with an E for Excellent, S for Satisfactory, I for Needs Improvement and N for No Effort Made.*

◇ Standards-based marks make it easy to tell what a student knows and where more work is needed.

◇ Letter grades (A, B, C) combine student effort with academic skills and are based on the teacher's professional judgment. Practice work is averaged together with more polished work, so the student is not rewarded for new learning.

◇ Letter grades cover a broad subject area. It's hard to see the key skills that may be missing.

## PERFORMING FINE ARTS FESTIVAL



Congratulations to all the teachers, students and parents that made this year's Performing Fine Arts Festival a success! You were terrific! Thanks to the following teachers and classes: Mrs. White, Mrs. Nance, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Stearns, Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Rombaugh-Kendall, Mrs. Kempka, Mrs. Lara, Ms. Blair, Mrs. Karas, Mrs. Glenn, Mr. Lorenzen, Mrs. Rider. Thanks for all of

your hard work! And a big thank you to all of the parents who brought those wonderful goodies and drinks! It wouldn't have happened without you! Thanks to Mr. Hughes for being our emcee!! And congratulations to the DEES choirs- you all did a great job! Keep up the fabulous work!  
~Suzie Dekleva



The Double Eagle Band members will perform their final concert of the year **Tuesday, May 15, 2007**, at **7:00 PM** in the Desert Ridge Mid School Gym. They will be combined with the students from the Dennis Chavez Band and some of the Desert Ridge low brass. Please come and hear a great concert!

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

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

Next General Meeting is **Mar 21st** at 9:15am in the cafeteria.

Don't forget our **Annual Book Drive** for our Sister School East San Jose Elem. We will be collecting **NEW** books in **May**, so be sure to purchase those 95 cent books in the book orders your teachers send home. Watch for a flyer with further information coming in April. Thanks for your support of this project.



## SWEET TREATS

### "Sweethearts"



Teachers and staff enjoyed assorted Valentine treats on February 5. A "heartfelt" thank you to the following moms for providing sweets: Sue Boren, Jennifer Collins, Katherine Creagan, Dana Fotieo, Jean Gold, Allison Kane, Linda Myers, Julie Pfeiffer, Ada Portman, and Cori Sullivan!

Mark your calendar for our next sweet treats- **Thursday, March 8**. The theme will be **brownies** (white chocolate, candy bar, caramel, cream cheese, rocky road, frosted, raspberry etc.). Please contact **Dana Fotieo (822-9632** or [dfotieo@salud.unm.edu](mailto:dfotieo@salud.unm.edu)) if you are interested in providing a treat.

## DOUBLE EAGLE HOSPITALITY

### Valentine's Luncheon

Teachers/staff were treated to a baked potato bar, assorted salads, and a chocolate fountain on February 12 for lunch. Thank you to the following Double Eagle parents that helped make this event a success: Sue Boren, Jennifer Collins, Suzie Dekleva, Kim Federici, Dana Fotieo, Nina Gallegos, Jean Gold, Cyndy Iglesias, Ellen Mather, Ada Portman, Jane Rowe, Karen Rozenblum, Deborah Schaefer, Cori Sullivan, and Mythi To!

Mark your calendars for the next luncheon hosted by the PTA hospitality committee- **Monday, April 16!**

## FREE PARENTING WORKSHOP!!!

Presented by: **Iris Fanning**, La Cueva Cluster Family Counselor

*Stephen Covey, author of Seven Habits of Highly Effective People states that Habit Number One is: "Begin with the End in Mind. Beginning with the End in Mind teaches you how to live with vision, mission and purpose. This habit is essential to great parenting and great young people.*

This Tele-Workshop will focus on 3 major areas:

- 1) What would your best results of parenting look like?
- 2) What are some of the most common problems parents have with children and teenagers?
- 3) Practical solutions and strategies for every parent.

When: **Wednesday March 14, 2007**

Time: **6:00pm – 7:15pm**

Where: Comfort of your own home on a telephone bridge line.

Telephone Number Access: 1-641-297-5500

Access Code: 17771

Please email Iris Fanning at [fanning@aps.edu](mailto:fanning@aps.edu) to confirm attendance, receive the handouts and have email reminders sent to you.

## JOG O'THON-MARCH 16TH



**March 16th** is the date for Jog O'thon. So, **GET FIT, BE LUCKY** and get ready to run those laps for your school. DE DADS save this date, we want you there!! **Want to help?** Please contact **Laurie Depies 797-8874**.



*LIBRARIANS' NOTE* – **From Mrs. Stepetic**

READER ROSTER

**Junie B Jones**

Eliana O'Brien

**Arthur**

Molly Brunner, Josh Fanning, Brennan Hunt, Kyler Kunzler

**Magic Treehouse**

Spencer Grebosky, Roman Winter

**Newberry**

Amber Arquitola, Steven Chen, Grace Duncan, Meico Hsiao, Katherine MacCurdy, Gizelle Tercero, Shelby Zumwalt

**Caldecott**

Morgan Fortin, Jared Kane, Ashlynn Little

**Franklin**

None this time

**Mystery**

None this time

I have found, in my years as a public school librarian and teaching children in our global world that working to erase stereotypes across cultures, children's books are a great resource. In a recent *School Library Journal* I came upon a most interesting article that I would like to share, at least in part, with you. It was addressing the stereotypes of other cultures within children's books. While some of the article could be about any culture and the associated stereotypes, this particular article was

looking at Islam in our Western society.

The author stated that "if the children of second- and third-generation Muslims are to feel at home in the mosaic of North American culture, they need to see themselves and their values represented positively in literature." Also stated is that a minority's literary expression often tends to begin with people from outside the culture and evolves to writers from within a culture, writing about their own culture. Listed in the article are the 5 basic categories of children's books about Islam. They are:

contemporary picture books, contemporary novels, short story collections, folktales and non-fiction. In the article is a book list of several books within each category. If you are interested in this list or for more information, please take a look at her website; [www.rukhsanakhan.com/muslimbooks.htm](http://www.rukhsanakhan.com/muslimbooks.htm)

The author does recognize that creating a book list is only a small step in bridging gaps in understanding but does feel that we each need to do our part to make connections with others.



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*Thank you!*

Thank you for the book donations from both Trevor Cunningham and Thomas Heitt.

**Congratulations to our January and July Friends of the Library Birthday Winners!**

- January: k-2<sup>nd</sup> grades: Andrew Chang
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades: Michaela Yancey
- July: k – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades: Julia Dubois
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades: Kylie Clark

**HEALTH ROOM NOTICE:**

The Health Room needs donated sweat pants and boys socks for when children have accidents at school.

The library still needs volunteers to fill a few spots.



Send your newsletter articles to Penny Tennant prtennant@comcast.net  
Note: the deadlines have changed. The next deadlines are: March 2nd for the March 9th newsletter and March 16th for the March 23 newsletter (last day before Spring break).

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