

DOUBLE EAGLE NEWS

THANK YOU FROM TROY HUGHES AND THE DE STAFF



Troy Hughes
Double Eagle Principal

The excitement of summer is here and I hope that you all have a wonderful summer planned to spend with your family. The summers are such a great time to allow kids to be kids and make memories that will last a lifetime. This past school year has come and gone and the planning for the next year has begun. On behalf of the teachers and staff here at Double Eagle, I would like to thank you for such a wonderful school year.

Thank you for your wondrous support of Double Eagle and all the children it serves.

Thank you for demonstrating to your child how important school is by taking time off from your important work and busy schedule to volunteer in a classroom.

Thank you for making our jobs easier and not harder.

Thank you for wonderful words of encouragement to your child and us.

Thank you for investing in your child's future.

Thank you for being a partner in instilling a love of reading and learning that will hopefully be a part of your child throughout his or her life.

Most of all, thank you for lending us your incredible child to work with everyday! Not many people can say that they look forward to coming to work each morning. Due to these wonderful children, we have been excited to come to work: to see how they will respond to a story, to watch them interact with each other and to see concepts take root and imaginations blossom. The amazing progress and changes we have seen in your child throughout the year could not have happened without your immense help.

The "Thank You" column in the newsletter continues to everyone that has made Double Eagle the very best place it can be. The PTA

and parent volunteers have put in countless hours to help make Double Eagle a great place for kids and staff. I would like to thank all of our parents and families that were supportive of our fund raising efforts, as your contributions have been greatly appreciated. Thanks to all the great volunteers at Double Eagle from Friends of the Library to Fine Arts, Choir, Jog-athon, moving, painting, Welcome Back Picnic, End-of-the-Year Dance, my personal favorite, "sweet treats", luncheons, Art Crawl, newsletter, pictures, yearbook, Explora, Science Fair, Missoula Children's Theater, marquee, classroom supplies, teacher start up, field trips, flower sale, entertainment books, cookie dough, Fine Arts performance night, Talent Show, professional development opportunities, and, if I missed one or two, please know we are very grateful here at Double Eagle.

We value you!
We appreciate you!
We thank you!

Thank you from Double Eagle Teachers and Staff:

- Troy Hughes, Principal

CALENDAR

MAY

25 Last Day of School!
12:40 Dismissal

AUGUST

- 1 Student Registration**
- 10 Meet Your Teacher Day for Grades 1-5 2:30-3:30**
- 13 Kindergarten Meet Your Teacher Day! 2:30-3:30**

HEALTH CORNER:

Medications in Health Room

In preparation for the closing of the Health Room for the summer, we are requesting the student's parent or guardian pick up all medications stored in the facility. The Health Room Staff will distribute inhalers to students and will dispose of all other medication not picked up by the end on **May 25, 2007**. If you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to call the school nurse.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for APS will be May 25, 2007. All elementary schools will dismiss at 12:40 p.m. Breakfast will be served but lunch will not be served on that day. All buses will run after school.

2007-2008 REGISTRATION

Registration for Double Eagle will be held on **August 1, 2007** from 9:00AM to Noon. If you know of any new students or if you have an incomplete registration packet please come in on this day. Remind new students that they need to bring in a current PNM bill, birth certificate and shot records. If you have already completed your registration you do not need to attend this registration.

MEET YOUR TEACHER

Please come to school on **August 10, 2007** for Meet Your Teacher Day for Grades 1-5 from 2:30 – 3:30.

Kindergarten parents and students come on August 13th from 2:30 – 3:30 for Meet Your Teacher / Curriculum Overview.

Mahalo to all for a great Luau!

Special thanks to all the classes that painted such awesome pictures! Your creativity and designs were the perfect decor. Thanks also to Girl Scout Troop #1521, Sarah Smart and Caitlyn Christiansen for welcoming everyone to the dance and handing out lei's, Stacy Bewley for all her hard work and creativity, the PTA for sponsoring this fun event, the wonderful folks from Dions, our fun D.J. from "Too Hot to Stop", Jonny Sanders for helping us clean up, and to all the great parents who participated with their kids! Mahalo!



SWEET TREATS

Teachers and staff started the morning off right with breakfast sweets on **May 3**. Thank you to the following parents for providing goodies: **Sue Boren, Judy Brightwell, Dana Fotieo, Kirsten Kunzler, Ellen Mather, Linda Myers, Ada Portman, and Penny Tennant.**



YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks will be distributed on **May 23, 2007** this year. If you will be leaving prior to the last week of school please e-mail Carole Ziegner at healthymom@yahoo.com for other arrangements to pick up your child's yearbook.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROVIDER HAS BEEN CHOSEN

The votes are in and Children's Choice received the majority of votes and will be the Before and After School Care Provider for Double Eagle during the 2007-2008 school year.

If you require their services for next year or have any additional questions about their program, please contact them directly at 296-2880.

WELCOME BACK PICNIC—SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for Double Eagle's back to school picnic. It will be held Friday, August 24 in the evening! It promises to be a fun event for the whole family!

Please contact Dana Fotieo (dfotieo@salud.unm.edu) or Denise Moedl (moedlb@comcast.net) if you want to help with this committee!

A NOTE FROM COACH KANE

We would like to thank all the Double Eagle runners and walkers who helped us on Friday mornings. We ran and walked over 1,500 miles this year. Also thanks to all the volunteers who helped with Play Day. The kids all had a great time. Special thanks to **Albertson's** for donating popsicles for us to enjoy. - Coach Kane



ELEMENTARY BAND CONCERT

Dennis Chaves ES and Double Eagle ES performed their end of the year band concert at Desert Ridge Middle School on Tuesday, May 15, 2007. A special thanks go to Larry R. Case for teaching and encouraging our young musicians all year. Our thanks also go to the Desert Ridge Band Directors: Donna Schmidt and Amy Williams and the members of the Desert Ridge Cadet Band for participating with this program.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH ALLEN

Her Musical Composition won at the state level and has gone on to the National PTA Reflections Contest.

DE PTA web page:

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

KUDOS

We would like to thank Cub Scout Pack 241 for their "Good Turn Day" in which they helped clean the grounds of Double Eagle on May 6th. Thank you for helping keep our school and community clean and beautiful.

Pack 241 would like to thank Mrs. Hogan for letting them into the school on that Sunday.

And speaking of Pack 241, if you have a kindergarten who would like to be a Tiger Cub this fall, call Penny Tennant, Pack secretary 797-2448.

The end of the year has come so quickly! If you are a Double Eagle family and are using the **Hangers Dry Cleaning** on Academy please e mail Sue Boren at greenchilist@hotmail.com. We are closing the year for our 3% donated to Double Eagle and don't want to leave anyone out. We will resume in August when school begins. Thanks to all the families for supporting our wonderful school.



READER ROSTER

Junie B Jones

Madison Supple

Arthur

Molly Ranger, Noah
Rodney

Magic Treehouse

Andrew Chang,
Brooke Prichard,
Noah Rodney

Newberry

Amber Arquitola

Caldecott

Morgan Fortin,
Addison Portman,
Brittney Supple,
R.J. Winter, Shane
Zottnick

Franklin

Morgan Fortin,
Danny Goslau

Mystery

Sophia Iglesias,
Madeline Stone

LIBRARIANS' NOTE – From Mrs. Stepetic

With this last newsletter for the 2006-07 school year I would like to say "THANK YOU!" to this wonderful, amazing, supportive Double Eagle community. If you have not yet heard, with the reduction in our enrollment, the position for librarian has been cut to half time. With this, I have made a difficult decision to change schools in order to stay at full time *and* at only one school. My seven years here have been awesome and I have made many friends that I will miss so much. I will be close by at S.Y. Jackson so if you are ever in the neighborhood, I would love it if you stopped in to say "Hello!" - *With much love, Lorrie Stepetic*

Once again, thank you to our wonderful Double Eagle community. Your continued support of our *Spring Book Fair* made it a tremendous success!

SUMMER READING

Each summer, the public library has fun reading programs and this year will be no exception. This summer's theme is *Read 2 the Beat! Cherry Hills*

Library hours are:

Mon & Tues 10:00 – 8:00,

Wed thru Sat 10:00 – 6:00

Phone 857-8321.

Please Note – the Wyoming Library is closed for renovations.

GREAT SUMMER READING

THE 2007-08 LAND OF ENCHANTMENT BOOKS:

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by Jeamme Birdsall

Rosy Cole's Best Yet Tour of New York City * by Sheila Greenwald

Lucy Rose: Here's the Thing About Me by Kate Kelly

The Boy on Fairfield Street: How Ted Geisel Grew Up To Become Dr. Seuss * by Katherin Kull

Stink and the Incredible Super Galactic Jawbreaker by Megan McDonald

The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts by Richard Peck

Becoming Naomi Leon by Pat Muñoz Ryan

Liberty Rising: The Story of the Statue of Liberty by Pegi Deitz

Dad, Jackie and Me by Myron Uhlerberg

Winchell Mink: The Misadventure Begins by Steve Young

* Also a *Battle of the Books* title

THE 2007-08 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS LIST:

Crispin: At the Edge of the World by Avi

A Bear Named Trouble by Marion Dane Bauer

The Journey that Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margaret & H.A. Rey by Louise Borden

The President's Daughter by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

Chicken Boy by Frances O'Roark Dowell

7 Professors of the Far North by John Fardell

Lily's Crossing by Patricia Reilly Giff

The Old Willis Place: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn

Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship by Isabella Hatkoff

Cats in Krasinski Square by Karen Hesse

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Gossamer by Lois Lowry

A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray by Ann M. Martin

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

A Scarecrow and His Servant by Phillip Pullman

The Secret Project Notebook by Carolyn Reeder

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

CALDECOTT HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to Morgan Fortin, Shane Zottnick, and Jared Atherton, all of these students have read, or had read to them 150 Caldecott books!

**Congratulations to our Friends of the Library
April and May birthday winners!**

April: K - Z Haley Skousen 3-5 Katie Duncan

May: K - Z Noah Rodney 3 - 5 Ryan Morrison-Brown

**All library
books were due
Friday, May
11th.**

MAY IS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

The month of May is Children's Mental Health Awareness Month. Part of children's over-all healthiness is being healthy in mind and spirit. It helps with friends, with school work and relationships with family.

It is estimated that 20% of children in the US have a mental health need that requires attention. This translates to approximately 18,000 students right here in Albuquerque Public Schools having mental health needs. The goals for National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, May 8 are:

- To bring awareness to the fact that Mental Health needs can be barriers to learning and future success if the needs are not met
- To raise awareness of effective programs for children's

Mental Health needs

- To demonstrate how children's Mental Health initiatives promote positive youth development, recovery and resiliency

To show how children with Mental Health needs can thrive in their communities

In order to raise awareness at DOUBLE EAGLE ES, teachers will be invited to read to their class, books about a variety of mental health topics. These include identifying emotions, coping with stress, bullying, blended families, life changes, just to name a few. Perhaps your student will discuss with you at home the book that was shared in their classroom.

At home, you as parents and guardians can raise awareness by simply discussing with your children any kind of mental health issue that comes up. For ideas and support to lead such discussions, there is a website I highly recom-

mend. It includes a forum for parents to discuss, with other parents, a wide variety of parenting topics. The website is <http://www.tolerance.org>

Among other things, you'll find suggested activities and books.

There is an issue and article to which I'd like to direct parents of intermediate-aged children. It is named *The ABC's of Size Bias*, and shows adults how to foster healthier attitudes about body size. As a counselor, I have discovered that this can be a delicate but very important discussion to have with children, even of elementary school age. But it's also a topic about which many adults have their own biases, and therefore an important issue on which to be educated for Children's Mental Health Awareness Month. I encourage parents to bring up a subject and let their children tell *them* they know about that topic; your children may teach you something, too.

Have a happy and healthy summer break!

-Fonda Kirchmeyer,
DEES counselor

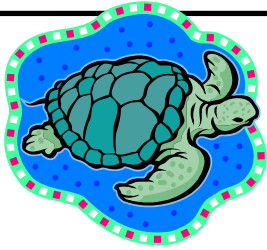
WARNING MESSAGE FROM COUNSELOR AND NURSE

Going into the summer when your children are playing in public places, please remind them of the various safety skills that they already know. These safety skills include safe biking and stranger danger rules.

According to a recent DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) memo, crystal meth is being distributed to kids in school yards & parks. This meth resembles strawberry poprocks & is also flavored chocolate, peanut butter, cherry, orange and cola. Please advise your child not to accept candy/food items from strangers as this could be an attempt by a dealer to distribute and indigestion could result in a medical emergency. Have a terrific summer!

-Fonda Kirchmeyer, DEES counselor, Pam Finley, DEES nurse





I am proud to announce that the children in our community did an outstanding job raising money for the endangered Leatherback turtles in Costa Rica.

\$1,843.26 RAISED BY DOUBLE EAGLE KIDS WHO CARE!

Our students raised \$1,843.26 and most of that money was collected in change. This is a perfect example of how when we all work together we can make a change in the world.

The Leatherback turtles are endangered because of habitat loss, poaching and getting caught in fishing nets. The money we raised was through the Earth's

Birthday Project in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This was our birthday gift to Mother Earth.

- Eileen Walters-Karas,
3rd Grade Teacher

EVERYDAY MATH IS COMING TO DOUBLE EAGLE!

Every seven years the schools in our district adopt a new math curriculum and we are excited to announce that, along with all of the schools in the La Cueva Cluster, we at Double Eagle will be using Everyday Math next year. The Everyday Math curriculum is a heavily researched program that was developed at the University of Chicago, is in its third edition, and is the new curriculum of choice for 80% of all APS schools.

The teachers at Double Eagle are excited about and committed to this program. The staff has been working hard this year to prepare themselves to teach this new curriculum. They have attended workshops, observed the program being taught at other schools, and are well into the planning and preparation needed to be ready to go in August.

Math will definitely look different. We will be moving away from the familiar memorization of facts and methods of solution to an

emphasis on thinking about and understanding mathematical concepts. The students will be asked to be actively involved in reasoning and problem solving and to explain their thinking about problems and the strategies they are using to solve them. You will see less of worksheets and more of activities that relate to real life.

We know that you will have many questions and will want to

understand fully the upcoming changes. Because we know that your understanding and support of this program is key to its, plans are being made to keep you informed and involved. A **Family Math Night** is scheduled for **September 12th** and updates will be sent to you routinely throughout the year. For now, we highly recommend that you visit the Everyday Math website at



<http://everydaymath.uchicago.edu/>



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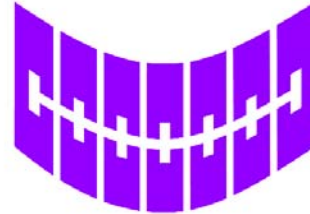
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