

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: STAR SPANGLED BANNER!



Children, Staff, and Parents gather around the Double Eagle Flagpole to celebrate our National Anthem's 192nd Birthday.

By Julie Rombach-Kendall and Regina Stella-Watkins

On September

14<sup>th</sup>, Double Eagle and North Star Elementary Schools held Patriotic Assemblies celebrating the

SCHOOL SAFETY

Students who do not ride the bus may ride a bicycle, or skateboard to school. Students must wear helmets.

Once the school grounds have been reached, skateboards must be carried and bicycles must be walked

to the bicycle racks on the west side of the office. Roller blades and skateboards are not allowed on school grounds.

Many children walk to Double Eagle. Please have your child use the safest route to school and

192<sup>nd</sup> birthday of our National Anthem.

Although rain was forecast, it was a beautiful sunny morning with wispy clouds decorating the mountains. In the perfect setting for it, our students sang a heartfelt rendition of "America, the Beautiful."

Then guest speaker Margaret Edmundson shared a history of the National Anthem.

Delaney Heileman, from Mrs. Engdahl's third grade class, said, "Hearing the history of our National Anthem inspired me to sing better, because then I knew the meaning of the words."

Military service men and women were asked to stand in recognition and be honored. Finally, all joined in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

This event happened on the same day as many other

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cross the street at designated crosswalks or intersections.

We do have a crossing guards stationed at Lowell & Oakland and Eagle Rock & Lowell to assist your child in crossing.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

09	<b>No School</b> Fall Break
17	<b>North Star General PTA Meeting</b> 7 PM in Cafeteria
18	<b>Double Eagle General PTA Meeting</b> 9:15 AM in Cafeteria

NOVEMBER

1	<b>Double Eagle PTA</b> Exec. Mtg 9:15 AM
2	<b>Reflections Entries DUE TODAY</b>
3	<b>End of 1st Trimester</b>
6 - 10	<b>Reflections</b> Cultural Arts Show
13	<b>Reflections</b> Contestant Reception 6:30 PM
15	<b>Double Eagle PTA</b> General Mtg 7 PM Library
16, 17	<b>No School</b> Parent Teacher Conferences
23, 24	<b>No School</b> Thanksgiving

*Clip & Save Important Dates*



**Troy Hughes**  
Double Eagle Principal

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE RESOLVED

The dilemma of not having care available for your children is finally over! We sincerely apologize for the delay in staffing the before and after care program, but Bernalillo County Parks and Rec has always put the safety of your children first and wanted to hire a high quality staff.

Double Eagle has had a good relationship with Bernalillo County Parks and Rec for several years. Although the

contractual agreement between the County and Double Eagle Elementary has expired, Double Eagle will continue to utilize County Programming throughout the 2006-2007 school year. With the contract ending with Bernalillo County Parks and Rec, Double Eagle will look at the possibility of securing a different provider for before and after school care for next year. We will begin this process in February, 2007.

If you would like to be involved in the selection process for a new provider for the 2007-2008 school year, please contact Double Eagle PTA President, Kim Federici at 857-0187, ext. 7. If you have any further questions or comments, please contact me at 857-0187, ext. 8.

Sincerely,  
Troy Hughes-Principal



**Diane Kerschen**  
North Star Principal

## STANDARDS BASED PROGRESS REPORTS

Both North Star and Double Eagle use standards-based performance marks without letter grades in kindergarten through fourth grade. Our school district is shifting to a standards-based educational system, which makes students and teachers more accountable for learning and gives us a deeper understanding of exactly **what is being learned**. SBPR also provide more helpful information than the traditional report card. Parents can see how well their child is learning the skills and content that all students are expected to learn at that grade, from the state standards.

All the elementary schools in the La Cueva Cluster piloted the Standards Based Progress Reports. Over the past several years these reports

have been revised, based on feedback from teachers, families and principals. Teachers and students create rubrics to spell out exactly what the student needs to do to show they understand the knowledge and skills for each topic and assignment.

An example of grading in a standards-based system is the use of Rubrics. Rubrics are set up like the Standards-Based Progress Reports with marks of 4, 3, 2, and 1. Rubrics can be created by teachers or students! Consequently, the students know exactly what is expected of them. Knowing how to succeed is very motivating.

4=Exceeds

3=Meets expectations (right on target)

2=Nears expectations, shows partial understanding

1= Shows difficulty understanding the material (area of need).

It is our goal that every student masters each content standard at their grade level. **Master is key** and is shown separately from the performance marks on the SBPR. Mastery is achieved when the student can consistently demonstrate complete understanding of the district content standard. These standards are high and take a great deal of work and dedication for students to master.

In the next newsletter I'll write more on the grading system. Your children are absolutely wonderful. Thank you for sharing them with us!

Diane Kerschen  
North Star Principal



### Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Alex Smart who received his Eagle Scout Award this weekend for his project that he completed this summer at Double Eagle Elementary.

Alex completed a project in which all the white areas of the halls were repainted throughout the entire building. Alex received a lot of help from the following sponsors: Kwall Paints, Albuquerque Public Schools, Troop 210, Ace Hardware, Papa John's Pizza and Raley's.

Alex did a fantastic job and we appreciate his efforts to help make Double Eagle a better place.

Thank You!

Troy Hughes - Principal



## READER ROSTER

### Junie B Jones

Calvin Abdallah  
Hannah Greenblatt  
Lauren Hewitt  
Taylor Hoagland  
Jasmyne Hsiao  
Madelyn Kraus  
Eliana O'Brien  
Lily Otter  
Nicole Reyna

### Arthur

Katie Meyer

### Magic Treehouse

Maheck Jerez, Matthew Larson, Matthew Read, Amando Vigil, Michaela Yancey

### Newberry

Sean Allin, Steven Chen, Andrea Lin, Stephanie Lloyd

### Caldecott

Evan Ausman, Matthew Broyles, Julia DuBois, Zachary Fitch, Morgan Fortin, Luca Fuggiti, Jeremy Gianoulakis, Natala Hesch, Thomas Judkins, Jared Kane, Vanessa Krajeck, Tara Morton, Noah Rodney, Sarah Weber

### Franklin

Carter Abdallah, Molly Ranger

### Mystery

None this time!

## LIBRARIANS' NOTE

*From Mrs. Stepetic & Mrs. Wray*

We thought our families might like to know about a **free** Family Literacy Day. It is being hosted by the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System.

WHEN? Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> noon -4pm

WHERE? the Main Library (downtown)

There will be craft activities, a scavenger hunt, a bicycle give-away and great workshops for kids and teens! Also included will be a story talk with local author Betsy James.

Do you remember? DE FOL sponsored a visit by Betsy James at Double Eagle in the spring of the 2004-2005 school year and was great fun!



## DID YOU KNOW...



Albuquerque Public Schools has

purchased the license for **World Book Encyclopedia** online not only for our schools but also for student use at home. This is a great tool for students provided at no cost.

To access this resource, go to <http://www.worldbookonline.com>

The **user name**: apselsch  
The **password**: jackrabbit

## NEXT DATE SET FOR BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Our first **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS** meeting was Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Both DE & NS will be meeting together this first half of the year.

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS** is a reading club for 4th and 5th graders. If you are a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader but didn't make it to our first meeting, it is NOT

too late to join us!

Our next meeting will be **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** in the library at **8:15am**.

If you'd like more information about the **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS** reading club, you can visit the following website:

[www.nmbattleofthebooks.org](http://www.nmbattleofthebooks.org)



## SWEET TREATS

**October 24:** Halloween Treats

**November 20:** Pies

**December 11:** Holiday Cookies

**Dana Fotieo (DEPTA)**  
822-9632

**Jessica Sweet (NSPTA)**  
856-2059

## THANK YOU!

Thank You "Pardners"!

Double Eagle and North Star teachers/staff enjoyed a BBQ luncheon on September 22. Turkey and brisket from Quarters were served. Beans, coleslaw, potato salad, cornbread, rolls, watermelon, pies, brownies, Texas sheet cake, and lemonade rounded out the menu.

A "BIG" thank you to the following Double Eagle ladies for their monetary and/or food contributions: **Sarah Jane Allen, Lori Ann Annati, Sue Boren, Judy Brightwell, Jennifer Coston, Melanie Ecker, Kim Federici, Dana Fotieo, Jean Gold, Gena Hoagland, Cyndy Iglesias, Allison Kane, Ellen Mather, Ada Portman, Jane Rowe, Deborah Schaefer, Cori Sullivan, Mythi To** and to the following North Star parents: **Kim Tomasi, Crystal Holmes, Laurie McAlister, Michelle Kelly, Romie Lavoie, Michelle Bloom, Mindy Staten, Pam Affentranger, Jeanette Maestas, Yonghee Lee, Lena Eddings, Sara Winters, Diane Sanchez, Rachel Cook, Lisa Renken, Etta Sisneros, Sheryl Habing, Rhonda Dukes, Susie Jamhavian, Jessica Sweet, and the mystery lady** who brought \$ in to the office on Friday morning!

## "MY FAVORITE PLACE" TO BE THEME



Participate in the **PTA Cultural Arts Program**. This year's theme is '*My Favorite Place*'.

The categories are **Visual Arts** (such as a drawing or painting), **Literature** (fiction or nonfiction in prose, poetry, or drama), **Film/Video**

**Production, Dance Choreography, Musical Composition, or Photography.**

Entries are due **November 2** at the school entrance. Entries will be accepted before school, at lunch and after school.

Visual artwork and photography will be exhibited from Nov. 6 through 10 in the library.

A Reception for participants will be held November 13 at 6:30pm.

Literature entries must be no more than 2000 words. Please note

that Visual Arts must be flat and no more than 24"x30". Teachers have complete rules, and the rules will also be available on both the DE PTA and NS PTA WebPages.

See what other kids did at [www.pta.org/reflections06](http://www.pta.org/reflections06). First place entries will be submitted to the NM State contest.

Contact:

DEPTA: **Penny Tennant**  
797-2448

prtennant@comcast.net

NSPTA: **Etta Sisneros**  
858-3431

ettasisneros@msn.com

## DONATE GENTLY USED & NEW CLOTHING

Double Eagle and North Star Elementary Schools will be collecting items for the APS Clothing Bank. The Clothing Bank **DESPERATELY NEEDS CLOTHING!** Collection dates are as follows:

OCT 16 - 20: **gently used clothing**

OCT 23 - 27: **new underwear and socks.**

There will be a **CONTEST** by grade levels. **WILL YOUR CLASSROOM**

### COLLECT THE MOST?

Thank you in advance for your donation. Bring your **used** items to the boxes located in the **lobby**, and your **new** items to the **classroom**.



## SOUP'S ON!

**Monday, November 6, 2006...**

**"Soup's On"**

We will be serving a variety of soups, chili, salad, breads, and dessert.

### Upcoming luncheon

Want to help? Contact:

**Dana Fotieo** (Double Eagle) 822-9632

**Jessica Sweet** (North Star) 856-2059

### DON'T FORGET CHOIR HAS STARTED!

We meet from 8:00 - 8:50 AM **Tuesdays** in the Cafeteria. Come and bring your singing voices! Contacts: **Julie Kerbleski** (856-5339) or **Suzie Dekleva** (856-6435)



**Next  
Double Eagle  
General  
PTA Meeting**

**October 18  
Cafeteria  
9:15 a.m.**



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.

### Donate to Double Eagle PTA

During the school year, the Double Eagle PTA will hold various fundraisers to support and enhance education for our children.

If you own a business and would like to donate a service or items to be used in a future PTA-sponsored auction or as a treat for the children, please contact Sue Boren (858-2429) or email her at [greenchilist@hotmail.com](mailto:greenchilist@hotmail.com). Your contribution will be acknowledged in a future newsletter.

## DOUBLE EAGLE PTA RAISES \$11,000!

Way to go!  
The final numbers are in, and Double Eagle sold 600 Entertainment books for a profit of **\$11,000!**

Double Eagle PTA extends a special thanks to **Harnick & Anderson Orthodontics** for

their purchase of 75 Entertainment Books.

They have supported our school for many years. We sincerely appreciated what they have done for our school, students and their smiles!

Top-Selling

Students and Classes will be announced soon.

If you still need additional books, there are still some available.

Please contact:

**Lorri (821-6544)**

### It's not too late to join Double Eagle PTA!

Let your voice be heard!

Cut out the membership form on page 7 and turn into your classroom teacher.

## 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**



**Signed up and haven't been called?**

**Don't worry - we'll call!**

Fundraisers and activities are ongoing throughout the year, so you will be called closer to your event..

If you want to help out right now, we'll gladly take you up on your offer! Contact:

**Michelle Bloom,**  
**821-1587,**  
 michellebloom8315@hotmail.com

**DON'T FORGET OUR CLOTHING DRIVE!**

**BRING IN GENTLY USED CLOTHING**  
 10/16 - 10/20



**TUESDAY, OCT 17 at 7 PM: PTA MEETING**

**Bus Routes for new school to be discussed: APS Transportation Representative Invited to Answer Parent Questions.**

**Vote on bylaws and update parents on fundraisers also on agenda.**

## NORTH STAR'S FUNDRAISER A BIG SUCCESS!

We're off to a great start with North Star's Entertainment Book Sales. Thanks to enthusiastic community support, we raised **\$9,000!**

Way to go! Thank you to all the parents who supported this fundraiser and to all the students who worked so hard to sell

the books.

Many thanks to all who played an important part in this activity.

We truly appreciated it!

## GO ONLINE : NEWSLETTER, T-SHIRTS, MORE!



Be sure to visit the North Star PTA Webpage.

The latest (and archived) newsletters are available in PDF format along with up-

to-date news on school events.

The order form for the Community T-Shirts and other memorabilia can also be printed out from the PTA webpage.

Meet your

North Star PTA Board, email PTA Chairpersons and find out what PTA-Sponsored events are yet to come.

<http://www.northstarwolves.com>

### Can You Spare Some Time?

The following positions still need to be filled: **Future Planning Committee, Nominating Committee, Parliamentarian, PTA Bulletin Board, Grant Writing, Math / Science Supplies, Technology Night Event, Technology Supplies / Support, and a Fine Arts Chairperson.**

For more information, please contact:

**Michelle Bloom:** michellebloom8315@hotmail.com or 821-1587

## Join Your PTA: Your Involvement Makes a Difference!

Please circle one:      **DOUBLE EAGLE PTA**      **NORTH STAR PTA**

We need your support! Be part of a team striving to make our blended community a great place to grow and learn. It not only takes a top notch staff (which we have - hands down!), but it also takes parent commitment to continue to keep our schools successful. Dues are only \$5 per family per year, although you may donate more if you are able. Please make checks payable to the PTA in which your child is enrolled: *Double Eagle PTA* or *North Star PTA*. Please return the form below to your child's teacher along with payment in an envelope marked PTA MEMBERSHIP.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names, Teachers & Grades: \_\_\_\_\_

We like to make sure all PTA Members receive minutes from our meetings. Would you like to receive minutes via email?     Yes     No



## FOLLOWING PROPER PROCEDURES COULD SAVE A LIFE

Our children are very vulnerable when they are being dropped-off and picked-up. We're all excited, we're all in a hurry, and there are a lot of us! This adds up to a potentially dangerous situation for our children every day. A structure in place that greatly reduces the risks to our children. The basic rules are outlined below. Please take the time to study this list. It could save a life.

- Use designated areas for pick-up and drop-off. All students with last names

starting with A-K will use the Gym Parking Lot. All students with last names starting with L-Z will use the Northeast Parking Lot.

- The curbside lane is for drop-off/pick-up. The inside lane is for cars exiting the parking lot. **Never attempt to load kids from the inside lane!**
- Children should be waiting in the designated area by the Duty Teacher.
- If you need to assist your child in any way, park in a parking space and walk your child to your car.
- When a car reaches the designated pick-up zone, the

children will be permitted to enter from the curb. Follow the car in front of you to exit the parking lot. Pick-up/drop-off should not take more than one minute. Please be patient.

- If your child is not ready when you reach the pick-up zone, exit and continue around again or pull into a parking space. Do not block traffic behind you.

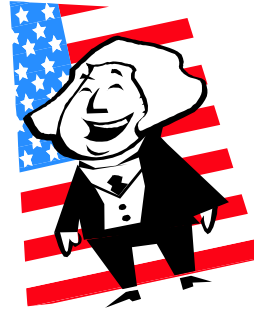
The key to all of this is PATIENCE. It will prevent children from getting hurt.

Please remember that the crossing guard, police and duty teachers are all there working to keep your child safe. Give them a smile!

# HAPPY B-DAY, GRAND OLE FLAG!



The crowd listens to guest speakers at assembly.



Quite a crowd came out for the Birthday Bash..

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patriotic events celebrating the birthday of our National Anthem nationwide.

What a thrill it was for our students and audience to be part

of this larger national celebration!

Thank you to our principals, custodians, teachers and parents who helped to make this assembly a special event for our students.

**NEWSLETTER Photos & Articles** To submit an article or help sponsor our newsletter, please call Lisa at 897-8332 or email [abqwriter@msn.com](mailto:abqwriter@msn.com). If you have a photo of a school function, we might print it. Please do not email attachments without calling.

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