

NORTH STAR CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



See that little cave? It's the future home of the library reading corner .

Brick and mortar, and now even some color. These are irrefutable signs that North Star Elementary is closer than ever to opening its doors.

“By the end of the month, the contractor should be about 80% complete with the project,” says Bob Becker, the North Star Elementary Construction Project Manager for APS. “After that, he’ll have about two months left on his contract.”

On Wednesday, the entire North Star Staff toured the facility, says Principal Diane Kerschen. “It was quite an exciting day for us all.”

Becker says things are shaping up nicely for an opening early in 2007. “We have been ordering equipment and furnishings. In fact, the playground equipment should be coming in fairly soon.” Becker says that as new items arrive for North Star, they are often stored

onsite. “A lot of times what happens is as the contractor finishes a large area, like the gym, we can store things that come in early. That way we don’t have to ask vendors to hold off on shipping things for the school.”

Where an excavated hole once gaped just a few short months ago, brick and mortar walls now stand ready to receive students.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	
21	DE PTA Mtg 9:15 AM Cafeteria
25	Picture Day
OCTOBER	
09	No School Fall Break
17	North Star PTA Mtg 7 PM in Cafeteria
18	Double Eagle PTA Mtg 9:15 AM in Cafeteria
NOVEMBER	
3	End of 1st Trimester
16, 17	No School Parent Teacher Conferences
23, 24	No School Thanksgiving
DECEMBER	
18	Winter Break Begins School Resumes January 3, 2007
<i>Clip & Save Important Dates</i>	

The ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS sale is completed. All books or orders should be turned in. If you still have an unpurchased book at home, please return it immediately.



Troy Hughes
Double Eagle Principal

Cooler Weather

We ask that you label your child's outer clothing (jackets, coats, gloves, hats, sweaters, etc.).

With the cool mornings and afternoons being warmer, many articles of clothing are found around school, and we would like to ensure their return to the owner.

A **Lost and Found** area is in the foyer between the gym and cafeteria.

Feel free to check for lost items as the need arises.

Unclaimed items left at school will be donated to the APS Clothing Bank at the end of every month.



Diane Kerschen
North Star Principal

APS ATTENDANCE POLICY

As the main support of your children, Albuquerque Public School (APS) staff know parents/guardians would like to see their children **achieve academic excellence and graduate from high school.**

Albuquerque Public Schools is committed to partnering with families and communities to achieve these goals. Attendance at school has been identified as a key component to student success.

We need your help in making sure your child attends school on a daily basis.

Thank you in advance for your commitment in making this happen.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Each day your child is absent or going to be late, please call the absentee number before 9:30 a.m. A volunteer parent committee will check the attendance every morning, beginning at 9:30a.m. If your child has not been reported absent and is not in school, the volunteer committee will notify you at home or at work. **The attendance number for both schools is 857-0187 ext 1.** This number is to report absences **ONLY.**

New Mexico Compulsory School Attendance Law requires APS to identify students with excessive absences. APS students are allowed no more than 5 absences per semester, and no more than 10 absences per school year.

If there is an attendance problem, APS is required to intervene by first identifying these students and providing notification to parents/guardians.

If the absences continue, then parents/guardians are required to attend an educational workshop on the truancy. This workshop includes why attendance is important, the truancy law, as well as details of the steps that could lead up to law enforcement and court

If a student is absent from school more than three days, parents may contact the teacher regarding homework. **One school day will be needed to prepare the assignments.** No extended homework will be provided for vacations or out of town trips without teacher agreement. Classroom work must be made up within 3 days for credit.

If a student must be removed from school early for a doctor's appointment or similar

involvement with possible prosecution.

Remember, as your child's parent/guardian you are responsible for the school attendance of your child as indicated in the Compulsory School Attendance Law.

As our partner in student success, parents/guardians must send their child to school daily. If the child will be absent, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to contact the school. We look forward to a successful school year with our students.

If you have any questions concerning the outlined Truancy Prevention Program, please call the Court Liaison Office at 342-7288 or e-mail us at courtliasion@aps.edu.

emergency, **you must come to the office providing a picture ID and sign the child out.** We will not call a child out of class until a parent is physically in the office. (you cannot phone ahead for a child to be called to the office) We will not release a child to a parent waiting in a car outside. We do this in order to be able to identify those persons picking up children and to insure the safety of your children. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

CAFETERIA NEWS

- Many people have been parking in the cafeteria parking lot. You must park in a parking space and not in front of the loading dock or the trash dumpsters.
- If your child comes home with a smiley face stamp on their hand it means that they are out of money on their lunch accounts and it's time to send more money.
- Also the cafeteria has a part time position opening, if you are interested in working or know someone that might be please contact Gina Bailey at 857-9708.

READER ROSTER**Junie B Jones**

Lauren Donahue
Clare Fitzgerald
Hannah Greenblum
Taylor Hoaglund
Madelyn Krause
Andie Warren

Arthur

Irene Rondeau

Magic Treehouse

Michael Evans
John Michael
Max Rozenblum
Allison Willner

Newberry

Jonathan Kane
Daniel Yang

Caldecott

Emily Blaine
Sara Brightwell
Zachary Fitch
Damien Jordan
Thomas Judkins
Jared Kane
Kallista Kunzler
Ashlynn Little
Brooke Prichard
Noah Rodney
Audrey Schaefer

Franklin

Carter Abdallah
Skye Harman
Kyler Kunzler

Mystery

Rachel Fang

**“GO” BOND INFORMATION**

On November 7, 2006, in a statewide election, “GO Bond C” would provide \$9million for library books for school, public and college libraries.

How will the passing of this “GO Bond C” for libraries help our schools?

The formula for distributing funds to schools is: \$3000.00 for each library + (\$1.75 x enrollment).

So, here is what each school will receive:

DOUBLE EAGLE

Enrollment of 485
\$3,000.00 plus \$1.75x485 students
approximate total of \$3,849.00

NORTH STAR

Enrollment of 419
\$3,000.00 plus \$1.75x419
approximate total of \$3,733

At an average cost of \$12.00/book, that will allow us to purchase about 310 – 320 new hardcover books to enrich our respective library collections!

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB DETAILS

This book club has the same 5 book recognition as the other clubs but the books read have a different format.

There are specific books that are to be read – 5 from each set. Because the mystery genre is so wide

ranging we have limited the choices to Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, Nate the Great, National Parks Mysteries & ghost mystery books by Betty Ren Wright.

It is our hope that we will be able to expand student choices in the future.

All of the books in this club are located on the book tower on the east side of the library and are labeled with a ? on the spine.

The final level of recognition for the Mystery Reader Board is 25.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: BIG THANKS!

Both Double Eagle and North Star **Friends of the Library** organizations would like to say a *BIG, tremendous* “Thank You” to the families that have joined either or both organizations.

Our schools are lucky to have both a PTA to support our schools as a whole *and* an FOL to support our libraries specifically.

Some events during the year are sponsored by one of either of these great groups and supported by the

other but please remember that we are indeed two separate groups!

If you haven't taken a minute to join Friends of the Library, please take the time to do it now!

Membership forms went home in your child's backpack last Friday, they also are available in the library.

Or if you give us a call (857-0187, extension 6) and let us know your child's name and teacher, we will be

MORE than happy to send a membership form home to you .



THANK
YOU



CHOIR IS BACK!

OPEN TO ALL NORTH STAR AND DOUBLE EAGLE STUDENTS K - 5

Are you ready to sing? Come join the **Double Eagle & North Star Choir**
Practices begin October 3, 2006, Tuesday Mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the Cafeteria.

Cost is \$20.00 per child / \$30.00 for family

For more information, please call Julie Kerbleksi (856-5339) or Suzie Dekleva (856-6435)

PARENTS!

Double Eagle and North Star teachers/staff started the day off right on September 7th with breakfast sweet treats. Muffins, sweet bread, cinnamon rolls, doughnuts, coffee cake, and fruit were some of the treats brought in by parents. Thank you to the following Double Eagle Moms for their contributions:
Kirsten Kunzler, Karen Rozenblum, Cori Sullivan, Therese Wing, Linda Myers, Allison Kane, and Dana Fotieo.

REFLECTIONS: NATIONAL FINE ARTS SHOW

The Joint Reflections Committee is meeting **Monday, September 18th** in the Cafeteria at 9:15 a.m. to begin the planning stages of this program.

Anyone who enjoys **music, art, photography** or

literature will enjoy this event.

We need help along the way with **judges, promotion, organization, displays** and much more. This is a fun and short time commitment.

Please join us.

For more information, please call:
Penny Tennant - Double Eagle at 797-2448 or
Etta Sisneros - North Star at 858-3431

Reflections will be joint school community event, so all are welcome.

CONTEST FOR CLOTHING BANK DONATIONS

A sincere thanks is also extended to these North Star parents:

Sara Kohn, Kim Tomasi, Gloria Mendez-Rodriguez, Angie Thompson, Michie Kelly, Heidi Weitzel, Romie Lavore, Cathy Marshall, Norma Henao, Athena Christodoalou, Jeanette M.

Carla K., Lisa Slenes, Sharon Moeser, Jamie Dixon, Jessica Sweet

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** within 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**.

Upcoming Sweet Treat Date:-

**Tuesday,
October 24
(Halloween treats)**

WELLNESS POLICY A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Before the start of the 2006-07 school year, the APS Board of Education approved a district wellness policy and procedural directives to implement that policy. To meet federal and state mandates, the nutrition and physical activity sections of the policy will be implemented at the start 2006-07 school year. These requirements for district wellness policies are part of a larger effort to

address growing concerns about the health of school children. Wellness policies are an important new tool to promote healthy eating and physical activity through changes in school programs and environments. The wellness rules adopted in New Mexico reflect the broader concept of "wellness" by including health areas beyond nutrition and physical activity. What can you expect for the beginning

of next school year? The most noticeable change will be healthier food and beverages replacing "junk food" wherever all food is sold, including vending machines, snack bars, and fundraisers. However, there will be more as Double Eagle and North Star take steps toward becoming healthier schools.

Next Double Eagle 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.

Help make sure your child got to school safe.
The **safe arrival program** is in need of volunteers.

For more information, please contact:

Sue Boren

858-2429

MONEY CLUB BEGINS FOR DOUBLE EAGLE STUDENTS

Come join The Money Club
Do you want to know how to save money? Well we have just the place! The

Money Club
It will meet most Tuesdays at 3:45 in room 23. Email Dan Otter at otterpops@earthlink.net

if interested.
Open to 3rd-5th grade Double Eagle students.

Our Popcorn Machine is "at the repair shop". As soon as it is fixed, we will resume selling popcorn on Fridays.

DOUBLE EAGLE: DEPOST LABELS IN THE LOBBY BOX

Double Eagle Parents:

SAVE THOSE CAMPBELLS SOUP LABELS!

Put the labels in the **RED BOX IN THE LOBBY**. There are many eligible products, so check your child's backpack for a flyer

about Campbell's Products. We continue to use our points to purchase items for the Albuquerque Title One Homeless Project and our Sister School, East San Jose.

It's a great cause, and it's easy to do!

JOIN PTA TO VOTE ON UPCOMING ISSUES

" If you want to vote on any issues concerning your child's education,

you **MUST** be a member of the PTA. The cost is \$5.00 and it does not

require you to volunteer. Please join Double Eagle PTA!



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 to visit the North Star web page!
<http://www.northstarwolves.com>

Sign up to receive email notices from the school!

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.

TARGET CREDIT CARD: POINTS FOR SCHOOL!

Target, the national chain store, has joined the ranks of corporate community partners with schools nationwide.

If you currently use a Target credit card, please take a moment to register with their database.

Then each purchase you make will earn points for our new school.

The link is www.target.com/tcoe - Our **school ID** is **124032**.

Also, please remember to continue turning in GM Boxtops and Campbell's

labels to your classroom teacher!

For more information, contact Lisa Renken at lrenken@hotmail.com

PTA BENEFITS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

September is PTA Membership Month!!

Join PTA now for success all year long.

Get Involved and Help your child, JOIN NORTHSTAR PTA!

PTA membership benefits:
Networking connections

Great resources, parenting tips, homework help, and much more!

Useful print and online information

Discounts on products and services

A chance to be a leader in our community

DID YOU KNOW? Office depot is our proud community partner!

When you get involved, your kid does better. Join today!

Contact our membership chair; Wendy Einhorn at ehornfamily@comcast.net

Volunteers STILL Needed

Friday mornings in September

Help collect orders & distribute Entertainment Books.

If you can help—even for a few minutes—stop by the conference room Friday mornings or call **Teddy Decker** at 856-3516 or email at mombodecker@comcast.net

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

ORDER T-SHIRTS - LIMITED TIME ONLY!

Both PTA's are selling T-shirts and other commemorative items that will be nice mementos for you and your child. Please circle your school below and fill in the form. Turn in this form along with payment to your child's teacher. Please make checks available to your school's PTA.

DOUBLE EAGLE

NORTH STAR

Name _____ Teacher/Grade _____

Phone Number _____ Amt Enclosed: _____

Available Sizes: Youth: **S** (6-8); **M** (10-12) **L** (14-16) Adult: **S, M, L, XL, XXL**

For North Star, circle B or G for Blue or Gold. Lettering is in the opposite color.

\$ 5 B / G Qty/Size _____ Youth Short Sleeve \$12 B / G Qty/Size _____ Youth Long Sleeve

\$15 B / G Qty/Size _____ Youth Sweatshirt \$10 B / G Qty/Size _____ Adult Short Sleeve

\$15 B / G Qty/Size _____ Adult Long Sleeve \$15 B / G Qty/Size _____ Adult Sweatshirt

\$10 B / G Qty/Size _____ Ladies Short Sleeve (*not available in Gold*)

\$ 7 Qty _____ Tote bag



NORTH STAR UPDATE

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Electricity has been installed, and a clay-red paint is already being applied to some of the outer walls.

Once the contractor completes the building, a lot of work happens within a very short amount of time to ready the

school for its final inspections, says Becker. "The key is the inspection agencies. The

Fire Marshall is the last guy that goes through here. Once he's signed off, then we get the final certificate of occupancy."



NEWSLETTER Photos & Articles

To submit an article or help sponsor our newsletter, please email abqwriter@msn.com or call Lisa at 897-8332.

If you have a photo of a school function, we might print it. Please do not email attachments without calling. Otherwise, they will be automatically deleted.

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Sandia Peak Ski Patrol
SKI SWAP 2006
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Expo New Mexico – Manual Lujan Building
PUBLIC CHECK-IN -- Friday, Oct 27 from 9AM to 7PM
SALE -- Saturday, Oct 28 from 9AM to 4PM
SUPER SALE -- Sunday, Oct 29 from 11AM to 4PM
EQUIPMENT & CHECK PICK-UP - Sunday, Oct 29 from 1PM to 4PM

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