

August 25, 2006

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CURRICULUM OVERVIEW NIGHT

The Double Eagle / North Star Elementary School Curriculum Overview Night for parents is structured to provide parents with a formalized opportunity to learn about our overall instructional program and receive a preview of each teacher's instructional plan for the

school year. The schedule for the two night event for both schools is as follows:

Tuesday-August 29, 2006

6:30-6:55—1st Grade
7:00-7:25—2nd Grade
7:30-7:55—Primary Special Programs

Wednesday-August 30, 2006

6:00-6:25—3rd Grade
6:30-6:55—4th Grade
7:00-7:25—5th Grade
7:30-7:55—Intermediate Special Programs

This event is designed for parents only. Please make arrangements for your children.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

25	Welcome Back Picnic 5—7 PM Bring supper or buy Dion's Pizza & Salad.
29	Curriculum Night 1st, 2nd & Special Programs North Star PTA General Meeting
30	Curriculum Night 3rd, 4th, 5th, & Special Programs

SEPTEMBER

04	No School: Labor Day
20	No School: Professional Development Day
22	Teacher Luncheon Hosted by the Joint PTA's
21	Double Eagle PTA General Meeting: 9:15 AM Cafeteria
25	School Picture Day

OCTOBER

09	Fall Break
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Clip & Save Important Dates

**WELCOME BACK PICNIC TONIGHT!
AUGUST 25 5 - 7 PM**

Meet New Friends, Catch Up With Old Friends, and Win Prizes!

Bring your own picnic or buy pizza and salad from Dion's!

MRS. KIRCHMEYER BIDS DOUBLE EAGLE ADIEU - FOR NOW

I am writing this article to let the parents and caregivers of DOUBLE EAGLE children know of my plans for this first semester. Just before school started, I was offered a position as a "released" APS employee to work with American

Federation of Teachers New Mexico to help facilitate efforts toward the fall election. After the election in November until Thanksgiving break, I will be helping to plan the efforts at the 2007 legislative session. Then I

will be returning to DOUBLE EAGLE in December.

Although political action for educational issues has been an important aspect in many areas of my life, including my professional, personal

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PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please read the information in your "Parent Handbook" on "Parking Lot Safety" on page 14. With the additional enrollment on one campus, we all need to be more patient and tolerant especially when safety is concerned.

There are several spaces designated for handicapped drivers. Please be courteous of others and do not park in these spaces unless you are authorized to do so.



Troy Hughes
Double Eagle Principal

Visitor Badges:

In accordance with state law, all visitors to our campus must first check in at the administration office and must wear a "Visitor" badge.

We welcome and encourage your visits to Double Eagle and North Star but strive to keep a close surveillance of our campus. We do this to ensure the safety and security of our students.



Diane Kerschen
North Star Principal

DOUBLE EAGLE ELEMENTARY – MR. TROY HUGHES

Welcome back to another wonderful year at Double Eagle. It is such a great feeling to see the hallways full of children and smiles on their faces.

The downsizing of Double Eagle is evident at staff meetings when we can all fit in the story area of the library. We had to actually cut a teaching position based on low enrollment for the first time at Double Eagle that I am aware of.

We have a few new staff members that I would like to introduce to you. We have added **Ms. Susan Waller** back into 1st grade, **Ms. Andrea Dountas**, **Ms. Debbie Rider** and **Ms.**

Lisa Glenn into 4th grade. The Special Education department has added **Ms. Jana Carlson** as Head Special Ed Teacher, **Ms. Janet Ruhle** as a .5 Gifted Teacher and **Ms. Jane Ashpes** as a .5 SLP.

Double Eagle is housing the Evaluation Specialist which are **Ms. Linda Heket** and **Ms. Cecelia Baca**. Our office staff has been fantastic! They are **Ms. Marie Stroshine** as Secretary and **Ms. Judy Birch** as Clerk.

We have several Educational Assistances that are also doing an outstanding job for Double Eagle. They are **Ms. Jodie Sillars**, **Ms.**

Rosalie Whitson, **Ms. Ann Rowton** and **Ms. Hannelore Bieg**. Our music teacher for the year is **Ms. Julie Rombach Kendall**. Last but not least is **Ms. Linda Trujillo** who is our Instructional Coach.

We want to welcome all of you back to Double Eagle and all our new families that have moved into the district. We are looking forward to having an outstanding year with you and your children.

WELCOME
EVERYONE!!!!!!

Troy Hughes, Double
Eagle Principal

NORTH STAR ELEMENTARY – MRS. DIANE KERSCHEN

North Star has a new Assistant Principal!

Her name is Mrs. Amanda Stavig, and she comes to us from Zuni Elementary School.

Mrs. Stavig has been in education over 21 years, all at the

elementary level. She has taught all grades, including special education and was also an instructional coach. She has also taught at the university level.

What is most exciting' besides her incredible knowledge' is her love of children. We are so very fortunate

to have someone of her caliber become a North Star Wolf!

Please stop by the office to meet and welcome her to North Star.

Diane Kerschen, North
Star Principal

WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY!

It's great to see everyone back at Double Eagle and new at North Star, ready to get another exciting year in the library started. Regular library classes started on Monday, the 21st, and both schools have been working to provide a full library program for our students. With this, we are a very busy place!

We'd like to encourage the parents of our students to consider signing up to help in the library. The library is the

heart of the school and one of the best places to get to know your child's classmates as well as our great school staff members and other active volunteer parents. If you haven't ever helped in a library, we will be happy to train you ~ it is easy! Openings are available at many times for both schools, so come on by & sign up for a time to help.

Our first few newsletter pages will be dedicated to giving you information on the many book clubs available for students

Please consider an extra support to our library programs – stop by and become a **Friends of the Library** member! Families who join by the 30th are eligible to win a fantastic basket of books. One basket will be given away from each school.

at both Double Eagle and North Star. **Please note: if your child started in a book club as a Double Eagle student but is now a student at North Star, their reading records will follow them to the new school!**

CALDECOTT READING CLUB

The Caldecott Award is given once a year in January to the most outstanding illustrated children's book of the year. To become a member of the Caldecott Club and earn newsletter recognition and prizes a student must read (or be read to) either Caldecott award or Caldecott honor books and turn their list in to the library. Blank Caldecott forms are available in the library and the kindergarten teachers have forms available for their students. The list of books read is maintained by the student

and is to be turned in to Mrs. Stepetic/Mrs Wray when each level is reached. The list is returned to the student, via their teacher as soon as their information has been recorded. The number of Caldecott award or honor books necessary for recognition varies at each grade level, with kindergarteners earning recognition for every increment of 10 books read and each grade level requirement increasing by five. Read 150 books and you will be an official member of the Caldecott Hall of Fame! This club is primarily geared

to the kindergarteners through second grade but we have had students determined to get their name in the Hall of Fame and continue to read Caldecotts throughout their time at DE/NS. This is the only club that does not have a short quiz/test that accompanies each book read. The exception is when students in grades 3-5 participate in this club they are quizzed on a variety of the books on their list as it is turned in. The Caldecott books are in their own area of the library and are labeled for all students to find them easily.

NEWBERRY READING CLUB

The Newbery Award is also given once a year in January but this award is to recognize the writing of the most outstanding intermediate aged children (through young adult) American author. To become a member of the Newbery Club and earn prizes a student must read Newbery award or honor books. Newsletter recognition & prizes are

given at the completion of every 5th book the student has successfully tested on. The list of books read & successfully tested on are maintained in the library. When a student has read and tested on 50 Newbery books they will be an official member of the Newbery Hall of Fame!

This club is primarily geared to mid-

dle 3rd grade through 5th grade. Many of these books also interest children through middle school and sometimes, depending upon the book, into high school.

Most of the Newbery books are in the fiction section of the library. All Newbery books are labeled with a yellow sticker on their spine.

UPCOMING HOSPITALITY EVENTS



Friday, September

22: Luncheon hosted by Double Eagle/North Star PTA

Monday, November

6: Luncheon hosted by Double Eagle/North Star PTA

If you are interested in helping out ,, please contact:

Double Eagle:

Dana Fotieo
822-9632 or email
dfotieo@salud.unm.edu

North Star:

Jessica Sweet
856-2059

THANK YOU

Please be sure to thank **Smith's** - for the beautiful cakes and to **Albertson's** - for the bottled water and **Raley's** for the donations for our teacher's luncheon and welcome back events.

We appreciate our community business support!

STAFF ENJOYS SPECIAL TREATS FROM JOINT PTA EFFORTS

The PTAs of Double Eagle and North Star kicked off the school year with two teacher/staff appreciation events.

On August 10, Double Eagle and North Star teachers and staff were treated to a breakfast parfait bar. Yogurt, fruit, granola, nuts, orange juice, coffee, muffins and breakfast breads rounded out the menu. Coffee was generously donated by Starbucks' Coffee.

The following day the teachers and staff enjoyed "munchies at lunch." Sandwiches, salad, chips/dip, fruit, cookies, soda and more were served.

Many thanks to the following Double Eagle & North Star Moms that provided food for

one or both of these events:

Sarah Jane Allen, Sue Boren, Nicole Breivik, Jennifer Coston, Carla Donahue, Melanie Ecker, Kim Federici, Vickie Fellows, Dana Fotieo, Kathy Gough, Laura Harris, Denise Moedel, Ada Portman, and Cori Sullivan along with **Jill Baldwin, Michelle Bloom, Debra Buttry, Rachel Cook, Athena Cristodoulou, Teddy Decker, Donna Garcia, Pam Guerra, Sheryl Habing, Julie Kerbleski, Susan King, Julie Maner, Barbara McRae, Sharon Moeser, Sue Redmond, Diane Sanchez, Etta Sisneros, and Sara Winters.**

For the first day of school, teachers/staff from both schools were given a treat bag that wished them a "healthy mix of love, laughter, and learning" in the year ahead. The bag included an apple sticky notepad, school icon pencil, and a bag of trail mix.

As a welcome, Double Eagle new teachers were given a bucket of fruit themed items to wish them a "fruitful" school year.

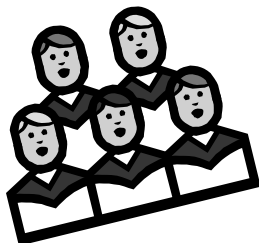
A Giant Thank You for all the parents who supported our teachers for these events! Together we are accomplishing great things!

Dana Fotieo

Double Eagle
Hospitality Chair

Jessica Sweet

NSES Hospitality Chair



LOVE MUSIC? JOIN CHOIR!

Looking for kids who love music!! Come join the Double Eagle/

North Star choir! **Suzie Dekleva** and **Julie Kerbleski** are looking for boys and girls who want to have fun and sing! We will

meet on Wednesdays after school from 1:30 PM-2:15 PM, starting in late September. Stay tuned for more details....



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.



Lots of opportunity to still volunteer for PTA!

Please contact Sue Boren for more information
858-2429

greenchilist@hotmail.com

The next Double Eagle General PTA Meeting will be held on September 21 at 9:15AM in the cafeteria.

FINE ARTS

Would you like to help children develop their talents in the area of Fine Arts? Then we need your help!

We are looking for **photographers, artists, musicians, literary critics**, amateur or otherwise, to help

adjudicate the Reflections fine arts show in the spring.

We also need a **pianist** for the Missoula Theatre Production and a **sound person** for the talent show and the spring Fine Arts Festival.

If you're interested

NEEDS YOU!

or know of someone who might be, please contact:

Suzie Dekleva

856-6435
sdekleva45@comcast.net

Thanks!

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

DOUBLE EAGLE SWEET TREATS

Double Eagle and North Star will be providing sweet treats for the teachers and staff each month.

If you are interested in joining this committee or want more information, please contact

Dana Fotieo

822-9632

dfotieo@salud.unm.edu

Upcoming sweet treat dates are as follows:

Thursday, September 7, 2006-

Breakfast sweet treats (muffins, doughnuts, breads, pastries etc.)

Tuesday, October 24, 2006-

Halloween sweet treats (cookies, cupcakes, candy, caramel corn etc.)

Monday, November 20, 2006-

Assorted pies

Monday, December 11, 2006-

Holiday cookies



Don't forget to visit the

North Star web page!

<http://www.northstarwolves.com>

Sign up to receive email notices from the school!

PTA GENERAL MTG. TO BE HELD AUGUST 29 PTA OPEN HOUSE AUGUST 29 AND 30

If you're already at school for Curriculum Night on Tuesday, please plan to stop by the cafeteria for North Star's Open House and General PTA Meeting.

North Star's General PTA Meeting will be **Tuesday** night beginning with an **Open House** at **7:00** and the **General Meeting** at **7:30**. All are welcome. We will also have an **Open House** only on **Wednesday** evening from **6:30-7:30**.

CLIP, SWIPE AND EARN FREE STUFF FOR SCHOOL!



Keep clipping the **General Mills** Boxtops and **Campbell's** labels to earn free equipment for North Star, and did you know that every time you shop at **Smith's**, **Albertson's** or **Raley's**, you could

help out our school at no extra cost? For every dollar you spend, our local grocery stores are donating funds for our new school.

For more information, contact **Bethany Balzis** (GM &

Campbell's)

856-0850

bbubnm@aol.com

Or **Lisa Renken**
(Grocery Stores)

710-8503 or

lrenken@hotmail.com

POSITIONS STILL OPEN – PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT

We're a new school, and getting started brings extra challenges. Smaller numbers of families means smaller numbers of parents to volunteer. Several committees are still in need of help, and some are in need of a chair. If you are interested in more information for any of the following PTA vacancies, please contact:

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

Instructional Council Rep

Parent contact on school council that determines school based instructional issues.

Join-a-School Partner Make

contacts with local businesses to work with our school

Reflections National PTA Fine Arts Juried Art Show; Organize for our school

Restaurant Nights Local restaurants prepare a dinner for our school either onsite or at the school as a fund raiser, such as Cold Stone Creamery, Dion's, Carrabas, etc.; Organize for our school

Business Sponsors Find and Secure local businesses to donate money for the tech fund in return for name recognition at our dedication in the spring or in our newsletters.

Accounting Auditing Audit our accounts separate from our treasurer.

Grant Writing Find and write

grants to provide funding for non-APS-funded programs.

Parliamentarian Help run PTA meeting in proper procedure to ensure fair and diplomatic conduct.

Nominating Committee

Keep an active list and recruit people to run for PTA positions, usually in the Spring.

PTA Webpage Maintain and update PTA Webpage.

Future PTA Planning Committee

Work with a committee of parents to create a 2-3 Year Plan by determining new events, ideas, and fundraising for following years.

Help on other Committees

Help out in other area of interest.

USE THE FORMS BELOW AND REMEMBER TO CIRCLE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

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

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: **XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL**

For North Star, circle B or G or 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

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\$15 B / G Qty/Size _____ Ladies Sweatshirt \$ 7 Qty _____ Tote bag

MRS. KIRCHMEYER WILL RETURN IN DECEMBER

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and church life, working with children has been my passion for over thirty years in public education.

I'll be looking forward to returning to my DOUBLE EAGLE family, probably more than I realize myself, at this point; working with young humans is far more fun than with adult ones, especially adults in the political realm! But I know I would regret the choice of not taking this opportunity to hone new and different life skills, so please forgive me if you feel I've abandoned your child. There will be a certified counselor to take my place, and I will be staying in touch with this counselor about the emotional health of our school. This is so important for overall success for your children, as you well know. But also

know that there are so many adults at DOUBLE EAGLE who are seeing to the health and happiness of the students, with whom the counseling department will continue to work. I will be dropping by the classrooms to say hello and adieu (but not farewell) to my most important charges during the first week of school.

I can still be reached at kirchmeyer@aps.edu. I hope you will introduce yourself to the substitute counselor when that person arrives, and also to North Star ES counselor Alicia Snyder whose office is with mine off the library to the right. Adieu to you, also. You will hear from me again in December.

Sincerely,
Fonda Kirchmeyer

Attendance Line

Both Double Eagle and North Star Elementary School's have **ONE** shared attendance line.

If you need to report your child absent for any reason please call **857-0187 ext 1**. Please talk clearly and leave the following information:

- Name of child (*spelling the last name*),
- Name of teacher,
- Reason for absence.

This phone line is available 24 hours a day and all absences need to be called in by 9:15am.

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