

MABEL HOGGARD MAGNET SCHOOL

Home of the Challengers



February 2016

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I hope everyone is having a fabulous February so far and that you are enjoying the slight change in the weather. As usual at Mabel Hoggard Magnet School, our students are very busy learning about new concepts, both in and out of class. During the month of February our students are researching facts about presidents in honor of Presidents' Day, and they are also learning about the contributions of African Americans to our country in honor of Black History Month. Some of our students are preparing to represent Mabel Hoggard Magnet School in the annual Oratorical Contest by reciting some speeches and poems. I wish them the best of luck as they prepare for the competition taking place later this month!

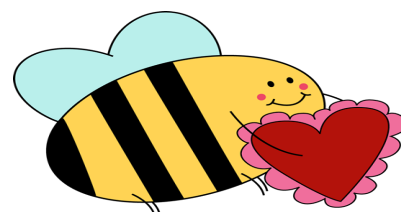
Speaking of competitions, some of our fifth grade students recently participated in the KRYPTO tournament that took place at Advanced Technologies High School. I am so proud to share that out of 11 teams participating, the Mabel Hoggard teams placed third, fourth, and fifth. Congratulations to Andre Aragone, Lucas Bergman, Arkash Wijekularatne, Kenn Sourjah, Angela Victoriano, and Christopher Williams for their hard work and dedication during the competition! Thank you to our fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Maher, for preparing our students to do their best! In addition to a great performance during the competition, I would like to add that their positive attitude and sportsmanship stood out and was noticed by the judges. Great job, students!

Please plan to attend our Math and Science Night on March 10th from 5:00—7:00pm. During this event our students will showcase special projects that they have been working on at home and school. Some of these projects may be entered into the UNLV Science Fair, or possibly the Inventions Fair. Students will also be able to showcase other projects they have worked on that show their ingenuity and creativity during this event as well. The overall theme of this event is a Makers Faire, and our students will have plenty to share. They have worked extremely hard and are anxious to share their unique projects with everyone, so please plan to join us to celebrate their achievements.

At this time our teachers are preparing our students in grades 3—5 to perform well on the SBAC assessment that will take place soon. One assessment that will help measure some student progress is the AIMS- Web assessment that we administer three times a year. The results of our winter administration are listed below:

AIMS-Web Reading Comprehension: Fall—64% Winter—64%
AIMS-Web Math Concepts and Applications: Fall—66% Winter—68%

Sincerely,
Stacey Scott-Cherry
Principal



NEWS FROM AROUND OUR CAMPUS

Fourth Grade News

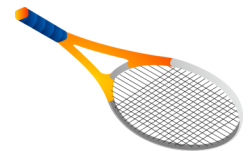
Many great things have been happening in the fourth grade this winter. All classes have been participating in hands-on activities during science lab. Students have started working on their hot-air balloon projects. As well as making their own balloons, students will be learning about air density and how hot-air balloons work. Students have also been learning about the human body in Ms. Law's science classes.

Throughout the fourth grade the Scott Foresman and *Common Core Language Arts* curriculums have been used to teach reading and writing skills. Students are learning valuable reading strategies and comprehension skills through thought-provoking stories and passages. Students have also been engaged in non-fiction readings through the *Nevada Our Home* book, *States and Regions* book, and the *Time for Kids* magazine. We have been very pleased with the students' hard work thus far, and are looking forward to the rest of the year.

****Reminder: Solar Cooker projects are due on Monday, March 7.

*****Congratulations to fourth grader, Oniana Boulware, for writing and receiving a grant from *Katie's Krops*. Oniana will grow a community garden that will feed those in need! Way to go, Oni!

Gym Shorts with Mr. Kearney, P.E. Specialist and Mr. Coleman, Instructional Aide



The kindergarten, first, and second graders are learning and mastering fundamental skills such as movement, throwing, catching, kicking and striking a ball. Our aim is to create a foundation that will help your child develop a lifelong love of exercise and physical activity.

Third, fourth, and fifth graders completed a football, basketball, and soccer unit so far this school year. Up next, we will introduce tennis and volleyball skills.

Our school will participate in the annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser from February 16 to March 4. We are teaming up with the American Heart Association to help fight the nation's Number 1 killer: heart disease. Students will learn about their hearts and about the importance of physical fitness and reducing the risk of heart disease.

Students of the Month

January, 2016



Room	Outstanding Student	Most Improved
2	Amanda Manzano	Claudia Arellano Vargas
3	Kristopher Gutierrez/ Pooja Selvaraj	
4	Lucas Mc Voy	Jathen Barajas
5	Niko Hill	Luis Gutierrez-Davila
6	Allen Miranda	Belinda Mendoza
7	Jennifer Barajas Vazquez/Shanelle De Alwis	
8	Dhanhee Lee/Vincent Vogan	
9	Nia Vela	Isabella Sarabia
10	Angela Victoriano/Sarah Najari	
11	Belinda Mendoza Buethi	
13	NeVaeh Purnell	Oktavius Filimona
14	Lauren Oliver	Derek Ortiz-Mondragon
15	Kahlil Boulware	Andress Barojas
16	Abigail Rojas	Alex White
17	Cali Jaspe	Kalah Williams
18	Daniel Santiago Santiago	Kayla Serrano Garcia
19	Melanie Campos	David Martin Maqueda
20	Joelle Pace	Analy Grado-Perez
24	Gretel Arias-Villanueva	Juliana Fiato
31	Jedidiya Fuller	Sofia Rocha

First Grade Happenings

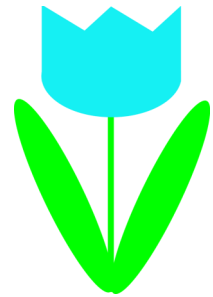
First graders have now completed Units 1, 2 and 3 in our Scott Foresman Reading Series. In Unit Four, Favorite Things Old and New, students will see the way people are connected to each other and to the past. They will also be exploring the differences between realism and fantasy. We are very proud of the growth they have made in the development of their reading, comprehension and writing skills thus far.

In math, students have been learning the relationship between addition and subtraction; problem solving strategies for representing data; and solving word problems. We will be celebrating 100th day by bringing in 100 things, letting go of 100 balloons and sharing and learning all about the different ways to count to 100.

Science remains an exciting and engaging experience. We had a great time learning how to make vegetable soup from items that we can grow from our garden, from Chef Lucky. She cooked for us and shared her recipe and the soup was enjoyed by all. We are thrilled to be involved in the Animal Lab and learning about the habitats, life cycles and animal care. We are having fun collecting items to create a project for the school Makers Faire. We are beginning to learn about the process of discovery, investigation, invention and ingenuity. We are excited to display our end products on Math and Science night in March. Whew! We do a lot!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/8-2/16 Pennies for Pasta Fundraiser**
- 2/10 Parent Advisory Committee Meeting 8:00 a.m. Room 40**
- 2/12 Student Ambassadors Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance 4:30-6:30p.m. MPR**
- 2/15 NO SCHOOL—Presidents' Day**
- 2/16-3/4 Jump Rope for Heart**
- 2/29-3/4 Reading Week**
- 3/2 Parent Presentation on SBAC and Testing strategies 8:00-9:30 a.m. Rm 12.**
- 3/7-5/31 SBAC Testing Grades 3-5**
- 3/9 Parent Advisory Committee Meeting 8:00a.m. Room 40**
- 3/10 Family Math and Science Night 5:00-7:00 p.m.**
- 3/19-3/27 NO SCHOOL—Spring Break**



Reading Week Is Coming!! Read, Explore, Discover!

Feb.29-Mar. 4

Monday: Crazy Hair/Socks Day –students/staff wear crazy hair and/or socks

Tuesday: Discover the 80's Day—students/staff dress in 80's fashion

Wednesday: Explore Your Inner Crazy Day– students/staff wear crazy, mismatched clothes/ Dr. Seuss' Birthday/
Read with mentees.

Thursday: Explore Your Dreams in Your Pajamas Day—wear pajamas/robes

Friday: Read Your Clothes Day—students/staff wear clothing with words on them/students bring their favorite book to share.

Student Leader Lowdown

As the New Year begins, we had a wonderful start. On January 18, we participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. The student leaders also had a field trip to the Regional Justice Center. We are sponsoring a Pennies 4 Pasta collection to combat childhood **leukemia**. This drive begins on February 8 and concludes on February 16. The Valentine's Day Dance is coming up on February 12, 2016. Q'dobas will sell dinner plates for \$5. You will have a choice between chicken tacos or nachos. Dinner starts at 4:30 and will conclude at 6:00. The dance will cost \$1 for students and \$2 for parents or other family members. The dance will begin at 5:00 and conclude at 6:30 p.m. Come join the fun!