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Principally Speaking....by Dr. Celese Rayford



Over the past two months, staff at Mabel Hoggard Magnet School has analyzed many sources of data to create our School Performance Plan with goals and action steps to increase student achievement for the 2013–2014 school year. These goals are in the areas of reading and math.

Goal 1: Increase achievement in reading, specifically expository text. Students will be expected to identify and describe the text features for informational and fiction texts, identify the theme, cause/effect, as well as the problem and solution of a text.

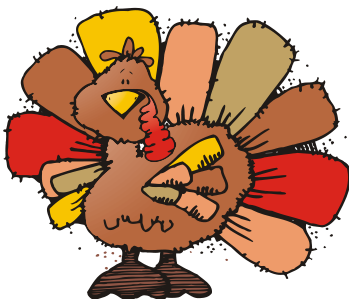
Goal 2: Increase math performance in the area of problem solving. Use of our school-wide math program, *EveryDay Math*, number talks, and interactive notebooks will facilitate reaching this goal. Students will be expected to explain their thought process for solving problems orally, in written form, and using drawings/pictures.

Our afterschool tutorial programs in reading, writing, and math will support attainment of both goals.

Parents can support the pursuit of these goals by attending parent trainings throughout the year. You are also encouraged to ask deeper questions about assignments, homework, and independent reading. “What happened” is a surface question. “Why” and “How” questions are great follow-up for asking children to think more deeply about something. Asking children to explain or justify their responses based on the given information and from their own experiences, when appropriate, are good strategies to help build critical thinking skills.

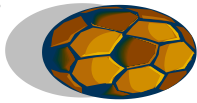
Thanks for supporting our students and your children as we help students reach proficiency and go beyond.

Thanksgiving Turkey Give-a-way



Councilman Ricki Barlow in conjunction with the Las Vegas Rescue Mission provided 100 Hoggard families with a turkey and all the fixings for the Thanksgiving holiday. We are grateful for the generosity and support of Councilman Barlow and the Las Vegas Rescue Mission.

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NEWS FROM AROUND OUR CAMPUS



First Graders are Engaged!

First grade has been filled with a variety of exciting experiences and engaging hands-on learning. In science, students have been investigating the science behind balancing objects and having a fun time trying to balance crayfish and triangles. In animal lab, the students are exploring the characteristics and life cycles of the animals. They also learned about the life cycle of plants, pumpkins, apples, and planted vegetable seeds in the garden. In addition, the students are learning the importance of using science journals to record observations and information, just like scientists.

In math, students are identifying, counting, and writing numbers from 0-120. They are comparing numbers and getting familiar with solving addition and subtraction problems using manipulatives and the number line. Additionally, they are learning new problem solving strategies.

First graders have been learning about characters, setting, and main idea in our Scott Foresman reading series. Students extended this learning by sharing their first oral book report with their class. In writing, they are learning about the importance of using complete sentences, identifying nouns and verbs and using correct punctuation. We look forward to an upcoming field trip in December and a new trimester filled with more exciting and engaging experiences!

Gym Shorts with Mr. Kearney

Practice makes perfect. Our students have been practicing their movement skills through our Hoggard obstacle course. Third through fifth grade just completed a football unit where they created and executed their own plays. They are currently involved in a soccer unit.

Kindergarten through second grade have been doing a variety of activities: dancing, throwing and catching skills, creative movement and jump rope. They, too, are starting a soccer unit.

We offer an after school soccer program called Success in Soccer. This is our fourth year of offering this. Students meet from 3:20-4:20 every Friday. We are using a soccer circuit model from the Netherlands based on learning by playing and having fun! Parents are welcome to volunteer to help, no experience is necessary.

We are selling Hoppy Taws in the library for two dollars to raise money for P.E. equipment.

Hoppy Taws are rubber discs used in hop scotch.

Musical Notes from Mrs. Ameling

Our students have been successful at making music in the music classroom through singing, moving, playing, listening to, analyzing, reading and creating music in individual and shared experiences. All students performed with energy and skill at the World Dance Festival on November 8. A special thank you goes to all the parents who provided costumes. The students looked great!

Studying music is preparing the students for success in LIFE by participating in activities like the dance festival because it *strengthens perseverance, facilitates cross-cultural understanding, builds community, supports civic engagement, and fosters a creative community.* The 4th and 5th grade Drumming Ensemble has performed for the Star Spangled Banner celebration, Magnet School tours and the World Dance Festival this fall. Look for them around school at other events.

“Sharing Day” for grades 1-5 takes place the week of December 2 in music class. All students present a prepared piece of music by singing, dancing or playing an instrument. The Hoggard Choir would like to invite everyone to their annual Winter Concert, “Sing Noel” on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 9:40 and again at 1:30 in the Multipurpose Room.

Visit Mrs. Ameling’s website at: my.ccsd.net/cathyameling for more musical notes!

Fourth Grade News

Many great things have been happening in the fourth grade this fall. All classes have been participating in hands-on activities during science labs. Students made devices using simple machines like levers and gears. They designed lounge chairs and created rhythms using a tapper they made that works like a piano.

Throughout the fourth grade the *Common Core Coach* is being used as a supplement to enhance reading and language arts skills as well as some writing and math. Students are learning valuable reading strategies and comprehension skills through thought-provoking stories and articles. They will be participating in a book study this coming trimester where they can apply those reading strategies and comprehension skills.

You can keep your child engaged with their learning at any time and especially over the winter break using these fantastic educational websites: MobyMax.com, Scootpad.com, and Sumdog.com.

We are very pleased with all the students’ hard work as we look forward to a great 2nd trimester where we will be presenting Science Fair projects in February.

Students of the Month October, 2013



Room	Outstanding Student	Most Improved
2	Angela Victoriano	River Poort
3	Kyla Jones	Jenifer Reyes Perez
4	Joseph Campos	Andres Arita
5	DeShone Myles	Naidelin Cortez Lopez
6	Sarai Parra	Emmanuel Phillip
7	Micael Pangilinan	Melany Reyes-Obregon
8	Loren Young/Alan Nevarez	
9	George Bachvarov	Keyla Lopez Villaverde
10	Jordyn Bedford/Angel Guevera	
11	Cesar Zuniga Almader/Christian Wagner	
13	Adelle Miranda	Dylan Bazaldua Orozco
14	Andre Aragones	Rut Toledo-Perez
15	Nathaniel Wilkins	Sara Tibebu
16	Nathan Leanos	Hairmella Fiato
17	Reina Kiara Bungay	Juan Martin Martin
18	Ninna Wang	Alejandro Martinez
19	Isabella Martin	Violeta Rodriguez Fuentes
20	Anaa Abdul-Rahim	Kah'maurri Steward
25	Nyomi Barraza	Miguel Perez
32	Joseph Flores Banegas	Lawrence Trotter

Congratulations!

Ghouls, Princesses, and Zipperfaces Parade Around on Halloween

Mabel Hoggard students dressed as ghouls, princesses, and zipperfaces paraded around the playground on Halloween with several earning a prize for their costume. Congratulations go out to the following students:

- Grades K-2: Cutest Costume—Valentine Holmes
 Most Original Costume—London Wade
 Scariest Costume—William Almeida
- Grades 3-5: Cutest Costume—Arianna Gonzalez
 Most Original Costume—Elias Reed
 Scariest Costume—Giovanni Velazquez Ramirez



UPCOMING EVENTS

11/25-12/17	CCSD Assessment #2 (Launch Into Teaching) Grades K-5
11/27-12/6	School Book Fair—Library
11/28-12/1	NO SCHOOL—Happy Thanksgiving!
12/2	Second Trimester Begins
12/4	Report Cards Sent Home
12/5	PTSA General Meeting 8:45-9:45 a.m. Parent Center—Rm 43
12/6	PTSA Cookies with Santa 6:00-7:30 p.m. MPR
12/12	Magnet Schools Parent Information Night—Pearson Community Center, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
12/19	Winter Music Program 9:40 a.m. and 1:25 p.m. MPR
12/21-1/5	NO SCHOOL—Winter Break! Happy Holidays!
1/6	Classes Resume
1/9	PTSA General Meeting 3:30-4:30 p.m. Parent Center—Rm 43
1/14-1/16	AIMS-Web Winter Testing Grades 1-5
1/20	NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/21-2/28	WIDA Assessments for ELL students
1/21-1/23	School-wide Writing Prompt #2 Grades 1-5



Magnet School Applications

Online applications for Magnet Schools are now available. Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on February 3, 2014. Go to <http://magnetapp.ccsd.net>.

Questions regarding Magnet and Career Technical Academies can be answered by calling the Magnet/CTA Department at 799-8492 or visit the website at <http://magnet.ccsd.net>.