MABEL HOGGARD MAGNET SCHOOL Home of the Challengers



February 2015

Principal: Mrs. Stacey Scott-Cherry

Mabel Hoggard Magnet School Welcomes Their New Principal: Mrs. Stacey Scott-Cherry!

Mabel Hoggard Magnet School Named Magnet School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America!

Students Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr!



On January 16, the following students were honored at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Young Dreamers Award assembly for best exemplifying the peaceful traits and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

Kindergarten: Jaykob Tolbert-Wilson; First Grade—Kemani Weldon; Second Grade—Nyomi Barraza; Third Grade—Karyme Hernandez; Fourth Grade— Kenn Sourjah; Fifth Grade—Savannah Bentley-Smith.

On January 19, our **Student Ambassadors**, staff, and parents marched in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade in Downtown Las Vegas. Please visit our website for pictures of the parade with Gertie, our infamous goat!

On February 18, our students participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Competition held at the West Las Vegas Library. It was such an uplifting night as our students gave their renditions of famous poems and speeches. Congratulations goes out to the following students! First Place for Poetry, Primary Elementary —Vincent Vogan; Second Place for Elementary Famous Speech—Oniana Boulware; Second Place for Poetry/Prose Intermediate Elementary— Raghav Bhagat and Savannah Bentley-Smith; Third Place for Elementary Famous Speech—Valkyrie Holmes and Sydney Bentley-Smith.

I am so proud of all the amazing things our students have accomplished! Way to go, Hoggard Magnet School!

Sincerely, Ms. Lewandowski

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NEWS FROM AROUND OUR CAMPUS

First Graders Continue to Grow In All Subjects

First graders have completed Units One, Two, and Three 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 explore the differences between realism and fantasy. Comparing and identifying characters, retelling stories and identifying the features of non-fiction text will continue to be a focus when reading. Students will begin to learn how to do research on various topics using all types of media. Because of writing daily, our students are developing as independent writers with an emphasis on using complete sentences and correct punctuation. We continue to read, listen to, and discuss a variety of text and genres in order to participate in Reader's Theater. We are very proud of the growth the first graders have made in the development of their reading, comprehension and writing skills thus far.

In math, students have been studying the relationship between addition and subtraction and learning different problem solving strategies for representing data and solving word problems. We had a great time celebrating 100th day by bringing in 100 things, letting go of 100 balloons, and sharing all the different ways of counting to 100. Identifying place value for the ones and tens place, geometry, and double digit addition using various strategies, will continue to be a focus this semester.

Science remains an exciting and engaging experience for all first graders. Students are thrilled to be involved in the Animal Lab and learning about the habitats, life cycles and animal care. We just finished a unit on magnets and students have discovered that the magic in magnets is in their magnetic field. This semester we will be learning about balance in motion and will be invited to participate in the upcoming science fair. We look forward to learning about the scientific process.

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



We are fortunate this year to have an excellent new P.E. assistant: Mr. Jamieoun Coleman, who is a former student of Hoggard ES. While here as a student, Mr. Coleman was quarterback and captain of our school flag football team. He was an exceptional track and basketball player at Cheyenne HS; and is great with our students in P.E. class and out on the playground during recess.

This has been a busy school year so far. Third, fourth, and fifth grades have completed football, soccer, and basketball units. We are currently in tennis and volleyball units. This is the first year that we introduced tennis and our students are really enjoying it. Thanks goes out to our PTSA for purchasing special over-sized foam tennis balls so our students can be successful in a difficult sport to learn. Our kindergarten, first, and second graders are gaining important experiences in movement and beginning sport skills in soccer, basketball, baseball, and hockey. Hopefully these sport units will spark an interest in maybe joining a league or in lifelong participation.

Mabel Hoggard Magnet School is participating in *Jump Rope for Heart* during P.E. classes from Feb 23th to March 2nd. *Jump Rope for Heart* teaches students the values of cardiovascular fitness while they raise money for vital research. Thank you for supporting our students in the fight against the nation's number one killer: heart disease.

Students of the Month January, 2015



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Room	Outstanding Student	Most Improved
2	Diana Granados Arreola	Sara Tibebu
3	Liz Mendoza	Joey Lopez
4	Belen Perez Ramirez	Evan Steimetz
5	Aaron Buff	Raghav Baghat
6	Audrey Shepherd	Ahron Hart
7	Cameron Dickinson	Keyla Coello
8	Anajai Brown/Ramatu Kamara	·
9	Arkash Wijekularatne	Melinda Bravo Avendano
10	Cameron Fernando/Loza Hailu	
11	Michelle Arellano	Yaretzi Ayala
13	Greco Arias-Villaneuva	Hairmella Fiato
14	Mei Bybee	Gennesys Marquez Rufino
15	Rayne Montgomery	Cecilia Betancourt
16	Rodrigo Rios Morales	Kevin Martin-Zamorano
17	Emely San Juan	Alexca Rodriguez
18	Kemani Weldon	Brayden Barajas-Mata
19	Brenden Waters	Chase Grace
20	Allison Olivia Garcia	Damian Aguilar
25	Omar Fuentes	Logan Garcia
32	Cali Jaspe	Angel Neves

Fourth Graders Are Amazing!

Fourth grade has been very busy this year! In language arts, our students are being exposed to rich literature from various sources. Not only have we been using our Common Core Coach curriculum, but all three classes have been doing various novel studies. These fourth graders are turning into true Common readers! We have placed a major focus on enhancing the students' ability Core to put their understanding of reading into organized and well thought-Critical out written responses. Our students are showing wonderful growth in

their written communication.

In math, we are using Everyday Mathematics as well as the Common Core Coach. Students are always encouraged to use the Mobymax.com program. This program can be used at school and at home as well. Mobymax.com tracks a student's growth and tailors their lessons and practice sets based on the student's areas of need. It is amazing!

Additionally, students have been working extremely hard on their science fair projects. They are doing a fantastic job of working through the scientific method. It has been inspiring to see the students' enthusiasm while working through their projects. So far, we have had an exciting and engaging year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/25	Chinese New Year Parade—following Morning Opening 8:30 a.m.	
2/25	Parent Training—Metacognition: Checking for Learning	
	8:45-9:45 a.m. Room 42	
2/25	Principal/Parent Advisory Meeting 9:45-10:30 a.m. Room 42	
2/26	Family Math and Science Night 5:00-7:00 p.m.	
3/2-3/6	Nevada Reading Week	
3/28-4/5	NO SCHOOL—Spring Break	
4/7-5/22	SBAC State Assessments: Grades 3-5	
5/8	Field Day	
5/12-5/13	State Science Assessment: Grade 5 only	
5/25	NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day	

Nevada Reading Week "Got Books? Be A Superhero...Read!" March 2-6

Monday: Superhero Quote/Dr. Seuss Foot Book Day

*Students/staff attach their favorite Superhero quote to themselves and dress up feet in crazy socks, boots, or sneakers

Tuesday: "Superhero t-shirt/cape Day"

*Students/staff wear Superhero t-shirts and/or capes

Wednesday: "Pajama Day"

*Students/staff wear pajamas to school

Thursday: "Caped Crusader Day"

*Students/staff dress as their favorite Superhero

Friday: "Captain America Day"

*students/ staff wear red, white, and blue