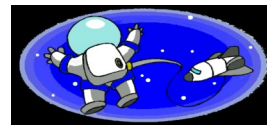


MABEL HOGGARD MAGNET SCHOOL

Home of the Challengers



November/December 2014

Acting Principal: Janice Lewandowski

Dear Hoggard Families:

As the holidays approach, I need to say how grateful I am for the unwavering support that has been given to me as Acting Principal by my staff (my Hoggard Heroes), students, parents, and the community. As of this writing, no decision has been made yet as to who will be the permanent principal. Thank you for your continued support and for all you do to make Mabel Hoggard Magnet School such a gem of a school!

As part of our School Performance Plan, the staff and I reviewed our data to determine our strengths, where improvement is needed, and to develop action steps for the following District goals:

Goal 1) Increase Grade 3 proficiency rates in reading.

Action Steps: Teachers will learn about and incorporate Close Reading strategies to focus on theme, cause/effect, problem/solution.

Goal 2) Reduce the overall achievement gap in percentage points between the highest and lowest performing subgroups in math and reading.

Action Steps: Teachers will receive training in: ELL strategies to improve student vocabulary and cultural awareness; understanding and modeling metacognitive awareness; using interactive math, science, and literacy notebooks effectively.

Goal 3) Increase the percentage of school-based personnel trained in cultural competency.

District Action Step: By April 2015, 95% of school-based administrators will participate in mandatory cultural competency trainings.

Parent trainings will be offered in math, homework strategies, and metacognitive awareness. Look for information to come home in the coming months. **Reminder:** Parent/Teacher Conference Week is December 8 to December 12, a very important time. Please schedule a conference with your child's teacher (s). Working together, parents and teachers, our students—your children—will continue to grow, achieve, and shine!

Happiest of Holidays!

Ms. Janice Lewandowski

Giving Thanks!

We are very grateful to Councilman Ricki Barlow and the Las Vegas Rescue Mission for providing 50 Hoggard families with a turkey and the trimmings for Thanksgiving. We very much appreciate the support that they continue to give our Hoggard Family!



NEWS FROM AROUND OUR CAMPUS

Library Time With Mrs. Dailey

We are really enjoying our new Accelerated Reader program this year! There are A.R. quizzes available for nearly every book in our library, so students have been eagerly reading and earning points. Several students have earned over 200 points already this year! Students who earn their monthly goal are recognized each month and rewarded with a celebratory recess. Last month over 60 students earned their reading goals. Hoggard students are "tuned in" to reading!

The Book Fair will be held in the library November 26-December 5. It will be open from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. You can also visit our online Book Fair at scholastic.com/fair, which will be available December 1-5. All purchases benefit our school.



First Grade Balances Their Learning



First grade has been filled with a variety of learning in all areas. The students had the opportunity to participate in the Multicultural Dance Festival in November, and they did a great job!

In science, students investigated balancing objects. In animal lab, the students explored the characteristics and life cycles of reptiles. They also learned about the life cycle of plants and planted vegetable seeds in the garden. We are harvesting our crops to taste and share. In addition, they 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; comparing numbers; solving addition and subtraction problems using manipulatives and the number line; and learning new problem solving strategies. These, of course, are only a few of the highlights happening in first grade. We look forward to a winter filled with new experiences and engaged hands-on learning.

News from Our Student Leaders

By: Anna Bachvarov, Secretary

Student Leaders are working collectively to make our school and community a better place. We voted in early November to support H.E.L.P. of Southern Nevada with a holiday food drive. Our school donated hundreds of non-perishable food items. Thank you!

We also elected to support Opportunity Village by hosting a Ho! Ho! Hoggard team at the 2014 Las Vegas Santa Run which will be held in downtown Las Vegas on Saturday, December 6. Our goal is to raise \$500. You can participate in the run or just make a donation by going to <http://opportunityvillage.donordrive.com/team/hoggard>. All students participating in the Santa Run MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Editor's Correction: In the October Newsletter, the Student Leader Treasurer's name was incorrectly listed. Mabel Hoggard's Student Leader Treasurer is Sydney Bentley-Smith.

Students of the Month

October, 2014



Room	Outstanding Student	Most Improved
2	Nia Vela	Christopher McKnight
3	Dylan Reyes-Obregon	Marcos Mendez
4	Angel Martin	Victor Arellano
5	Austin Stebbins	Hallelujah Mesfin
6	Sydney Bentley-Smith	Alissa Marcos
7	George Bachvarov	Alexander Vanboskerck
8	Dayana Barajas Solis/Jayce Kaufman	
9	Dafne Pena	Donald Sanders
10	Zander Chu/Misael Granados Arreola	
11	Alexandra Garcia	Evan Steimetz
13	Nyomi Barraza	Angel Martin Garcia
14	Mischa Claros	Brisa Flores
15	Ninna Wang	Keianalei Zapata
16	Darren McGee	Kevin Martin-Zamorano
17	Alannah Gruner	Brandon Ramirez
18	Anuhas Parakatawelle	Oktavius Filimona
19	David Martinez Garcia	Bibiana Duran
20	Jaykob Tolbert-Wilson	Esteban Barajas Ruiz
25	Daniela Perez	Ryan Nasson
32	Geovanny Flores	Matthew Nelson






4th Grade Happenings

The first semester has brought many great experiences for the fourth graders thus far. Students have been working on Close Reading strategies and skills through engaging stories and passages in our reading series, social studies texts, and *Time for Kids* magazines. In writing, students have been able to create stories for a variety of genres through the *Common Core Coach* program.

In math, students have been involved in hands-on activities and games to reinforce the material and skills that have been taught using interactive math notebooks and the *Common Core Coach* and *Everyday Math* series. Science lab has also been an engaging experience for the students this year. In Science Lab, students have been learning about simple machines and engineering.

There has also been a lot of science going on in the classrooms as well. Ms. Wagner's and Mr. Ho's classes have been learning about water, while Ms. Council's class has been investigating magnets and electricity. We are all very proud of the work ethic and attitudes the students have put forth so far this year, and we are looking forward to working with all of them in the coming months.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/26-12/5	School Book Fair—Library	
11/27-11/30	NO SCHOOL—Happy Thanksgiving!	
12/6	Student Leaders Santa Run for Opportunity Village	
12/8-12/12	Parent/Teacher Conference Week	
12/10	NO SCHOOL—Parent/Teacher Conference Day	
12/12	PTSA Cookies with Santa 6:00-8:00 p.m. MPR	
12/13	Magnet Schools Recruitment Fair—Del Sol HS 10:00 —2:00 p.m.	
12/18	Winter Music Program—9:40 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. MPR	
12/20– 1/4	NO SCHOOL Winter Break—Happy Holidays!	
1/1	Happy New Year 2015!	
1/5	Students Return	
1/16	End of First Semester	
1/19	NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
1/20-2/27	WIDA Testing for ELL students Gr. K-5	
1/23	Report Cards Go Home	
2/13	NO SCHOOL—Staff Development Day	
2/16	NO SCHOOL—Presidents' Day	

Magnet School Applications

Applications for Magnet Schools are now available online or pick one up in our school office. Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on January 8, 2015.

Go to <http://magnetapp.ccsd.net>

Questions regarding Magnet and Career Technical Academies can be answered by visiting the website at <http://magnet.ccsd.net>. Please call the school office if you have questions about the process.