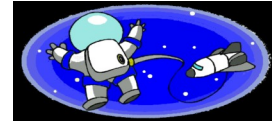


MABEL HOGGARD MAGNET SCHOOL

Home of the Challengers



March 2015

Principal: Mrs. Stacey Scott-Cherry
Assistant Principal: Ms. Janice Lewandowski

A Message From The Principal

I want to thank everyone for my warm welcome to Hoggard Magnet School. It is very easy to see that Hoggard is an amazing school, with amazing students, families and staff members. I am so happy to be a part of this community!

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students are actively preparing themselves for the SBAC assessment. They will be assessed in reading and math. Our fifth graders will also be assessed in science. The SBAC will be an on line assessment, and the questions will be more challenging and open ended, as compared to the CRT assessment our students have taken in the past. The teachers have been working all year to ensure that our students are prepared for some of the newer components of the test by allowing students to manipulate various technology tools on the computer, such as an on line calculator or ruler. Students have also had some experiences with typing their responses to short essay questions in the computer lab as well. As the days of taking a high stakes assessment in paper and pencil format are behind us, we embrace our responsibility of preparing students to be successful with this new format.

Have you heard your children talking about how many raffle tickets they have earned lately? Another way we are preparing students for the SBAC, and encouraging students in all grade levels to read, is through our four week AR reading challenge. We are challenging all students to read and demonstrate comprehension of what they read, by passing as many AR tests as they can within the four weeks of this challenge. Every time a student passes an AR test they earn a raffle ticket for a Friday drawing during their lunch time. Prizes are displayed in the lunchroom and students eagerly listen to hear if their name will be called to win a prize. Several winners are drawn from each grade level every Friday. The classroom in each grade level with the highest number of passed quizzes during this four week challenge will earn an extra special prize. It has been very exciting to hear students come to me and share how many tickets they have earned this week.

If you have not done so already, please be sure you have logged on to the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus by March 27th in order to register your child(ren) for the next school year. If you need any assistance with this, please see Cindy Chase in the front office for help.

Thank you again for all of your support! Please ask your child(ren) about the AR challenge. I wish everyone a fabulous spring break. Enjoy some time with each other and happy reading everyone!



NEWS FROM AROUND OUR CAMPUS

GATE: Stretching Brains and Making Connections

GATE students have been stretching their brains and making a multitude of connections as they explore diverse topics this semester. Fourth and fifth graders were exploding with excitement, literally, during their trip to the Atomic Testing Museum earlier this year. Students learned more about atomic bombs and atomic testing, which connected with the fifth graders' study of World War II and the fourth graders' project of the Explore: The Museum at Mabel Hoggard and the Nevada Test Site exhibit.

Third graders proved to be proficient at deductive thinking and solved the mystery of the "Great Chocolate Caper." They then kicked their thinking into creative gear by devising a personal "ode to chocolate," followed by a special chocolate celebration to savor their sweet success. Also in GATE, testing of second graders is under way. Results will be distributed in late May. Students eligible for GATE or TAGS will begin in third grade. Questions about GATE or TAGS or GATE testing may be referred to Ms. Stanley-Larsen, GATE specialist.

Second Grade: Gone Buggy!

At the beginning of the year, second graders observed the life cycle of mealworms. We watched them grow from a larva to a pupa, and then finally to an adult darling beetle. They are continuing to change which allows the students to observe an insect's ongoing life cycle. We apply our observations to better understand the life cycles of ladybugs, butterflies, and silk worms as they all complete a metamorphosis life cycle.

We have trips coming up in April to the Red Rock Canyon to observe nature, learn about Native American life and further our understanding of the rock cycle. Also, we will go to the Springs Preserve to observe butterflies in the observatory, and then to the Natural History Museum in May. We have had a very busy year!



Student Leader News by Anna Bachvarov

The Student Leaders had an exciting month. We held a collection drive to support Project Imagine, an organization focused on helping children in local hospitals create and learn through art. We collected hundreds of art supplies. Way to go, Challengers!

Are you ready to skate? We are hosting a school Skate Night at Crystal Palace on Rancho Drive on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.. The \$6.00 price for Skate Night includes skate rentals, a hotdog, pizza slice, or chicken nuggets, and a drink. It is lots of fun, so I suggest you come.

First Friday sales have been successful! Cocoa was delicious & popcorn & punch was a pleasant treat! We will not be selling in April. We are looking forward to our final First Friday sales day on May 1, We will be selling Smoothie King smoothies for \$2.⁰⁰. Thanks for your support!



Students of the Month

February, 2015



Room	Outstanding Student	Most Improved
2	Adelle Miranda	Rodrigo Blas-Sampedro
3	Jelani Weldon	Dylan Reyes-Obregon
4	Shivaansh Singh	Angelina Belteton
5	Ian Kearney	Jennipher Moncaleano
6	Michael Vela	Christian Wagner
7	Edwin Jiang	Jenifer Reyes-Perez
8	Shanelle DeAlwis	Milo Waldie
9	Ella Cambia	Dillon Lewis
10	Nancy Quinones/Bryant Gomez	
11	Rodrigo Blas Sampedro	Yaretzi Ayala
13	Amanda Manzano	Milliona Abraham
14	Jordyn Bedford/Vincent Vogan	
15	Alexis Martin Agustin	ShyAnn Jordan
16	Isabella Martin	Tiara Sanders
17	Rashad Moore	Isaac Ruelas
18	Valentine Holmes	Erickson Mota
19	Anabelle Reyes	Abygail Ochoa Cristian
20	Evelyn Pope	Chelsea Navarro
25	Reima Bungay	Ahlam Ali
32	Vincent Jackson, Jr.	John Neves, Jr.

Third Graders Are Enjoying Their Ride



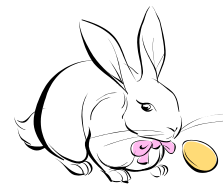
Congratulations on making it through the first semester of third grade! We are more than half way through the year and have a ways to go, so buckle up and enjoy the ride. Here are some celebrations of what we have accomplished and events to come.

Students have explored both fiction and nonfiction text, and the magical world that is figurative language. Do not be surprised to hear your child use idioms, similes, metaphors, personification and alliteration in their discussions with you. In math, we have explored more concepts of multiplication and division, area and perimeter, fractions, time, and problem solving. In writing, students started functional and research writing. Last but not least, in science and social studies, students finished learning about matter and have started to study rocks and minerals along with the scientific method. We look forward to seeing your child's Science Fair projects in May!

Remember, this is also an important time to persevere and work hard, as we will start SBAC testing in April. Our reward for all the hard work will be our trip to the Wild Animal Park. Continue to work hard, students and parents. We appreciate all your help and dedication to your child's education here at Mabel Hoggard Magnet School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/28-4/5	NO SCHOOL—Spring Break
4/10	Field Day (Changed from May 8)
4/14-4/24	SBAC State Assessments: Grades 3
4/14-4/15	State Science Assessment: Grade 5 only
4/27-5/8	SBAC State Assessments: Grade 4
5/11-5/22	SBAC State Assessments: Grade 5
5/25	NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day
6/2	Spring Concert: 9:40 a.m. and 1:40 p.m. (Changed from May)
6/3	Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony: 2:00 p.m. MPR
6/4	Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony: 9:00 a.m. MPR
6/4	Last Day of School: Dismissal 12:15 p.m.



Congratulations Science Fair Winners!

**In 4th Grade: Honorable Mention: Andre Aragones, Aiden Gruner, Henry Lepp, Dillon Lewis, Sarah Najari; Third Place: Olivia Breaux, River Poort
Second Place: Luis Cuevas; First Place: Joey Lopez**

**In 5th Grade: Honorable Mention: Raghav Bhagat, Cameron Dickinson, Asher Frank, Ahron Hart, Drake Schell; Third Place: Magretta Pawlak
Second Place: David Dorobantu; First Place: Austin Stebbins
Inventions—Third Place: Cristian Bello, Jose Cueto, IV; Second Place: Jaydalyn Bazaldua; First Place: Chaz Malay, Audrey Shepherd**

Congratulations Math Olympiad Winners!

The Elementary School Math Olympiad Competition took place on March 7 at Green Valley High School. Our Hoggard team took Third Place! Congratulations to the team: George Bachvarov, Raghav Bhagat, Harlan Phillips, Meghana Sunkara, and their coach: Mrs. Robin Maglicco!

Congratulations USA Karate State Champion!

Fifth grader, Diana Fleming, was named the AZ State Champion in the USA Karate State Championship. She is now qualified to represent AZ and NV in the National Team Trials in Florida this July. Well done!