

# MABEL HOGGARD MAGNET SCHOOL

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## Principally Speaking....by Dr. Celese Rayford



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Nevada Department of Education released the 2012-2013 Nevada School Performance Framework rankings on September 15. I would like to inform our entire school family that Mabel Hoggard Magnet School has achieved a "Three-Star" ranking under the framework, based on a five star scale.

The framework is a clear, consistent method for comparing our schools and ensuring the district is accountable for the success of every student. Think of it as a consumer report that provides the community with a way to review how schools are making progress in helping students learn and an insight into how students are achieving academically.

Our "Three-Star" designation means our students are making continued efforts to learn and grow from the last school year; that a large number of them are passing state tests; and that we are making progress in closing achievement gaps between all students – regardless of their individual educational needs. Additionally, our designation means that our school is laying the groundwork for fostering a positive learning environment for all students – this includes solid attendance, educational equity for students, engaging parents and developing positive relationships with them.

Under the state system, growth is factored, but instead of year-to-year growth, the state only awards points to schools that show growth over a period of three years. Simply put, it is harder to get points for growth in the short term on the state school performance framework than it was under Clark County School District's (CCSD) framework.

The difference between our current "Three-Star" ranking and the higher (Four or Five-Star) rankings for which we strive is not something that should be cause for disappointment. Instead, it should be cause for motivation to make the necessary changes to provide an even better education for our school community. Our goal is to continue to make refinements and improvements that will allow us to increase our results. For us, the charge will be to compete against our personal best and use the added resources we are provided in a manner that allows us to set new standards for our school community.

As your principal, I remain committed to working with all of our staff, parents and students to help this school perform at its highest levels. There is no reason we cannot be ranked as one of the best schools in CCSD. Our goal of even greater student achievement is within our grasp if we work hard and if we work together to ensure the highest level of success for every student, in every classroom at our school.

Thank you for your commitment to students and our community.

Sincerely,

Celese Rayford, Ed.D.



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# NEWS FROM AROUND OUR CAMPUS



## Kindergarten World

What a fun and exciting start we have had in kindergarten! We are enjoying getting to know all our new friends, practicing routines and learning the rules in our classrooms.

The students are working on letter recognition, writing their first names beginning with a capital letter, identifying and writing numbers 1-20, learning colors and shapes, listening skills, and manners. Please reinforce what is taught in school by practicing these skills at home. Also, each week students visit Library, Art, Music, P.E., the Computer Lab, and the Science Lab. They really look forward to their specials.

The Kindergarten teachers are conducting assessments on essential skills. These assessments will be completed at the end of each trimester in an effort to show the progress your child has made throughout the school year. In addition, the students are doing a unit study on apples. They are learning how apples grow, the cycles of the apple tree with the seasons, and all the different foods made from apples. Thank you, parents, for your support in helping us start the year on a positive note!

## Greetings from the Art Room

In art class, students will learn about the art elements of Line, Shape, Texture, Color, Value, Form, and Depth through different projects such as: weaving, painting, sculpture, mosaics and printing. We will discuss the Principles of Art: Balance, Contrast, Emphasis, Pattern, Proportion, Rhythm and Movement, Unity, and Variety. Some classes have started learning about clay with hands-on activities such as making turtles, flowers, pinch pots, or clay relief animals. All students have been working hard making their portfolios in which to keep their art work. On the days students have art, they may bring in an old shirt to cover their clothes. I could use parent volunteers to cut paper

for me if you are in need of volunteer hours.

Thank you.

Lance Waters, Art Specialist



## Fifth Graders Loved Camp!

Fifth grade camp was a huge success! Some of the highlights were: dissecting owl pellets; geo-caching; hiking the Bristlecone trail; finding constellations in the night sky; and, of course, eating tasty treats like the s'mores bars and brownies. Those recipes can be found in the back of student camp booklets. Fifth grade would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. LaCombe and Ms. Duncan for all the work they put in to this camp.

We wrap up our first trimester with a focus on the cause-effect chain relationships of natural disasters. We will be comparing and contrasting the causes and effects across natural disasters.

## Library Time with Mrs. Dailey

It's been an exciting year so far in the library! Students are busy checking out books, using iPads, reading, and taking Accelerated Reader tests. The library is open each day before school, so students can come in and exchange their library books, read, and take A. R. tests. We are also happy to announce that we have World-Book Encyclopedia on-line for all students to use both at school and at home. You can check out Mrs. Dailey's website at [my.ccsd.net](http://my.ccsd.net) for password information.

The Book Fair will be held in the library on Nov. 27-Dec. 6. It will be open from 8:00 to 4:00 daily. It's a great time to shop for the holidays! Teachers will have their "Wish Lists" available, so parents and students can purchase books for their classrooms. All proceeds from the Book Fair will be used to purchase new library books. We hope to see you there!



## Students of the Month September, 2013



Room	Outstanding Student	Most Improved
2	Dafne Pena Garcia	Marquise Hill
3	Donoven Golden	Angel Ruiz
4	Vanessa Thou	Kora Tomlinson
5	Devaansh Singh	Lixin Yang
6	Benjamin Futrell	Adamary Gomez
7	Celine Mejia/Chaisson Sisson	
8	Diana Fleming/Valkyrie Holmes	
9	Ahron Hart/Savannah Bentley-Smith	
10	Antron Johnson/Karyme Hernandez	
13	Aleza Aragones	Alexandra Garcia
14	Olivia Alele/Sarah Najari	
15	Nia Vela	Isabella Sarabia
16	Kirina McLeod	Desmonique Littleton
17	Kemani Weldon/Johanna Jackson	
18	Alexis Martin Agustin	Milliona Abraham
19	Kirsten Victoriano	Charles Cunanan
20	Ma.Mikaela Ignacio	Nicholas Goodrich
25	Jia Patel	Derek Ortiz-Mondragon
32	Brendan Waters	Daniel Chavez

## Mabel Hoggard Students Elect a New Student Council

Students in grades 3-5 elected a new Student Council on September 25 after a very positive and spirited campaign conducted by many eager students who ran for Office. Congratulations to the following students who were elected as Officers for the 2013-2014 school year:

President: Cameron Kimble      Vice President: Micael Pangilinan  
 Treasurer: Journey Thomas      Secretary: Raghav Bhagat  
 Event Planner: Kira Jaspe



**Congratulations to the following students who were selected as a Classroom Representative:**

First Grade Class Representatives: Cameron Fernando, Rayne Montgomery, Ninna Wang

Second Grade Class Representatives: Karyme Hernandez, Vandaly Holmes, Ashley Perez

Third Grade Class Representatives: Anna Bachvarov, Paizley Jensen, Dafne Pena, Kenn Sourjah

Fourth Grade Class Representatives: Valkyrie Holmes, Chaz Malay, Austin Stebbins

Fifth Grade Class Representatives: Sofia Bermudez, Everardo Casillas-Napoles, DeShone Myles

# UPCOMING EVENTS

10/19	Magnet Schools Fair—10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Meadows Mall
10/21-10/23	Parent/Teacher/Student Conference Week
10/22	NO SCHOOL—Parent Conferences 8:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.
10/24	NO SCHOOL—Staff Development Day
10/25	NO SCHOOL—Nevada Day Celebrated
11/1	PTSA Movie Night—6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. MPR
11/4	NO SCHOOL—Staff Development Day
11/8	World Dance Festival 9:00 a.m. Playground
11/11	NO SCHOOL—Veteran’s Day
11/14	Safety First Child I.D. Photos Taken
11/23	Magnet Schools Fair 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Galleria Mall
11/25 -12/17	CCSD Assessment #2 (Launch Into Teaching) Grades 1-5
11/25-12/17	CCSD Kinder Assessment (Launch Into Teaching)
11/27	First Trimester Ends
11/28-12/1	NO SCHOOL—Happy Thanksgiving!
12/6	Report Cards Go Home
12/6	PTSA Cookies with Santa 6:00 p.m. MPR
12/12	Magnet Schools Fair 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Pearson Community Center
12/21-1/5	NO SCHOOL Winter Break



## 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 by visiting the website at <http://magnet.ccsd.net>.