

MABEL HOGGARD MAGNET SCHOOL

Home of the Challengers

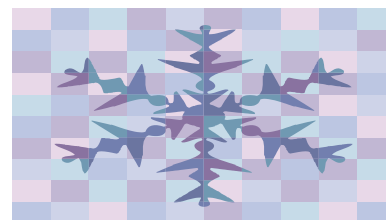


January 2015

Acting Principal: Janice Lewandowski

Happy New Year 2015!

On behalf of Mabel Hoggard Magnet School's staff and students, we want to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!



During the holiday season, we had several organizations and individuals donate food, gift items, and time for over 220 students in our school. We are so grateful and appreciative for all the kindness bestowed upon our students and their families. A BIG thank you goes out to these organizations and individuals:

- AAOK—Amazing Acts of Kindness Organization—Fifteen families were nominated for Christmas gifts.
- CB Richard Ellis—Thanksgiving Food Drive donation; Christmas gifts for 50 students, holiday cookies and juice.
- Councilman Ricki Barlow and the Las Vegas Rescue Mission— Thanksgiving turkey dinner baskets for 50 families.
- Desert Dollies Club— Christmas gifts for one family.
- Doolittle Community Center—Breakfast with Santa and Christmas gifts for nine students.
- Melanie and Phil Guevara—playing Santa Claus for our Pre-K students.
- Michael Guy—Thanksgiving turkey dinner basket for one family.
- Lauren Hermosillo—Thanksgiving turkey dinner baskets for three families and Christmas turkey dinner baskets for two families.
- Los Prados Women's Club—Christmas gifts for six families; and cookies, coloring books and crayons for all our kindergarten and Pre-K classrooms.
- St. James Catholic Church—Two Thanksgiving turkey dinner baskets and two Christmas turkey dinner baskets.
- Toys 4 Smiles—100 wooden cars for Kindergarten and Pre-K students.

I especially want to thank our School Facilitator, Mrs. Ana Arellano, for coordinating all the arrangements with the above groups and individuals. With her patience and determination, she ensured that so many students could have a happy holiday season.

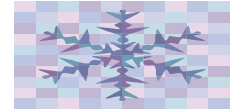
Sincerely,

Ms. Janice Lewandowski

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You

NEWS FROM AROUND OUR CAMPUS



Happenings in Third Grade

How time flies! We are coming to the end of an exciting and busy first semester. Students have learned about fables and myths, communities, and geology. In math, we explored the relationship between multiplication and division, the importance of memorizing both multiplication and division facts, how to round to the nearest 10 and 100, as well as adding and subtracting with regrouping.

In science, students enjoyed exploring the wonders of matter, the properties of sound with Ms. Duncan, and life science in the animal lab with Mrs. Law. Students also learned about character traits with Mrs. LaCombe. Her lessons about an eagle named Rudy showed how to persevere through tough times and bullying.

Students have continued to work hard to meet their AR goals; we hope to see them continue to earn their goals in the new year. We look forward to the upcoming events in the next semester. This includes the Science Fair, research reports about animals, and our field trip to the Wild Animal Park in May. For the new year, students, remember to continue to work hard and challenge yourselves. We look forward to seeing your growth and success in the coming year.

From WWII to Weslandia, GATE Challenges Students

GATE students have been pushing their thinking to new levels in a variety of units and activities this semester. Third graders are learning different types of thinking as an introduction to GATE. With a focus on creative thinking, students were inspired by the book *Weslandia* to devise their own staple crop and inventions made from it. They are turning their attention to logical/deductive thinking with the help of a fun and challenging mystery – and some sweet surprises – about chocolate.

Meanwhile, fourth graders are developing creative and engaging lessons to teach the first graders about their exhibits in Explore: The Museum at Mabel Hoggard. Student teams will conduct lessons of about 25 minutes for every first grader during the second semester. In conjunction with the museum, fourth graders have taken virtual field trips to a Native American archaeological dig; and gone back to the pioneer days, courtesy of special guests.

World War II has been stimulating fifth graders' thinking and helping them to integrate science, technology, social studies, reading, writing, and math. Students were challenged to design better aircraft for the Royal Air Force, are exploring the "Ladder of Prejudice" in the book *Friedrich* and in society today, and reliving Pearl Harbor with a hands-on simulation. A highlight was a multicultural celebration during which students shared food, traditions, and artifacts from their families in an effort to better understand each other and diminish prejudices.

Fourth and fifth graders are enhancing their classroom experiences with a field trip to the Atomic Testing Museum on January 20.

Questions about the GATE program can be directed to Mary Stanley-Larsen, GATE specialist, at mtstanle@interact.ccsd.net or at 702-799-4740.



Students of the Month

December, 2014



Room	Outstanding Student	Most Improved
2	Karyme Hernandez	Skylar Segovia
3	Oivia Breaux	Lluvia Lopez
4	Pooja Selvaraj	Ashlie Saiter
5	Jazmine Martin Martin	J'Andre Cavavan-Linzy
6	Jason Hilacion	Meghana Sunkara
7	Jenny Huang	Lola Paige
8	Henry Lepp/David Martinez	
9	Sarah Najari	Allen Miranda
10	Nathanel Vanboskerck/Samiah Sweet	
11	Cesar Zuniga-Almader	Isabella Sarabia
13	Jeremy Reyes-Obregon	Miguel Perez
14	Loryn Sturgis	Ya'Nay Brooks
15	London Wade	Camilla Zuniga-Almader
16	Alexa Alvarenga	Isabella Martin
17	Allison Martin	Mehki Johnson
18	Kahlil Boulware	Genesis Garcia-Fuentes
19	Fernando Vasquez-Mendez	Sofia Martin Maqueda
20	Angel Munoz	Alize Cerritos
25	Hayden Jaspe	Juan Martin Martin
32	Melanie Campos	Christian Chavez

Second Graders Are Busy!

The second graders have been very busy learning this year! During October we studied Nevada and its history. To culminate the Nevada study, we took a field trip to the Old Mormon Fort and discovered the beginnings of Las Vegas. While there, we tied this social studies unit into our real lives by having a feast at the fort similar to the early Americans. Thank you to all the parents who helped cook and chaperone on the trip.

Additionally, second grade just finished their moon study with one month's worth of moon observations. We also visited each second grade classroom to enhance our moon study with fun and educational activities. To enhance our air and weather science studies, we had a guest meteorologist come and speak to our classes.

On January 20th, we will go to the Mirage to explore the dolphin habitat and the Secret Garden. In February, there will be many exciting events happening: On February 4th, second graders will go to the Smith Center to see the play *Dinosaur Train*; on February 12th, a ranger will come in to teach us about tortoises; and finally, on February 19th, guest speakers from Papa Murphy's will teach us how to make our own pizza. We ask that you keep encouraging your child to read nightly for at least 20 minutes as this will help them grow as readers and thinkers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 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 | |
| 1/21 | Parent Training— <i>Homework, Organization, and Motivation</i>
2:30-3:15 p.m. Room 40 | |
| 1/23 | Report Cards Go Home |  |
| 2/3 | Magnet School Applications Due: 3:00 p.m. | |
| 2/12 | Student Leaders' Valentine Day Dance: 5:30-7:00 p.m. MPR | |
| 2/13 | NO SCHOOL—Staff Development Day |  |
| 2/16 | NO SCHOOL—Presidents' Day | |
| 2/17-2/19 | Science Fair—Grades 4, 5 | |
| 2/26 | Parent Training— <i>Metacognition: Helping your children to think about their learning.</i> 8:45-9:45 a.m. Room 40 | |
| 2/26 | Principal/Parent Advisory Meeting 10:00a.m. Room 40 | |
| 3/19 | Family Math and Science Night 5:00-7:00 p.m. | |
| 3/28-4/5 | Spring Break |  |
| 4/7-5/5 | SBAC State Assessments: Grades 3-5 | |
| 4/7-5/5 | State CRT Science Assessment: Grade 5 only | |

Magnet School Applications—Deadline Extended!

The deadline for applications for Magnet Schools has been extended. Applications are available online or pick one up in our school office. Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on February 3, 2015.

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

Questions regarding specific 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 application process: 702-799-4740.