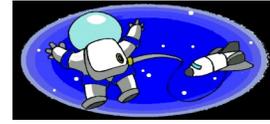


# MABEL HOGGARD MAGNET SCHOOL

## Home of the Challengers



March 2016

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

### Message From The Principal

I hope you are all enjoying the Spring weather, and that you all have great plans for how you will spend your spring break with your friends and family. We are having a spectacular spring so far here at Mabel Hoggard Elementary School. Our second grade students have been learning about the life cycle of ladybugs and mealworms, and our kindergarten students have been busy going on nature walks to learn about the parts of a flower. Students in first grade have been learning about the important functions of each part of a flower. Students in all grade levels have participated in a variety of writing activities related to the spring season. Our teachers work very hard at providing our students with hands on experiences that make learning fun!

Thank you so much for supporting our Makers Faire and Math and Science Night on March 10th. Our students had an opportunity to showcase all of the amazing projects they were working on in class and at home for the last several weeks. It was great to see all of the creativity and talents that our students possess. Some of the projects created by our students that were on display included robots built with specific jobs, constructing learning spaces and furniture out of recycled water bottles, and creating a complex course for a marble drop. It was wonderful to see all of the pride and excitement from our students as they shared their projects with everyone. Students were also able to perform a variety of different forensic experiments to solve the mysteries of Who borrowed Mr. Bear, and The Case of the Missing Millionaire. It was truly a special night for everyone who attended!

The week after our students return from Spring Break, we will begin the SBAC assessment for students in grades 3, 4, and 5. This assessment will take place in the computer lab over several days. Students will be assessed in the areas of reading, math and science (5th grade only). We have been working all year long to help prepare our students for this assessment. Students have participated in practice tests to help them know what kinds of questions they can expect to see on this assessment. I would like to thank all of the parents who attended the parent training on understanding the SBAC that was held here a few weeks ago. It was a very informative training that provided some specific examples on the different types of questions students will see on the assessment. Please talk with your child's teacher to know your child's specific testing days, if you have not already received this information.

I am very proud to share that our kindergarten students are progressing very well on mastering all of their Kindergarten Essential Skills this year. Our goal is for all of our kindergarten students to know all of their letters, and letter sounds, and to be able to read at least 100 sight words before the end of the year. During our last monthly kindergarten assembly where we celebrate their success, we were able to acknowledge 15 new kindergarten students who mastered all of these skills since the previous month. We are so proud of them! They are well on their way to being successful, on grade level readers in first grade!

Thank you parents for everything you do to support your child's education. We see, and greatly appreciate, all of your efforts toward ensuring that your child's education is a top priority in your lives. Taking the time to talk with your child's teacher and monitoring your child's progress throughout the school year is a priceless gift you are giving to your child. It will pay great dividends in their adult life. Thank you again for being such an amazing community of parents, and I wish you all a fabulous spring break!

Sincerely,  
Stacey Scott-Cherry, Principal



# NEWS FROM AROUND OUR CAMPUS

## Fifth Grade GATE Raises More Than \$500 to Fight World Hunger

The perfect pet -- in styles as varied as angels and Ninjas, dogs and cats, Harry Potter and Star Wars -- rocked Mabel Hoggard during Math and Science Night and helped fifth-grade GATE students raise \$546.30 to help fight world hunger. The fifth graders decided to make and sell pet rocks upon learning in their unit, Food for Thought, that although there is enough food in the world to feed everybody, the problem is that the food is not distributed equally. They formed their own company, GATE Rocks!, decided on a project, sold stock, conducted research and marketing, planned advertising, managed product development, and much more, giving them a multitude of business and real-life lessons in the process. Every cent, they decided, will go to Heifer International, a reputable charity that provides families with live animals as a way to earn a living.

Meanwhile, fourth-grade GATE students are off to a great start teaching the first graders about their exhibits in Explore: The Museum at Mabel Hoggard. Fourth graders worked hard to create engaging and educational lessons and activities. In third grade, deductive thinking has been the focus as students solve the mystery of "The Great Chocolate Caper." They solved logic grids, tackled syllogisms, became master decoders, practiced generalizations, and much more. Testing also is under way for second graders now through the end of April. Eligible students will begin GATE or TAGS classes next fall. Questions can be directed to Ms. Mary Stanley-Larsen, GATE specialist, by email at [mtstanle@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:mtstanle@interact.ccsd.net) or by calling the school.

## Student Leader Lowdown by Jean Reyes and Nathaniel Wilkins

Our second year of Student Leaders is continuing to look bright. We collected over \$2,000 for Pennies for Patients! Our donation will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as they research and support families fighting blood cancer. The Valentine's Day Dance was a huge success! Those nachos were good! Thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped make the dance a success.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our final Skate Night on March 2. Also, thank you to all those students who took a chance and bought a Mystery Bag for our March First Friday treat! After Spring Break, we have a special surprise for students in Pre-K through second grade!

## Art Room News from Mr. Waters

We just finished our clay projects for all grades. Fifth grade still needs to paint their "Martian Bobble Heads" made with clay. Fourth grade made coil pots. Third grade made turtles. Second grade made relief animal sculptures. First grade made pinch pots with a handle, and Kindergarten made pinch pots which they glazed as well. Fourth grade is learning about drawing with value while drawing a sea creature they created from their imagination. Third grade is showing great creativity exploring color theory while painting their traveling schools. Second grade made their own scratch paper and will be drawing/scratching their animal drawings on them. First grade and Kindergarten recently finished making puppets and will be exploring paint and color theory next. Other lessons coming up are: drawing using value or shading; printmaking; paper mache; painting; exploring sculpture with paper; and wear-able art. Hope all is well and don't forget to do some art at home, too! It helps to develop hand-eye coordination while fostering creativity, problem solving, and it's fun!

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## Students of the Month

### February, 2016



<b>Room</b>	<b>Outstanding Student</b>	<b>Most Improved</b>
2	Ninna Wang	Cimar Hatcher
3	Alexandra Garcia	Alejandro Martinez
4	Xiariah Drummer	Eranda Citaku
5	Haven Arcangel	Angel Chavez-Pascual
6	Shaelyn Cruz	Olivia Breaux
7	Anna Bachvarov	Melinda Bravo Avendano
8	Brisa Flores/Gavin Lee	
9	Vandalyn Holmes/Leo Morgan	
10	Dayana Barajas Solis/Sarai Zuniga	
11	Gennesys Marquez Rufino	Rashell Escamilla
13	Daisy Hernandez-Anaya	Makedelawit Wondimagegn
14	Misael Granados Arreola	Sylvia Walker
15	Valentine Holmes	Karla Rojas-Rodriguez
16	Kameelah Burns Coleman	Tiara Sanders
17	Ja'niya Coleman	Aaliyah Avery
19	Angel San Pedro Jeronimo	Alex Delgado Aranza
20	Elysse Collier	Jezet Gonzalez-Delgado
24	Jazmine Arellano	Eloisa Cardenas-Navarrete
31	Kinverly Martin	Elena Kramer

## Third Graders Celebrations and Future Forecasts

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.

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 Field Day and our trip to Sea World in May. 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.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS



<b>3/19-3/27</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL—Spring Break</b>
<b>3/28-4/1</b>	<b>Career Week</b>
<b>4/4-4/7</b>	<b>State Online Science Assessment: Grade 5 only</b>
<b>4/11-4/27</b>	<b>SBAC State Assessments: Grades 3 and 4</b>
<b>4/22</b>	<b>Field Day</b>
<b>5/2-5/9</b>	<b>SBAC State Assessments: Grade 5</b>
<b>5/19</b>	<b>Spring Concert 9:40 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. MPR</b>
<b>5/27</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL—Staff Development Day</b>
<b>5/30</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day</b>
<b>6/1</b>	<b>Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony: 9:00 a.m. MPR</b>
<b>6/1</b>	<b>Last Day of School: Dismissal 12:05 p.m.</b>

## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest Winners**

**Congratulations to the following students who competed and took first place in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest in February! Way to Go, Hoggard students!**

**Thank you to Ms. Nichole Council and Ms. Cherie Malay for taking the time to coach and practice with the students!**

<b>First Place—Primary Poetry:</b>	<b>Kahlil Boulware</b>
<b>First Place—Elementary Poetry:</b>	<b>Loryn Sturgis</b>
<b>First Place—Famous Speech:</b>	<b>Jean Guinevere Reyes</b>
<b>First Place—Choral Group:</b>	<b>Anna Bachvarov, Oniana Boulware, Vandalyn Holmes, Kira Jaspe, Antron Johnson, and Nia Vela</b>

## **USA Karate State Champions**

**Congratulations to third grader, Xiariah Drummer, and fifth grader, Xiamara Drummer! They earned gold medals and were named the Nevada and Arizona State Champions in the USA Karate State Championship. They earned the rights to compete at the 2016 USA National Championship and the USA Team Trials (The Olympic sanctioned event) this July in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.**

## **Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser Success!**

**This year's event was a huge success! Mabel Hoggard Magnet School raised \$3,080.35 for the American Heart Association to fight the nation's number one killer: heart disease! A special thanks to third grader, Carl Malacaman, for raising \$1,175.00, and to P.E. teacher, Mr. Gerald Kearney, for organizing the annual event!**