



# HUSKY VOICE

*Mission: The Marie Hughes community is committed to the pursuit of excellence and life long learning, as we teach students to become responsible, caring, contributing members of a diverse and ever changing world.*

## Why Manners Are Important

In the course of our school day I see literally hundreds of students either on the playground, in class, walking to and from school and in our cafeteria. I am always impressed when students use good manners when working with other students, adults and others in the school community. Some of the things I've seen include holding a door open for someone; helping carry items for someone with a heavy load; saying 'please' and 'thank you' in the cafeteria; cleaning up after lunch. It's also very interesting to see how children, teachers and others respond to children who consistently use good manners. All I can say is that warm, friendly, polite behavior breeds warm, friendly, polite behavior in others. Some children instinctively know this and charm the socks off of everyone they meet. Others struggle to smile at people or to respond politely in many situations. We try to teach good manners and the importance of community service through our Character Counts program and through practice in the classroom, but children learn manners, both good and bad, in all their interactions with people. What kinds of manners do you want your child to have? Model those manners and your child will follow suit.

Our office recently had a phone call from someone who did not want their child to wash his table in the lunchroom. This is a common concern and it is directly related to the subject of manners. My philosophy is that children need to be responsible for their belongings, including their food and any mess they make while eating. To help reinforce this, I have an expectation that each class will have a student 'Table Washer' who helps wipe down their cafe table before they go out and play. Every student in school takes two weeks, one each semester, and takes their turn doing this community service with a partner. It's not a horrible job, but not the most fun either, although some kids like to do it and volunteer regularly. But it does make children aware of how their mess affects others and teaches them to respect those who's job it is to clean up after everyone else. Through this small act of assistance and community service, students learn to serve their fellow students, respect others, be responsible and take pride in their school. Good character, good manners and respect, all priceless lessons that we learn in school and at home. So thank you, students, for all the ways you show good manners and your good character at school. I am so very proud of you! Keep up the good work!

Jami Jacobson  
Principal

## President's Message

I hope you are all enjoying the beginning signs of fall. It has been a pleasure seeing all of the changes as leaves begin to turn colors and nights are shorter. Change can be seen as welcome and not welcome events, although it is inevitable as change will certainly occur. As the holidays approach and our lives become even more hectic, I would like to invite you to become a change agent for Marie Hughes Elementary by setting aside some time to participate and volunteer in any of the upcoming activities, to include: Book Fair, Art Night, Smith's Rewards Program, or any of the other committees. These events benefit our school by providing exposure and growth as well as fund raising for one of the many activities our students participates in. Here's to change!

Brenda Barajas-Romero  
PTA President



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### Important Dates

- Nov 9 Thanksgiving Lunch
- Nov 12-13 Library Volunteer Nights 5:30-8:30
- Nov 15-16 No School Teacher Conferences
- Nov 21, 22, 23 Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 26-30 Scholastic Book Fair Blizzard
- Nov 27 Book Fair Family Night 5:30-8:00

We are on the web.  
<http://www.aps.edu/aps/MarieHughes/index.htm>



HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE MARIE HUGHES PTA!!



## **National PTA Reflections Program 2007-2008**

### **Theme: "I can make a difference by..."**

We are pleased to announce that our school will be participating in the Reflections Program! It is a National PTA program that focuses on art in the school. It gives students the chance to express their artistic talents in six categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Music, Literature, Film/Video, and Dance Choreography. The theme this year is "I can make a difference by..." Students can enter one or all categories with a limit of two entries per category. Entries are due December 19<sup>th</sup>, and will be showcased on January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. Three students from each age division in every category will then move on to the State Show. Last year one of our students went to Nationals and received a Merit Award for her entry in Visual Arts. It was an awesome surprise and a great accomplishment!

Reflections is a wonderful opportunity for your child if they love to dance, take pictures, paint, draw, play music, write stories, or document events with the video camera. It gives children the chance to create then showcase their work for everyone to enjoy. Encourage your child to participate and express their artistic ability. Entry forms are in the office. The rules in each category are very specific. Please read them carefully and follow them exactly so that your child's entry is not disqualified from moving on to the State Show. Artwork can be turned in after Thanksgiving and placed in box in front of office marked Reflections.

We are excited about the program and look forward to seeing all our student's creations! If there are any questions, please contact Adrienne Dixon 922-1050 or Shelly Pope 890-4601.

*We applaud all the students who participated last year and those that went on to the State Show! Great Work...Bravo!*

## Big Thanks For Jog-a-Thon Success

We had a wonderful Jog-A-Thon this year. We will announce the winners next week.

Special Thanks go to these students that helped set up the day of the event: Jordan Young, Elliott Holt, Ryan Hansen, Kyle Franks and Joseph Ortiz.

**Thank to you our sponsors: Dairy Queen, Creamland, Zia Graphics, Wal-Mart, Rio Rancho Graphics and Toys R Us.**

Thanks to the PTA and for all the hard work of getting this organized, to the Volunteers that we could not have made this possible. Thank you:

Leandra Domingez, Jesse Gollihar, Jeri Aragon, Janet Bosley, David Hall, Tracy Maurino, Pam Watt, Michelle Lucero, Guadalupe Herrera, Andrew Paua, Mark Strand, Robert and Kathy Dalton, Pete and Susan Lucero, Marla Caranach, Wendy Shaw, Kari Murbury, Valerie Peyton, Gary Torres, Lydia Flores, Tonya Aragon, Lisa Robinson, Manuel & Marisela Cabral, Claire Chavez, Iver Davidson, Laurie Babcock, Jean Wesaloski, Paula Azua-Stofleth, Karla Simoes, Donna Garcia, Flo Jones, Jennifer Stratti, Valerie Scigel, Anna & Brandon, Chris Casaus, Sonia Rankin, Jesse Hunter, Francis Sedillo, Rene Chavez, Erin McLarty, Antuniz Dent, Kim Hyanes, Lavella Torrez, Ray Armijo, Craig Bernard, Tracy Hubbel, Chris Morman, Patricia Katz, Joyce Adkins, Chuck Von-Hentschel, Anthony Aragon. If you helped and are not listed thank you all, we appreciated all of your help.

## Literacy Night

Studies have shown that children who read at home do better in school. Studies have also shown that children are more likely to succeed academically when their parents are involved in their schools. Our goal is to set the scene for both family reading and parent involvement so all of our Marie Hughes families win!

Our staff is planning a fun spring-time family literacy night in hopes that it will be an annual event for our community. We are looking for guest readers, local authors and volunteers to help us celebrate a love of reading.

If you know of someone or would like more information, please email Jillian Foster, Liz Gutierrez, or Kathy Loudat:

- foster@aps.edu
- gutierrez\_el@aps.edu
- loudat@aps.edu



Please enjoy with your child, the library book(s) borrowed for the week!!

Overdue notices are given to students weekly on their library day.

## PTA Clothing Bank

With the weather turning colder, we have to start thinking about pulling out our winter coats and warm clothes. As you get your little ones ready for cooler weather, please remember those in need. The PTA clothing bank is in need of gently used pants, long sleeve shirts, sweaters, coats, new socks and underwear, and any other clothing items you may have to donate. There is a bin located in the front hallway of the school labeled PTA Clothing Bank. This is a fantastic way for you to teach your children about generosity and helping others.

Thank you so much in advance for helping us to help those who may be in need.



Cooler weather means more sweaters and jackets piling up in our lost and found. Please make the time to stop by and check for your child's lost items.

There are many lunch bags, back packs, jackets, hats, sweaters, you name it, you might find it in there. As always glasses and lost jewelry are turned into the office.

The unclaimed items are donated to the PTA Clothing Bank at the end of the year.

# LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER NEWS

## Evening Book Cleaning Work Sessions for Adult Volunteers

We have a special need in the library media center to clean several hundred books with obsolete barcodes. This is in preparation for new barcodes required by our automated circulation system.

We will meet for book cleaning in the Marie Hughes Library Media Center on Monday, November 12th, and Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Please plan to join us for this important project.

Thanks to all of our media center volunteers for making a difference!

## Land of Enchantment

New Mexico's children's book choice award is the Land of Enchantment Award. The New Mexico Library Association and the New Mexico Reading Association sponsor it. This year ten books with a wide range of style and appeal were nominated for the award. Third, fourth and fifth grade students who read or have had three or more books read to them are eligible to vote for their favorite book in April. I will read three of the ten books to the students during library time.

Your child is invited to participate in the Marie Hughes Land of Enchantment Club. The purpose of this program is to encourage quality reading. Membership begins when students have read or listened to six books. Students who have read all ten books will become members of the Marie Hughes Land of Enchantment Hall of Fame.

The program will continue for the entire school year. Students must complete a form to verify each book they have read. A letter with titles has been sent home with your student. You can also access the Land of Enchantment list from the Library Media Center web page. This site is linked from the Marie Hughes web page:

<http://www.aps.edu/aps/MarieHughes/index.htm>.

We have copies of the books in the school library for checkout. Additional copies are available at the public library. Please encourage your child to participate

Janet Byrd, Librarian

Thanks to those Brownie's from Troop #2917 who participated in the Mariposa Park Clean-Up with the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association on Saturday, October 20. They gave of their time to provide a well needed service for our community.

This team included Estrea Blanton (2nd grade), Ruthie Madrid (2nd grade), Sarah Romero (3rd grade), and Hailey Shepherd (3rd grade).



This Fall Marie Hughes earned \$682.10 on our BOX TOPS fundraiser.

Thanks for your support!!

The Health Office is in need of New SWEATPANTS in sizes 5– 10 for boys, girls or unisex. From time to time we have students that have accidents and need a change of clothes. If you have any in good condition you would like to donate, we would appreciate it.

You may leave your donations at the HEALTH OFFICE.

# Help Make Book Fair Blizzard Our Coolest Fair Ever!!

Dear Parents and Families,

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school November 26th—30th

And our Family Event will be held on Tuesday November 27th from 5:30—8:00 pm

We will have plenty of activities that encourage the love of reading and connect kids with books they want to read. We are looking for Book Fair volunteers. We have some specific needs. We will be setting up the book-fair on Tuesday the 20th and taking it down on Friday the 30th after school, we will be needing volunteers for both days. The One for Books program is in need of someone to head it up. We also have a need for someone to do Book Fair orientation with the children on Monday and Tuesday. We are seeking a decorating committee, Scholastic Book Fairs offer a \$5,000 prize to the school with the best decorated fair. So if you have a flair for this we would love to have your help. Lastly, we are seeking volunteers throughout the week to work during school hours to assist children with finding and purchasing books. Our volunteers earn \$2.00 in book fair credit per hour worked. If you can help, complete the form below and send it back to your child(s) teacher, or drop it by the office. There will be a volunteer sign up book located in the school library if you would like to sign up for specific times or committees.

You may also contact the volunteer coordinator by email at [huskyhowler@aol.com](mailto:huskyhowler@aol.com)

If you cannot volunteer, you can still help us by simply spreading the word about our Fair and joining your child at the Family Event. With the holidays just around the corner, the book fair is a great time to start your shopping. Books make great gifts for your children. Teachers love building their classroom libraries and book fair makes gift giving easy.

Sincerely,

Janet Boslzy and Stephanie Camarena

Book Fair Co-chairs

## I want to volunteer at the Scholastic Book Fair!!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would love to help by (check all that apply)

I am available:

Setting up our Book Fair

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One For Books

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Book Fair Orientation

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Decorating Committee

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Working During Fair

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Packing up our Fair

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We will contact you soon. Thank You for helping us connect kids with books!