



The Coyote Howl



Joshua S. McCleave -Principal

Important Dates

Jan. 19 – Character Counts Awards and Recycling Assembly
10:30 am

Jan. 19 – PTO Meeting
3:15 pm

Jan. 20 – District Spelling Bee
9:30am

Jan 22 – Family Movie Night
G-Force 6:30 pm

Feb. 12 – Dance For Heart
SME Family Dance

Pawsitive Paws

Pawsitive Paws Program for 2009-10. This is a program that recognizes our students for the tremendous character shown each day. The following students have been recognized recently for their efforts. Their names are on our Paws of Fame Poster in the main lobby!

Smanantha Berry, Joshua Cook, Damien Dennison, Gareth Elkins, Hannah Foss, Breanna Gaudette, Naomi Hernandez, Spencer Hill, Kevin LaRue, Frank McCleave, Alexa Millan, Justin Morin, Zeke Perez, Maia Ruiz, Lily Stuart, Analise Tanberg, Jaida Valenzuela

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southmountainelementary.com

or

<https://sites.google.com/a/mesd.us/sme/>

for more information.

Dear Parents and Students of SME:

Nurses Corner: IMPORTANT: We have had several occurrences on the buses of students spraying perfume or deodorant and other students having a reaction. Sometimes it causes shortness of breath and can lead to respiratory shutdown. We would ask that you go through your students' backpacks, all compartments on a daily/weekly basis depending on what you find. Please do not allow them to store anything but a stick deodorant, if they have to have it for after PE or sports. Please choose options that have no or low odor. Let's all work together to educate our students/children on inhalant reaction danger! While you are talking with them, remind them never to breathe in any spray from any aerosol: deodorant, paint, computer cleaner as it could be lethal. Let's prevent accidents!

Thank you for your help in our transition to a new pick up/ drop off routine. It will take all involved to make it work. I would like to make a **stronger request** that you **arrive** a little **later** than you have in the past to help stagger the number of cars in the pick-up area. Kinder parents should come just before 3:00 pm. Parents of 1st-3rd, should come **later** than 3:07 pm, and the rest should come between 3:10-3:15 pm.

Due to many issues with the PTO recycling program, SME is **no longer** accepting community recycling at the school. Our PTO has decided to contract with a new, local business to do the school's recycling. The business is offering weekly residential/commercial recycling pick up in the East Mountain area. East Mountain Recycle has given the school a 50% reduction in cost, in comparison to his normal rates, with the condition that all materials are generated only within the school. We recommend that you do not stop recycling, but look into the many options available in the area. Both Stanley and Tijeras transfer stations recycle materials, and East Mountain Recycle, 281-8706, offers weekly pick up.

Come to the PTO meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010 at 3:15 pm.

Fridays are still SPIRIT DAYS!!!

Wear your purple, black, or teal and anything South Mountain!

Also wear your Edgewood Middle School Eagles or MHS Pintos!!!

Reminders: It's COLD outside! Please dress your students in coats, boots, mittens, and hats! No students may be dropped off before 8:00 am! We have no staff on duty until then, and your child's safety may be at risk. We will have outside recess unless it is raining, snowing, hailing, extremely windy, or when there is lightning! You must call the school to excuse your child's absences. If we do not receive a call, all tardies or absences will be marked unexcused.

Sincerely,

Joshua S. McCleave, Principal