



Sunset Mesa Parent Association (SMPA)

Spring 2017 Newsletter



Teacher Appreciation Luncheons

This year SMS parents have provided numerous lunches and a holiday 'sweet treat' goodie exchange for SMS teachers and staff. With your generous food, time and monetary donations we were able to treat the staff to delicious lunches and purchase a permanent set of serving dishes for the South Campus. Thank you for your continued support, SMPA could not provide these special events without your help. If you would like to help with the upcoming luncheons please contact [Natalie Giorno](#) (South Campus) or [Meme Greathouse](#) (North Campus). The final luncheons are scheduled for Monday, May 1st at North Campus and Monday May 8th at South Campus. Stay tuned for a sign-up link.

Recycling Update

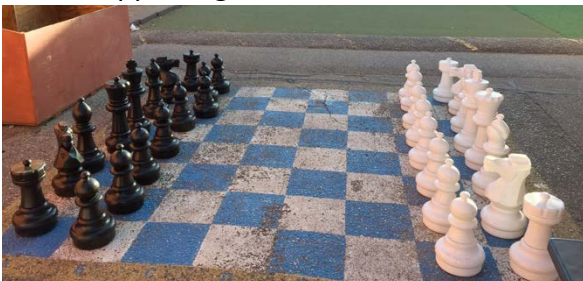
There are recycling bins on both campuses to make recycling even easier! Currently SMS recycles over 300lbs of recyclable material EACH WEEK! Please continue to support campus recycling by reminding your children to recycle at school and volunteering to help collect and remove recyclables.

Run with the Sun is Back

Join us before school to walk, jog or run every Wednesday morning at 7:30 at the CNM Park on Morris and Osuna NE. Students earn stickers and beads for each mile. For more information or if there are any parents that want to run or walk after drop off contact [Julie Chanin](#).

Silent Auction Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who donated and purchased silent auction items for the Fall Get Together. The SMPA made over \$1300! Since our volunteer organization supports the Sunset Mesa community and activities such as Veteran's Day, Teacher Appreciation Luncheons and more, your contributions and support is invaluable. With part of the funds we earned we were able to help purchase a new giant sized chess set for the North Campus. Check it out! We are planning on having another silent auction at the Spring About in April so keep an eye out for more details and consider supporting this event.



Science Fair Volunteers Needed

The Sunset Mesa Science Fair is coming up quickly on Friday, April 7th! We are expecting between 12 to 15 judges and, as a thank you for their time, we'd like to provide them with a nice lunch. Please consider donating if you're able. Contact [Jessica McGuire](#) with any questions or sign up using this [link](#).

Open SMPA Officer Positions

SMPA is looking for parents eager to help the SMPA by filling the following positions for the 2017-2018 school year.

Vice President: Would you like to help lead the SMPA and support school functions by being more involved with the parents and teachers at North and South Campus and be responsible for the Teacher Endowment fund? This is a great opportunity for someone who wants to help make SMS a wonderful environment for our children.

Yearbook: Did you know that the SMS Yearbook is produced entirely by SMPA volunteers? We are currently looking for someone to produce the 2017-2018 yearbook. Do you love taking pictures and creating memories for years to come? Perhaps this position is for you!

Veteran's Day: Interested in helping honor our service members by coordinating a breakfast for families and Veterans? This once a year event takes place after the SMS Veteran's Day celebration program and is a memorable and special event for all participants.

Questions about SMPA Activities?

Join us for our end of year meeting/social May 3rd at 8:30am in the South Campus Garden or contact any of the current SMPA officers below. Hope to see you there!

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