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## Creative Grant Winners The Main Feature At Theatre Reception

Teachers, principals, business sponsors and other APS dignitaries mingled Thursday evening, April 27, at **City on a Hill** (the old Lobo Theater) prior to the awarding of checks to grant winners. Guests were served hot dogs, candy, and popcorn in the spirit of the movie theme. The Pepsi Bottling Company provided water and soft drinks.

APS Chief of Staff Tom Garrity welcomed guests on behalf of APS and was followed by Becky Kenny, Chairman of the JAS Advisory Committee, who welcomed everyone on behalf of the business community. The JAS Creative Grant Program is a positive example of the power of collaboration between education and business. **Sandia National Laboratories / Lockheed Martin, Pepsi, Bank of America,**



*Monica Barro Torres and Vickie Resner of Gap, Inc., are shown at City On A Hill with grant winners funded by the Gap Foundation, a new sponsor of the JAS Creative Grant program.*

**Gap, Inc., Lovelace Sandia Health System, SUMCO, Inc., and First State Bank** contributed funding to the grant program and were introduced by Gene Pino, APS Foundation. Amy Tapia, Sandia National Labs and Chair of the Creative Grant committee, announced that 52 grants totaling \$48,000 were

being awarded. She then read the names of the winners as they met their funding sponsor who presented them with a check. Sponsoring businesses will be invited during the 2004-2005 school year to observe implementation of the grants. For a list of grant winners, see pages 5, 6, and 7 of this newsletter.



## SEEDS Group Provides Classroom Enrichment For Kennedy Students

Tom Gautsch, Innovative Business Controls of New Mexico, Inc., started SEEDS (Symposia for Excellence Through Education, Discussion and Service) as a JAS partnership in 1991 to provide career choices and curriculum enhancement. **Kennedy MS** has partnered with SEEDS since that time and students have benefited from presentations by community resource speakers each year.

Topics have ranged from Laser Physics to appliance repair to the beauty of math. This spring, three classes of 8th graders listened in rapt attention as the speakers discussed Dating Violence and Domestic Violence. Other schools interested in a presentation on this or related subjects should call the NM Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 246-9240, ext. 12. Services are free.

*Tom Gautsch, SEEDS, introduced Valerie Valles, Youth Educator and Trainer for the NM Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Denise Barela Shepherd, District Judge Division XVII (not shown) to Kennedy MS 8th graders for a presentation on Dating Violence & Domestic Violence. The SEEDS partnership has been bringing in community resource speakers to the school for 14 years.*

# JAS Notes

by Lauren and Cynthia

It seems hard to believe that the school year is almost at an end. We end this whirlwind of a year grateful for the continuing support of school and business partners alike. With a 96% cutback in staff, we were worried about losing the "hands on" nature of the Join-A-School program. We were gratified when 52 of 127 school surveys were returned and 96% of respondents rated school partnerships as useful or very useful.

We're excited to be planning for next year and the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Join-A-School program. We have tentatively decided to have the JAS Breakfast in mid November during American Education Week and will have all our plans "nailed down" by the beginning of the 2004-2005 School Year. Challenge yourselves to take your partnerships to new heights next year.

As we evaluate our year, we're very proud of the JAS Creative Grant Program and Reception last month. We know that individually, many wonderful partnership activities are occurring on a daily basis. We have enjoyed our collaboration with our great Advisory Group and benefited from a new relationship with Leadership Albuquerque, who developed a website and new marketing brochure for us. Check out our new website at: [www.joinaschool.org](http://www.joinaschool.org).

On the down side, we know having three phone numbers in one year created problems. We feel we haven't been out to visit schools and observe partnership activities as often as we used to. So, as we catch our breath at the end of the school year, we're trying to re-evaluate some of our programs and re-prioritize for next year. We've been attending Albuquerque Quality Network meetings for years and will use our end-of-year data to improve.

Cynthia and I will be out of the office between mid June and late July. If you have a JAS question, call Genevieve Molina, the Magnet School secretary, at 830-8087. We appreciate her help and interest in Join-a-School. We hope everyone has a relaxing and productive New Mexico summer and we'll see you next school year!



Officer Michelle Soto is mentoring Student Intern Krista Kietze from the Career Enrichment Center. Sixteen students in the program will learn about law enforcement.

## Students Learn Law Enforcement from APD Mentors

(Albuquerque, NM) -Sixteen Albuquerque Public Schools students participating in a law enforcement exploration program meet their Albuquerque Police Dept. mentors for the first time at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the sub station at Cottonwood Mall. Cottonwood Mall is located at 10000 Coors Blvd. NW.

The students begin a year-long relationship that will help students learn about law enforcement that may, further down the line, lead to a career as a police officer, crime investigator or other law enforcement professions.

APS Career Enrichment Center Principal Kathy Sandoval says the students will have opportunities to see some aspects of law enforcement life firsthand through going on police ride-a-longs, attending court sessions, helping write police reports and witnessing crime scene investigations.

The mentorship program, the innovation of Lt. Edmund Perea of APD, is the result of a partnership among the APS Career Enrichment Center, APD and Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute, which offers a forensics class taught by a TVI instructor. Students participating in the program are concurrently enrolled in the I

VI Criminal Justice Program and the APS Career Enrichment Center Forensics class, allowing students to earn college credit while at the same time, earn high school credit. This allows students to pursue their degree within the Criminal Justice Program while still attending high school. Students are selected by Instructors to participate in the CBC's Forensics class held four days a week after school at the Career Enrichment Center. Students will then devote at least 5 hours per week with their APD Mentors

Important  
**UPDATE!**

New Phone Numbers

Lauren Joule, Liaison 830-8074  
Cynthia Mann, Liaison 830-8073





KPMG and its Join-A-School partner **McKinley MS.** presents the **Teacher of the Month** award. From left to right: **Scott Elder**, Principal **Jan Downs**, Teacher of the Month for February, **Jane Pansch** Teacher of the Month for January, **Jane Sichler**, Asst. Principal, **Deanna Stewart**, Instructor and **Catherine Lopez** of KPMG.

### KPMG Supports Staff Recognition

KPMG LLP is in its fourth year of sponsorship and support of its Join-a-School partner **McKinley Middle School** and the Teacher-of-the-Month program. The Teacher-of-the-Month award is presented each month to a staff member recognized by their peers for their endeavors in educational activities. The gifts presented to the teachers by KPMG consist of a recognition certificate, coffee mug, and two tickets to a local event along with a dinner certificate for two at a local restaurant. KPMG wishes to congratulate all of the recipients for the 2003/2004 school year.

In addition to its partnership with McKinley Middle School, KPMG sponsored a trip to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science for Jim Silva's class from **APS School on Wheels**. Mr. Silva and his students enjoyed a relaxed day touring the museum exhibits and taking in the LodeStar Planetarium and the DynaTheater shows.



Instructor **Jim Silva** from **School-on-Wheels**, and **Rose Harmon** of **KPMG** with students and chaperones listen while a docent explains the current exhibits and shows at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science.

## BEN & JERRY'S

VERMONT'S FINEST ICE CREAM & FROZEN YOGURT™



*BEN & JERRY'S Scoops  
10,000 Ice Cream Cones  
for Operation School Bell*

Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day, held on April 27, benefited the **Assistance League of Albuquerque's Operation School Bell** program which provides new uniform clothing for needy students. Jean Parr, owner of JAS partner **Pudge Bros. Pizza** and new Ben & Jerry's franchisee, coordinated with Judy Gibbon, JAS Coordinator for six years and now retired, who will chair the fundraising committee for AIA next year. Four AIA members per shift worked behind the counters all day at the two new Ben & Jerry's locations. Final counts are not in but well over \$1,000 in do-

nations was raised for Operation School Bell. Over 10,000 cones were scooped on Free Cone Day.

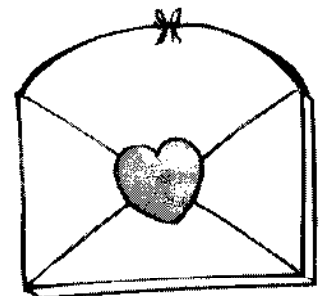
Also, the opening of the first Ben & Jerry's in March provided over \$1200 to the **Title I Homeless Project**. Ben & Jerry's on Montgomery donated 10 cents for every cone sold in March as the Grand Opening Community Service Project. Join-a-School was pleased to make this connection for the Title I Homeless Project and looks forward to matching the new Ben & Jerry's locations with school partners.

### Kiss a Soldier in Iraq for Valentines!

Andrea Zamora, CMD  
Marketing Director, Winrock Center

**Winrock Center** was very proud to sponsor a Patriotic Valentines Salute by inviting Albuquerque and surrounding communities to send Valentines to United States Troops in Iraq. Work stations were set-up in the mall for shoppers to make valentines. Schools were also invited to make valentines for the troops and schools were rewarded for the most Valentines turned in.

Winrock is happy to announce our Join - A - School Partners, **Comanche Elementary and Sandia High School**, were our first and second place winners.



Comanche brought 384 valentines for the troops and Sandia High School brought 341. First place Comanche received \$100 in Winrock Gift Certificates and Sandia received \$75.00 in Winrock Gift Certificates. Thank you JAS Partners! It is our understanding all 1300 valentines shipped to Iraq were distributed to United States Troops.

## Summer Partnership Ideas

### SCHOOLS

- List your JAS partner names on your marquee for the summer. Also list partners in the last parent newsletter of the year.
- Provide some new student artwork or literacy projects to your partners for display over the summer.
- Invite partners to an "end-of-year" celebration at the school. Community members enjoy attending Volunteer Appreciation Events, Honors Assemblies, May Day or Cinco de Mayo Celebrations, End-of-Year Staff events, or even lunch in the cafeteria hosted by students and ending with a small gift of art work or school memorabilia.

### BUSINESSES

- Ask your partner school to develop a Wish List and suggest that employees help gather arts and crafts items (like egg cartons), school supplies, or uniforms over the summer.
- Offer to help your partner school with registration procedures. Ask your school early when the most help is needed and then commit some employees to those times.
- Support summer reading initiatives at your partner school (K-8).

### BOTH

- School and business partners should make sure names and numbers of contacts are correct in preparation for 2004-2005. Determine if phone, mail or e-mail is the most effective means of staying in touch.
- If partnership contact is changing at either school or business, make sure the "old" contact has effectively updated the "new" contact with history of the partnership, successful activities, etc. Set a date to meet with your partner(s) early in the school year to update your partnership plan. Be creative... think "out of the box."

## CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS

IN JAS SURVEY DRAWING

**BARBARA MALLAK, NM VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS**, WON A GIFT CERTIFICATE TO **Copeland's**, COURTESY OF THE RESTAURANT.


**BOBBIE ARELLANO, ALAMEDA ES JAS CONTACT**, WON A WEEKEND AT THE **SHERATON Old Town**, COURTESY OF THE HOTEL.





JAS Advisory Committee Chair **Becky Kenny**, **National Atomic Museum**, and Hospitality Committee member **Gloria Trask**, **First State Bank**, prepare nametags prior to the Creative Grant Reception at City On A Hill (the old Lobo Theatre) in April. The JAS office appreciates the support of the Advisory group. Other JAS Hospitality Committee members are **Rockie Tonne**, **PNM**; **Diane Inman**, **Scholastic Book Fairs**; **Tammy Peters**, **FBI**; and **Paula Borowski**, **Arcturus**.


# SLICES


## Tidbits of Partnership Activity

 Liz DeKinder, from **Sylvan Learning Center** East, will address the 8th grade students at **Hoover MS's Moving On Ceremony**.


 Members of **Altrusa International Inc.** of Albuquerque are conducting a big book drive for their partner school, **Mountain View ES**. Volunteers from the organization have faithfully committed numerous hours of time and energy to assist the students and staff.

 Thanks to partners who donated goodies and provided recognition for teachers on May 4, **Teacher Appreciation Day**.

 Join-A-School thanks **City on a Hill**, partner to **Monte Vista ES** and **Bandelier ES**, for the use of their wonderful facility for the JAS Grant Reception. The site has been widely used by the schools for numerous end of year activities.

 **Hawthorne ES** would like to thank **Applebee's** for providing support to our school this year. The support throughout the year included fundrais-

ers, gift certificates for staff appreciation, coloring contests, and other activities. Applebee's will also be participating in Hawthorne's **Career Day** in May.

 **Eldorado HS** Manufacturing Technology students are the beneficiaries of a **PNM** grant for Innovative Teaching Strategies. The grant supporting smaller learning communities and interdisciplinary connections was awarded to the Wood Technology and Manufacturing classes and has been used to create two new units of instruction. Thanks, **PNM**, for your willingness to support these programs.

## 2004-2005 JOIN-A-SCHOOL CREATIVE GRANT WINNERS BY SPONSOR

### SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES/ LOCKHEED MARTIN

**Well Crafted Success**  
Access-Transition Services  
Anne Falbo and Judy Moore  
Mentors facilitate integration of students with disabilities into the adult working community by increasing their interpersonal competence and sense of self-worth via self-expression of artwork produced in a multi-cultural setting.

**Waltzing Confidently into the Future: How Could  
Overcoming Sweaty Palms, Butterflies, and Two Left Feet Get me a Job?**  
Access-Transition Services  
Paul Pino and Guyla Clark  
This facilitates the transition of students with developmental disabilities, into the adult community by enhancing their social competence, self-confidence, health and basic dance skills.

**Book Worms to Butterflies**  
Bellehaven ES  
Shaness Conley  
This grant will enable students to check out Newberry and Caldecott awarded books in activity bags to take home and read with their families.

**Wind and Sun in my CASA**  
Career Enrichment Center  
Mike Selleck  
Students participating in this project will design and build working models of energy efficient homes. The use of wind and sun will be a part of the design.

**P.A.C.T. - Parent and Child Together**  
Comanche Elementary School  
Karen Braddock and Lynn Labor  
PACT is a year-long series of events to provide parents of Kindergarten students with a positive introduction to being involved in the school and support parents with ideas and strategies to support their child's learning.

**Quilting Bees - Patterns and Polygons**  
East Mountain High School  
Amanda Forkasdi  
The art of quilting beautifully demonstrates the relationship between mathematics and sewing. Students will use creativity, measurement skills and geometry to design and sew individual quilts using geometric polygon patterns.

**New Mexico: Habitats and Habits**  
East Mountain High School  
Bradd Schulke and Kerri Lathrop  
High school students will explore the vast ecological and environmental diversity of central New Mexico by visiting various sites around the state and condition hands-on experiments and activities.

**Clean Water Partners**  
East Mountain High School  
Jennifer Hutchins  
The Clean Water Partners Project will educate students on the laws and policies that govern water resource management and how they affect our lives and the local watersheds.

**DNA Science Laboratory**  
Grant Middle School  
Susan E. Berry  
Our objective is to create a DNA science laboratory including hands-on activities to enhance our 6th-grade science curriculum.

**Hot Spots**  
Inez Elementary School  
Judy Taylor  
This project will integrate science, technology and literacy as third grade students explore in depth Albuquerque's three geological "hot spots": the mountains, the volcanoes, and the river.

**Sunshine Math Activities**  
John Baker Elementary School  
Rhonda McGee  
Elementary school students will be exposed to mathematics activities that will extend learning experiences by using hands-on activity labs involving measurement, geometry, estimation and more.

**"Talk to the Hand"**  
John Baker Elementary School  
Shelly Chevalier  
This grant is a kindergarten program designed to integrate multi-cultural hand puppets, character puppets, and animal puppets, into the literacy and social education of 4 kindergarten classrooms.

**Adventures in Architecture**  
Rio Grande High School  
Bijan Pejman  
We are going to build a three-dimensional model of our school campus-to scale. This model will be placed in the Main office in order to assist our guests in finding specific locations throughout the campus.

**Where Did They Go - Where Did They Go?**  
Rio Grande High School  
Carmilita Roybal  
We have designed an exciting "mysterious", and logical way of engaging our students in a unit that will influence a high level of involvement through science inquiry, word meaning, reading and math.

**Using Artifacts to tell the Story**  
Rio Grande High School  
Matt Wheling  
This hands-on unit would allow 11<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. History students to actively learn about and create three-dimensional historically accurate models that would serve to educate them and fellow students.

**Completing the Circle of a  
Balanced Approach to Literacy -  
Seamless Literacy Development: School to Home**  
San Antonito Elementary School  
Pam Ruppenthal  
Our project is designed to extend our balanced literacy program to the home experience by providing students and families leveled text support for nightly reading.

**Math Lab Activities**  
Sandia High School  
Ronda Davis  
Mathematics at the high school level will focus on problem solving by using different games, puzzles and manipulatives. Students will have the opportunity to work independently and in groups to explore various math standards through these games.

**The Wedding of New Mexico  
Science and History through Writing**  
School on Wheels Alternative High School  
Sue Abare and Katherine Hancock  
Learning is more exciting when students travel throughout NM to examine the state's science, history and geography. Students will explore NM and synthesize their experiences and what they have learned through descriptive essays, poetry, photojournalism and research based papers.

**"Students as Environmental Educators"**  
School on Wheels Alternative High School  
Vince Case  
Students at our school have set up ecological monitoring sites and led teacher/student workshops along the Bosque and Rio Grande. Equipment and materials are needed to continue this project.

### THE PEPSI BOTTLING GROUP

**The Frog Smiles Back**  
Albuquerque Charter Vocational High School  
Laurie L. Rowen  
Virtual dissection software will provide hands-on-experiences for 100% of the Biology students. The software will eliminate recurring specimen costs and caustic chemical exposure while being ecologically correct.

Inez Elementary School  
Jennifer Peak  
Let's Get Wild about Wild Things  
To design a habitat/wildlife unit for first grade students that supports the science and language arts standards and provides a complete study of Earth's habitats and living things.

John Baker Elementary School  
Joyce Carne  
Learning Is Fun  
Skill building games in the areas of literacy, math, and science will be purchased for teaching kindergarten students.

Mark Twain Elementary School  
Connie Molecke, Connie Cassidy & Dawn Pfaff  
Cardmaster Vocabulary Program  
Vocabulary development will be increased through use of Califone Cardmaster machines with picture cards speaking vocabulary in English, Spanish and other languages prepared by speech pathologists, school staff and parents.

Sombra del Monte Elementary School  
Cindy Martinez and Deborah Chavez  
Kinder H. and S. (Home and School)  
A Kindergarten parent and child learning together (home and school) series designed to provide information on a range of topics which the parents can apply immediately with their children at home.

Rio Grande High School  
Douglas Carter  
Service Learning Law Center Project  
The students and 2 teachers, both lawyers in their previous careers, are participating in The Law Center Service Learning Program at TVI. Students will be engaged as entry-level paralegals.

Rio Grande High School  
Dora Gomez  
Tax Help!  
We have merged with TVI and are participating in a Tax Help Service Learning Project where our students are learning how to prepare taxes. The project will also provide a service learning center on campus preparing taxes for our community.

Valley Cluster Elementary Schools  
Sandy Gray and Connie Ashmun  
Escuela de Cinco Transportation Funds  
This grant will assist with transportation for a maximum of 45 young students with summer birthdays participating in a pilot partnership for educational and social preparation for kindergarten.

Wilson Middle School  
Diane Anderson  
ELL Ovation Schooltime Series  
ELL students from a limited income community will attend the Ovation Schooltime Series at Popejoy Hall to support goals of increasing second language literacy, general knowledge and cultural awareness. Each performance will be supported by classroom curricula.

Wilson Middle School  
Diane Anderson  
ELL Student and Family-Home Use Ed. Video Library  
ELL students and their family members from a limited income community will be able to borrow educational videotapes for home use from a classroom lending library to support a goal of increasing second language acquisition and literacy.

## BANK OF AMERICA

Alameda Elementary School  
Sandria Cook  
Come and Meet My Family  
This project explores cultural and family identity through photography and creative writing. Students will photograph, interview, and compose a book exploring their family relationships and environment.

Jackson Middle School  
Barbara Druxman  
Call a Trickster by Name  
Students will write an original trickster tale, represent the tale in a quilt wall hanging, and create a presentation on the construction and final product of the quilt.

Jefferson Middle School  
Barbara Dupre  
New Mexico's Literary Heritage  
Students will research New Mexico's writers, reading their works, interviewing them, and preparing their biographies. Then, students will create a literary map identifying geographical locations.

Vince Case  
"Students as Environmental Educators"  
Students at our school have set up ecological monitoring sites and led teacher/student workshops along the Bosque and Rio Grande. Equipment and materials are needed to continue this project.

John Baker Elementary School  
Noel Medcalf  
Funny Money  
Math instruction and enrichment will be provided through the use of money games and activities to enhance learning and accommodate varied learning styles in a first grade classroom.

New Futures High School  
Sharon Bouffard and Mary Rafferty  
R.E.A.D. -- Read Excel-Achieve-Dream  
Twenty-five students will go each semester on field trips to bookstores, spending \$10.00 each on books of their choice. Teacher presence assures money is only spent on appropriate books.

Rio Grande High School  
Raji Sinha  
New Mexico Water -- NO MORE  
New Mexico is at a crossroad where very important decisions are going to be made concerning our water supply. Water conservation is an important part of New Mexico's future. Our young scientists are going to have to find affordable solutions for our water supply problems.

## GAP INC.

Cibola High School  
Helena Gouws  
Writing with Confidence  
This proposal's goal is to provide students with learning disabilities with talking word processing programs to overcome their difficulty with written expression due to spelling errors and reading deficits.

Cibola High School  
Pete Syverson  
Enhancing Math Instruction with Graphing Calculators  
This proposal will purchase three graphing calculators with transparency projector view screens to enhance math instruction at all levels.

Rio Grande High School  
Elizabeth Brunn  
Burning Earth  
Our students have been working on a unit surrounding Global Warming. They have been researching data and articles regarding the effects of Global Warming. As members of the United Nations, they will make decisions on what will be done to keep earth environmentally safe.

Rio Grande High School  
William Sharp  
Who Can Publish  
Students will create, design and publish a child's educational magazine that will be sold at our elementary and middle feeder schools.

Sandia High School  
Ronda Davis  
Math Manipulatives to Support Elementary Teachers  
Several elementary teachers will be trained to use manipulatives in teaching mathematics. These manipulatives will then be given to the teachers to use in math learning centers in their own classrooms.

## LOVELACE SANDIA HEALTH SYSTEM

Bellehaven Elementary School  
Chip Saltman  
Recess Mileage Club  
Recess Mileage Club will offer elementary school children an incentive based, supervised fitness program as an alternative activity during recess.

**East Mountain High School**  
 Phil Keller  
**Fitness Boot Camp**  
 Students discover, experience, and evaluate fitness activities available in Albuquerque for a healthy lifestyle.

**Kit Carson Elementary School**  
 Deborah Abrams Burroughs and Heather Corte  
**"Think It, Learn It, Do It!"**  
 Targeted students will increase emotional intelligence through experiential education activities. Emotional intelligence includes self-awareness, decision making, personal responsibility, empathy, communications skills, and group dynamics.

**Navajo Elementary School**  
 Malinda Moyers  
**National Dance Institute of New Mexico for Navajo Elementary**  
 The objective of this proposal is to provide funding to continue professional dance instruction provided by the National Dance Institute of New Mexico. Our school has participated in the NDI program for the past six years.

**Rio Grande High School**  
 Carol Lopez  
**Drop In - Not Out!**  
 This grant proposes to develop hands on activity for a Physical Science Unit on Motion. The lesson is titled Rockets and Newton's Third Law of Motion and will be taught through an inquiry approach.

**SUMCO USA**

**Albuquerque Charter Vocational High School**  
 Molly A. Weber  
**Mirror, Mirror on the Wall....**  
 A Mini DV Camcorder with tripod can increase odds for success and enhance students' performance as an interviewee since students are able to see what an interviewer sees.

**East Mountain High School**  
 Tammy Real  
**A Journey into Perspectives in Deafness**  
 Sign language students will "walk in a deaf person's shoes" as they investigate the world of the deaf.

**Grant Middle School**  
 Susan E. Berry  
**Forensic Science Laboratory**  
 Our objective is to create a forensic science laboratory including hands on activities to enhance our sixth-grade science curriculum.

**PNM**  
**OFFERS CLASS PRESENTATIONS**  
**FOR K 12 ON**  
**ENERGY CONSERVATION**  
**ELECTRIC PRODUCTION**  
**AND GAS & ELECTRIC SAFETY.**



**If you are interested in having PNM come to your class, please call Emily Blea, Education Liaison for PNM, at 241-2448. We are available all summer, as well as during the school year.**

**Petroglyph Elementary School**  
 Karen Ortiz & Denise P. Gianopoulos  
**A Shady Deal**  
 Our playground is an expanse of concrete, asphalt, and sand. A JAS grant will help us purchase sunshades to create areas where students may find respite from the sun and heat.

**FIRST STATE BANK**

**East Mountain High School**  
 Brandon Draper  
**Global Rhythm of Music**  
 The Global Rhythm of Music project provides students the unique opportunity of learning percussion techniques and rhythms from around the world, and brings these spirited rhythms to the community through concerts and workshops.

**East Mountain High School**  
 Shannon Skelton  
**From Arthur to the X-Men:**  
**Heroic Myths in Pop Culture and Comic Books**  
 Through the exploration of heroes from various cultures, we will examine the role of the hero in Popular Culture, specifically in comic books.

**New Futures High School**  
 Sara Winsett  
**Laptime Reading Club**  
 The Laptime Club allows students to earn prizes for time spent reading to their children. Books are given and special events are held for students who participate by reading to their child on a regular basis.

**NCLB Summer Reading Needs Business Support**

APS has been selected as one of 11 sites to participate in the **No Child Left Behind Summer Reading Achievers** program, which encourages school children K-8 to actively read during the summer months to avoid loss of reading skills. Students read 10 or more books over the summer and log what they learned.

The U.S. Department of Education will cover the costs of promotional materials and certificates but asks communities to help with prizes, certificates and incentives to be awarded to successful students at special recognitions in the fall. Business and community groups interested in providing support to this worthwhile initiative may contact the Join-a-School office at 830-8087. Contributing partners will be

listed in the August issue of Apple PIE and recognized at the Join-a-School Breakfast next November.





**New Partners**  
**March-May 7 2003**

A. Montoya ES..... Carl's Jr. (Tramway)  
 Apache ES..... Carl's Jr. (Tramway)  
 Alvarado ES..... Domino's Pizza (12<sup>th</sup> St)  
 Bandler ES..... SE Community Economic Alliance  
 Big Dog Motorcycles..... Character Counts  
 East San Jose ES..... Anderson/Abruzzo  
 ABQ International Balloon Museum

Garfield MS..... Domino's Pizza (12<sup>th</sup> St)  
 La Luz ES..... Domino's Pizza (12<sup>th</sup> St)  
 Mission Avenue ES..... Krispy Kreme (Jefferson)  
 Navajo ES..... Gap Inc.  
 New Futures..... Carl's Jr. (Menaul)  
 NM Mutual Casualty Co.....  
 ..... Title I Homeless Program  
 NM Foundation for  
 Human Rights Projects..... District  
 Van Buren MS..... Cesar Chavez Community Center

**Join-A-School Partners Make a Difference at Mitchell ES**

By Denise Brigman, Mitchell ES

Join-A-School partners impact our Mitchell students daily in a variety of ways. They rarely ask for any thing, and are more than willing to help as needed. Our partners at Ci-Ci's Pizza (Juan Tabo and Menaul) have provided us throughout the year with coupons for a free buffet that we have incorporated into our Character Counts Mighty Good Mustangs program. Diana Smith, our partner at the Academy Wal-Mart store, worked with our P.T.O.

in the fall to support Mitchell students and others in the Albuquerque community. With Wal-Mart's generous donation, we were able to purchase thirty-four packages of socks, underwear, and gloves for the A.P.S. Clothing Bank and families in our own neighborhood. Some of our students also gained a clearer understanding of economics and business on a field trip to the Wal-Mart store.

Paul Otero, our Albertsons partner at Juan Tabo and Menaul, donated six complete turkey dinners to Mitchell families at Thanksgiving. These are three clear examples of the positive role models our students have who exemplify the Character Counts Pillars of Respect, Responsibility and Caring. We appreciate their willingness to participate in the Join A School program.

**APS Join-A-School**



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