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# Magdalena School Newsletter

## December 2014

### Superintendent's News

This is a time of year that all of us look forward to. The holiday season is upon us, and it is a time for us to reflect on all the good things that have happened for us this past year and look forward to the new year. We want to thank you for your continued support of our school, our students, and our programs.

Once again the community Thanksgiving Feast was a tremendous success, and we want to thank you for participating. A special thanks goes out to our dedicated cafeteria staff for their efforts in preparing a great meal. We also want to say thanks to student council members for their help in serving the food. Thanks also to those who purchased items from the silent auction to benefit the parent advisory council.

We want to congratulate our football and volleyball teams and coaches for another great showing this year.

Please make sure to check the December calendar as there are many activities for the month. The Board Scholar Awards will be held on December 15 at 5:30 p.m. with the Monthly School Board Meeting immediately following.

Have a happy and restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Mike Chambers, Superintendent

### JOM/Early Childhood Night

The annual JOM Meeting/Christmas Banquet will be held on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria. Please contact Keri James at 854-8009 for more information.

We will also be hosting an Early Childhood Night on December 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. We will have a holiday themed activity for you and your preschool child.

Please join us for both activities.

### Elementary Declamation Results

#### Humorous Poetry

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Joshua Baca
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jaydon Jaramillo
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Mona Ingersoll-Qureshi

#### Serious Poetry

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Sammy Hass
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Kye Saulsberry
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ayiana Caulfield

#### Humorous Prose

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Kael Stephens
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Kaleb Hise-Castanon

#### Serious Prose

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Josiah Candelaria
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Hailey Apachito
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Joshua Barela

These students will represent Magdalena Elementary at the County Contest to be held December 4<sup>th</sup> in the FAC.

### Interact

Interact is coming to Magdalena High School!! Please, see Dr. Hardman (Room 33) if you want to be a charter member and help organize the club. We want to hit the ground running in January 2015!

Dr. Peggy Hardman  
MHS Interact Faculty Advisor

### Food Drive

Student Council will be collecting nonperishable food for the holidays from December 2 through December 17, 2014. Please send your nonperishable food items with your students to help the needy. The class with the highest amount of food collected in the elementary, middle, and high school will win a prize that will be awarded after the Holiday break.

Thank you,  
Karen Bramlett, Student Council Sponsor

### Middle/High School

The middle and high school are now doing 'Positive Office Referrals' to encourage teachers and staff to focus on students who are doing well in our school. All teachers have a copy of the form and will fill it out when a student has done something the teacher feels is a 'good deed'. The teacher will send the referral to the office. I will call students in and give them a small treat/gift and send the original home for parents to see. I am hoping this is a way to receive a positive personal message from the teacher to parents.

Spirit store items are now online at the Mag website: [www.magdalena.k12.nm.us](http://www.magdalena.k12.nm.us)

Happy Holidays!  
Leslie Clark

### News From Farmer Deb

In November, the school greenhouses were inspected for organic certification through the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. This was the second in a three-step process on our way to becoming the first certified organic school greenhouse in the state of New Mexico - perhaps in the nation! Step one was a written application submitted last spring, outlining our farming practices, crops, conservation practices, and overall plan. The written plan was approved with no changes or amendments. The visual inspection raised no concerns, but final word comes from the state after the inspectors report is filed and reviewed in the final certification step. The final award should be sent by the first of the year. The class has also been invited to speak at the national organic farming conference in Albuquerque this coming February about the cooperative agreement between me, the local farmer, and the school. Exciting stuff growing!

Deb Ingersoll