



GALLUP-McKINLEY  
COUNTY SCHOOLS



*Empowering our Future*

## A Word from Kristen Bischoff, Director of Instruction



Every year, students across the state of New Mexico take a series of assessments to measure achievement in math, science, and reading. All K-8 students take the NM-MSSA (New Mexico Measures of Student Success and Achievement), a state summative assessment for Mathematics and English Language Arts. Additionally, students in grades 5, 8, and 11 take the NM-ASR (New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness). All 11th graders take the SAT which measures high school students' readiness for college.

We are so pleased to recognize GMCS Board Scholars - students who scored "Advanced" on one or more of these assessments during the 2021-2022 school year. These students have demonstrated outstanding academic performance and GMCS is proud of their accomplishments!

A total of 544 students will receive Board Scholar awards this year. A special board meeting will be held (TBD) to honor these students and their remarkable progress.

## GMCS District Spelling Bee

On January 18, 2023, Gallup McKinley County Schools will be hosting a district wide Spelling Bee competition. The event will take place at the Kenneth Holloway Auditorium in Gallup High School at 9am. Participants in the district bee have placed either first, second or third in each of their schools spelling bee competitions. Those participants are as follows: Mrogatien Buan, Shalaynah Williams and Shantalle Tabangin from Thoreau Elementary; Azmi Totarro, Ahmad Soufan and Aubrey Peters from Red Rock Elementary; Rosa Encinias, Amber Joe and Delilah Yazzie from Catherine A. Miller Elementary; Ariel Martinez, Miles King and Hailey Padilla from David Skeet Elementary; Ivana Succo, Jillian Black and Hope Nguyen from Crownpoint Elementary; Tempestt Coby, Neveah Yazzie and Keith James from Tobe Turpen Elementary; Jacy Brown, Jakyn Haley and Noliah Johnson from Del Norte Elementary; Aaliyah Skeet, Joseph Mitchell and Jelome Angela R. Gandia from Lincoln Elementary; Ava Giron, Benjamin Willie, Jr. and Sienna Sandoval from Stagecoach Elementary; Colton Dooley, Ollie Araujo and Aaron Ray from Ramah Elementary; Kylie Thomas, Logan Nastacio and Shaylana Yazzie from Twin Lakes Elementary; Leah Silversmith, Keisuke Valentino and Christopher Hernandez from Indian Hills Elementary; William Becenti, Seth Martinez and Amias Chavez from Jefferson Elementary; Ritt Jamito and Lakota Marianito from JFK Middle School; Tyana Yazzie, Madison Chavez and Mya Collins from Gallup Middle School; and Liam Christensen, Elliot Kass and Joel Zwiers from Rehoboth Christian School.

Winners of this competition will go on to compete at the New Mexico State Spelling Bee, likely scheduled in the spring. We are very proud of all our participants and winners throughout the district and community.

## GMCS Social Studies Textbook Adoption

GMCS will be hosting a Textbook Adoption Review for Middle and High Schools by appointment through January 20th. This is for the yearly NM State Textbook Adoption of approved texts, which run on six-year cycles. This year's adoption is for new Social Studies Textbooks to be implemented in the 2023-2024 school year. These adoptions ensure our students have updated textbooks and the best resources. This is an exciting adoption year because New Mexico has a new Social Studies Instructional Scope and State Standards. To participate call 505-721-1102 or contact your students schools for additional review options.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy New Year, 2023!

GMCS Board Meeting - January 9th  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 16th

District Spelling Bee - January 18th  
GMCS Board Meeting - January 30th

All GMCS regularly scheduled sporting events are free. Please Support our Student Athletes by attending!