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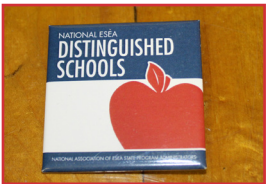
Tohatchi High School Art Class presents Projects at NM Roundhouse



On January 26, 2023, four art students from Tohatchi High School traveled to our state’s capitol for the annual “Gallup McKinley County Day” at the State Legislature. The students, Xzeria Sam, Kai Shorty, Eliseo Morris and Kaliyah Chee traveled to present their STEM Biome Mural Project, now part of the state’s Public Education Department, as well as an approximately 30-foot wildlife tessellation. Their quick presentation was met with great curiosity and interest. State and city officials stopped to get a look, and a few had many questions. All four of the Tohatchi High Artists were very eager to answer questions and to help onlookers understand the purpose of the pieces presented.



Kennedy Mid Receives National ESEA Recognition.



The National ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Distinguished Schools Program is a project that publicly recognizes qualified federally funded schools for their positive educational advances and the outstanding academic achievement of their students. Each state selects only two schools within the state for this recognition. This year we are proud and honored to have our very own John F. Kennedy Middle School as one of the two selected schools. JFK has been recognized this year for their excellence in serving special populations of students for the last school year. JFK will be one of the selected schools represented in Indianapolis on February 1-4th at the 2023 National ESEA Conference.



GMCS District Spelling Bee Winners make their way to State.

On January 19, 2023, Gallup McKinley County Schools hosted their district spelling bee competition in the Kenneth Holloway Auditorium at Gallup High School. Winners for this spelling bee were as follows: Ahmad Soufan, a fourth grader at Red Rock Elementary correctly spelled “Leander” for a spot at third place. Speller Tempestt Coby, a fifth grader at Turpen Elementary correctly spelled “masa” for second place. The winner of the 2023 GMCS District Spelling Bee is Madison Chavez, a sixth grader from Gallup Middle School, who correctly spelled “cirque” for her spot as top speller. Congratulations to our winners and to all the participants.



The winners from our district will go on to compete in the state qualifying bee on February 28th, with the top 25 spellers going on to compete at the NM State Bee on April 1. We are proud of all our spellers and look forward to seeing our district winners representing Gallup and McKinley County at State!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Black History Month
- Parent/Teacher Conference - February 6
- MHS Dance Camp - February 9-11
- Random Acts of Kindness Week - February 12-18
- Valentine’s Day - February 14
- Turpen 5th Grade Basketball Tourney - February 16-19
- Presidents’ Day - February 20
- School Board Meeting - February 21
- Special Recognition Board Meeting - February 21