

# Backpack Mail

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October 7, 2010

## From the Principal...

Fall is definitely here and it's time to review clothing to wear in cooler weather with your student! The time you spend up front reviewing the dress code, the better understanding everyone will have regarding school clothing which keeps students warm and does not distract others from learning.

Fall is also the time when several after school events occur. Your student may sign up in the front office for tutoring programs, tennis and volleyball are in full swing and our music programs will begin having concerts. Basketball tryouts will begin soon for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. If your child is interested in playing basketball at Madison please make sure they have had their physical and that the appropriate forms have been completed. You may visit [www.apsathletics.net](http://www.apsathletics.net) to get information and forms.

We continue to have difficulties with the parent pick up and drop off outside the designated area. Parking in the bike lanes or at the park create serious safety issues. Students cannot see around cars parked in the bike lane and students on their bikes have to ride on the street. Asking your student to cross Moon is dangerous because there is only one crossing guard at Commanche and Moon. This crossing guard is at the crosswalk because of the start/end time of Sombra Del Monte. Unfortunately, middle schools do not get crossing guards. Please use the pick up/drop off lane on the south side of our building on Moon Street for the safety of all children.

Students will be taking the District Based Assessment this week in their math and language arts classes. These assessments give us a snapshot of what students do well and areas for improvement. Students will discuss their test scores and work samples with you on October 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> during **Student Led Conferences**.

**Student Led Conference** times will be set up through your child's advisory teacher. If there is a time that you are interested in scheduling please call and leave them a message. We will try to honor all requests. Conferences will run from 8:30-2:00 on both October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to have 100% participation. It is always interesting to hear what students think about their academic performance and what they identify as areas of strength and growth. We hope to see you on October 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.

I hope you enjoy a happy fall season!

Marcie Johnson  
Principal

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## Also...

Beginning November 15<sup>th</sup> and running through November 19<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Gallegos and Mr. Kittredge will be conducting their week long unit on Internet Safety and Cyberbullying. Furthermore, Kenneth Gonzales, the New Mexico District's US Attorney General, will be on campus November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1pm to 3pm giving a final presentation on the same subjects to the 7<sup>th</sup> Graders. This will be held in the gym. If you are interested in attending any of those classes, please contact Mr. Kittredge at [kittredge@aps.edu](mailto:kittredge@aps.edu).

## And...

Many students have overdue Library books. Remember that overdue books carry a \$.05 per day late fee. Please return your Library books on time, and make sure all late fees are paid.

