

# LYBROOK ELEMENTARY/MID SCHOOL

## “Success Is Up To You”



*Home of the Eagles*

November/December 2011

### BINGO BRINGS OUT THE GOODIES!

One of the most popular events of the Lybrook school year happened November 21st... Bingo Night!

Cards were \$10 for 10. The winners got to pick one of the boxes made up of toys, foods, soap, a wall clock, shoes and many other items donated by the Lybrook staff for the event.

Randy and Jill Emmelhainz also donated two live turkeys as prizes.

**By Shenisha Pinto**



Gloria Chiquito choose the two live turkeys donated by Randy and Jill Emmelhainz as her prize





*A Message From Tina Trujillo, Principal*

**HOW IMPORTANT ARE PARENTS IN THE SUCCESS OF THEIR CHILD(REN) IN SCHOOL?**

In today's world, our children need their parents more than ever! We are all exposed to and bombarded with so many things that at one time were taboo: thanks to that media: radio, satellite, computer, internet, television and cell phones. Because of those things, our children have become creatures who are attached to every technological device that is available or affordable. They are not required to have an imagination, to think critically, to question or to ponder life as answers are immediately at their fingertips. As parents we sit them in front of a TV instead of reading to them or getting them interested in a good book. We allow them to use their hands to text and control a game remote instead of to draw, paint, model or mold or even do chores. We make more family trips to McDonald's than we do to our local library or the school!

Student success is directly related to their reading ability. Not just the sounds the letters make, but the word meaning and comprehension. Most scientific research on reading, if not all, states that without the ability to read, the ability to learn decreases.

So, what can we do as parents! It is so simple!!! It is not a well-kept secret!!! And, it is easy to do!!! What does it take? A little bit of our time.

1. Encourage your child to read
2. Read with your child
3. Have your child read to you
4. Become involved with your child's school
5. Take an interest in what they do for six hours a day by talking to them about their day; ask them to share what they learned
6. Communicate with your child's teacher
7. Attend parent-teacher conferences
8. Attend free parent trainings and workshops at your local school
9. Encourage your child by encouraging his/her future
10. Have them attend school on a regular basis

**COMING EVENTS**

Jan. 4th — Spelling Bee  
 Parent Training for all—  
 January 27, 9 am to 4 pm..  
 Lunch & Refreshments!  
 Math Night—to be  
 scheduled

**BIRTHDAYS —**  
 November & December

Lucian Sandoval	11/5
Alfreta Sandoval	11/11
Emily Lopez	11/14
Mythius Domingo	11/17
Tyrei Sandoval	11/20
Antonio Pinto	11/20
Darian Sandoval	11/20
Holly Torrez	11/21
Serena Torrez	11/21
Kiana Ohmsatte	11/22
Vivian Keetso	11/28
Sharon Edwards	11/30
Kayla Atencio	12/9
Celissia Martinez	12/9
Stafonyya Pinto	12/10
Kimberly Haines	12/12
Pauline Keetso	12/14
Isaac Dennison	12/16
Thomas Yazzie	12/25
Shenisha Pinto	12/29

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Lybrook Christmas Program —  
 December 22nd

(Parents and Guardians invited to the  
 colorful show and lunch following!)



School Back in Session: **TUES-**  
**DAY,**  
**JANUARY 3rd, 2011**

**HAVE A WONDERFUL  
 HOLIDAY SEASON!**

**CHECK OUT OUR LYBROOK WEBSITE:**  
[www.lybrookschool.org](http://www.lybrookschool.org)

# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER



**OSVALDO ANTONIO, PRE-KINDERGARTEN:** "...enjoys being at school and around his friends..."



**TIYEISHA RAFAEL, KINDERGARTEN:** "...this gal has great attendance and is eager to learn..."



**ANTONIO PINTO, 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE:** "...showed outstanding citizenship..."



**AUTUMN TORREZ, 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE:** "...showed outstanding citizenship..."



**SHAYE SANDOVAL, 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** "...always pleasant, helpful and kind...very diligent with homework and school responsibilities...good to her sister and family...hard to catch her without a smile..."



**KIANNA OHMSATTE, 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** "...hard-working and cooperative..."



**MARIAH SAM, 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENT OF THE MONTH:** "...works very hard to understand the concepts of math...she is very considerate of her peers..."



**KEVIN HAINES, 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** "...has truly grown as a student over the last two months...has kept up with all his assignments in Reading and Math..."



**AUDREY SAM, 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** "...working hard to keep up with her assignments, A.R., and other responsibilities in classroom... also been working hard on her fundamentals in basketball..."

# Classroom Happenings....



Kindergarten got the best of both worlds recently....learning math in a fun new way by counting pumpkin seeds from a real pumpkin, and then enjoying the pumpkin pie made by their teacher, Ms. Alfreeta Sandoval.



Students got their annual dental screenings. Notices were sent home if the child needed further attention. Each student received a new toothbrush and sticker.



Noah Largo displays his new toothbrush after his dental screening. Below, Anna Garcia gets examined.



First Person Story: When I got my teeth checked, it felt funny, but it did not hurt and I got a toothbrush and sticker. By Ashlyn Sandoval



Not actually in the classroom, but 7th & 8th graders got a field trip to Cuba High School for Career Day. Left to Right: Isaac Dennison and Brian Ohmsatte check out some firefighter equipment; Lonnie Sam and Bradley Sandoval listen to a presentation from a military officer; and the whole group posed outside with a special greeting



George Ballantine shows some of the students the wonders of wood-burning. Heavy gloves were worn on one hand to prevent injuries. Right: Kaylynn Martin burns out the world "love" on a frame.

Inoculations against the flu for Lybrook students brought some interesting reactions. Most of the students (like Erale Cowboy) got a nasal spray, but Morgan Harrison got a shot. Sisters Aleisha Keith and Temera Harrison "helped" her.



First Person Story: I sat there looking at my classmates taking the flu mist. Then they called my name and I was so scared, but then it was not so bad. By Sideano Guerito



# The Pumpkin Patch

The yearly trip to the Sutherland Farms Pumpkin Patch was made by Pre-K through 3rd grades this time. Each student got to search the pumpkin patch for that very special pumpkin to take home with them. Hay rides, barrel rides, a complicated corn maze and getting buried in a sea of corn made it a full day!



# FALL FESTIVAL...GHOULS, PRINCESSES AND WITCHES GALORE!

The Fall Festival had many people coming to Lybrook to see the costumes, play the games and eat the great food. And, of course, one of the favorite parts of the whole thing...throw someone in jail and make someone else bail them out!

The winners in the Costume Contest were: Pre-K to 3 — Serena Torrez, 1st place, Rayshara Begay, 2nd place, and Stafonya Pinto, 3rd place.

4-8 winners were: TiShai Yazzie, 1st place, Lathan Toledo, 2nd place, and Brienna Garcia, 3rd place.

**By Ashlyn Sandoval and Shaye Sandoval**



Stafonya Pinto took 3rd place, Serna Torrez 1xt place, and Rashara Begay came in 2nd in the Pre-K-3 costume contest



One of the most popular games...the cakewalk



TiShai Yazzie took 1st place and Brienna Garcia came in 3rd for the 4-8 costume contest. Not pictured is Lathan Toledo who got 2nd place

# Our Heroes...7th and 8th Grades...

Special thanks to Ms. Tsosie and her 7th/8th grade students who created a monstrously good Fall Festival this year. The students researched, designed and built the games, decorations and spooky stuff hanging from the rafters. They also ran the games. Good work!



Sheniah Pinto and Adriana Lee run the balloon popping game...which Anna Emmelhainz is trying to conquer



Creating the art work took weeks of work for the students!

Jamal Guerito even helped make "Monster Cookies"



Thanks, too, to Thomas Yazzie who was a Jack-of-All-Trades during the entire event. Here he tries to get a "wounded" witch out of the basketball net for repairs



Bradley Sandoval helped run the duck pond



What goes up must come down! Katie Sam, Lonnie Sam and Paige Sam pitch in to clean up



Audrey Sam helps Olin Charley shoot some bats



# Red Ribbon Week...

It was a short Red Ribbon Week this year because of so many other scheduled events and obligations, but Lybrook's students still joined in enthusiastically in the pledge to avoid drugs and their pitfalls.

Students and staff wore red ribbons, signed a "Make the Pledge" banner, wore shades wore sunglasses because "Our Future's So Bright We Need to Wear Shades Day", and participated (many of them) in a poster contest advising against the use of any type of drug.

"Red Ribbon Week" was started to commemorate the memory of DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) Agent Enrique Camarena who was brutally murdered in the line of duty while fighting the battle against drug cartels in Mexico.



# More Red Ribbon Week...



**POSTER WINNERS:** Gleenabah Tsosie, 2nd grade, Hailee Sam, Kindergarten, Calena Sandoval, 3rd grade, Noah Largo, and Zachary Sam, 6th grade. Students were in costume for Fall Festival.

Some of the judges included (above) Vivian Keeto and Darlene Chiquito; and (right) Thomas Yazzie

# THOMAS YAZZIE...Maintenance Man Who Does It All

By Sideano Guerito

One of the most popular people at Lybrook...Thomas Yazzie.

He likes to keep stuff clean and he likes working with students. He likes working with teachers and he likes working with nature.

Thomas likes to keep the school clean so he does mop-up duty and emptying trash cans every day. "That makes me happy," said Thomas.

Thomas likes to decorate the school on holidays. He also likes to stay and watch basketball and volleyball. He said, "It's cool because I like going in for free."

He also loves his family; he has one son, Jaden, and one daughter, TiShai, who is a fifth grader here at Lybrook.



## REWARDS FOR GREAT ATTENDANCE:



The Eagle Attendance Award



Sharon Attencio enjoys some pizza

Having good attendance brought some good times for some Lybrook students. Second and 3rd grades will share the Eagle Attendance Award; a pizza party was enjoyed along with a movie; and medals were given out for students who've had perfect attendance for any month from July through October.



Turnaround Leader Jacque Mangham hands out Attendance Medals

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE JULY THROUGH OCTOBER

Zack Keetso, Tiyeisha Rafael, Shanley Charley, Nyeria Johnson, Olin Charley, Emily Lopez, Naomi Peshlakai, Yilthnapah Aragon, Skylyn Dennison, Ethaniel Johnson, Tristan Lopez, Tristan Sam, TiShai Yazzie, Lorenzo Brown, Adriana Lee, Koby Aragon, Kaitlyn Sam, Peter Brown, Nicholle Lopez, Audrey Sam, Paige Sam



Kimora Belidito shows off her attendance medal

# Celebrating Thanksgiving ...

Parents, guardians, school staff and students all gathered together for a special Thanksgiving treat...a luncheon filled with good food and good companionship.

Students could sit with their classes or their parents as everyone enjoyed a meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, and, of course, pumpkin pie with whipped cream.



Arlene Never-Miss-A-Shot

## AND WHAT MAKES A GOOD THANKSGIVING FEAST?

By Sideano Guerito

According to Head Cook Arlene Never-Miss-A-Shot, it's: six cases of pumpkin pie (eight pies to a case); one case of stuffing; eight turkeys; one case of cranberries; one case of corn, 200 rolls; one case of mash potatoes and one case of brown gravy.

"It's a very busy day," says Mrs. Never-Miss-A-Shot. "And if you're asking why we're having Thanksgiving, it's just a 'give thanks' celebration with moms and dads and the school to just share time together."

# Thursday Activities Feature Food, Art and Dancing...

The cooking class was cooking pasta one of the Thursdays.

Mrs. Hoodless, one of the sponsors, says she likes cooking "because I like to eat." She also likes the chemistry involved.

Mrs. Betselie, another sponsor of the cooking class, says, "I like to learn how to cook new things.

Adriana Lee said she signed up for cooking class because she wanted to see what kinds of different foods are out there.

TiShai Yazzie agreed, saying she "wants to eat the food and try out different things."

During another class, featuring Spaghetti Naporitan, Ashlee Tunnell said she wanted to try out new things.

Owen Norberto summed it up though: He wants to free food!

**By Kiana Ohmsatte**



**Kimberly Haines, above, and Davida Cayaditoo, right, used art class to perfect their versions of a snowman.**



**Mrs. Peggie Murphy, 4th grade teacher, works with students for a drum concert**



## NUTRITIONIST VISITS LYBROOK

Mrs. Montoya's class, with the 5th and 6th graders had nutrition class.

Mrs. Montoya said she likes it because it is educational and a way for the students to learn to eat more healthy to help avoid getting diseases such as diabetes, and that they can be more fit.

**By Kiana Ohmsatte**



## ART CLASS DOES ORAGAMI

The art class is making origami (paper folding) designs. Davida Cayaditto was making an origami ball.

Instructor Rae Montoya said she decided that the students can be creative, and liked a chance to show their imaginations.

**By Anna Garcia**

# GROUP DONATES FOR LYBROOK'S CHRISTMAS

Christ Church out of Tennessee, frequent supporters of the school, recently sent 12 boxes of clothing and supplies to Lybrook. Many of the items will be put aside for the holidays as gifts to the students.



Parent Liaison Darlene Chiquito and Jacque Mangham, Turn-Around Leader, check out some of the items sent to the school from Christ Church



LEFT AND BELOW: Kindergarten students Kayla Atencio and Ethan Sam have high hopes about the Dear Santa letters they wrote in class!



Kindergarten has been busy getting ready for the holidays. Not only practicing for their portion of the Winter Program, but making clay snowmen... with hats! Above is Zack Keetso



Kindergarten students practice for their part of the Winter Program under the close eye of teacher Alfreeta Sandoval

5th & 6th grades are combining to do something special for the Winter Program. They won't say what...but we'll have pictures in the next newsletter! We suspect it has something to do with hats.



Nicholle Lopez and Paige Sam, above, wrap gifts donated to Lybrook students by various sponsors. Right, Temera Harrison helps sort out gifts.



Even Thomas Yazzie got roped into wrapping!



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER



**Erale Cowboy, Kindergarten:** "...good attendance...good reader...good helper at school..."



**Olin Charley, 2nd Grade:** work hard and is making progress..."



**Aleisha Keith, 3rd Grade:** "...is a great student!... helpful and willing to help others..."



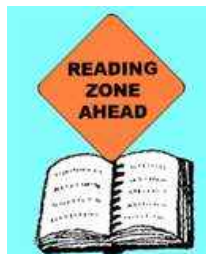
**Ashlyn Sandoval, 4th Grade:** "...most improved student academically... works hard and tries to learn... accepts her responsibilities... does her homework without 'drama'... cleans up after herself... fun kid..."



**Annamarei Garcia, 5th Grade:** "...tries her best and is improving..."



**Shyanne Pinto, 6th Grade:** "...works well with other students... always willing to help her classmates with their work..."



**Sheniah Pinto, 7th Grade:** "...has completed all her assignments in all classes... only student who has kept up with AR points... also helps in classroom..."



**Audrey Sam, 8th Grade:** "...has completed all assignments in all classes... has kept up with AR points... always helpful and talkative in class... always participates..."

# FOLK SINGER SHARES SONGS FROM THE CIVIL WAR



Lem Sheppard

Lem Sheppard is a wonderful folk singer who came to our school to show us what he does for a living.

Mr. Sheppard is a very wonderful person. He talks and sings about when black people were slaves. And he talks about the Civil War and what people did in the war.

“Most folk songs deal with true events,” Mr. Sheppard told the students.

Many of the songs he sang were not just about the Civil War, but because of the Civil War.

I’m glad he came over to tell us about the Civil War and to sing songs.

**By Adrianna Charley**



## BASKETBALL

Basketball season is in full swing...with lots of practicing going on . Newsletter reporters Melcolm Teller and Tristan Sam gave us a full report on their impressions of several sessions:

Zachary made the shot. They were doing chest passes. The players got tired from running. And the boys were doing jump shots.

Also...Lorenzo made the shot; Zachery made the shot. The girls were laughing; the girls are winning.

**By Melcolm Teller & Tristan Sam**



# January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No School	3 Return to School	4 Spelling Bee	5	6 School will be in session	7
8	9	10 State Dept	11 Parent Mtg. 5:15 PM	12 Attendance Bowling Trip	13 No School Energy Day	14 Bobby Bimon Basketball Tournament
15	16 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18 4th/5th grade trip to Sandia Lab	19 Lybrook Science Fair	20 School will be in session	21
22	23	24	25 District Science Fair	26	27 No School Energy Day PARENT TRAINING 9 A.M.-4 P.M.	28
29	30	31				<p>Lybrook Elementary/Mid School P.O. Box 135 Counsellor, New Mexico 87018 Ph. (575) 568-4491</p>