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Art contest

LAS CRUCES - The LCPS Health Services and Nutrition Services departments are conducting a 2011 LCPS Breakfast Promotion Art Contest for students in grades kindergarten through fifth, said LCPS Health and Nutrition Specialist Barbara Berger.

The deadline for students to submit entries to their teachers is April 6. Each school will then select one entry to submit for the final district-wide judging by April 15.

The contest rules are:

- Theme: posters should persuade other students to eat breakfast or explain the importance of breakfast.
- Design: should be no larger than 8.5 x 11 inches. Work must be the sole creation of the young artist submitting it.
- Medium: is limited to the use of pen, pencil, crayon, watercolor, ink, or marker on paper or poster board, but only in one color because the reproduction will only be in one color.
- Entries: do not fold. Write student's name, teacher and school on the back.
- Prize: the winning student will select a nylon backpack, a Frisbee or a wrist band imprinted with his or her drawing and slogan (in the case of the wrist band, just the slogan) for everyone in the school.

For more information, contact Berger at (575) 527-5943 or bberger@lcps.k12.nm.us.

The Cat in the Hat

LAS CRUCES - The Cat in the Hat will be in Las Cruces from noon-2:30 p.m. on April 9 for a belated celebration of his birthday and this year's Read

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school and high school students have designed experiments to launch into space on April 1 at the annual New Mexico Space Grant Consortium (NMSGC) Student Launch. The experiments will be carried into space on board the SL-5 launch vehicle from Spaceport America.

NMSGC Director Patricia Hynes is enthusiastic about the quality of the student experiments.

"These middle school and high school students have worked hard with their teachers to bring an exciting new learning opportunity into the classrooms, and the Student Launch Program is creating an increased interest in technology and science programs for Las Cruces and the entire state," she said.

#Six Las Cruces public schools are participating in this year's launch: Loma Heights Elementary, O ate High School, and Picacho, Sierra, Mesa and Zia Middle Schools.

The student launch is open to the public by reservation and for \$45 per person. Visit launchnm.com/registration.php to register.

For additional information, visit <http://www.launchnm.com/> or contact Judith McShannon, at jmcshann@ad.nmsu.edu or (575) 646-6414.

Prom dresses

LAS CRUCES - New Mexico State University's Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and the Cinderella Project are collecting formal dresses of all styles and sizes to give to high school girls for their 2011 proms.

They hope to collect and distribute at least 150 dresses.

In addition to the dresses, donations of dress racks, hangers and accessories are also welcomed. Volunteers, hair stylists and make-up artists are also needed.

Dresses can be donated by contacting a member of the sorority or by dropping them off at La Tienda de Jardin, 335 La Colonia.

scheduled for Feb. 5, but was cancelled due to bad weather.

The National Education Association-Las Cruces will host the event at Club Fusion, 101 S. Union Ave., and children and their families are invited to attend.

This year's NEA-Las Cruces' honorary chairperson is local author Jennifer Cervantes, who wrote "Tortilla Sun," a novel based in a small northern New Mexico town.

The event will have literacy activities, games, reading prizes, hot dogs and drinks for all attendees for free.

For more information about Read Across America, visit nea.org. For more information on the local event, please contact Pattie Burnam at pburnam@lcps.k12.nm.us.

Student launch

LAS CRUCES - More than 200 Las Cruces middle

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The "Cinderella Shop" will be open from 10 a.m. - 3p.m. on March 26 at Pete's Place at the Corbett Center on NMSU's campus. All area high school girls are invited.

Spelling bee

LAS CRUCES - Lynn Middle School sixth grader Olivia Weinbaum placed seventh among 159 New Mexico and west Texas participants in the El Paso Times Regional Spelling Bee, held March 9 in El Paso. She was the top speller among 60 New Mexico spellers, said Lynn librarian and spelling bee coordinator Laura Allen.

During the spelling bee, Olivia's words included "staccato," "chassis," "Bobadil" and "schadenfreude," said Allen.

"Hard work pays off. Next year I'm hoping to be back and actually win," said Weinbaum. This was her second year competing in the El Paso bee. She was a finalist last year as a fifth grader.

"Success like this doesn't come without dedication and hard work," said Allen. "The level of competition at the regional bee is high. Home-schooled and private school students also participate, with younger students competing against seventh- and eighth graders. Olivia exemplifies what it means to be a Lynn Middle School Cougar. We are very proud of her," she said.

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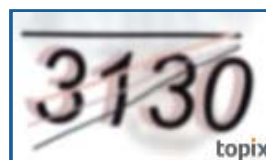
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