



Here comes the sun

After spending the long winter months cooped up indoors, local students finally came out into the sun in a big way in late February and March, shuttling from one fun, fascinating event to another so fast the Drum staff could hardly keep up.

Sled dogs return to Ignacio

In its 12th year, the Durango Dog Ranch returns to the Ignacio Intermediate School to give students a hands-on outdoor sled dog presentation on Monday, March 5. Timing their visit with the start of the famous Iditarod race in Alaska, Dog Ranch owners Gregg and Gretchen Dubit wowed students with tales of the time-honored and often-extreme sport of dog sled racing. Students were allowed an opportunity to make one-on-one connections with the sled dogs following the presentation with up-close visits.

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In honor of hard work



Ignacio Intermediate School students who qualified for the honor roll with grade-point averages of 3.5 or higher were given an extra pat on the back during the "Honor Roll Breakfast" on Tuesday, March 6. Students gave short presentations at the podium before their parents and faculty, following a buffet-style breakfast. Johnny Valdez Jr. (left) recapped highlights from his well-received science fair project.

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Kids raise \$1K for cancer



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The Ignacio Intermediate School concluded its Pennies for Patients drive and was excited to announce that students raised \$1043.21 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The money raised will help children who are struggling to overcome leukemia, a form of blood cancer. The fund drive took place in February and the Student Council organized, promoted and counted all the money. Council members stand together with their fundraising tally board on Thursday, March 1 for a group photo.