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ARTS ACADEMY AT BELLA VISTA DESIGN REPRESENTING THE STATE AT 2018 WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG ROLL

Students from the Arts Academy at Bella Vista have been selected to decorate an egg representing the state of New Mexico for the 2018 White House Easter Egg Roll.

The Arts Academy at Bella Vista was selected by a committee from the New Mexico Public Education Department, chosen from a pool of 89 school districts and charters in the state.

As soon as news of the honor was received, students and staff began working immediately to produce a design that will showcase the unique character and personality of the state of New Mexico. "My teachers and students are excited and we already have a dynamic team working on the egg design," said school Principal Shelly Norris.

Printed on oversized, two-dimensional eggs with a placard crediting the school, student designs will be displayed to guests entering the Easter Egg Roll event at the White House on April 2, 2018.

The White House Easter Egg Roll is a tradition begun by Rutherford B. Hayes in 1878 and is said to be one of the oldest annual events in White House history. While Easter Eggs representing the states and territories of the nation have been included at the White House event over the years, this is the first year school students have been asked to design state eggs.

"President Donald J. Trump and the First Lady are honored to continue the traditions of the past while weaving new traditions into the fabric of our Nation," the invitation stated.

With more than 320 students in attendance and located on the west side of Clovis, the Arts Academy at Bella Vista is an elementary school with an emphasis on fine arts infused education. A high performing school, the Arts Academy at Bella Vista was one of five in the Clovis Municipal School District to be rated a 2017 New Mexico "A" School by the state.

The mission of the Clovis Municipal Schools, an alliance highly committed to educational excellence, is to equip each student with the knowledge and skills needed for a productive life of creative thinking, continuous learning, and exemplary character through challenging and engaging learning experiences led by a dedicated, unified team in vital partnership with family, church, and community.