



*Sombre del Monte chorus performs excerpts from "Seussical, Jr" at the Words and Images Reception. Their director is Jan Delgado.*

## Words and Images Exhibit and Reception

Montgomery Complex was alive and buzzing with excitement on Monday night, April 6, as young poet/artists gathered with their families and friends for the ninth annual *Words and Images Reception/Poetry Reading*. Twenty-three schools from the district participated in the K-12 Illustrated Poetry Exhibition this year. The theme was "Food for Thought."

Activities included:

- Viewing of the exhibited illustrated art, which lined the hallways
- Slide show of the entries
- Student readings of poetry
- Student awards and prizes
- Refreshments
- Music by Wendy Beach and the Zangoo Profile
- Student musical performances

New opportunities at the reception included a hands-on art activity for students, which was based on the book, "Still Life Stew." This was coordinated by ARTS Center Librarian, Cindy Wolf. Also new this year was a middle school Haiku competition, hosted by Albuquerque poet Danny Solis.

Barbara Worthen, librarian from Grant Middle School, brought a bus of students for the Haiku Competition. "We have some very talented writers and poets," said Worthen, "and this is a wonderful way to recognize them." "I had a great time working with these students," related Solis. "Some of the student-written haikus were as deep and thoughtful as any I've ever seen." "I got to share my thoughts through poetry and I had a lot of fun!" exclaimed Cassidy, a student from Grant.

The annual event is coordinated by the APS ARTS Center and APS Library Services. It is funded by Wells Fargo.



*Pat Jensen presents the "Poetic Imagery" award to Taylor Fordberg for "Mom's Mushroom Surprise."*



*Albuquerque poet, Danny Solis introduces the Haiku competition winners.*



*The "Still Life Stew" mural, using Model Magic, created by students at the Words and Images Reception.*



*Wells Fargo representative, Elijah Mohn, makes introductory remarks at the Words and Images Reception.*

*Wendy Beach and the Zangoo Profile perform at the Words and Images Reception.*



*"Claire Gentry's Drum Majors" from Monte Vista ES play at the Words and Images reception. The group's director is Holly Gilster.*

