

The Eagle Times: Elementary School Edition

May 2019 Issue

Gila Crossing Community School

School Wide News

Last Wednesday of the month dismissal is @12:30 pm
GCCS has updated the school calendar.
Early dismissal date added; Friday, May 10th, 2019

May 10-Early release @ 12:30 pm
May 16- FACE Program Promotion @ 5:00pm
May 17 -GCCS Fun day!
May 17-Athletic Sports Banquet @ 5:00 pm
May 20-8th grade Banquet @ 4pm
May 21-8th grade Promotion @5:30 pm
May 22-Kindergarten Promotion @ 9 am
May 23-Last day of school
Early release @ 12:30 pm

Kindergarten

Mrs. Phillips, Ms. Jordan, Mrs. Lewis, Ms. Desiree & Ms. Bahe
Hello from kindergarten! We cannot believe the school year is almost done. We want to first say THANK YOU to all our families for an amazing year! We were very fortunate to have your children and love each and every one of them. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 9 am for our Kindergarten promotion! You will not want to miss it!

News from the Library Mrs. McQueen & Sara Dillon

Hard to believe that the school year is almost over. But not our good stories. We are reading about Spring and Gardening. And Gilbert and No More Pencils, No More Books. The little people may be making something very special for spring.
Happy Reading.

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We had a GCCS Memorial Walk planned for May 17th, but a few individuals have expressed some valid concerns regarding safety and distance (especially for younger students in the heat). Wanting to listen and respect their input, we are making a change.

Instead of hosting a memorial walk, we will be having teachers include students by writing their names on river rock for student council members to place in the holes where trees will be planted on the new campus. Teachers will have students sign their names on the rocks in class. There will be no formal presentation.

Other ideas have included a panoramic picture of all students and staff, a student body walks around the school, or a time capsule. We will let you know if any of these ideas are implemented.

In lieu of the walk on May 17th, we will hold our annual "Fun Day" instead. More details on food and games will be forthcoming. Most likely we will have elementary students participate in the morning, and the middle students participate in the afternoon. We hope your students have a great time celebrating the end of a successful year!

Dr. Taylor

3rd Grade

Ms. Hillis, Ms. Smith, Ms. Garcia & Ms. Janella

May is almost here seems like the year zoomed by. The student will be done testing when you get this newsletter. They did their best and hopefully, the scores will show it. The last day of school will be May 23rd. Hillis, Smith, Garcia, and Hoskie hope your summer break is a cool one!

Elementary School Counseling Update

A World of Possibility Awaits!!

It is such an exciting time of year! Students are reflecting on all of the things that they have learned and are beginning to think ahead to the next grade. It is the perfect time to incorporate discussion of careers and what vision they have for the future.

1. What career did you dream about as a child?
2. What are the different jobs you had growing up?

Now that testing is over it's time for our students to have some well-deserved excitement. This month our students will be having their class field trips, the fourth-grade banquet and our year-end **Fun Day** will be on May 17, 2019, at the Kalka Park. The last day of school will be May 23rd.

Enjoy
Ms. McMillan

1st Grade

Ms. Almendarez, Ms. Graham, Ms. Gloria, Ms. Madrid

Greetings from first grade. As we come to the final weeks of school, first graders are finishing with testing and reaching the rest of our reading, math and writing skills to be ready for second grade.

Parents, it was a great pleasure to have your children in our classrooms and a privilege to teach, learn, and work together with your child. We surely appreciated all that you did to make your child's education a success. Please continue to read every day with your child. We hope all families have a wonderful, restful, and fun summer.



FACE Program

As the school year comes to an end we want to Thank you for supporting the program and getting up early to come to school with your child. Much appreciated! We have a couple of celebration events before we say goodbye. Our last day of Center-Based is May 16th, followed by our end of the year graduation celebration. Have a Great and safe summer! See you next year!

Parents; 5 Tips for your child to do during the summer reading

1. Go to the Library once a week
2. Let your child read below the level
3. Create a Centralized library shelf
4. Lightly schedule reading time
5. Share progress

Enroll now! Come by to register for 2019-2020.

Technology

By: Mr. Buckles

After a very long break during AzMerit and NWEA testing, all students will have the last chance to get their name on the SUMMIT WALL. Currently, there are 45-second grade names, 27 third grade names and 22 fourth grade names. Classes will also continue to use websites to reinforce math and reading skills. HAVE A FUN SUMMER!

Physical Education

by: Ms. Haywood

It is with great sadness to inform you parents and students that I will not be returning next year. It definitely is not by my choice. I have looked forward to nothing more than having a meaningful PE class, in our brand new gym. I wish you all the very best!!!! Always remember that exercise is extremely important for your body! Exercise is anything you do that elevates your heart rate. Keep on moving! I will miss you all dearly!!!! May God bless and protect you all!

The Reading Corner

Mrs. Bowers & Mrs. Ford

Reading doesn't *stop* when summer begins!!!
Challenge yourself to read **EVERYDAY** this summer- and come back next year *prepared*.



The Eagle's Nest

Testing made the store unavailable for a lot of this last month, but yesterday *hundreds of kids* were able to come to spend the points they have earned. I wish that all of you could see the kids' faces when they are able to purchase something that they have had their eye on for a while. Teachers and staff are working to build up your child's feelings of self-worth through this **positive behavior initiative** of **SOAR**. Finding and rewarding the good while raising expectations all across the board is making a lasting impact on the lives of these amazing kids.

The S.O.A.R. Initiative

by Curtis Lambson
Youth Development Coordinator

2nd Grade

Ms. Thomas, Mrs. Jensen, Ms. Molina

We just finished NWEA testing and are confident our scores will show how hard we have been trying this year. Over the summer, please read with your child each day so they can come back to the new school, ready to learn. Go Eagles and Believe You Can!! The 2nd-grade team wishes all of our students a happy and safe summer. We will miss you!!

4th Grade

Mrs. Rollins, Mrs. Valencia & Mrs. Munoz

The 4th-grade teachers would like to take this time to thank parents for making sure that your children were at school on time and ready to test for each of the standardized tests.

We appreciate your help.

We would also like to thank you for the faith you put in us to educate your child. We have had a strong year and accomplished an amazing amount. Students will be celebrating with end-of-the-year field trips.

As the year ends, we would also like to remind our students of how many community members have been impacted by this wonderful school over the years. As the students move forward into the new school next year, please remember that you are the pioneers, the first students, to do so. Talk to your children about the importance for them to set good examples for those who are younger so the new school will last as long as this one has.

Each child has impacted our lives and the classroom throughout the year and will be missed. Please enjoy the summer break with your children.

Special Education

Mr. Twitchell.

The following descriptions indicate a possible learning disability Please give me a call at 520-550-4834 x228 if you suspect your child may have a learning disability.

Lack of enthusiasm for reading or writing.

Trouble memorizing things.

Working at a slow pace.

Trouble following directions.

Trouble staying focused on a task.

Difficulty understanding abstract ideas.

Lack of attention to detail, or too much attention to detail.

Poor social skills.

Math Matters

Mr. Murdock & Ms. Fowler

We are coming to the close of another year. We are so grateful to have worked with so many students in math interventions this year. We ask that parents/guardians take the time to work with students during the Summer to bring students to fact fluency mastery. Next Year will be BIG changes in math for all GCCS students.

Culture Corner

Ms. Parsons

Skeg Thash

Kwi Chuk lig Mashath

Xly'a Sarapk

Seed blackening month in O'otham and Fifth Moon in Pee Posh

The school year is here and I hope your summer will be awesome and full of adventure. Encourage your children to go swimming at the indoor pool go do some fun projects at recreation or better yet go outside and clean your yard or an Elders! There are so much to do in the Community. Our last lesson we will be focusing on the roles of male and female within our Himthag. U'uv should be able to make dough for che'chemaith and wamach'tha che'cheoigh should be able to know how to go get wood and know how to chop wood! Mothers may you have a wonderful "Je'e Thash".

News from Garden

By: Mr.Flores

It's nearing the end of the season and it's time to clean up. Harvest everything still growing even your tiny green tomatoes! Cut down all plants. You can cut them with shears or pull out the roots, either way, it's time for them to go. Add compost. Clean and store garden tools. Thank You for a great year, have a safe summer.