



The Eagle Times: Elementary School Edition



February 2018 Issue

Gila Crossing Community School

School Wide News

Every Friday dismissal is @12:30 pm

February 1-Breakfast w/the Principal @ 9 am

February 2-Dress Down
February 2-SOM Assembly
4-8 8:30 am
K-3 9:30 am

February 3-Saturday School
February 9 - Special Person's Dance
1-3 PM
(FACE-4th grade)

February 11-Saturday School
February 19-President's Day
No School

February 22-Family Fun Night
5 pm-7 pm
(K, 7th&8th grade)

February 23-Career Fair
March-1-Breakfast w/the Principal @ 9 am

March 2-SOM Assembly
K-3 9:30 am
4-8 8:30 am

March 8-Parent/Teacher Conference
1 pm- 6 pm



FACE

Ms. Fraley/Ms. Guerra/Ms. Mestaz/Mr. Pooley

Why is parent engagement in their children's education so important? It's an easy question to answer. We all want more for our children, for our families, for our communities, and our nation. A more difficult question to answer is how can we achieve it?

- FACE helps families and the educators working with them to turn the parent-child relationships into a dynamic driver for educational progress in both center-based and home-based services.
- The unique component of Parent and Child Together (PACT) Time® is an example of this philosophy in action. -- from the NCFL publication "Families Learning Together – 2015.

Come help keep the Circle Strong and join FACE!

News from Administration Mr. Copenhaver

We have just finished our Middle of the Year NWEA testing. We will have copies of the student results available at our Parent Teacher Conferences in March. Also, the halfway point of the quarter is quickly approaching. So progress reports will be sent home with students the week of February 5th and sent in the mail February 12th. Please be looking for those coming home soon. Finally, we have our special person's dance on Friday, February 9th from 1-3 PM. This will be for students in FACE through 4th grade. All students must be accompanied by an adult for this event. I hope to see everyone there.

Math Matters Mr. Murdock Ms. Fowler

After another busy month, we are continuing to zoom through the school year. It is great news that math interventions will continue once again. Students who are in math intervention, please always come prepared to learn and work hard. Our goal in math intervention is to gain confidence in our math abilities and comprehension by showing growth throughout the school year. Let's continue to strive to be the best math problem solvers that we can be!

1st Grade

Ms. Madrid, Ms. Gloria,
Mrs. Tuchawena, & Ms. Laureano
Greetings from first grade.

First graders have been reading non-fiction stories. They are writing about facts they have learned about. Our target skills also include compare & contrast, author's purpose, and conclusions.

In math, they are learning to count by two, fives, and tens to 120 & place value with tens and ones.

Parents, please continue to read every day with your child, and thank you for helping with homework by making sure they complete it and turn it in every week. We appreciate you and your support.

Elementary School Counseling Update Mrs. Taxter

I hope you have enjoyed your recent holiday.

I am happy to announce our January Student of the Month honorees:

FACE: Derrin White and Danita

K: Astacia Young

1st: Arroya Young

2nd: Jacoby Alvarez

3rd: Lamonte Foulke

4th: Nina Delowe

Staff: Irene Somegustava

I want to invite any parents of our 7th and 8th graders to attend our informational Career Fair from 8 to 10:30 this Feb. 23, 2018.

The Reading Corner

Mrs. Bowers & Mrs. Ford

While the weather is still chilly, cozy up with a book! Warm your soul with an inspirational biography or laugh out loud with a great fantasy or comic!

Whatever you choose, happy reading!!!!



2nd Grade

Ms. Elofson, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Dora,
and Ms. Jensen

Second grade is busy subtracting with and without regrouping. We are even subtracting into the 1000's!! In reading we are learning about character traits in a story. Help your student succeed by helping them complete their homework and reading with them for ten minutes daily. Thanks for your support.

Culture Corner
Miss. Joyce & Ms. Parsons

“Sham mai chuig?”

This month is Auppa l’ivagithag Mashath in O’otham and Xly’a Shenthik in Pee Posh. welcome back to all teachers and students from winter break. We hope your vacation was restful and fun.

This month in Culture we are learning how to say items of clothing in O’otham. Because of the change of weather some of us wear warmer clothes.”En enga” My clothes is the title. So ask your child/children” What did you learn in Culture today?”They may just surprise you! You are more than welcome to come by and visit us!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Lewis & Ms. Bahe

Coming up for this month we will be having kindergartens parent night with 7th/8th grade on February 28th. Please come and join in the fun with your children and their teachers. Also reminder that every week we are grading their homework based on how much of the work is completed and turned in every Friday. Progress reports will coming out soon please be on the lookout for those and if you have any questions please speak with your child’s teacher. Please make sure that every night you practice your child’s phonograms and spelling words each night. Finally be on the lookout for information on your child’s class Valentines Day party!

News from the Library
Mrs. McQueen & Sara Dillon

Hearts and Flowers to all. Happy Valentine’s Day.

This month we will be reading some Valentine stories as well as learning more about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

We will also be learning more about survival in the wilds by reading Hatchet with the 4th graders. We may even make a special Valentine.

Happy Reading.

3rd Grade

Ms. Hillis, Ms. Smith, Ms Brown & Ms. Janella

Everyone has been busy this last half of January taking NWEA mid-year tests. Thank you for encouraging your child to get a good night’s sleep, eat breakfast at home and/or at school, do their homework and read. These daily habits make a difference in their learning. In math we will be studying: 1. Representing and recording data, 2. Use strategies & properties to add and subtract 3. Fluently add and subtract and 4. Multiply by Multiples of 10. Have your child practice their math facts daily: addition, subtraction, and multiplication. Your child can read our weekly stories at home in the Journeys reading book sent home this year. Thank you for your support.

News from Music

by: Mr. Stein

Our students have been busy working on their new keyboard pieces for the 3rd quarter. It’s very exciting to see them grow musically, as they continue mastering new keyboard skills. Many of them are able to use both their left and right hands when playing and understand which hands they are supposed to use based on what the music is asking them to do. Keep up the great work! GO EAGLES!

Technology

By: Mr. Buckles

Typing skills continue to improve in all the grade levels. The main focus for all students is, “ Eyes on the screen and fingers on the Home Row Keys”. Congratulation to Aidan Carvajal! Aidan is the first student to have mastered the Top Row Keys (unit 2).

All Unit tests are completed on a BLANK keyboard. Currently, there are twenty student names on the SUMMIT WALL of TESTING. Congratulations to all those students reaching the Summit of Unit 1.

Keyboard and mouse skills continue to be the focus for grades K-1. A Cup Stacking Wall lists the names of the top kindergarten and first grade cup stackers. Cup stacking is recognizing letters on the keyboard.

The second grade is now working on typing in the Typing Agent Program. GREAT JOB second grade!

Special Education

Ms. Jones

With our middle of the year (MOY) testing completed, we are ready to move on in reading and math to tackle the last half of the school year. As teachers and your students look at the challenges ahead, we all may be feeling like there is quite a mountain of tasks! We all would do better to remember the old story about how to eat an elephant. “One bite at a time.”

News from P.E.

by: Ms. Haywood

We are over half way through..... We have less time in front of us, than we do behind us this school year.

Let’s make it count! I challenge everyone to take a walk when upset, angry, sad or disappointed. You’d be amazed how a little bit of exercise (and fresh air) can make us feel better! Not only does it provide our minds with a sense of peace, but our body appreciates it, too.

Success Academy

Mr. Twitchell, Dr. Holzer & Mr. Flores

We continue to work GCCS students on academics and behavior. In the area of academics, we are specifically trying to help students develop resilience and stamina.

“When students have resilience, they are open to learning because they believe that they can learn; they are receptive to assistance because it is not a criticism of their abilities; and they are comfortable not understanding concepts immediately because they see learning as a pursuit of knowledge and know that motivation and effort are just as important as knowing how to do something.”

“To get better, students need a lot of practice and exposure to reading and writing. Putting in that practice demands sustained effort or stamina. A key motivator for continuing to practice (thus building stamina) is experiencing some success—but success is hard to come by without putting in the practice.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.wholechildeducation.org/blog/why-resilience-is-critical-in-a-learning-environment> and

<http://www.ascd.org/publications/educational-leadership/feb17/vol74/num05/Building-Stamina-for-Struggling-Readers-and-Writers.aspx>

4th Grade
Mr. Britton, Ms. Rollins
& Mr. Williamson

4th grade has completed the NWEA testing for the MOY (Middle of the year) and we are now in the countdown for AZ Merit testing.

Please check over your child's homework. If you have flashcards for multiplication or division, please use them with your child. We appreciate all your help in getting these students ready to move on to 5th grade!

News from Garden
by: Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Van Druff

Hello Staff and Students! This month we're going to be learning about earthworms and how they benefit our garden. Also, we'll actually be in the garden finding these little critters. Along, with finding earthworms in our garden, we'll also take part in cleaning up and caring for our garden like middle school is doing. We'll be getting fresh air helping our garden get better and better.

Native Star Leadership Team

We are inviting parents to come and join us for our monthly Native Star Meeting. Monday, FEB. 26, 2018, 3:30 p.m. in Mrs. Bower's Classroom. For more information contact me at ext. 352, Mrs. Subia. We encourage you to participate! Refreshments will be served.