



The Eagle Times: Elementary School Edition

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Gila Crossing Community School

School Wide News

Every Friday dismissal is
@12:30 pm

Oct.5-Parent Teacher Conference
1 pm-6 pm

Early dismissal @12:30 pm

Oct.5-Breakfast with the Principal
@9 am

Oct.6-SOM Assembly
4-8-8:30 am
K-3 9:30 am

Oct.9-13-Fall Break

Oct.16-No School-Teacher In Service

Oct.31-Halloween Parade

Kindergarten

Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Lewis & Ms. Bahe
We will be starting our walk to math and reading following fall break. In math we will be classifying and counting data. We will be beginning to understand addition. We will be getting new phonograms and we are starting to get into the 2 letter ones.

Make sure you practice with the phonogram cards that we sent home daily with your child. By the end of the school year your child will know 70 phonograms so practicing with them is imperative. Please come to parent teacher conference on Thursday October 5th. We look forward to discussing your child's progress so far this year. Let's keep the momentum going!

News from the Library Mrs. McQueen & Sara Dillon

October is going to be a perfectly SPOOKTACULAR month. We will be reading some reader's theater, and stories like The Perfect Pumpkin Pie, a Skeleton for Dinner, and the Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything. We are going to be doing some awesome activities, (maybe even spooky bingo) this month.

News from Administration

Mr. Copenhaver

I can't believe the 1st quarter of school has just ended. The time has flown by once again. I first want to thank everyone that attended and supported our Peter Piper Pizza night. We raised 830 dollars for our school on this day. I also want to invite everyone to Barro's night on 51st and Baseline which is on Monday, October 2nd. The time we get money back for our school is from 10 AM until 10:00 PM. Please come by to support our school. Finally, we have many events here at the school before Fall Break. Please note dates and times. The report cards from 1st quarter will be handed out at our Parent Teachers conferences on October 5th or sent home with the students on the 6th. Hope to see you at all these events.

2nd Grade

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

Happy Fall to all our wonderful families! The second graders have been working hard on odd/even numbers and making arrays with repeated addition. We have even been writing our math equations outside on the basketball court with chalk. The students love it! We hope to see all the families at parent teacher conferences next Thursday October 5 between 1:00-6:0pm. Please feel free to stop by anytime that's convenient for you.

Elementary School Counseling Update Mrs. Taxter

Happy Fall! It is my pleasure to announce the September Student and Staff of the Month winners.

They are:

FACE: Daniel "Cooper" Gregory and his aunt Isabelle Dixon

K: Ivory Soke from Ms Phillips

1: Anessa Lopez from Ms Tuchawena

2: Adam Webb from Ms Jensen

3: Nathan Hernandez from Ms Smith

4: Gio Montalbo from Ms Rollins

Staff Member: Ms Susan Stewart, our Food Manager

Feel invited to visit with me at Parent Conferences or call to make a time to visit during the quarter.

Special Education Ms. Jones

Parent conferences will be coming up soon. We encourage you to visit with your children's teachers, including all the special teachers. If your child receives special education services, you will be receiving a progress report from the special education teacher. This report addresses the IEP goals. Whenever you have concerns or any questions, please contact me or your student's special education teacher.

Have a refreshing and relaxing fall break! It will finally start to cool off during the day!

Have a very Spooky Reading time.

3rd Grade

Ms. Hillis, Ms. Smith,
Ms. Brown & Ms. Hoskie

Happy Fall everyone! The third grade classes have been working hard on the multiplication topics in Math over the past several weeks. We will now be moving on to Division.

In Reading, we have started a new unit where we will be reading stories that focus on people who are passionate about what they do. Ask your child to tell you about the stories they are reading each week.

We've been bringing in people that have a job, hobby, or in some way a new or old way of using the reading vocabulary words. We would like to thank Firefighter Hillis and Adam Hernandez. They both did a terrific job of reinforcing and instilling new usages/images of our vocabulary words.

Parent Teacher Conference is on October 5th. Please sign up for a time. Be looking for a signup sheet from your student. Hope to see you soon.

4th Grade

Mr. Britton, Ms. Rollins
& Mr. Williamson

The fourth grade classes will be participating in a field trip on October 4th, 2017 at the Arizona Science Center. A sack lunch will be provided. We are seeking five (5) parents to serve as chaperones on this day. We will be departing at 8:10 a.m. and will return at approximately 2:00 p.m. Please contact your child's teacher to volunteer.

4th grade students continue to participate daily in our "Walk to Math" program. We are spending an additional 30 minutes per day emphasizing math skills.

News from P.E.

by: Ms. Haywood

What a fun quarter we're having! I am very happy to see the same students everyday for 2 weeks at a time. We are learning quickly and having lots of fun doing so. Make sure you are getting exercise everyday and eating fruits and vegetables. We want our bodies to be strong and healthy. If you take good care of your body, it will take good care of you!

The Reading Corner

Mrs. Bowers & Mrs. Ford

You may have seen your child come home with a brand new book last month! Each student who has **perfect attendance** (zero absences and no tardies or early check-outs) for the month will get to choose a brand new book of his/her choice! We want the students to build their libraries at home. Please encourage your children to read at home!

'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.'
~ Dr. Seuss ~



News from Music

by: Mr. Stein

As we are coming to a close to the first quarter, I am very pleased with the progress our students have made with their keyboard pieces.

In grades 2nd, 3rd and 4th the students became so proficient with their assigned piece, that they were able to play duets with these pieces with me. **GO EAGLES!**

Our Veterans Day songs are coming along nicely as well, and I look forward to November when we will be combining classes for the grade level singing at the assemblies. Hope to see many family members and friends in attendance for this concert.

FACE

Ms. Mestaz

Hurray! FACE has started! We have 10 parents and 10 children enrolled in Center Based. The children are working on the recognizing the letters of their first name and learning new routines. They are doing a great job! Parents are enjoying PACT (Parents and Child Together Time) and learning Positive Parenting and Active Learning Strategies in Parent Time. Some of the parents are working on GED while others are focusing on College and Career Readiness. We have 12 families in home based and room for more. Please stop by or call the school if you or someone you know would like to learn more about FACE!

1st Grade

Ms. Madrid, Ms. Gloria,
Mrs. Tuchawena, & Ms. Laureano

 Fall is here and it's one of the most beautiful times of the year. First graders are working hard with decoding, reading fluently, and using different strategies to do addition and subtraction.

Parents, we are looking forward to seeing you at parent/teacher conferences. Please take notice of the time schedule we send home with your child. Fill in a time and send it back-we'll see you then.
FIRST GRADERS ARE AWESOME!

Math Matters

Mr. Murdock
Ms. Fowler

Our new math curriculum is being taught across grades K-6. Those grade bands are also continuing to teach target skills practices to students during Walk To Math class. I have seen some really great things going on so far this year and will continue to work with teachers to strengthen math instruction.

Math interventions are also ongoing with specific 3-6 grade students.

Please call Mr Murdock if you would like to discuss ways to help in your student's math activities at home.

News from Garden

Mr. Rodriguez & Mr. Van Druff

We will be learning about the the different seasons of the year. We will focus on the Fall season and learn about the plants and vegetables that are planted during the fall season.



**News from Culture
Ms. Parsons & Ms. Hughes**

**“Shap ai masma, Shap ai Chuig!”
“Mxothik?”**

“It is a good day to be Indigenous”

The GCCS Culture Program is trying, on a trial basis, a new schedule where a class will come to culture every day for two weeks. Since August 1st to date, Pre-K to 8th grades students have been to the culture classroom, this makes 26 groups that have had two weeks of lessons.

The Culture teachers have been busy reviewing Days of the Week, Months in O’otham, and Time with the students. If you want to have fun and learn at the same time, ask your children what the O’otham word is in any topics mentioned above. Help us teach your children so they can go over it with you, or they can teach you. The culture program has also started the *Wijiq Mashchammakuq Ne’etham ch Chuthktham A’al* Gila Crossing School Singers and Dancers. The group is looking forward to active culture awareness learning through practicing and sharing singing and dancing.

The Culture Program invites you to visit the class and staff will appreciate your involvement on any suggestions, such as subjects you want your child to learn, or with comments and corrections regarding Culture Way of Life and Language at any time.

We hope to see you.

**“Man tho va em ñei.”
“Nyyuunthxa.”**

**“Every minute is good to be
Indigenous”**

Success Academy

Mr. Twitchell, Dr. Holzer & Mr. Flores

Success Academy is attempting to reduce repeat referrals by students and to decrease numbers of student days lost to suspension. We are taking many actions to work towards this goal. Here are several of those actions: first, we are counseling students while they are in Success Academy on choosing different actions when they are experiencing frustration and/or anger; next, we are working with all school staff to ensure that students are supervised appropriately to prevent misbehavior; and students are encouraged to behave positively through posters with slogans and rewards for exemplary behavior.