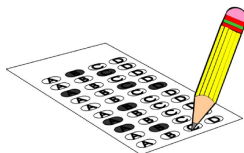




School Wide News

Every Friday dismissal is @12:30 pm

AZ MERIT TESTING April 10-April 19



April 6-Breakfast with the Principal
April 14-No School-Good Friday
April 16-Easter Sunday
May 4-Breakfast with the Principal
May 5-4th Grade Banquet

Ms. Scott
5th Grade

Knitting Club will run until April 6th. All community service forms are due to Mrs. Tang-Taylor on April 17th. Students who would like to continue to make blankets may do so in blanket making class during Saturday School. We will donate the 20 blankets already made to Project Linus and all 60 rice socks will go to Four Paws Rescue. Thank you so much to the student who helped with the blankets and socks!

Mrs. Miller & Ms. Molina
5th Grade

Springing into a beautiful April that will, hopefully, bring showers for our beautiful flowers!! Speaking of beautiful flowers, this month our students will have the opportunity to express their understanding of what they've learned this year in 5th grade. We are, currently, working on our NWEA Assessment and will continue with the AZMerit beginning April 10. Please encourage your child to do her/his best and to continue coming to school on time.

News from Administration

by: Mr. Copenhaver

I want to thank everyone that attended our Parent teacher conferences this past month. We were thrilled to see so many people in attendance.

I also want to invite everyone to our next Breakfast with the Principal on Thursday, April 6th at 8:30 AM. Come hungry and hear updates about our school, receive test taking tips, and give feedback.

Next, I want to remind everyone of our AZMerit testing coming up starting April 10th. Please try to schedule appointments around these dates for your students.

Finally, we love animals but please help us by keeping them home during school hours.

Thank you

6th Grade

Mrs. Ruiz, Mrs. Matus & Mr. Petersen

Testing is upon us and 6th grade is gearing up and brushing off skills learned in the beginning and middle of the school year. We are a few weeks away from AZ Merit so we are reviewing as much as possible in the classroom and getting those skills perfected.

We continue with visits from Officer Rodriguez for the DARE classes, Lifeskills classes with Brian, and Health and Wellness classes with Ms. Litzin from GRHS. All of these skills are important for the success of our pre-teens.

Remind your student of the required community service hours needed. These are the responsibility of the student. Ask your student how many hours they have. They need 10 for the year. Please have your student sleep and eat well so they may be successful at all they take on.

REMINDER FOR ATHLETES:
NO PASS NO PLAY.

NWEA TEST 3/29
AZ MERIT TEST 4/10-4/19

School Counseling

Mrs. Tang-Taylor
520-550-4834 ext 253

Student of the Month

5th grade- Angel Riley
6th grade- Melanie Thompson
7th grade- Monai Lewis
8th grade- Jah'Irie Thomas

High School Enrollment

Many students have still not turned in their high school enrollment forms. Please contact the Counseling Office for assistance.

Community Service

Just a reminder, all 5th through 8th graders are required to have completed at least 10 hours of community service for the entire school year. Many have already done this. You have until April 17th to turn in all completed forms.

Language Arts

7th Grade
Ms. Anderson

Students have been working very well this past month as they read and continue their independent studies. In conjunction, we've been learning about Greek mythology. As we finish our unit, we will spring forward into poetry. This works out perfectly because April is poetry month!

April showers bring may flowers....and tests!

Good luck 7th graders!!!!

Science

By Ms. Sullivan

Science students, it's that time to shine and show your knowledge of what you have learned in Science. Eighth graders, I encourage you to do your best on your Aims test which is 4/6/17. Seventh graders, wow everyone with the AZMERIT test. I trust that you will put forth your effort to do your best. ALWAYS, BELIEVE YOU CAN !!!

Good Luck 5th Graders!!

7th Grade Math By: Mr. Buckles

All math classes have been reviewing skills for the NWEA and AZ Merit tests. Based on winter NWEA scores each student has written their goal for the NWEA spring math test. Here is the percent of students that showed growth from Fall to Winter. 7A class - 88.2%, 7B class - 85.7%, 7C class - 100%.

GREAT JOB and GOOD LUCK 7th Grade!

Social Studies by: Mr. Turnbow

This semester will be the most challenging and busiest. We have lots of testing with AZMerit and NWEA. It is important that students stay focused and take every day seriously at school. In Social studies the 7th grade will conclude their unit on the Roaring 20's and learn about the Great Depression. Meanwhile in the 8th grade we are going to explore some events of the Cold War and the Civil Rights Movement.

Words from Mrs. Salguero, Mrs. Olivas, and Ms. Joe

It's that time of the year for testing, we will have a few more days to prepare for AZMerit. All students from 3rd through 8th grade will be taking the test. Please have your child come to school on time and get a good night's sleep. We want our students to think positively and to be relaxed during testing so please take the time to talk to your child on ways to stay calm and give them encouraging words.

Reminders: Have your child do their reading log for 20 minutes daily. Spelling Packets are due on Friday's.

8th Math Ms. Clark

8th grade has been working on Geometry. We have learned the formulas to find volume of cylinders, cones, and spheres. We have also been working in small groups to prepare for both the NWEA and AzMERIT tests. Keep up all the hard work 8th grade.

Middle School Nurse News (For Grades 5-8) By: Nurse Collette

The 2017-2018 School Health Services Consent for Treatment forms will be coming home with the school re-enrollment forms soon. These must be completed every year for your child to be able to receive health care during school hours. Please fill out the forms and return them to school right away so your student is all set for next school year!

Always feel free to call the School Nurse with any questions!

News from Music by: Mr. Stein

In the 4th quarter our 5 - 8th grade students return to their keyboard studies. 5th and 6th grades are learning an arrangement of the musical main theme from the "Star Wars" movie. 7th and 8th grades are learning the "Music Box Dancer". Eventually when the pieces are learned, students will play duets with me in class on these pieces. This will help to strengthen their listening skills. Eventually, I will select students as soloists for our final concert of the school year. Also, I have chosen a group of 12 guitarists that will accompany our 1st grade students when they sing "Down By The Bay" at the performing arts honors concert to be held here at school on May 16th.

Language Arts 8th Grade By: Ms. Yellowhair

Spring is a busy time for all of us, but do not forget the importance of continuing communication with your student's classroom teachers. We want all students to finish the school year strong and teachers will have insights to helping your child accomplish that. This last quarter is a great time to work on the good study and organization habits students need to succeed in high school. Keep using Infinite Campus to track your student's work.

News from Garden by: Mr. Mendoza

With the rain we have been having everything is growing, including the weeds. Tomatoes and chilies have been transplanted to the field from the greenhouse. Students Have been taking starter plants home with them. We had a new duck hatch out March 21, come by ad look at her. She is a pekin duck. Thank you

News from P.E. by: Ms. Haywood

Spring is here, but it will soon feel like summer! There will be lots of testing coming up in the next few weeks. Come to PE ready to listen, exercise and make the most of that 50 minutes of fun, games and exercise! I am looking forward to ending things on a good note. So have a positive attitude and know we don't have much longer to go! Let's not change what we have been doing all year! Listening, participating and having fun. I BELIEVE YOU CAN!

Athletic News

Ms. Mendivil & Mr. Murdock, A.D.

Spring is finally here. A new sports season has sprung. Spring sports include Boy's (co-ed) Baseball and Girl's Soccer.

Our coaches for this season include Adam Hernandez and David Beck for Girl's Soccer and Gil Clauschee and Sherri Miller for Boy's (co-ed) Baseball.

Practice has already begun and games will start on April 11th. We will be having home games every Tuesday until May 2nd.

Come and root on our EAGLES

Math Matters
Mr. Murdock
Ms. Fowler

Much progress has been established in math intervention. Fifth, sixth, and seventh grade students have been working hard on making improvements with their math skills and knowledge. Our focus has been to enrich our understanding in concepts

News from the Library
Mrs. McQueen
Sara Dillon

HAPPY EASTER

The **BOOK FAIR** will be here on April 21st. The Book Fair will run through the 28th of April. It is a buy one get one free book fair.

Next week will be having a very important discussion with the 6th graders. We are reading the book titled **Pay It Forward**. In the book one of the student made a statement that was very thought provoking. He said "you can't change the world on the honor system, anybody knows that. Leave people on the honor system, they don't do it. As soon as you look away, they just don't."

So I asked the 6th graders to think about this, look at your friends, your community, your family, and determine if paying it forward really works or not.

The 7th and 8th graders will learn how life can change in an instant and we will discuss how life changing experiences affect everyone; even when we don't think that it would or can.

We are beginning to make connections with the characters in the past with the characters in the book with the 4th graders and **Holes**. As Stanley and Zero try to find their way to "God's thumb."

The 5th graders will look for clues to what may be coming in the story **Bridge to Terabithia**.

Happy Reading!!!

Reading Corner
April is Poetry month
Enjoy the weather
Smell the flowers
Be Grateful
Be Creative
Write



Akimel O'otham / Pee Posh
Culture Program
Ms. Parsons & Ms. Hughes

The Culture program is very busy with great class, afterschool, and Saturday school activities.

Culture class daily Routine:
New Month of March: *Kwi P'ivagithag Mashath*

Class daily routine is to learn how to say the new month in O'otham, as well as the day and date. The classes also learn a phrase for the month. For the *Auppa Hiosik Mashath* (February) the phrase is:
Person 1: "S-ke:g 'o vud thash hemoch!"
Person 2: "Ha'o, S-ke:g 'o vud thash hemoch!"

Another project that Culture is very excited about is the willingness of our students to take part in the Akimel O'otham traditional singing and dancing. They are doing wonders with the singing and dancing. The Singers and Dancers meet after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Saturday School.

The Singers and Dancers entered the 2017 Mul-Chu-Tha Parade and came in 2nd place. GCCS and the Culture Program are very proud of our students sharing singing and dancing culture with our community..

The Culture staff is extremely excited and very thankful for the District 7 Pee Posh Elders in their initiative to help the staff in learning and passing on the Pee Posh language. Thank you Pee Posh Elders.

Feel free to come visit anytime.
"Ñam piab 'o ith che:gim!"