**DR. McCAMMAN’S CORNER**

Our teachers are amazing! If you whole heartedly agree with that statement, I would encourage you to honor them. This could be as simple as saying thank you or as grand as nominating a teacher for an award. There are many awards available to recognize teachers and the deadlines are often in February. Some suggestions would be the Silver Apple Award, which recognizes 9 teachers from the valley each year (we have had 3 winners at EDUPRIZE), KNIX Teacher of the Week (we have had 1 recipient) and Fulton Homes Teacher of the Month (we have had 1 winner). You can find information on these awards, and many others, on-line. Our teachers work so very hard and it is always nice to give them special acknowledgement!

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Believe it or not, Parent/Teacher Conferences are right around the corner! First - Sixth Grade parents will be conferencing the week of February 8 and Kindergarten parents will be conferencing the week of February 16. All scheduling will be done through Sign Up Genius which will be going live on: January 22 (Grades 1-6) at 4:30 p.m. and January 29 (Kindergarten) @ 4:30 p.m. If you are unable to access a computer to sign up, please contact your child’s teacher before that time so he/she can get you on the schedule. Thank you for your assistance in making this process run smoothly.

**SERVICE PROJECT FOR BACHELOR’S DEGREE**

by Julian Lavato

The service project I choose was a hat and scarf drive for cancer patients going through chemo therapy. I chose this project because of what my mom went through during her chemotherapy. I know it was hard for my mom to lose her hair so I thought I should provide hats for the patients that would lose their hair from chemo. I thought that the people would benefit the most were the chemo patients, but really I benefitted a lot by being able to see one of the patients be so happy receiving a hat. Even though we weren’t able to see all the patients get a hat or scarf, just seeing the one helped me see it multiplied by everyone that would get a hat. In the end we collected 181 hats and scarves. It made me feel like this project was a great idea and I would love to do it again.

**AzMERIT**

The 2015-16 Arizona State assessment will be given in March and April 2016. The dates for the 3rd – 6th graders will be March 31 and April 4 and 5. Additionally, the 4th graders will be taking AIMS Science on March 30. Please mark your calendar so that you can reserve the dates.

**JANUARY 2016**

18 No School MLK Day
19 Intent to Return Forms are due
19 Parent Meeting For Soccer Season 6-8 grades Bldg. 3 Theater
26 Kartchner Caverns Field Trip V1 4th Grade
   (Horning/Ciesla/Nett)
27 Kartchner Caverns Field Trip V2 4th Grade
   (Holguin/Hunt/Freiwald)
28 Kartchner Caverns Field Trip TOPS 4th Grade
   (Yeargain/Raia/Weinmann/Campbell)

**FEBRUARY 2016**

2 Parent Tour Bldg. 1 Media Center 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
8 - 12 Conference Week 1st - 6th Grades
11 Early Release all school
15 No School President’s Day
16 - 19 Kindergarten Conference Week
16 Parent Tour Bldg. 3 Theater 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
18 Spring Pictures/Sports Pictures Bldg. 2 Gym
25 Mid-Winter Music Concert Bldg. 3 Theater 6:30 -7:30 p.m.
26 Sock Hop Bldg. 1 Basketball Court 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**INTENT TO RETURN FORMS ARE DUE NEXT WEEK!**

Last week, all students were given a bright green Intent to Return Form, which lets us know your intent for the 16/17 school year! Only one form per family is due back by Tuesday, January 19th! Monday, January 18th, is a school holiday, so please make sure to send the form back with your youngest child when school resumes on Tuesday! Thank you!

**PROJECT EXPLORATION UPDATE**

Project Exploration is One Short Month Away!!!

Happy New Year! Our amazing trip to Southern California (I hesitate to say sunny!) is one short month away. If you have already paid for your trip, we extend a giant thank you! For all chaperones and students, please remember the total cost of the trip is $400.00. Chaperones must have a valid, current fingerprint clearance card and a willingness to care for our “tweens” for a whole weekend.

In order to finalize some very important details, we need all attending families/students to check our website for important medical paperwork and information. If your child is on daily medication, it is imperative that this paperwork is completed two weeks prior to the trip. Also, please verify any food allergies or special diets. Any information which is not conveyed at least two weeks before the trip will not be handled as needed.

IMPORTANT: If circumstances have changed, and your child will not be attending the trip, please inform Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Goldman immediately. Mrs. Brown may be reached at jocarol.brown@eduprizeschools.net.
Need to purchase an EDUPRIZE t-shirt? Please see the front desk of Building One for a binder that contains all available t-shirts at this time.

Mother/Son Game Day

We are looking for volunteers to help plan this event! We are also in need of male volunteers to help on the day of the event so the Mothers are able to enjoy the day with their sons. Please email PTN at ptn@eduprizeschools.net if you are available to volunteer.

Have Christmas lights that no longer work properly? Please send them in to Building One—Attn: Jennie Boll. These are used to create circuit game boards for the fourth grade classes.

Live Learning Lab needs your help. This quarter we will have approximately 90 6th grade students studying Greenhouse. Each student will be creating individual hydroponic greenhouses. We are in need of clean, empty 2 Liter Coke Brand bottles. This can include Coke, Fanta, Sprite, Barqs Root Beer, etc.

Have Box Tops, Labels for Education or Coke Rewards to send in? Simply detach the form below. Place a minimum of 25 Box Tops or Labels for Education in a Ziploc bag and send them in with your student to earn a prize!

__________________________________________________________
Student: ___________________________ Grade: _____________