DR. McCAMMAN’S CORNER

One of the professional development opportunities we are providing for our teachers this year is the study of a book titled 7 Keys to Comprehension by Susan Zimmermann. The strategies in this book are well researched and have been tested in hundreds of classrooms over the last 15 years. The 7 Keys – create mental images, use background information, ask questions, make inferences, synthesize information, use fix-up strategies, and determine the most important ideas or themes – can turn reading from a chore into a rewarding adventure. I believe this book would also be helpful for parents to read and would allow them to have a few tricks up their sleeves to assist their children. If you are interested in reading the book, it is available on Amazon or there are many members of the staff (including me) who would be happy to loan out their copy.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Don’t forget to sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences! They are the week of Feb. 8th for 1st – 6th and the week of Feb. 15th for Kindergarten.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Chloe Hallin, a 3rd grade student in Mrs. Newton’s classroom, for being selected as the Gilbert Town Council Student Citizen of the Month. She was honored on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at the monthly Town Council Meeting. Chloe was selected based on her outstanding service learning project. She organized a drive in her classroom and collected nearly 200 pairs of shoes! The shoes were then donated to Clothes Cabin, a non-profit organization which provides clothing and shoes to people in our communities at no cost. Job well done, Chloe!!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

We had a very close encounter between a vehicle and a crossing guard. Please slow down in our School Zones. Saving 30 seconds off of your travel time is not worth injury to anyone!

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 30th. Please mark your calendar so that you can reserve the dates.

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 - Traditional Day Classes Only
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
23 Parent University Bldg. 3 Theater 6 - 7 p.m.
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.
29 Blood Drive Bldg. 2 Gym 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

MARCH 2016

1 Boosterthon Pep Rally Bldg. 2 Gym 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
2 Parent Tour Bldg. 1 Media Center 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
7 Cottage Fair Village 1 & PM TOPS 5:30 - 7 p.m.
7 Boosterthon Huddles Bldg. 2 Gym 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
8 Cottage Fair Village 2 & Kindergarten 5:30 - 7 p.m.
9 Cottage Fair Sixth Grade AM TOPS 5:30 - 7 p.m.
9 Parent Tour Bldg. 3 Theater 6 - 8 p.m.
10 - 11 Boosterthon Fun Run
14 - 28 Spring Break No School
29 School Resumes 1st Day of 4th Quarter

PROJECT EXPLORATION

Project Exploration - Two Weeks and Counting...

The Project Exploration committee would like to thank all of the parents and students for their cooperation in completing the forms and requests needed to make this trip a success. By now, all of you have received the information regarding packing, medications, snacks and essentials. If you did not receive this information, please check your email or contact us immediately!

Please let me state again that if, for some reason, your child has had a change of heart regarding the trip, the Project Exploration committee must know immediately. We have ordered t-shirts and lunch drinks for our students at this point, and roommates are being assigned rooms at the hotel. All of these items incur an expense.

Please look for next week’s newsletter and some emails which will give your child an assigned time to arrive for our trip. Also, please make sure all medical paperwork and permission slips are filled out and returned to Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Goldman no later than Monday, February 1st.

Thank you! We look forward to a wonderful time!

Jo Carol Brown – jocarol.brown@eduprizeschools.net
Paulette Goldman – paulette.goldman@eduprizeschools.net

Please remember to bring your photo I.D. with you to check in with the front desk any time you are on campus on a school day up until 4:15 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation!
Calling all blood heroes!

Daddy/Daughter Dance
Tickets for the dance are on sale until March 1st. Please visit the link below to purchase, using password eagles.
More information can always be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/eduprizegilbertptn

Mother/Son Game Day
This event has been postponed at this time to April. We are in need volunteers to help on the day of the event. Without volunteers, this event will not take place. Please email PTN at ptn@eduprizeschools.net if you are available to volunteer.

Annual Sock Hop is coming soon!
Join us on February 26th, 2016
There will be a DJ, dancing, photo booth, costume contest, root beer floats and more!

There is no charge to attend. Concessions and photo booth available for a nominal fee.

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: ______________________ Building: ________ Teacher: ______________________