EDUPRIZE is an School of Excellence

WHAT’S YOUR INTENT?
Coming home next Tuesday, January 19th, will be the Intent-to-Return Form for your student/family. This form is for currently enrolled students and their upcoming siblings ONLY. Please return only one form per family and list all EDUPRIZE siblings on the same form. If your family will not be returning to EDUPRIZE next year, you will still need to return this form to insures the timely release of your child’s academic records to their new school.

YOU ARE INVITED!
Please join us as we celebrate SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK on Thursday, January 28th at 1:15 p.m. on the backfield. The program will include a full line up of special talent including student speakers, lots of fun music, dance, and our EDUPRIZE Eagles Band, Choir and Cheer team. You will not want to miss this special event. Watch your teacher’s newsletters for more information. Due to this special event, TOPS AM students are invited to come back with their parents and join in the festivities. Parents will be able to check in and out at the gate instead of coming in the front door (please bring a valid photo ID to check in).

We hope you will join us for a fun filled afternoon. Thank you for choosing EDUPRIZE!

CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

January
- 18th: No School – MLK Jr. Day
- 19th: Intent to Return forms go home
- 26th: Intent to Return forms due
- 26th: Job Fair, 5:00 p.m. at the Gilbert Campus
- 27th: NJHS Clothing Drive Fundraiser, drop off: 7:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
- 27th: Parent University @ 6:00 p.m.
- 27th & 28th: Restaurant Night at McDonald’s
- 28th: School Choice Event
- 29th: NJHS Hat Day

February
- 4th & 5th: Musical Theater Performance @ 6:30 p.m.
- 11th: Early Release for Traditional Day Students
- 12th-14th: Project X
- 15th: No School – Presidents’ Day
- 25th: Spring Pictures

March
- 3rd: Jr. High Eagle Expo
- 4th: Jr. High Social
- 18th-28th: No School – Spring Break
- 29th: First Day of Quarter 4

For a complete calendar of events visit our School Calendar at eduprizeschools.net.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Please assist us in being a good neighbor by keeping the neighbor’s driveways clear. It is important that garbage trucks and the mailman be able to turn into the driveways. THANK YOU!

FAMILY GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

Weekly Geography Riddle:
I was born in the ocean long ago. When I’m really active, I “glow with the flow.” I sit sandwiched between islands near a plate. I belch and burp and I determine others’ fate. I’m very large—the largest of my kind. A sight more spectacular is hard to find!

What am I?

(Students can submit answers by visiting the submission box on the bulletin next to the Front Desk in building 1.)

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CAREER IN EDUCATION?

What we are looking for:
- Certified teachers and administrators for the 2016-2017 school year
- Exceptional educators to join in the vision and growth of EDUPRIZE

Please bring with you:
- Resume
- Completed application (eduprizeschools.net/opp)

The EDUPRIZE Schools is committed to achieving a diverse faculty staff and welcoming all students into a community of learners through the use of inclusive diversity instruction and a strong emphasis on the best practices of performance and effectiveness. Teachers will be dedicated to promoting excellence and academic rigor and will demonstrate the ability to foster college ready students. Teachers will be dedicated to promoting and encouraging key skills necessary for college readiness and will engage in professional development for career and college readiness.

NO SCHOOL

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, EDUPRIZE will be closed on Monday, January 18th.

PTN WEBSITE

Exciting news, the PTN website is up and running. http://eduprizeptnqc.info/ptn/. Please check it out and see what’s new! It has recently had a major overhaul.

January 26, 2016
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
580 W. MELODY AVE.
GILBERT, AZ 85233

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High Stakes Testing

We know parents are interested in educational success for their children. At Parent University, you will become more familiar with what your child will be asked to do on AzMERIT. AzMERIT goes beyond multiple-choice questions. Sample test questions will be explored. Your awareness will enable you to support your child to be more successful.

Internet Safety

Your kids’ best on-line protection is you. Parents will learn what current trends are happening and practical strategies to prevent potential dangers on-line. Special guest, Naomi Murnetta, of Pinal County Public Health will give an important presentation you won’t want to miss.

Parents that attend will be given a free homework pass for their children to use in the month of February. Everyone who attends will get a raffle ticket for special prizes drawn during the evening. Prizes include movie tickets, books, gift cards, and more.

Wednesday, January 27th

6:00 p.m.

RESTAURANT NIGHT AT MCDONALD’S

(Hunt Highway & Bella Vista Road)

Wednesday, January 27th & Thursday, January 28th

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Mention EDUPRIZE for a percentage to go back to the school.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Cooperation

(N-Working together for a common purpose)

The Yearbook Committee is looking to fill the pages of the 2015/2016 yearbook. Follow the Dropbox links below to upload any school event pictures you would like to share.

- Pre-K Grade: http://lpx.me/0dc4-em63-35nr/
- Kindergarten: http://lpx.me/7jum-cma8-vhe6/
- First Grade: http://lpx.me/4xxs-stwb-v7dw/
- Second Grade: http://lpx.me/kr3k-smuc-hrpm/
- Third Grade: http://lpx.me/yg6m-vn9a-6tvw/
- Fourth Grade: http://lpx.me/5b6l-vqkm-4xu5/
- Fifth Grade: http://lpx.me/qgzw-kxhs-kwmb/
- Sixth Grade: http://lpx.me/xx7f-kfrv-b8rv/
- Junior High: http://lpx.me/quh3-dthu-tvc8/

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2016 EDUPRIZE School Spelling Bee Finalists and Awards
January 14, 2016

### Top 6 Finalists

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<td>Champion (1st)</td>
<td>Addie M.</td>
<td>Cowles</td>
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<td>Runner-up (2nd)</td>
<td>Jacob G.</td>
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<td>Paris B.</td>
<td>Love</td>
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The top three will compete in the Pinal County Spelling Bee at Vista Grande High School in Casa Grande on February 19, 2016.

### EDUPRIZE Spelling Bee Awards

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<td>Best Enunciation of Letters Award</td>
<td>Kiley G.</td>
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<td>Peer Coach Award</td>
<td>Rex D. Breanna V.</td>
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<td>Camaraderie Award</td>
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<td>Liberty H. Angelo P. Raedon A.</td>
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### January 2016
**Elementary Physical Activity Calendar**

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| SHAPE America recommends school-age children accumulate at least 60 minutes and up to several hours of physical activity per day. Each bout of physical activity should be followed by cool-down stretches that help reduce soreness and avoid injury. Happy exercising! | **NATIONAL HEALTH OBSERVANCES**
National Blood Donor Month
National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week Jan. 25-31 | **FREEZE DANCE**
Blow up a balloon. Can you keep the balloon in the air? | **CREATIVITY CHALLENGE**
Can this time speed walking around your entire house. Still a commercial? Go again so you don’t miss a thing! | **SHOULDER SHRUGS**
Shrug your left shoulder up and down 10 times. Then repeat with your right shoulder 10 times. | **SCAVENGER HUNT**
Split into two teams; make a list of 20 things related to winter and race to see which team can find them first. |
| **WALKING**
Practice walking at different paces, running, skipping, hopping, jumping, galloping, leaping and sliding in different directions. | **SIDE TO SIDE JUMPS**
Stand on the side of a small object. Face forward and jump back and forth as many times as you can in 1 minute. Try and beat your score! | **JUMPING BEANS**
Be creative and see how many different ways you can jump rope. Teach a friend. | **STAIRS**
Run up stairs in your house/apartment as fast as you can. Walk down and repeat. Try skipping a step for a challenge. | **JUMP ROPE TO MUSIC**
Can you jump to an entire song without stopping? | **BICYCLES**
Try riding a bicycle with your head up and down and repeat. Try skipping a step for a challenge. |
| **COMMERCIAL STROLL**
During a commercial break take a walk around your entire house. Still a commercial? Go again this time speed walking so you don’t miss a thing! | **CRAWL LIKE A SEAL**
Lie on your stomach, arms straight out front. Use your arms to pull your lower body along keeping your legs and back straight. | **CAT POSE**
On all fours round your back pulling you spine towards the ceiling while looking at the ground. | **CARIOCA**
Move with your shoulders facing forward. Say to yourself: Side, front, side, back | **WHEEL BARROW RACE**
Teams of two. Hold your partners feet while they walk on their hands. Race to the finish. Be careful. | **TARGET PRACTICE**
Using an empty laundry basket or bucket, practice tossing a small object inside. Each time you make it take a step back. |
| **BALLOON BOUNCE**
Blow up a balloon. Can you keep the balloon in the air? For a challenge add another balloon. Try it with a partner. | **CREATE A GAME**
Use your imagination and make up a game using a ball, a sock, and a jump rope. | **SIDE TO SIDE JUMPS**
Stand on the side of a small object. Face forward and jump back and forth as many times as you can in 1 minute. Try and beat your score! | **HULA HOOPS**
Grab a friend and a hula hoop and see who can hula hoop the longest | **COW-CAT POSE**
Try your cow and cat yoga poses together. | **BAND AID TAG**
When you get tagged you place your hand on the spot you got tagged. Three tags and you go to the hospital (sideline) to get fixed. |
| **FREEZE DANCE**
Have someone start and stop music. When the music is on dance, when it’s off strike a crazy pose. | **HIGH KNEES & STRETCH**
High knees for 30 seconds then stretch a body part. Repeat stretching a new body part each time. | **CLAP AND CATCH**
Throw a soft object up into the air. See how many times you can clap before you catch it. | **MAKESHIFT BOWLING**
Set up 10 targets like bowling pins and practice your bowling skills. Can you get a strike? A spare? | **ROCK PAPER SCISSORS TAG**
Meet in the middle, shoot, winner chases the loser back to safe zone. If tagged, join the other team. | |