Happy New Year and welcome back! It is exciting to see all of the students returning and excited to explore their new Cottage and units of study as they reunite with their classmates. Next week we have several important meetings that may be valuable for you to attend. On Tuesday, there is an informational meeting for EDUPRIZE’s TOPS program. If you have ever considered this alternative schedule for your children, please join us on Tuesday, January 12th at 6:00 p.m. The 2nd meeting is an informational meeting for current 6th grade parents and students regarding our Junior High Program for 2016-2017. This will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12th. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to learn more about the programs and schedules offered at EDUPRIZE. We hope to see you there!

I would also like to encourage you to put Wednesday, January 27th on your calendar to attend our Parent University. Topics will include High Stakes Testing in one session and then Naomi Murrietta of Pinal County Public Health, will give an important presentation on Internet Safety and your child. You won’t want to miss this special evening. As a bonus, 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, Phoenix Suns tickets, books, and more.

Calendar At-a-Glance

January
- 9th-14th: Box Top Collection
- 12th: TOPS Informational Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- 12th: 2016/2017 Jr. High Informational Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. (for all current 6th graders and parents)
- 13th: Class, New Student & Team Pictures
- 14th: Spelling Bee
- 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: Parent University @ 6:00 p.m.
- 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
- 18th-28th: No School – Spring Break

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

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/ Opportunites)

The EDUPRIZE Mission is to provide educational excellence to our community of learners through the use of multiple pathways and a strong commitment to student and staff well-being. We believe the following core values: leadership and collaboration, all learners, students will acquire knowledge and skills for success, and students will learn and thrive in a safe and healthy environment.

Box Top Collection Contest

Grab your scissors and keep an eye out for the Box Tops for Education logo on the products you use everyday. EDUPRIZE earns $.10 for every Box Top collected.

Join your class in a collection contest January 9th-14th.

Please remember to include your student and teacher’s name.

Picture Day

New Student, Class, Sport Team (fall and winter), Music and Club Pictures will be Wednesday, January 13th.

Look for order forms to come home with your student next week.
**Girls Softball Schedule**

1/12 HOME * vs. Heritage Academy - Gateway 4:15
1/14 HOME * vs. San Tan Charter School 4:15
1/21 HOME * vs. Sequoia Charter 4:15
1/28 AWAY vs. Legacy Traditional - QC 4:00

* Home Games are played at Founders Park: 22407 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek, AZ 85142

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**Boys Basketball Schedule**

1/12 HOME vs. Ben Franklin 4:15
1/13 AWAY vs. Imagine Camelback 4:30
1/19 HOME vs. ALA Ironwood 4:15
1/21 HOME vs. ALA Queen Creek 4:15
1/26 HOME vs. Heritage Academy-Gateway 4:15
1/28 HOME vs. San Tan Charter 4:15

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**Pre-K Grade:** [http://lpx.me/cdc4-em63-3pnr/](http://lpx.me/cdc4-em63-3pnr/)
**Kindergarten:** [http://lpx.me/7jum-cma8-vhe6/](http://lpx.me/7jum-cma8-vhe6/)
**First Grade:** [http://lpx.me/4xxs-stwb-v7dw/](http://lpx.me/4xxs-stwb-v7dw/)
**Second Grade:** [http://lpx.me/k3rk-smuc-hrkm/](http://lpx.me/k3rk-smuc-hrkm/)
**Third Grade:** [http://lpx.me/yq6n-vn9a-6tvw/](http://lpx.me/yq6n-vn9a-6tvw/)
**Fourth Grade:** [http://lpx.me/j5b6-vqkm-4xu5/](http://lpx.me/j5b6-vqkm-4xu5/)
**Fifth Grade:** [http://lpx.me/qwrw-xkhs-kwmb/](http://lpx.me/qwrw-xkhs-kwmb/)
**Sixth Grade:** [http://lpx.me/xxt7-kfrv-b8nv/](http://lpx.me/xxt7-kfrv-b8nv/)
**Junior High:** [http://lpx.me/quh3-dthu-tvc8/](http://lpx.me/quh3-dthu-tvc8/)

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**NO SCHOOL**

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

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**Intent to Return**

It is that time again! We would like to know your intentions for the 2016-2017 school year. Intent to Return forms will go home January 19th. EDUPRIZE will be able to hold a seat for your currently enrolled student for the 2016-2017 school year if forms are completed and returned by January 26th.

If you have any questions please contact enrollment, Jody Harcrow 480.888.1610 ext. 106 or qcenrollment@eduprizeschools.net.

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**Word of the Week**

Punctual (adj-strictly observant of an appointed time; not late)

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**Yearbook Pictures**

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.

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**Science Olympiad Competitions**

1/16 Casa Grande 2730 N. Trekell Rd., Casa Grande
1/30 Imagine Prep-Surprise 13850 N. 156th Ave., Surprise
3/5 South Regional @ Desert Sky Middle 9850 E. Rankin Loop, Tucson
4/9 State Finals @ Central Arizona College – Signal Peak Campus 8470 N. Overfield Rd., Coolidge

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Follow EDUPRIZE Queen Creek on Facebook at EDUPRIZE Schools
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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.

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**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 online. Special guest, Naomi Murrietta, 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.

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**Wednesday, January 27th**

6:00 p.m.
Extra Curricular Activity Tax Credit Donation

**WHO CAN DONATE?**
EVERY PERSON who pays taxes in Arizona including parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends! You don’t even need to have a child at EDUPRIZE SCHOOLS!

**HOW MUCH CAN I CONTRIBUTE?**
- Married couples may donate up to $400
- Single taxpayers may donate up to $200

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**
Your total Arizona Tax bill will be decreased by your tax credit dollar amount. You are simply telling the State of Arizona that you have already given this amount to your school of choice and they will deduct this amount from your tax liability.

**DEADLINE**
To be eligible for a state tax credit in 2015, your contribution must be received or postmarked by April 15, 2016.

**QUALIFYING PROGRAMS**
ECA credit can be claimed for any qualifying extra curricular activity. Programs like after school sports, musical theatre, and field trips may qualify.

Please note: ECA donations are not refundable.