EDUPRIZE
PARENT NEWSLETTER
February 19, 2016

DR. McCAMMAN’S CORNER
Homework is an important component of the learning process. Through homework, our students practice their skills, extend their learning and learn responsibility. However, excess homework can lead to frustration and feelings of failure in students. So, as always we try to reach a balance that is best for students. As stated in our Parent/Student Handbook, students in primary grades (K-3) should not be doing more than 20 to 45 minutes of homework each night. For students in 4th – 6th grades, the time should be between 45 and 60 minutes. Homework minutes do not include daily work which did not get completed in class, any individual reading minutes and/or make-up work from absences. If your child is repeatedly exceeding the suggested minutes, please contact your child’s teacher to discuss the possible reasons. The full Homework Policy can be found on our website at eduprizeschools.net.

PARENT INPUT SURVEYS
We will be seeking your input on Parent Surveys following this timeline:
Parent survey of classroom teacher – During Q3 Cottage Fair
Parent Survey of other EDUPRIZE staff – the week of February 22
Parent Survey of specialists – During Q3 Cottage Fair

PARENT UNIVERSITY
On Tuesday, February 23, we will be holding a Parent University. Brett Nauta, the Dean of Students on our Queen Creek campus, and Jennifer Smith, our Dean of Students, will be presenting very time relevant information on Cyber-bulling and Bullying vs. Conflict. The presentation will be in the theater of Building 3 at 6:00. The materials are appropriate for parents of kindergarten through sixth grade students.

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
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.
8 Cottage Fair Village 2 & Kindergarten 5:30 - 7 p.m.
9 Cottage Fair Sixth Grade AM TOPS 5:30 - 7 p.m.
10 - 11 Boosterthon Fun Run
24 Parent Tour Bldg. 3 Theater 6 - 8 p.m.
14 - 28 Spring Break No School
29 School Resumes 1st Day of 4th Quarter
30 AIMS Science Testing (4th Grade) (8th & 10th Grades)
31 AzMerit Testing (3rd-6th Grades) (7th-11th Grades)

APRIL 2016
4 AzMerit Testing (3rd-6th Grades) (7th-11th Grades)
5 AzMerit Testing (3rd-6th Grades) (7th-11th Grades)
7 Kindergarten & 8th Grade Promotion Pictures Bldg. 2 Gym
7 Sport Team Pictures Bldg. 2 Gym

SPECIAL EDUCATION
EDUPRIZE School provides special education services to all students who require it.

CHILD FIND
EDUPRIZE School will ensure that all children within the EDUPRIZE boundaries, including children with disabilities who are homeless or wards of the State, and children with disabilities attending private schools or who are home schooled, and who are in need of special education and related services are identified, located and evaluated (§300.111).

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Calling all blood heroes!

Please join us for our annual blood drive on 2/29/16. Visit www.bloodhero.com Code: prize for an appointment. We have 17 remaining appointments.

Daddy/Daughter Dance

Don’t delay on purchasing your tickets. Tickets for the dance are on sale until March 1st. Please visit the link below to purchase, using password: eagles


Boosterthon is coming!

Join us on March 1st for our pep rally in Building 2 gym!

- 8:15-9  Grades 4, 5, 6
- 9:30-10:15  Grades 1,2,3
- 11:35-12:20  AM TOPS
- 12:30-1:15  PM TOPS

The Fun Run will be held March 10th and 11th. Run schedule will be posted closer to date.

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.

Join us on March 4th at 9:45 AM for our Monthly PTN meeting. We will meet at the lunch tables outside of Building Two.

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:________________________
KARTCHNER CAVERNS FIELD TRIP  
Written by Kaylee Nicole Glenn in Mrs. Yeargain’s 4th Grade Class

To begin, I think Kartchner Caverns was a lifetime experience. It's kind of weird to think the cave is alive. Can you believe that some of these formations have been growing for millions of years, like Kubla Khan? I also can't believe that Kartchner started as only a piece of limestone and a drop of water. It's amazing that it's thousands and thousands of years older than us. Cave Bacon looks like a giant piece of bacon which almost made me hungry. It's funny that they were so hungry they named formations like: Cave Bacon, Fried Egg, Soda Straw and more. If you had the opportunity to go and turned it down you wouldn't regret it an hour or a day, but the rest of your life.

Project Exploration  
by Ashton Rasmussen

Project Exploration this year was awesome. We went to Universal Studios, Pasadena Art Studio, and the Science Center where they held the actual Endeavour space shuttle. At Universal Studios we went on a tour and we saw previews of the new movie King Kong, and Fast and Furious (at least I think that Fast and Furious was a preview but they didn’t clarify.) Once the tour was over they let us roam around the theme park. My group went straight to the wizarding world of Harry Potter to go on the rides, but we couldn't so we grabbed some food from a Simpson chicken place and Krusty Burger. My favorite ride was the mummy because it had thrill mixed with creepy. That was the second roller coaster I've ever been on and it was really fun. They had a Minion ride, a Transformers ride, an M-ride, and a Simpsons ride where Sideshow Bob tries to attack you and the Simpsons. They had a Shrek 4d ride, a Harry Potter ride, and a tour ride of all of the previews.

We also went on a trip to the Pasadena Art Studio where we got a tour of the whole studio and we even got an art lesson by Dusty's cousin who is an amazing artist. We drew Donald Duck and mine was exactly like him. Others just gave up. Someone had an eraser so his looked amazing.

The last place we went was the space shuttle (the Endeavour) and we got to have a really cool experience for everyone who went. We saw the gift shop that actually had Jangles the moon monkey from Fallout 4.
I hope this article makes you also want to go to Project Ex. It costs a lot but it's all worth it. Trust me!