**EDUPRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER**

**April 1, 2016**

**DR. McCAMMAN’S CORNER**

In the final quarter of the school year we celebrate many of our outstanding staff members. During the last week of April, we celebrate our Nursing Staff on the 26th, our Administrative Professionals (front desk gals, etc.) on the 27th and Facilities and IT on the 28th. Then the following week is all about the teachers! National Teacher Week is the first week in May with National Teacher Day on May 3rd. Our staff is amazing and I know you would all like to recognize them before the year is through! There are many creative recognition ideas on-line and each of our staff members has a “My Favorites” form at the front desks. Also, don’t forget the specialists and special education teachers!

Over Spring Break, three of our talented sixth grade band members attended the All-State Band at Dobson High School. Cayden Bruce, Arwen Griggs, and Judah Kamadinata were a part of the finest band in the state. Thank you Mr. Heinen for preparing these amazing student musicians!

**ApRil 2016**

4 AzMerit Testing (3rd-6th Grades)
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7 Kindergarten & 8th Grade Promotion Pictures Bldg. 2 Gym
8 Sport Team Pictures Bldg. 2 Gym
9 Mother/Son Game Day 12 - 3 p.m.
13 & 14 Child’s Play “The Smartest Girl in the World” 8:30 - 3 p.m. Bldg. 2 Gym
14 Talent Show Tryouts Bldg. 3 Theater 3:15 - 5 p.m.
14 Parent Tour Bldg. 3 Theater 6 - 8 p.m.
15 JA BizTown Field Trip all 6th Grade 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
21 SkateLand Chandler Event 5:30 - 7 p.m.
23 Daddy/Daughter Dance PreK-1st Grade 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. B3 Gym
23 Daddy/Daughter Dance 2nd & 3rd Grade 5:30-7:30 p.m.B3Gym
23 Daddy/Daughter Dance 4th & 5th Grade 6 - 8 p.m. B3 Gym
26 Nurses’ Appreciation Day
27 Administrative Professional Appreciation Day
28 Facilities & IT Appreciation Day
28 & 29 Alice in Wonderland Performance B3 Theater 7 - 8:30 p.m.

**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.

If your child is absent on one of the days, he/she will bring home a make-up notice with the date of make-up.

**TALENT SHOW**

Do you have a hidden talent? Do you enjoy performing in front of an audience? EDUPRIZE will be holding a talent show for Kindergarten-6th grade students on May 4th. We are also looking for an MC or two for the evening. Do you have a special talent for announcing acts? Do you want to share a funny joke or two? Then you might be an amazing MC! Applications can be picked up at building 1 or 2 front desks and are due by Friday, April 8th. You can also request an application via email. Contact Miss Rogers at shannon.rogers@eduprizeschools.net if you have any questions.
Boosterthon

All pledges are now due! Please send them in with your children or pay online at funrun.com Thank you for your support during this amazing fundraiser!

Mother Son Game Day

Please join us on April 9th from 12-3 for our second annual Mother Son Game Day! Any orders received after April 1st will not included in the presale price. Any orders received after this date will be held at Will Call. Order forms are available at the front desk of Building One.

Volunteers are needed for this event. Please visit: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4CACAE22A02-mother

The Elementary Yearbook is in desperate need of photos! The deadline is approaching! If you have any photos in the following categories, please upload to the appropriate folder before April 9th to be included in the yearbook: community.lifetouch.com code: TDKBUU

Please place photos in the following folders: Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, 5th Grade, 6th Grade or Field Trips.

Have Box Tops, Labels for Education or Coke Rewards to send in? Simply detach this form. 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!

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Student: __________________________ Building: ________ Teacher: __________________________
Teacher: __________________________ Room #: __________
Dear 5th grade parents,

Adolescence is an important time to ensure that your child is up-to-date on all recommended immunizations. As a result, we are asking that you give us an up-to-date immunization record for your child prior to the start of the upcoming school year. All students attending school in AZ who will be 11 years old by the first day of school and are in the 6th grade are required to obtain both TDAP and Meningococcal vaccines. Your physician may not administer this vaccines until the child’s 11th birthday. Please check with your insurance carrier about coverage for these injections.

Ø Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine The Tdap vaccine can protect your child from tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). This is the first pertussis containing booster vaccine for adolescents and adults. Immunity against pertussis can decline in as short as 5 years, making a booster dose of vaccine necessary to prevent the frequency and spread of disease.
Ø Meningococcal ("meningitis") vaccine - This vaccine can protect your child against bacterial meningitis (swelling of the lining around the brain and spinal cord).

Please return your updated immunization records in one of the following manners:
1. Scan/email to nurse@eduprizeschools.net
2. Fax to 480-813-6742 Attention Health Office/Immunization Records
4. Drop off at Building 1 front desk (580 W. Melody Ave. Gilbert, AZ 85233)

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Barb Fabey, RN

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Free TOPS iClass

Our TOPS program has been so well received and so successful for over a decade. Several years ago, we added an iClass option to our TOPS program. This has been such an amazing addition that we would like to make even better use of technology across the TOPS classes as technology allows us to better differentiate for each individual child, through full student engagement, time on task and increased attention and motivation of the child. Therefore, each TOPS class will have a full set of iPads and a full set of Chrome Books that two TOPS teachers will share, at no charge to parents. Teachers will use iPads in small groups to provide additional practice on basic skills, as well as, the many applications that iPads are so very good at in whole group instruction. While one teacher may choose to do whole group iPad application, their partner teacher will have use of the full set of Chrome Books for their many specific purposes. This is such an exciting expansion of our technology in the TOPS program because we know it provides additional efficiency to instruction and assimilation benefits for participating children.

Our TOPS teachers will receive continuous professional development to ensure they are using all technology to its potential. Please note that students will continue to have concrete instruction with our fabulous EDUPRIZE hands-on curriculum and will not be on devices to a greater extent than in the past. Children will still participate in our proven reading program, writing process, handwriting instruction, journaling, etc. Technology is a great vehicle for drill, research, and differentiation, but there is nothing that will ever replace our master teachers, their direct instruction and love for each child. The average TOPS classroom will vary, but generally will not exceed 50% of activities being assisted through technology. This program will help prepare your child for the technological world they will soon enter.

If you have paid for your child to participate in an iClass for the 2016-17 school year and have no outstanding fees, you will be receiving a refund in the next few weeks. If you are registered for iClass next year, the enrollment coordinator will contact you in the next few days to give you further specific information. If you have any questions after receiving that information, please contact our enrollment coordinator. If you are currently in traditional day and would like to see about participating in our Technology Optimized Program, please contact our enrollment coordinator. Don’t forget to inquire about our TOPS Sports program offered from 10:00 – 11:00 for PM TOPS students. It is a fabulous experience. Thanks you for your continued support in our programs!

Sincerely,

Dr. Lynn Robershotte, Superintendent