Welcome Back! We have some exciting news regarding the upcoming 2016-17 school year. I would like to share the letter below from Dr. Lynn Robershotte.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
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 and practice 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.

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 a.m. for PM TOPS students and 12:30-2:00 p.m. for AM TOPS students. It is a fabulous experience. Thanks you for your continued support in our programs!

Sincerely,
Dr. Lynn Robershotte, Superintendent

CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

April
- 4th: 3-8th grade AzMerit Testing
- 5th: 3-8th grade AzMerit Testing
- 19th: Parent Tour, 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- 29th: NJHS Hat Day
- 29th: Spring Spectacular Family Fun Event, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

May
- 5th: Kinder & 8th grade Promotion Pictures
- 5th: 6th/7th grade Choir Concert, 6:30-7:00 p.m.
- 12th: 5th grade Wax Museum, 5:00 p.m.
- 13th: JH Olympic Day, 8:00-12:00 p.m.
- 18th-19th: Cottage Fair Week
- 17th-19th: Read to Succeed 100-hour Water Days
- 19th: Spring Sports Banquet, 5:30 p.m.
- 20th: Kinder Graduation, 5:00 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.
- 26th: 8th Grade Promotion, 7:00 p.m.
- 27th: NJHS Hat Day
- 27th: Last Day of Quarter 4

July
- 15th: K-6th grade Open House
- 18th: 7th-8th grade Open House
- 20th: First Day of the 2016-2017 School Year

AzMERIT TESTING

AzMERIT testing will continue next week. We want our students to shine! The importance of having our students here for testing and on time cannot be stressed enough. Please check the dates below to make sure you do not make any appointments on those days.

- Monday, April 4th
- Tuesday, April 5th

Students arriving late will not be allowed to enter the classroom.
Please make every effort to ensure students get a good night’s rest and a healthy breakfast with protein.

Thank you for reinforcing the importance of these days. Students that are on time every test day will be invited to a special reward celebration.
Science Olympiad Competitions

4/9 State Finals @ Central Arizona College 8470 N. Overfield Rd., Coolidge, Arizona

Family Geography Quiz

Weekly Geography Riddle:
I'm broad and flat with very steep sides.
Many people explore me with an aid of a guide.
Rain and erosion cause my sides to subside.
Under my umbrella, many Indians did reside.
I love in North America in a western state.
I'm also a national park—I’m really first rate!

What am I?

(Submit answers by visiting the submission boxes at the front desk of building 1 and 2)

Last week’s answer: Mesa: Mesa Verde

2016-2017 PTN Opportunities

Have you thought about being a part of the EDUPRIZE PTN, however not sure how? Contact us through Facebook, PTN webpage, or through email. PTN will gladly answer any questions you have. PTN will be looking for new officers and coordinators for the upcoming 2016/2017 school year. Contact us to find the right fit for you.

Girls’ Basketball

4/5 AWAY vs. Legacy Traditional QC 4:00 p.m.
4/12 HOME vs. Legacy Chandler (Athlos) 4:15 p.m.
4/14 AWAY vs. Ben Franklin 4:00 p.m.
4/19 HOME vs. Heritage Academy Gateway 4:15 p.m.
4/20 HOME vs. ALA Ironwood 4:15 p.m.
4/21 HOME vs. Legacy Traditional QC 4:15 p.m.
4/26 HOME vs. Ben Franklin 4:15 p.m.

Boys’ Baseball

4/5 HOME vs. ALA Queen Creek 4:00 p.m.
4/7 AWAY vs. Legacy Traditional (Surprise) 4:00 p.m.
4/11 AWAY vs. Heritage Academy Gateway 4:00 p.m.
4/12 AWAY vs. ALA Ironwood 4:00 p.m.
4/14 AWAY vs. Legacy Traditional Queen Creek 4:00 p.m.
4/18 AWAY vs. ALA Queen Creek 4:00 p.m.
4/19 HOME vs. Berean Academy 4:00 p.m.
4/21 HOME vs. Paradise Education Center 4:30 p.m.

Clothing Drive Fundraiser

EDUPRIZE is holding a recycling event to raise money for the Junior High clubs and programs. We earn money for every pound that we collect and all of the items collected get reused or recycled!

Drop Off Day Wednesday, April 6, 2016
7:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Clothing items collected: used clothing (all types & sizes), towels, shoes, belts, purses, bedding, backpacks, pillows, hats, socks, draperies & stuffed animals! Household goods collected: books, toys, home decor, games, records, compact discs, video tapes, DVDs, small appliances, soft & hard luggage, sports equipment, hand tools, small power tools, kitchen utensils, dishes, pots & pans, housewares, glassware, collectibles, antiques, knickknacks, giftware, lamps, flat screen HDTVs only, personal computers (please erase personal data before donating), hard drive/towers, monitors, mouse, keyboards and printers.

* The individual that brings in the most pounds will receive a cash prize!

Questions? Contact matt.mcteer@eduprizeschools.net, 480-886-1610, x.171
Happy 100th Birthday Beverly Cleary! April 12th

Dear Families,

I am excited to serve as your child’s librarian this year. I look forward to helping him/her develop a love of reading.

Students in the 1st-6th grades visit the library weekly at their designated class time. Junior High students have access to the library during their study hall hour. Kindergarten students check out books with teacher permission as they progress beyond SAM books.

Please encourage your child to enjoy and take care of our library materials and return them for more. Also, please enjoy the library books WITH your children!

~Shelli Joss

Contact Information

Address: 4567 E Roberts Road Queen Creek, AZ 85142
Phone: 480-888-1610

Librarian
Shelli Joss
Shelli.joss@eduprizeschools.net

Check-out Times
Monday: Based on availability
Tuesday-Thursday: 7:15a.m.-3:00p.m.
Friday: 7:15a.m.-12:30p.m.

Helpful Information

What do I do if my book is lost?
If you feel your book if ‘forever lost’ let the teacher or librarian know. You will have the option to replace the book or make a payment to cover the cost. A form will be sent home with the details.

What do I do if the book is damaged while it is checked out in my name?
Bring it to the library to determine if it can be fixed. If it can, then do not worry. If it cannot be replaced, then replacement or payment would be required.

What is a young adult form?
Students below grade 7 MUST have a permission slip signed by a parent to check out books in the young adult section.
# April 2016

## Elementary Physical Activity Calendar

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<td><strong>National Health Observances</strong></td>
<td><strong>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!</strong></td>
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<td><strong>3 Musical Frogs</strong></td>
<td><strong>Bear Walk</strong></td>
<td><strong>See how many times you can run around the outside of your school without stopping. Check your pulse when you finish.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Fish Pose</strong></td>
<td><strong>World Health Day</strong></td>
<td><strong>Dribble Challenge</strong></td>
<td><strong>Wild Arms</strong></td>
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<td>This game is just like musical chairs except players hop around like frogs and sit on lily pads (pillows).</td>
<td>With your bottom in the air, step forward with your right hand &amp; step forward with your left foot. Step forward with the left hand then the right foot. Continue to move across the room.</td>
<td>See how many times you can run around the outside of your school without stopping. Check your pulse when you finish.</td>
<td>Hold fish pose for 60 seconds. Take a break and hold for another 60 seconds.</td>
<td>Did you know regular, moderate-intensity physical activity can help prevent diabetes? Go for a walk with an adult &amp; discuss other ways to prevent diabetes.</td>
<td>Dribble a ball 100 times with each hand. Can you successfully dribble 100 times with each hand while moving?</td>
<td>As fast as you can complete: 10 Arm Circles front &amp; back 10 Forward punches 10 Raise the Roof’s commercial break Repeat 3x</td>
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<td><strong>10 Family Adventure</strong></td>
<td><strong>Crawl Like a Seal</strong></td>
<td><strong>How Fast Can You Go?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Inchworms</strong></td>
<td><strong>Flower Pose</strong></td>
<td><strong>Rock Paper Scissors Tag</strong></td>
<td><strong>Commercial Break</strong></td>
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<td>Go for a walk with your family. Vary your speeds sometimes walking a fast and medium pace.</td>
<td>Lie on your stomach, arms straight out front. Use your arms to pull your lower body along keeping your legs and back straight.</td>
<td>Pick a distance and see how fast you can run the distance.</td>
<td>Keeping your legs straight place your hands on the ground, walk them into push-up position, and walk your legs up.</td>
<td>Practice your balance with this pose!</td>
<td>Meet in the middle, shoot, loser chases the winner back to safe zone. If tagged, join the other team.</td>
<td>Can you hold a plank for an entire TV commercial break?</td>
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<td><strong>Wake and Shake</strong></td>
<td><strong>Chair Pose</strong></td>
<td><strong>Play your favorite tag game at recess today. If you don’t have recess, play it after school with some friends.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Jump, Jump</strong></td>
<td><strong>Put your favorite song on and make up a dance or fitness routine!</strong></td>
<td><strong>Paper Plate Planks</strong></td>
<td><strong>Step Jumps</strong></td>
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<td>As soon as you get out of bed shake your body any way you like for 10 seconds. Are you up now? Good! Now jump up and down 10 times.</td>
<td>Hold for 30 seconds, relax then repeat.</td>
<td>Jump side-to-side over an object or line for 1 minute straight. Go again but jump front to back. Repeat each jump twice.</td>
<td>Put your favorite song on and make up a dance or fitness routine!</td>
<td>In plank position with paper plates under your feet. Complete 30s each: -mountain climbers -in and out feet -knees to chest</td>
<td>Find a step or a bench and jump up and down 50 times. Be careful. Take a break if you need to.</td>
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<td><strong>24 Along the sidewalks alternate between skipping, speed walking, and jogging.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Star Jumps</strong></td>
<td><strong>Crow Pose</strong></td>
<td><strong>4 Walls</strong></td>
<td><strong>Target Practice</strong></td>
<td><strong>Tea Cup Tip-ups</strong></td>
<td><strong>Try Savasana again. Use this to relax and wind down all year!</strong></td>
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<td>Jump up with your arms and legs spread out like a star. Do 10 then rest and repeat.</td>
<td>Here’s a challenge! Put your hands on the ground, lean forward &amp; balance your knees on your elbows.</td>
<td>Face each wall in a room and do a different exercise for 30 seconds -side shuffle -grapevine to left then right -wide stance punches -vertical jumps</td>
<td>Hang up some targets and try and hit them with a ball. Hit it? Move farther away. Hit it? Keeping moving back!</td>
<td>Place your hands on the ground and gently touch your forehead to the ground balancing your elbows on your knees.</td>
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First 75 in each age group to Register

Don’t Miss the 2nd Annual

Hooked on Kids Fishing Derby

For kids 5-8, 9-12 & 13-17

Saturday, April 09, 2016 9:00 - 2:00 pm at the Fishing Pond at the Catch and Release Pond at Johnson Ranch

KIDS FISH FOR FREE

WIN Trophies & PRIZES

Presented by San Tan Valley American Legion Post 97 Youth Programs

ENTRY FORMS
Available at pond on 4-9-2016
OR
rkrumwiede@gmail.com

- OPEN Registration 8:30am for ages 5-8 & 13-17 (Group 1)
- OPEN Registration 11:30am for ages 9-12 (Group 2)
- See registration form for fishing times
- Hot Dogs, Chips & Drinks Included (for anglers)
- Fishing Equipment & Bait Available (limited supply) (or bring your own)
- Trophies Awarded at 11:30 Group 1 and 2:30 Group 2
- Stocked Pond

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