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EDUPRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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DR. McCAMMAN'S CORNER

Dearest Parents,
As many of you already know, after 31 years in education I will retire at the end of this school year. There is a saying in education, "I teach, therefore I touch the future." I feel for me, the saying should be, "I teach, therefore the future has touched me!" I feel so very blessed to have spent the last 13 years with the fine families of EDUPRIZE. Each family has a place in my heart and I will treasure our time together for the rest of my life. My retirement has been planned and I can assure you the transition has been thoroughly thought through. Tom Swaninger was hired to serve as the Assistant Principal this year with the focus of learning my job duties so he can step into the principalship for the 2017-18 school year. He is an outstanding educator and has done a wonderful job of learning many of the facets of EDUPRIZE the first half of the year. In July, Mr. Swaninger and I developed a year-long transition plan which included us switching offices over the holiday break. So, when you visit the campus and see Mr. Swaninger in "the big seat" please give him a warm reception. We are both here to serve you for the rest of the year, and once again, I thank you for your many years of love and support.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in *Penny Wars* last quarter! Our school raised a whopping \$1,800 for Feed My Starving Children! Congratulations to the following grade level winners and to Mr. Farnsworth's class who got the most with 26,025 points. Thanks again to all who participated!

Class Winners	Teacher	Number of Points
1 st Grade	Mrs. Decker	419
2 nd Grade	Mrs. McCamman	3,258
3 rd Grade	Mrs. Arnold	646
4 th Grade	Mrs. Nett	5,350
5 th Grade	Ms. Snider	4,403
6 th Grade	Mr. Farnsworth	26,025

JANUARY 2017

- 10 Spelling Bee Bldg. 2 Gym 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Elementary Parent Tour Bldg. 3 Theater 5:30 p.m.
- 16 No School - MLK Holiday
- 18 TOPS Technology Informational Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Bldg. 3 Theater
- 18 Jr./Sr. High Informational Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Bldg. 3 Theater
- 20 Sign up Genius Goes Live 1st - 6th Grade Conferences 5 p.m.
- 24 Elementary Parent Tour Bldg. 1 Media Center 9 a.m.
- 27 Sign Up Genius Goes Live Kindergarten Conferences 5 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2017

- 1 Secondary Parent Tour Bldg. 3 Theater 9 a.m.
- 1 Secondary Parent Tour Bldg. 3 Theater 5:30 p.m.
- 6-10 Conference Week
- 11 Daddy/Daughter Dance Bldg. 3 Gym
Pre-K through 1st Grade 4 - 6 p.m.
2nd & 3rd Grade 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
4th & 5th Grade 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 16 Elementary Parent Tour Bldg. 3 Theater 5:30 p.m.
- 17-19 Project Exploration
- 20 No School President's Day Holiday

INTENT TO RETURN IS COMING!

Intent to Return forms will be going out to all students on Friday, January 13th! On that date, please look for the bright green form!

PROJECT EXPLORATION

Project Exploration Reminder: Final payments are due no later than **Wednesday, February 1, 2017**. Payments can be made to the Front Desk of Building 1 with a check, made payable to EDUPRIZE, or you can take care of the payment online: go to our school website and select Current Students > Online Payments > Gilbert or use this link: <https://www.eduprizeschools.net/gilbert-campus-products/>
Questions? Please e-mail: Jessica Leos (jessica.leos@eduprizeschools.net) or Kasee Gorman (kassandra.gorman@eduprizeschools.net)

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

The 17/18 school year is fast approaching! Please join us for Informational Meetings, where we discuss our TOPS - Technology program (Grades 1st - 6th) and our Jr./Sr. High School! We will discuss the programs in detail and you will meet the principals and some teachers! You will have an opportunity to get answers to your questions!

Details:

When - **Wednesday, January 18th**

5:30 pm - TOPS - Technology Informational Meeting

6:30 pm - Jr./Sr. High School Informational Meeting

Where - Theater of Building 3

The Daddy/Daughter Dance tickets are available for purchase. Please visit the following link for purchasing details:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eduprize-boots-n-bling-fatherdaughter-dance-tickets-28895283571>

Join us for our PTN/Parent Meeting on January 20th at 9:00 AM outside building two at the lunch tables.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE

Welcome back from a restful break and a new quarter! I hope you enjoyed your time off and are ready to get back into the academic and athletic groove.

We are excited to continue our winter season of sports...BASKETBALL and CHEER!

Check out the schedules for both Junior High and High School teams, as they enter the later part of their season.

Monday, 9th: JH Basketball GAME AWAY 5:45 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church vs. Villa De Maria
JH Cheer practice, 3:30-5:00PM
HS Basketball GAME HOME vs. Starshine 5:30PM

Tuesday, 10th: JH Basketball practice NONE, Coach at Professional Development
JH Cheer Practice, NONE due to Spelling Bee
HS Basketball practice **3:30-6:00PM** ****NEW TIME CHANGE****

Wednesday, 11th: JH Practice 3:30-5:00-B3 Gym 3
JH Cheer practice, 3:30-5:00
HS Basketball GAME AWAY vs. ACP at 4:30PM *EARLY Dismissal at 3:00PM

Thursday, 12th: JH Basketball GAME HOME vs. EVAC 4:30PM B3 Gym
JH Cheer BASKETBALL GAME 4:30PM B3 Gym
HS Basketball practice **3:30-6:00** Building 2 Gym

Friday, 13th: No practice JH Basketball or Cheer
HS morning practice B3 Gym

JH Boys Basketball Games *All HOME games CHEER Team will cheer

1-9 5:45 Away game Villa de Maria Academy
1-12 4:30 Home game against EVAC
1-17 4:30 Away game against Dobson Academy
1-18 4:30 Home game against Sequoia
1-19 4:30 Home game against Vista Grove
1-24 4:45 Away game against EVAC
1-26 4:30 Away game against Leading Edge

HS Boys Basketball

1-9 5:30 Home game against Starshine
1-11 4:30 Away game ACP High School
1-17 4:30 Home game against Paragon
1-24 SUNS GAME
1-25 5:00 Away game against Bella Vista High School
1-26 4:30 Away game against James Madison
1-30 5:00 Home game against Orme HS
1-31 4:30 Home game against James Madison Prep
2-3 5:30 Away game against Valley Prep
2-7 4:30 Home game against ACP HS

Please check the AZCAA.com website for addresses and directions to all games. Once you are on the site, type EDUPRIZE Gilbert into the Search Bar, then scroll down on the right hand side to either JH or HS Basketball. Click the desired team, and then click on Game Schedule. For each scheduled game, you can click on the away team and it will provide the exact address for the game.

Please come support our Basketball Teams and join in on the fun-it's an exciting game! All HOME games will be played in the Building 3 Gym. There will be an admission charge to all HOME and AWAY *High School games*. Adults will be \$5 and students will be \$2. Parents of HS Athletes will receive 2 tickets per HOME game at no charge. Students can use their ID card to enter games for free as well. They must have their ID to enter the game, or they will need to pay the \$2 student fee. All Away games, expect to pay \$5 admission. Concessions will be open as well, with all money going directly back into the Athletic Program. We are excited about the growth in our Junior High and High School athletic programs.

SPRING SPORT Tryouts are just around the corner! Sign-ups are posted in the Building 3 hallway by the GYM, across from the elevator. The *SPORTS* offered in the Spring are:

JH Coed Soccer...Coached by Ms. Fiacco

JH Girls Basketball...Coached by Mr. Metry

JH/HS Coed Track and Field...Coached by Mr. Hunter

JH/HS Boys Baseball

JH/HS Boys Volleyball...Coached by Ms. Peschman and Mr. Metry

*JH Teams consist of 6th-8th grade students! 6th grade...come be a part of our JH Teams!

In order for students to **tryout for a team, s/he MUST have a current PHYSICAL (completed by a doctor) and a WAIVER** turned into the Athletic Director. Both of these forms can be found on the school website under Extracurricular. Students can turn them in the first day of Tryouts or they can be turned into the Athletic Director, Robin Yeargain, in Building 2. Students WILL NOT be able to tryout without BOTH of these forms completed PRIOR to tryouts!

As always, we continue to Pursue Victory with Honor...Go EAGLES!!