

# Principal's Message

Dear EDUPRIZE Parents,



I have some GREAT news to share with you: The Arizona Department of Education has **Robin Yeargain** released the school letter grades for the 2022-2023 school year and EDUPRIZE has been awarded an A rating once again! This is a huge achievement that confirms the amazing things happening on our campus!

There is always some confusion with the school letter grade from the Arizona Department of Education and our A+ School of Excellence award. The school letter grade is based on AASA test scores for students in grades 3-8. This grade indicates a distinguished performance on the statewide assessment, significant student growth, students on track to proficiency, and overall performance is significantly higher than the state average. We are also awarded bonus points for science performance and special education growth.

The A+ School of Excellence is awarded to schools that go above and beyond the everyday practices that all schools are expected to implement. A+ schools model quality and equity, demonstrate a strong commitment to academic excellence, and cultivate learning-centered and safe school environments. This program is voluntary and requires schools to apply through an application process. If chosen, the school then hosts a visit from the A+ committee, where they observe and collect a variety of data to determine if a school will be awarded the A+ School of Excellence. Schools retain the award for four years and then need to reapply. We have received this honor 5 times, with the last award given in 2022!

These accolades are not the accomplishment of an individual person, but the combined effort of every single person on this campus. None of this would be possible without the entire staff helping support student growth academically and socially. Take a moment to thank the staff for ALL they do!

Tomorrow we proudly march in the Gilbert Days Parade to celebrate our amazing school! Hope to see you there! Kindly, Robin

# QUICK REFERENCES

Calendar Items

# NOVEMBER

**21st: Gobbler Gallop** 

22nd-24th: No School Thanksgiving Holiday 27th: Battle of the Books Round 1 B1 Media Center

**28th: Campus Tour** PreK-12 th Grade at 5 p.m. B3 Theater

# DECEMBER

**1st: Lifetouch Winter Sports Pictures B4** Gym 12th-15th: Spirit Week 12th: Cottage Fair (5:30-7:00PM) 4th-6th Grade Regular Day & 1st-6th Grade AM TOPS 13th: Cottage Fair (5:30-7:00PM) K-3rd Grade Regular Day & 1st-6th Grade PM TOPS **15th: Quarter 2 Assembly** 1st -6th grade students at 10:45 a.m. **19th: Cottage Fair** AM TOPS Kindergarten (Soliven/Johnston) **19th: Cottage Fair** PM TOPS Kindergarten (Lacy/Gonzalez) **20th: Early Release** All School 12/21-1/5: No School Winter Break

Helpful Links **Gilbert's Parents Resource Page** <u>K-6th Regular</u> Day Calendar K-6th TOPS Day Calendar K-6th Events Calendar Facebook **Website** PTN PTN Facebook Website

# SEL CORNER (SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING)

Dear EDUPRIZE families,

This week's SEL moment is brought to us by the generosity of our EDUPRIZE community, the support of PTN, Elementary Cheer, and Jr/HS Student Council for helping to organize 70 food donation bags to support Step Up School. Way to go Eagles!

**Heather Vehon Dean of Students K-6th** 











# ATHETIC DEPARTMENT

#### <u>Upcoming Week Sports Schedule At A Glance:</u>

Please check <u>AZCAAPREPS.COM</u> for up to the date game schedule and location. ALL Athletic fees need to be paid by the first game. Unpaid fees can lead to not playing in games.

\*\*In order to be eligible for tryouts, please have all paperwork turned in before tryouts start\*\*

#### <u>Cornhole Practice:</u>

Monday 3:30 - 4:45 B4 Outside Basketball Courts Optional practice Monday @ 7AM

#### **Boys JV Basketball Practice Schedule:**

Monday 4:30-6:00 in B4 Tuesday 4:30-6:00 in B3

#### Boys Varsity/OPEN Basketball Practice Schedule:

Monday & Tuesday 7:00-9:00pm in B4

#### Girls JV Basketball Practice Schedule:

Monday 5:30-7:30 in B3 Tuesday 5:30-7:30 in B4

#### Girls Varsity Basketball Practice Schedule:

Monday 3:30-5:30 in B3 Tuesday 3:30-5:30 in B4

#### JH GIRLS Flag Football Practice Schedule:

No practice next week

#### <u>JH GIRLS Flag Football Game Schedule:</u>

Tuesday (11/21) vs Leading Edge Maricopa @ Leading Edge Maricopa @ 4:00pm (EARLY RELEASE @ 2:15pm)

#### JH Girls Softball Practice:

Tuesday 3:20 - 5:00pm

#### JH Girls Softball Games:

Monday (11/20) vs Heritage Gateway, 510 N. Horne St, Gilbert @ 4:30pm.

#### You can find all forms listed here:

<u>https://www.eduprizeschools.net/gilbert-sports-and-extracurricular-activities</u> Make sure you wear proper attire and bring plenty of water.



# Save the Date for November 18th

## March in the Gilbert Days Parade with Eduprize 8:30-11:30

If you are interested sign up <u>HERE</u>

Only the first 75 will be accepted!



#### Countdown to Departure: 91 days (as of 11/17/23)



Class Dojo

Parents, if your child has submitted an application, you should have already received an email to join Class Dojo. We will be communicating through Class Dojo about updates and sharing pictures through this app while we are traveling. If you did NOT receive the email to join, please email Susan Jimison. We currently have 73% of our families connected.

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#### Students

Keep showing that awesome school behavior by following through with your work and being respectful at all times. You are rocking it! The first round of acceptance letters go out on Nov. 20th! If you do not receive an acceptance letter on that date, you still have time to prove yourself. Have a discussion with your teacher about how you can improve. We are hoping that everyone who filled out an application will be attending the trip!

#### Fingerprint cards

Parents, if you are considering applying to chaperone this trip, please make sure you obtain your fingerprint clearance card in advance. The link is below if you would like to start this process.

link to DPS for more information.

#### Interesting facts about beaches:

It takes thousands of years for a natural beach to be created. Beaches are made from broken down minerals and rocks. The material is broken down due to the water moving the material around. Beaches come in a variety of colors, based on the rocks and minerals that are broken down to create it.

#### **Important Dates:**

**Nov. 20** Round 1 acceptance letters go out

#### Nov. 27

Request for 1st chaperone applications \*\*Medic chaperones only\*\*

#### Nov. 28

Completed & signed Permission slips due (from round 1 acceptance letters)

**Jan. 12** Trip should be paid in full

**Feb. 16-18, 2024** Oceanography Trip

Oceanography February 16-18, 2024

Please email if you have questions. susan.jimison@eduprizeschools.net

#### The 23-24 PTN board:

President: Lena Freeman

Co-Vice Presidents: Penelope Harrell & Kim Wood

Secretary: Tiffany Stradling

Treasurer: Jessica Griesi

PTN's biggest job is FUNDRAISING, which enables us to support the students, staff and school.

Our next meeting will be on January 11th at 5:30PM. Hope to see you there but if you can't make it we'll send out a zoom link so you can join virtually!

### EVENTS:

\*\*ALL of these events are only made possible by having volunteers. Please contact PTN to help.

Giving Tree – We will be collecting presents to assist families in need. We will need help organizing and distributing these items during the week of December 11th-15th.

Spring Spectacular – Our second largest fundraiser is our Spring Spectacular! It will be held on February 23rd. More details are still to come, but if you would like to be on the planning committee or are interested in running a booth at the event, please let us know!

Yearbook – The yearbook committee needs photographs of special events & sports games up through 6th grade. If you have great photographs, please email them to <u>eduprizeyearbookchair@gmail.com</u> for a chance to have them featured in the yearbook!

Did you know you can earn money for Eduprize simply by shopping at Fry's?

Just link your Fry's Rewards card online with Eduprize. Go to: <u>www.fryscommunityrewards.com</u> & sign in. Then click Community Rewards and find your organization (Edu-Prize Parent Teacher Organization) or enter our number: HM079.

If you are interested in getting involved with PTN and volunteering at school events, please emails us at <u>ptn@eduprizeschools.net</u>

Thank you to all the staff, parents, volunteers and students! This year's Thanksgiving drive was a BIG Success. The love that everyone showed was Amazing.

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Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.











## CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR EDUPRIZE HIGH SCHOOL STUCO

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH | 4-8PM 1546 N COOPER RD, GILBERT, AZ, 85233

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **BJT7ADP** OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

# ENROLLMENT 2024-2025

Do you have an incoming Kindergartner, Pre-Kindergartner, or 1st-12th grade sibling to enroll for next school year?

NOW is the time to submit your enrollment interest form for the 2024-2025 school year! Here is the link to complete the form today: <u>https://www.eduprizeschools.net/apply-gilbert/</u>

Current Pre-K students may begin registering for Kindergarten 2024-2025 starting November 15th! An email with preliminary instructions was sent to pre-k parents on November 1st.

Intent to Return for the 2024-2025 school year will open on November 15th and run through January 15th. The LIFE Fund Fee for next school year will be discounted to \$50 per returning student during this same time frame!

Siblings of currently-enrolled students may begin registering for Kindergarten and Pre-K 2024-2025 starting December 1st!

Please contact the enrollment office with any questions: gilbertenrollment@eduprizeschools.net or (480) 813-9537 x1030.

November 2023





AZ National School Choice Week event will be on Saturday, January 20, 2024. at the AZ Children's Museum of Phoenix 215 N 7th St, Phoenix, AZ 85034 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm This FREE Once a Year Family event will have a HUGE School Fair, Refreshments, & Fun Activities. Email Barbara@chooseaschoolaz.org to reserve your school's table & talent presentations. Last year we had over 600 families, this year we are expanding the event to reach 1,000 families.





# **SCHOOL FAIR**

Join Choose A School and the National School Choice Awareness Foundation for a school fair at The Children's Museum of Phoenix on Saturday, January 20th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This school fair is Phoenix's largest school choice week event, with over 40 schools attending to represent a range of education options like traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, and private schools. Information regarding online and home schooling will also be available.

You'll get the chance to meet educators and get your guestions answered to help you make the best and most informed choice for your family. Come explore the museum and enjoy family-friendly entertainment like face painting, photo booths and a DJ - we'll even have a balloon drop!

#### Please register online at phoenixschoolfair.com.

Kindly contact **barbara@chooseaschoolaz.org** with any questions.

**JAN 20, 2024** 6:00-8:00PM THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PHOENIX 215 N. 7TH STREET PHOENIX, AZ

> FACE PAINTING РНОТО ВООТНЯ



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**3** SILVER APPLE

### NOMINATIONS ARE ACCEPTED THROUGH MARCH 15, 2024

<u>Silver Apple</u> <u>Award</u> <u>**Rules**</u>

<u>Silver Apple</u> <u>Award</u> <u>Nomination</u> <u>Form</u> There is no doubt that EDUPRIZE has some of the most outstanding teachers in the state! The 2023-2024 Silver Apple Award is a local teacher recognition program, sponsored by Channel 3 News and Arizona Bank & Trust. Eight nominated teachers are rewarded each year with a feature on 3TV and special prizes. The nominations are completed by students and signed by the principal. You can print an application here.

In years past, we have had three Silver Apple Award winners at EDUPRIZE! If this award does not sound like the perfect recognition program, please take a look on the internet for other programs honoring educators. In addition, greatschools.org is a great place to share your support for your child's teacher and the school!

Health Office Updates

#### **IMPORTANT HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION**

As illness or health situations occur throughout the school year, it may be necessary for medication to be administered at school. All prescribed AND over the counter medication (i.e. Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Benadryl, etc.) will need to be checked into the Health Office, along with a <u>Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent</u> form which requires a doctor's signature. These forms can be found on our website <u>www.eduprizeschools.net</u> under the Parent & Student Resources>Health Office Forms, or you can just click on any of the links provided in light blue.

- <u>HEALTH ACTION PLAN</u>: Please be aware that children who have asthma, diabetes, or seizures will need an action plan provided by their health care provider, ALONG with the signed <u>Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent</u> form.
- <u>ASTHMA</u>: If your child has asthma, an asthma action plan will need to be provided by your doctor ALONG with a signed <u>Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent</u> form.
- <u>ALLERGIES</u>: Allergies that require an EpiPen will need an <u>Anaphylaxis Management Packet</u> filled out and signed by a doctor along with the <u>Prescription and Non-prescription</u> <u>Medication Consent</u> form.
- <u>MEDICATION</u>: As a reminder, ALL medications need to be checked in at the Health Office. Students should not carry medications in their backpacks. A <u>Prescription and Non-</u> <u>prescription Medication Consent</u> form will also need to be filled out for any medications, prescription or non prescription.

We cannot accept ANY medications without these forms. Any questions can be directed to the Health Office staff at (480) 813-9537 option 7

#### Medication Authorization

If you would like your student to be able to access medication at school, please complete the authorization <u>FORM</u> and return to the health office.



# Give us a Review!

Hey everyone!

Positive reviews from awesome parents like you help other parents just like you to feel confident about choosing EDUPRIZE. Could you take 60 seconds and share your happy experiences?

We will be forever grateful. Thank you in advance for helping us out!

### Use the QR Codes to write a review for EDUPRIZE Schools on Niche.com and Greatschools.org





Submit a Review



# **Campus Students & Campus Parents**

## Logging into the App

- 1. Download the app at the App Store or Google Play
- 2. Search for your District Name (Eduprize) and State. Select your district from the

list.

- 3. Enter your Username and Password. (If you haven't create an account, please email: april.talley@eduprizeschools.net)
- 4. Click Log In!

# Logging in from a Web Browser

- 1. Visit <u>https://eduprizeaz.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/eduprize.jsp</u>
- 2. Enter your Username and Password. (If you haven't create an account, please email: april.talley@eduprizeschools.net)

3. Click Log In!









The Kindergarten Department has an opening for classroom aides. We are interviewing for these positions internally and externally. Internal applicants should submit a resume to Robin Yeargain by Friday, September 22, 2023. External applicants should submit a support staff application found on our website <u>www.eduprize schools.net</u>.

Position: Kindergarten Classroom Aide (3 total openings) Hours: up to 40 hrs. per week Pay: Starting from \$14/hour Start Date: October 16, 2023

#### **General Aide Job Description:**

Follow directives provided by the classroom teacher

Provide assistance to children as necessary

Monitor student's work for compliance with teacher's instructions

Conduct learning exercises with small groups of students

Help maintain order in the classroom; monitor students to keep them on task

Prepare instructional materials

Perform related work as required

If you have any questions, please email Janet, at janet.mecone@eduprizeschools.net



#### COME AND JOIN OUR AIDE STAFF !

LOOKING FOR HARD WORKING PEOPLE WHO LOVE SAFETY AND WORKING WITH KIDS!

#### TIMES NEEDED ARE: 7:00-8:05 A.M. 10:20 A.M.-1:10 P.M. 2:30-3:40 P.M.

-GREAT FOR STAY AT HOME PARENTS, RETIREES AND COLLEGE STUDENTS OVER 21 YEARS OR OLDER.

- WE ARE VERY FLEXIBLE WITH SCHEDULES.

- FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

JOB TYPE: PART-TIME 19HRS A WEEK

IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT:

TYM BRITTON AIDE SUPERVISOR CAR LANE COORDINATOR LUNCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR EDUPRIZE GILBERT PHONE: (480) 813-9537 EXT.1270 EMAIL: TYM.BRITTON@EDUPRIZESCHOOLS.NET



# NOW HIRING SUBSTITUTES

### We offer:

Competitive pay - \$20.75/hour (teacher certified) \$19.50/hour (sub certified) \$17/hour (no certification)

Flexible Schedules - Traditional day and AM/PM TOPS

Range of Classes - Grades PreK-12th grade and specialty classes like dance, PE, computers, and much more.

Incredible Community - Our staff, students, and parents are a welcoming and loving community you will enjoy being apart of.

## IF INTERESTED PLEASE EMAIL

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