

EAGLES EDITION



Principal's Message



Robin Yeargain

Dear EDUPRIZE Parents,

Cottage Fair is next Tuesday and Wednesday and WE'RE EXCITED TO SHARE all that has been learned! The students have been working hard all quarter long and this is the night for them to shine and for you to see/participate in their learning too! Ms. Vehon, and I look forward to seeing you on the assigned nights. The schedule is listed below for the different programs. I know schedules get busy and nights are full, but coming to Cottage Fair is so meaningful to your child and validates their accomplishments as a learner. In addition to Cottage Fair, we have our Q2 Assembly on Friday, December 15th, in the building 4 gym from 10:45-11:30 am. It is going to be an epic celebration, packed with games and the highlighting of our stupendous students. It will be a blast! If you'd like to join the fun, please check in at building 4 with your photo ID before the 10:45 start time. Doors will open at 10:20 am, as the parent section fills up quickly.

Many of us look for donation opportunities at the end of a busy year. I wanted to take a moment and make sure you are aware of an opportunity to direct your tax money and positively impact students at EDUPRIZE Schools - Gilbert. Anyone is allowed to donate and take the ECA tax credit on their Arizona State taxes and get ALL of it back, dollar for dollar. The tax allowable credit is \$200 or \$400, depending on your tax filing status. This money is only used for our qualifying extra-curricular activities like school sports, after-school support programs, Odyssey of the Mind, and the LIFE fund. If you'd like to donate, visit our website and scroll to the bottom where it says ECA. From there, it will guide you through the steps. When you make this donation, please designate which activity you would like the funds to go toward, a list will pop up for you to choose. Thank you for considering this option to support our school. We appreciate all of our parents and community!

Kindly,
Robin



QUICK REFERENCES

Calendar Items

DECEMBER

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](#)



[K-6th Regular
Day Calendar](#)

[K-6th TOPS
Day Calendar](#)



[K-6th Events
Calendar](#)

[Website](#)

[Facebook](#)

[PTN
Website](#)

[PTN
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SEL CORNER

(SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING)



Heather Vehon
Dean of Students K-6th

Dear EDUPRIZE families,

Here is an interesting article from Psychology Today about "The Art of the Comeback." It talks about how some kids know how to respond when they hear something unkind and some kids have a harder time with that. Teaching kids (including role-playing) what to say as a comeback can be very empowering - even if they are just THINKING it and not saying it out loud. Some of them include:

- "Why do you care?"
- "So what?"
- "What's your point?"
- "I don't comment on your ____"

[Check out the full article here.](#)



Sincerely,
Heather Vehon
Dean of Students
Eduprize Schools - Gilbert Campus
heather.vehon@eduprizeschools.net

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Week Sports Schedule At A Glance:

Please check AZCAAPREPS.COM 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.

All paperwork should be in for all sports at this time. Please with your coach to be sure all your paperwork is turned in.

Boys JV Basketball Practice Schedule:

Monday 4:30-6:00 in B4

Tuesday 4:30-6:00 in B3

Boys JV Basketball GAMES:

Wednesday (12/13) Vs Heritage Academy Maricopa @ 6PM in B4 Gym

Thursday (12/14) Vs LFPA @ 6PM in B4 Gym

Boys Varsity/OPEN Basketball Practice Schedule:

Friday 7:00-9:00pm in B4

Boys OPEN Basketball GAMES:

Monday (12/11) Vs AZ Compass @ 7:30PM in B4 Gym

Tuesday (12/12) Vs Bella Vista @ 7PM in B4

Thursday (12/14) @ Paragon (2975 W Linda Ln) @ 7PM

Boys Varsity Basketball GAMES:

Tuesday (12/12) Vs Basis Scottsdale @ 5:30 in B4 Gym

Wednesday (12/13) Vs Heritage Maricopa @ 7:30 in B4 Gym

Girls JV Basketball Practice Schedule:

Wednesday 5:30-7:30 in B3

Tuesday 5:30-7:30 in B4

Girls JV Basketball GAMES:

Monday (12/11) Vs Paideia Lib. Artse 4:30 in B4 Gym

Thursday (12/13) Vs Sequoia Academy @ 4:30 in B4 Gym

Girls Varsity Basketball Practice Schedule:

Wednesday 3:30-5:30 in B3

Tuesday 3:30-5:30 in B4

Girls Varsity Basketball GAMES:

Monday (12/11) Vs Tri City Christian @ 6PM in B4 Gym

Thursday (12/14) Vs EVAC @ 4:30 PM in B4 Gym

Cornhole Practice:

Monday and Wednesday 3:30 - 4:45, B4 Outside Basketball Courts

Optional practice Monday and Wednesday @ 7AM

JH GIRLS Flag Football Practice Schedule:

Monday 3:30-4:30pm

JH GIRLS Flag Football Game Schedule:

Wednesday 1st round of PLAYOFFS!! (12/13) @ Ben Franklin Charter HS (18864 E Germann Rd , QC) @ 4PM **EARLY RELEASE @ 2:30pm

JH Boys Flag Football Tryouts:

Tuesday (12/12) @ 3:20 on the field between B1 and B3.

ALL paperwork needs to be completed to participate in tryouts

You can find all forms listed here:

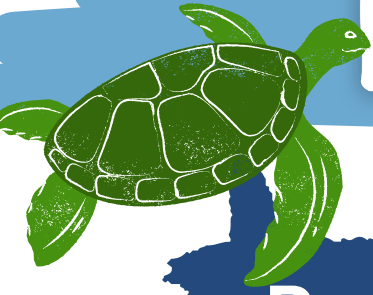
<https://www.eduprizeschools.net/gilbert-sports-and-extracurricular-activities>

Make sure you wear proper attire and bring plenty of water.

If you have any questions please email the Athletic Director
Clint.ambos@eduprizeschools.net

PROJECT EXPLORATION

Countdown to Departure:
71 days (as of 12/8/23)



Project Exploration To Do List:

Parents:

- Complete total payment of \$530 by January 4, 2024 (2 ways to pay)
 - Pay via [ECA](#)
 - Pay via Project Exploration. How to pay [HERE](#).
- Email Ms. Schott all receipts
- Complete this [form](#) ONLY IF your student has any dietary restrictions, allergies, or medication that needs to be given during the trip.
- Join our Class [Dojo](#)

Students:

- Attend an informational meeting during lunch
 - 5th grade: 12/18 during lunch time
 - 6th grade: 12/19 during lunch time
- Start thinking of 3 people you would be comfortable rooming with.

****Not all 3 people are guaranteed to be in your room.****

Important Dates:

Student Meetings:

We will meet with all eligible 5th and 6th graders on their respective dates, December 18th and 19th. Meetings will be during the traditional day lunch time from 12:20-1:00pm. Students will have time to pick up their hot lunch and go to their assigned meeting room. **This is a mandatory meeting!** AM TOPS will come to carpool immediately after the meeting and PM TOPS may need to miss some of their class time. During this meeting we will be discussing key components of our trip.

Dec 18th:

Chaperones are selected and contacted

Dec 18th:

5th Grade meeting in B2 RM72 (Fitz)

19th:

6th Grade meeting in B2 RM93 (Jimison)

Jan. 4th

Trip **MUST** be paid in full!

Feb. 16-18, 2024

Oceanography Trip



Oceanography
February 16-18, 2024

Please email Ms. Schott if you have any questions.

Spirit Week

EDUPRIZE 2023

December 11th-Grumpy Grinch Monday (Wear green)

December 12th- Tinsel Tuesday (Holiday accessories)

December 13th- Dress like your teacher, Teachers
dress like your students!

December 14th-Hibernate Thursday (Holiday PJs)

December 15th-Frosty Friday (Dress like your favorite
Christmas movie character)

Enjoy your winter break!



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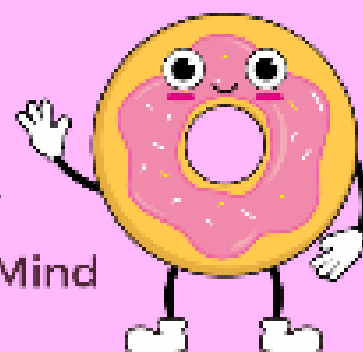


DUNKIN' DONUT & MILK SALE



DEC. 19TH

For K-12 at morning drop off
Proceeds benefit Odyssey of the Mind



P T N Notes

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 eduprizeyearbookchair@gmail.com 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: www.fryscommunityrewards.com & 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 email us at ptn@eduprizeschools.net

HELP BRING JOY TO KIDS IN NEED

EDUPRIZE CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Please bring your donations by December 18th!



Click [HERE](#)
or
scan to help



Future 7th Graders

We invite you to learn more about EDUPRIZE Junior High and High School. We look forward to supporting your student as they transition into junior high here at EDUPRIZE. Go Eagles!

7th Grade Pop-In Visits: December

This will be an opportunity for 6th grade students to visit 7th grade classrooms during the school day. 6th graders will get to meet some of the 7th grade teachers, check out the classrooms, see some of the projects they might get to work on next year, and meet other junior high students (current 7th & 8th graders) for Q & A sessions. This is a great chance for 6th graders to also interact with junior high campus staff.

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Coffee Talk: December 12th 8:00 - 8:30 am

Have a few more questions you would like answered in a smaller group setting? Come chat with some of the 7th grade teachers during our Coffee Talk. Visit with Dr. Murphy, the 7-12th grades principal. Email Nicole Aguilera to RSVP



Incoming Parent Night: December 11th 5:00 - 6:00 pm

We invite families to attend our Incoming 7th Grader Night. This is a way for families to walk around the 7th grade classrooms, meet teachers, learn about courses we offer, ask questions, and just get excited about attending EDUPRIZE for 7th grade. We'd love for you to find out what we have to offer your student and family!



Why EDUPRIZE For 7th Grade

- Academic Excellence: Honors Courses Available
- Variety of Elective Choices: Band, Strings, Art, Choir, Theater, Gateway to Engineering, PE, Dance, World Cultures, Graphic Design
- Athletics: Flag Football, Softball, Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Cross Country, Corn Hole, Dance Club
- Student Life: NJHS, Teacher Office Hours, Two Field Trips a Year, Yearbook, Dances, Socials, Spirit Weeks, Lunch & After School Clubs, Student Council

Keep Your Eyes Peeled For.....



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| January | Parent Meeting |
| | More Student Classroom Visits |
| February | Course Request Forms |
| March | 7th Grade Honors Testing |

For More Information, Event Dates, & Enrollment

School Website: Eduprizeschools.net/gilbert/

Dr. Jennifer Murphy (7-12 Principal): jennifer.murphy@eduprizeschools.net

Nicole Aguilera (7th Grade Team lead): nicole.aguilera@eduprizeschools.net

EDUPRIZE Enrollment: 480-813-9537 ext. 1030 or gilbertenrollment@eduprizeschools.net

Enroll online today!





Night

For Incoming 7th Graders

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*This is a way for families to walk around the 7th
grade classrooms, meet teachers, learn about courses
we offer, ask questions, and just get excited about
attending EDUPRIZE for 7th grade.*

*Mark your calendars for
Monday, December 11th from 5:00-6:00PM*





COFFEE TALK

**For current 6th Grade Parents only.
Come join 7th grade teachers in a small group
setting to get to know us!**

**Enjoy some coffee while you chat with the 7th
grade team about your 6th grader's future next
year!**

December 12th from 8:00 – 8:30am



****Seating is limited****

**Please email Nicole Aguilera to reserve a spot
nicole.aguilera@eduprizeschools.net**

E.A.G.L.E. Initiative Gifted Program

– Odyssey of the Mind teams

Did you know you can use ECA Donations to help out? You can donate on Infinite Campus.

Check out our teams from last year taking 1st place at the Regional Tournament AND the State Tournament



LORD OF THE WINGS

2023

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

1ST PLACE – ARIZONA STATE TOURNAMENT

APRIL 1, 2023



CARSON, JAYDEN, QUENTIN, AEDAN, and DYLAN

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

1ST PLACE – CENTRAL REGION TOURNAMENT

MARCH 4, 2023



QUENTIN, CARSON, JAYDEN, AEDAN, and DYLAN

Red Robin® will give

**20% OF FOOD SALES*
BACK TO**

EDUPRIZE GILBERT

**Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to
your server to have your sales counted.**

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

1636 South Stapley Drive, Mesa, AZ 85206

January 11, 2024*

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1** Start your order at order.redrobin.com and select the restaurant above.
- 2** In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3** Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4** Add your meal items and check out.
- 5** Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit redrobin.com and find this location to view hours.
Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.



Kindergarten

Roundup!

Join us:

Thursday,
February 29th
4:30 - 6:00 pm



CHECK US OUT!

Bring your incoming kindergartner to participate in engaging activities featuring our amazing, hands-on curriculum and teachers. You will get a glimpse of Kindergarten life at EDUPRIZE and learn why our students SOAR!

FREE EVENT!

- Children will participate in FUN curricular stations taught by our fabulous kindergarten teachers
- Parents will receive information and guidance regarding program options and registration for the 2024-25 school year
- Open house style

EDUPRIZE Gilbert Campus
Building 1
580 West Melody Avenue
Gilbert, AZ 85233

QUESTIONS?

480-813-9537 x1030

gilbertenrollment@eduprizeschools.net

www.eduprizeschools.net

**LEAP into
Kindergarten
at our award-
winning school!**



ENROLLMENT

2024-2025

**Intent to Return (re-enrollment) for
the 2024-25 school year is now
open!**

Click [HERE](#) to complete the form today.

**Intent to Return for the 2024-2025 school year is open now
until January 15th. The LIFE Fund Fee for next school year will
be discounted to \$50 per returning student during this
same time frame!**

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



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 AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PHOENIX



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 questions 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.

Sign up **HERE**

www.phoenixschoolfair.com

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

FACE
PAINTING
PHOTO BOOTHS
DJ



celebrate

HONORING OUTSTANDING ARIZONA TEACHERS

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SILVER
APPLE



Nominate your teacher

for the Silver Apple Award.

NOMINATIONS ARE ACCEPTED THROUGH MARCH 15, 2024

Silver Apple Award Rules

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](#).

Silver Apple Award Nomination Form

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](https://www.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 [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) form which requires a doctor's signature. These forms can be found on our website www.eduprizeschools.net under the Parent & Student Resources>Health Office Forms, or you can just click on any of the links provided in light blue.

- HEALTH ACTION PLAN: 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 [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) form .
- ASTHMA: If your child has asthma, an asthma action plan will need to be provided by your doctor ALONG with a signed [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) form .
- ALLERGIES: Allergies that require an EpiPen will need an [Anaphylaxis Management Packet](#) filled out and signed by a doctor along with the [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) form .
- MEDICATION: As a reminder, ALL medications need to be checked in at the Health Office. Students should not carry medications in their backpacks. A [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) 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 [FORM](#) and return to the health office.



Give us a Review!



Hey everyone!

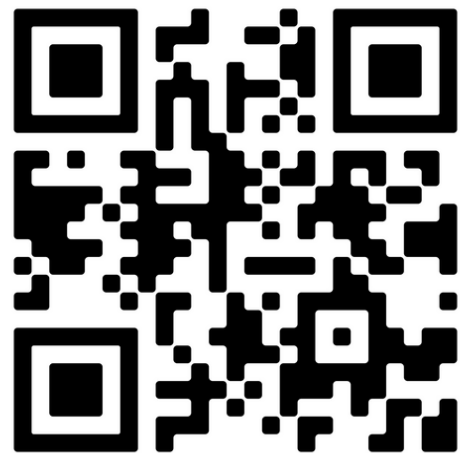
Positive reviews from awesome parents like you help other parents just like you to feel confident about choosing EDUPRIZE. Could you take 60 seconds and share your happy experiences?

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



Niche.com



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



WE ARE HIRING

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 www.eduprize schools.net.

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

emily.yeaman@eduprizeschools.net