



# EDUPRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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## THE INSIDE SCOOP WITH MR. SWAN

The following is a message Dr. Robershotte:

Dear EDUPRIZE Families,

You have likely been following the whole #RedforEd state-wide movement. We have the most dedicated faculty and staff who have wanted to support increased state funding and teacher increases. Our teachers met with the Board of Directors and over 75% plan to support the movement in “walking out” both Thursday, April 26th and Friday, April 27th.

While we regret the impact it will have on many of our families, we cannot remain open those two days without our incredible teachers. They have committed to come back to work Monday, April 30th and thereafter, which is admirable, since the movement and other schools may be impacted for an indefinite amount of time. We applaud our teachers’ forthright expression in their plan to walk out so that can make the best decision for your children.

Therefore, we will be closed this Thursday and Friday and:

- The two closure days will be added to the end of our current calendar which means June 4th will be our last student day.
- Preschool will not be offered these two closure days as we will not have desk personnel, nursing staff, etc. These two days will be added to the end of our calendar as discussed above.
- School closure includes, but is not limited to, before and after school programming and all student and club activities.
- District-sponsored, extracurricular programs, and school athletics will be suspended for these days.
- All graduation and promotion ceremonies, Cottage Fairs and Kindergarten Graduations will be held as planned and currently scheduled.

We are fortunate at EDUPRIZE to have amazing community support. We truly value you and your family. Again, please forgive us for any inconvenience caused to your family.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lynn Robershotte  
Superintendent  
EDUPRIZE SCHOOLS

## APRIL 2018

- 30 - May 4 **Conference Week** (Kindergarten Optional Conferences)
- 30 - May 4 **Appreciation Week** (see below for more information)

## MAY 2018

- 7 **Kindergarten Water Day**
- 7 - 11 **Teacher Appreciation Week**
- 8 **1st & 2nd Grade Water Day**
- 9 **3rd & 4th Grade Water Day**
- 10 **5th & 6th Grade Water Day**
- 10 **5th & 6th Grade Spring Choir Concert** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Bldg. 2 Gym
- 15 **Pancakes with the Principal** Bldg. 1 Lunch Tables 8:30 - 10 a.m.
- 15 **AM TOPS Strings Cottage Fair Performance** 5 - 5:30 p.m.  
Outside Basketball Court (Gibson, Webb, Brown, Kaufman, Crater, Runyon)
- 15 **Village 1 & AM TOPS Cottage Fair** 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- 16 & 17 **Kindergarten Entrance Screenings** Bldg. 1 Hallway 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- 16 **Perfect Attendance Lunch** Bldg. 3 Lunch Tables 11:40 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.
- 16 **Village 2 Cottage Fair** 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- 17 **Ice Cream with the Principal** Bldg. 1 Lunch Tables 9:30 a.m.
- 17 **PM TOPS Strings Cottage Fair Performance** 5 - 5:30 p.m.  
Outside Basketball Court (Vehon, Bishop, Powell, Dillon)
- 17 **Sixth Grade & PM TOPS Cottage Fair** 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- 18 **Learning Lounge Ice Cream Social**  
Bldg. 1 Lunch Tables 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 21 - 23 **Elementary Book Fair** Bldg. 2 Gym
- 21 **Kindergarten End of the Year Celebrations**  
(Mrs. Casto's Class) Bldg. 1 Media Center 3 - 3:45 p.m.
- 21 **Kindergarten End of the Year Celebrations**  
(Mrs. Baldizzi & Ms. Buxbaum Classes) Bldg. 1, Media Center 5 - 5:45 p.m.
- 21 **Kindergarten End of the Year Celebrations**  
(Mrs. Earnheart & Mrs. Moon Classes) Bldg. 1, Media Center 6:15 - 7 p.m.
- 22 **Kindergarten End of the Year Celebrations**  
(Mrs. McCullough & Mrs. Moore Classes) Bldg. 1, Media Center 5 - 5:45 p.m.
- 22 **Kindergarten End of the Year Celebrations**  
(Mrs. Phillips & Miss Gonzalez Classes) Bldg. 1, Media Center 6:15 - 7 p.m.
- 23 **5th - 12th Grade Band & Strings Pop Concerts** Bldg. 3 Gym  
Band 5p.m. (Call time: 4:15 p.m.)/Strings 6:30 p.m. (Call time: 5 p.m.)
- 23 **Elementary Parent Tour** Bldg. 1, Media Center 5 - 6:30 p.m.
- 28 **No School - Memorial Day Holiday**

## JUNE 2018

- 4 **Last Day of School - Early Release** All School

You are invited to go to:

<https://www.facebook.com> and “like” all the wonderful things that are happening here at our campus!



## BUILDING 4 OUR FUTURE

The block walls for the classrooms are going up; don't they look good! Three classrooms, including Art, Digital Photography and Band will be housed in those walls. Expect to see the big crane soon; it will host the roof trusses into place (it takes three machines to move, lift, and place the trusses - quite a feat), and then the roof will be installed.



*APRIL 30 - May 4*

*Appreciation Week for: Specialists, Paraprofessionals, Interventionists, Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists, Physical Therapists, Aides, Maintenance, I.T., Front Desk, Curriculum*

*May 7 - 11*

*Appreciation Week for Teachers*

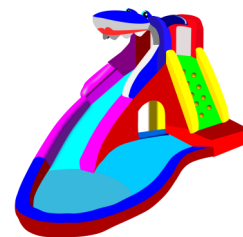


# WATER DAY 2018

## **Kindergarten**

### **Monday, May 7th**

8:00 – 10:00	Baldizzi, Earnheart, and Moon
10:10 – 12:10	McCullough, Moore, and Buxbaum
1:30 – 3:30	Casto, Phillips, and Gonzales



## ***1st - 6th Grades***

### **Day 1-May 8 (Tuesday)**

Group A (8:30a-11a)-1st grade (Traditional and AM TOPS); 2nd grade AM TOPS  
Group B (**12:00p-2:30p**)- 2nd grade (Traditional and PM tops); 1st grade PM tops

### **Day 2-May 9 (Wed)**

Group A (8:30a-11a)-3rd grade (Traditional and AM tops); 4th grade AM tops  
Group B (**12:00p-2:30p**)-4th grade (Traditional and PM tops); 3rd grade PM tops

### **Day 3-May 10 (Thurs.)**

# AMAZING PARENT VOLUNTEERS

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The Henry Family makes volunteering a family affair in Mrs. Casto's class. Mom, Lyndsey Henry, is often found volunteering in the classroom and subbing where needed. She has also arranged volunteer events outside of school. Dad, Adam Henry, can be found helping out as well on school field trips and is a regular face at Cottage Fairs and school events.

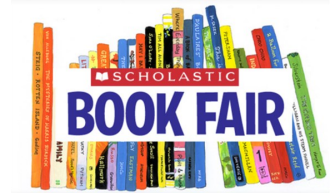
Grandma Marcie Blakley and Grandma Debbie Henry also help out in the classroom whenever and wherever they are needed and are always a participant in school-wide events and celebrations. Even Aunt Kacie Henry has been known to step in and lend a helping hand...thank you, Aunt Kacie!

Thank you to the Henry Family who always get involved and help to support the students, parents and teachers at EDUPRIZE...we really are all a family and it takes a family to help each other out and support one another! We couldn't do it without you and we appreciate all of you!



The PTN is looking for volunteers for next year. Whether you have time to help out weekly or only a few hours a year, we'd love for you to join us. Please email the PTN at [ptn@eduprizeschools.net](mailto:ptn@eduprizeschools.net).

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR BOGO EVENT!**  
**MAY 21, 22 & 23 - MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY ONLY**  
**BLDG. 2 GYM**  
**TIME: TBD**  
**BUY ONE BOOK, GET ONE FREE!**



The PTN will be hosting our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast to thank all of our wonderful volunteers. Please join us on:

**Friday, May 4th**  
**8:00-10:00 a.m.**

It will be located in the building 2 gymnasium. Please RSVP by April 30th at the following link:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/30e0d4caca22a02-volunteer>



## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE

Hello Eagles,

Regardless of any school closures, the CAA has determined that the state playoffs will continue due to issues with time and space that are contracted and paid for. I am proud to announce that the men's varsity volleyball team finished ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in division 1. This ranking gave our team a bye in the first round which is taking place Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. There has been a great deal of uncertainty as to whether games would continue. I am pleased to inform everyone that our Eagles will play their first men's volleyball playoff game in school history: **Friday 4/27 5:00pm, South Mountain Community College vs. 91<sup>st</sup> Psalm**. Important to note that all playoff games require an entry fee for spectators. Please continue to support our team and take the time to congratulate our Eagle players and coaches for a successful, milestone year.

Information regarding fall sports, sports physicals and the emergence of new team sports will be coming in the next few weeks. Please continue to consult the newsletter for fall sports information.

For the most accurate schedule and tournament brackets, please check the Canyon Athletic Association website (<http://www.azcaa.com>).

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EDUPRIZE Athletics  
***Go Eagles!!!***