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EDUPRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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THE INSIDE SCOOP WITH MR. SWAN

Another new year begins - welcome 2018! I hope everyone had a chance to relax and enjoy some quality time with family and friends over the Holiday Season. The start of school, after a significant break, provides a nice opportunity for students to re-establish a love for learning – And fostering that love for learning is one of our specialties here at EDUPRIZE. Our teachers are so excited to get started once again! Bring on 2018!



Intent to Return forms will be going out to all students on Friday, January 12th! On that date, please look for the bright green form! **The forms are due back by January 26th.**

F.E.R.P.A.

Per F.E.R.P.A. requirements, parents have rights to their student's records and files. Please contact the school with any questions or requests.

Free and Reduced Lunch is offered for those who qualify. Applications are available at the Front Desk of all buildings.

JANUARY 2018

- 10 Spelling Bee (4th - 8th Grades) Bldg. 3 Theater 4:30 - 6 p.m.
- 12 Intent to Return Forms Go Home
- 15 No School MLK Holiday
- 16 Elementary Parent Tour Bldg. 1 Media Center 5 p.m.
- 26 Sign-Up Genius Goes Live (1st - 6th Grade Conferences) 5 p.m.
- 26 Intent to Return Forms are due back

FEBRUARY 2018

- 1 Secondary Parent Tour Bldg. 3, Room 301 5:30 p.m.
- 2 Sign-Up Genius Goes Live (Kindergarten Conferences)
- 12-16 Conference Week (1st - 6th Grades)
- 13 Elementary Parent Tour Bldg. 1 Media Center 5 p.m.
- 15 Early Release Kinder-6th Grade Traditional Day Students
- 19 No School Presidents' Day Holiday
- 20 Elementary Parent Tour Bldg. 1 Media Center 9 a.m.
- 22 Spring Individual Photos Bldg. 2 Gym (prepay only)
- 24 Daddy/Daughter Dance Bldg. 3 Gym
Pre-K - 1st 4:30 - 6 p.m.
2nd - 3rd 5:30 - 7 p.m.
4th - 6th 6:30 - 8 p.m.

MARCH 2018

- 6 Village 1 & AM TOPS Cottage Fair 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- 7 Village 2 & Kindergarten Cottage Fair 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- 8 6th Grade & PM TOPS Cottage Fair 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- 12-23 No School Spring Break
- 26 School Resumes First Day of 4th Quarter
- 27 Elementary Parent Tour Media Center 5 p.m.
- 31 Mother/Son Game Day Field 12 - 3 p.m.

AM TOPS PICKUP

Traffic is still an issue with Kinder and AM TOPS pickup. We have Kinder Pick Up starting at 12:20 p.m. Please do NOT come any earlier than 12:28 p.m. at Building 1 to pick up your children from AM TOPS (1st - 6th grade). If you are too early then you will be asked by an Aide or a Teacher to circle around. If everyone follows these directions then the back up shouldn't be so bad. We are getting complaints from the Neighborhood so please be patient and try to help us keep the traffic flow as smooth as possible. Thank you!

CARPOOL HELP

My name is Rayven Witt, my daughter Isabella is in traditional 3rd grade. I broke my right ankle and am unable to drive for a few weeks. As you can imagine I am in desperate need to find Isabella a ride to and from school. We live in the canyon rock section of Johnson ranch.

Our address is [765 E. Cowboy Cove Trail 85143](#)
Please email me at: rayvenwitt@gmail.com.

MESSAGE FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Happy 2018 EDUPRIZE Elementary families! As we are coming back into the school setting from a long holiday break, personal conflicts among ourselves, and between our students, could occur at a more rapid pace. Here are some tips into being mindful with our interpersonal conflicts:

- 1) Do not triangulate. Triangulation is when you don't speak directly to the person with whom you are having a conflict and involve somebody else. For example, throwing your BFF under the bus when you are mad at your boyfriend by saying she thinks he is a selfish. While it is very tempting to vent to others or to use them as allies, none of this is useful. Triangulation is counter-productive as it causes additional relational strain with others and takes the focus away from the primary issue at hand. Furthermore, it simply isn't cool.
- 2) Understand conflict is neither bad, wrong nor a sign of failure. We are human: We all regress and act like babies sometime. Cut yourself some slack, don't be afraid of your mistakes, make amends and forgive yourself and others. Chalk it up to growth and learning and forge ahead.
- 3) Before speaking, ask yourself, "Is it kind? Is it necessary? Is it true?" If the answer to even one of these questions is no, bite your lip and choose words that meet all of these criteria. The conflict will diffuse and your relationship will deepen.
- 4) Be specific about what you need. Sometimes we want people to magically know what we need in order to feel better. This is normal, yet irrational. Speed things along by being direct and specific for what you need (i.e. "I need for you to say you are sorry for calling me that name" or "I need for you to give me the rest of the weekend alone to reflect" or "I need for you to hold me and stop trying to make it better with words.").
- 5) Be willing to let go and "reboot." This involves letting go of any mental energy that is keeping you fixated on the conflict. In a moment of quiet reflection, imagine you are dropping your sword and hitting the "refresh" button on your psychological browser, and revisit your relationship with renewed perspective and energy.
- 6) Be grateful for the wisdom the conflict brought you. Conflict can be emotionally exhausting and it is easy to be annoyed that it even took place. Look at the good part by reflecting on any lessons that could be learned about yourself, the other party, the relationship, or life in general. Give thanks for this wisdom so that the universe knows you have sufficiently learned this lesson and it isn't presented for you again!
- 7) Understand nobody is perfect and learning effective conflict resolution is a life-long process. Working on conflict resolution is an indication of maturity, integrity and character. We are all works in progress. Commit to these conflict resolution strategies in order to improve your relationships and become your best self in 2018!

AMAZING PARENT VOLUNTEER

Thank you, Mrs. McInturf!

Have you ever known someone who is so focused that she can get something done in what seems to be no time at all? That is Mrs. Brown's amazing volunteer, Lisa McInturf. Lisa comes in faithfully once a week to grade, copy, and organize papers for Mrs. Brown. The bigger the pile, the more into overdrive Mrs. McInturf seems to go! And yet this lovely lady does so much more...

Mrs. McInturf has also risked getting poked with knitting needles and squirted with oranges during our Fruity Pharaoh creation time. She is available to help at every party, and has even expressed an interest in joining us for our field trips. She has been a tremendous blessing to Mrs. Brown and the kids.

Mrs. McInturf has also put together a Facebook page so that volunteers can swap days or kids can get additional information for long term assignments. Do student groups need to get together? Lisa is on it!

Thank you for everything, Mrs. M!

The PTN is looking for volunteers to join the yearbook committee. Please email the PTN for more information.

Interested in joining the PTN? Please send an email to ptn@eduprizeschools.net for more information.

The PTN monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of every month at 9:15 a.m. at the Building 2 picnic tables. Our next meeting is Friday, January 19th.

Moms: Help us make our Mother Son Game Day even better than last year. Please take this short survey and give us your opinion. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LZL88CS>



Once
UPON A TIME

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

\$25 per family

Saturday
FEB
24
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Pre-K-1st
4:30-6 PM
2nd-3rd
5:30-7 PM
4th-6th
6:30-8 PM

DJ & DANCING
HOT DOGS
DESSERT
GAMES & PRIZES
Photo Booth
8X10 PROFESSIONAL PHOTO

If you have any questions, contact Amelia Smith at eduprizeddd@gmail.com.

Once Upon a Time

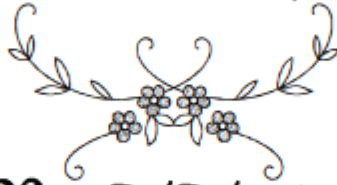
Saturday February 24th Building 3

PreK-1st 4:30-6:00

2nd-3rd 5:30-7:00

4th-6th 6:30-8:00

If your father is unable to attend please remember male relatives or family friends are welcome as escorts.
Any questions please contact Amelia at eduprizeddd@gmail.com



Registration form

Registration starts now until January 19th

Envelope Marked: Daddy Daughter Dance

Enclose cash or check made payable to: EduPrize PTN

\$25 PER FAMILY (Dad and Daughter or Daughters)

Dad's Name:		Email:	
Daughter	Grade	Teacher	

You will receive a ticket after registration and payment is confirmed

MOM CAN YOU HELP OUT?

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

Help from home	4:30-5:30 during the dance	
Set up 11:00am-12:00pm	5:30-6:30 during the dance	
Take down 8:00pm-9:00pm	6:30-7:30 during the dance	
	7:30-8:30 during the dance	

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE

Hello Eagles,

Varsity basketball is still looking for score keepers for the home games at Inspire Courts. Also, good news! Basketball shirts have arrived and should be coming home with your athletes on Monday. Varsity basketball has one game next week. Junior High basketball has a busy schedule next week as they play three games including a home game on Tuesday.

For the most accurate schedule, game times and locations, please check the Canyon Athletic Association website (<http://www.azcaa.com>). Complete schedules are posted on the site.

Steve Melvin
EDUPRIZE Athletics
Go Eagles!!!