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April Newsletter

Dear Families,

Thank you for continuing to support reading fluency and comprehension each night for homework. Research shows that setting aside a consistent time to read at home in the evenings improves student achievement and success at school. Asking your child to make a prediction of what will happen next in a story, summarize what they have read, and/or connect something from the story to their life are all good strategies that may be used to get your child to be a better reader.

I would like to thank all of our families who attended a spring conference to discuss your child's academic, socio-emotional, and behavior strengths and concerns. Please keep an open line of communication with our staff so your child receives the best support possible. Our goal is to always work together as a team😊! Continue to let me know if you have any questions or concerns as we want to provide the best support and quality customer service to all of our families.

Lyle Dunbar, Principal



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Az Merit Testing Choir 2:30 Cheerleading 6-9 MPR	Az Merit Testing Boys BB A Team Richardson @ Davis Boy Scouts 7-8 MPR	Az Merit Testing Karate 6-9 MPR	Az Merit Testing Boys BB B Team @ Richardson Gap Dinner 4:15	Az Merit Testing Walk to School Day	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Boys BB A Team @ Douglas Choir 2:30 Cheerleading 6-9 MPR	Pizza Lunch w/ Principal 11:30 Boys BB B Team @ Douglas 2:30 Boy Scouts 6:00 School Board Meeting 6:00	3 rd Grade to FWJH Musical 9:00 Pizza Lunch w/ Principal 11:30 6 th Grade Track Meet PTO Meeting 2:30 Karate 6-9 MPR	3 rd Grade Bells of Kindness Presentation 8:00 5 th Grade Track Meet GAP Dinner 4:15	1 st Grade Recycle Play 9:00 5 th Grade Tobacco Presentation 1:00	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Choir 2:30 Cheerleading 6-9 MPR	4 th Grade Recorder Concert 9:00 & 6:00 MPR Boys BB A Team @ Laguna Boy Scouts 7-8 MPR	Fire Drill 10:30	4 th Grade TEP Safety 9:30 Boys BB B Team Laguna @ Davis	Volunteer Luncheon 11:00 Library 5 th Grade Hygiene Video 12:45	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Choir 2:30 Cheerleading 6-9 MPR	Childsplay Performance K-3 9:00 & 4-6 12:45 Site Council Meeting 2:30 Boys BB A Team @ Centennial 2:30 Boy Scouts 7-8 MPR	4 th Grade Fire Safety 2 nd Grade TEP Safety Presentation 8:00 Karate 6:00	Boys BB B Team Centennial @ Davis GAP Dinner 4:15	4 th Grade Fire Safety Dragons of Character Assembly 1:15	
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GRADE LEVEL NEWS



Kindergarten

April Kinder News

The kids in our garden are blooming this spring. So many have done well on sounds, letters and numbers, so now and until the end of the year we will be working on sight words, nonsense words and addition and subtraction!

The end of the school is fast approaching and end of the year assessments will be taking place over the next six weeks. Please work on reviewing past concepts with your student and continue to complete reading logs each week.

The Kindergarten Teachers

First Grade

Dear First Grade Families,

We hope you had a wonderful and restful spring break! We will be moving quickly to get through everything before the end of the school year. We are going to have a recycle show on Friday 13th. Please talk to your child about the importance of recycling. We will have our last field trip on April 19 to the Tucson's Children Museum. Please make sure that you sign the permission slip and send kids to school with appropriate clothing. This will be an earned field trip where students have to come to school every day on time, have appropriate school behavior, and complete all of their homework nightly.

Have a wonderful spring,
First Grade Team

Second Grade

Dear Second Grade Families,

We hope you all had a restful Spring Break and were able to recharge for a busy final few weeks. This month we will begin reviewing for our end of the year assessments in reading and math. It is very important to have your student here EVERY DAY and ON TIME in order for them to not miss important learning time. Thank you so much for your continued cooperation.

To help us get through the end of the year we are asking for donations of class snack, glue sticks and/or hand soap. We truly appreciate it!

Please remember to check your child's backpack nightly for communication regarding our end of the year events. We still have two field trips, a talent show, water days, field days and class parties to look forward to!

As always, please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. We are here to support you and your learner ✍️

~ The Second Grade Team ~

Third Grade

April is here and we are half-way through the fourth quarter. Although AzMERIT is almost over, there is still more learning ahead. Please continue to help your students at home with their reading comprehension and their math facts. We are working hard everyday, learning new material and new concepts. When we return from spring break students will be responsible for staying in during recess to finish any incomplete work—we will no longer be requiring them to do this. There was a letter sent home with the details of this change. If you have any questions about this please let us know. Continue to check Friday Folders for D's and F's as well as checking homework folders and binders nightly.

Third graders will have two projects coming up during the second half of 4th quarter. One will be a reading project due May 3rd and the other will be a social studies project due May 17th. Please be sure to check your child's folder for more information.

As we near the end of the year, we are already gearing up for the 2018-2019 school year and registration packets will be sent home. This will be your student's ticket to the end of the year festivities and we don't want anyone to miss out. Please continue to call or visit any of the teachers if you have any problems.

Thank you,

The Third Grade Teachers

Fourth Grade

Welcome to April at the 4th Quarter!

Please see below for important announcements:

- AZ Merit (April 2-6) - Please make sure your child is at school on time, has eaten a good breakfast, and has a positive attitude during this week. We know they will try their best!
 - AIMS Science (April 16-17) – We will be taking a computer based AIMS Science test on these two days. Just like AZ Merit, please make sure your child is at school on time, has eaten a good breakfast, and has a positive attitude during these two days.
 - Parent Portal- We encourage all parents and guardians to check Parent Portal at a weekly basis. This will help you be aware of your child’s current grades and possible missing work. Although we want your child to be responsible for his or her work completion, we know that making this a team effort will make it better for your child overall.
 - Recorder Concert- Please make sure that your child is present for the Recorder Concert rehearsal (9:00am) and Recorder Concert (6:00pm) on April 18th.
 - Upcoming in class presenters this month-
 - o TEP: Tucson Electric Company will be coming on April 19th to do a presentation on electrical safety.
 - o Inspector V.: Inspector V. from Tucson Fire will come during the week of April 23-27 to teach our kids about fire safety and safe choices.
 - o Art: Mrs. Howe will be coming during the week of April 9-13 to teach our kids art and help us create decorations for our Recorder Concert.
- We always appreciate your support and understanding throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher with any questions or concerns.

-4th Grade Teachers

Fifth Grade

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

AzMERIT testing will be Tuesday the 3rd – Friday the 6th. It is important to come to school on time, with a healthy snack, and ready to be successful on the state exams. Wednesday the 11th will be a field trip to the Jr. High to see the performance High School Musical Jr. Thank you for reading the permission slip and returning to your child’s teacher so that they may participate. Thursday, the 12th is the 5th Grade District Track Meet all day long at the Flowing Wells High School. Please feel free to attend and show your support for Homer Davis. The 13th will be a Tobacco Prevention Presentation at 1:00 in the Reading Lab. Midterms go home on the 20th. There will be a Dragons of Character assembly on Friday the 27th at 1:15 in the MPR. Thank you for the support during the AzMERIT tests and keeping your child focused on the end of 5th grade.

Your Fifth Grade Teachers,

Mr. Hensley, Ms. Binkow, and Mr. Van Derlaske

Sixth Grade

6th grade has worked hard and they’re ready to continue working hard on the AzMerit test!

Remember that AzMerit boot camp will take place in all 6th grade classrooms on Monday, April 2nd. Testing will take place Tuesday, April 3rd through Friday, April 6th. Please make sure that your child gets a solid nights rest, eats breakfast, and is here and on time each day.

We are proud of each student for working so hard this year. We know that they will ROCK the test!

Sincerely,

6th grade team





Specials Area News



Music

As we get closer to the end of the year, things get more and more exciting! We just finished our big celebration of Music in Our Schools week before Spring Break and we had so much fun! We were lucky to have musicians from the community come in to volunteer their time and perform for our students. This month is sure to be exciting as well! Please be sure to ask your child about what they are doing in music, as we have a lot of really great things going on.

4th grade has their annual recorder concert on April 17th at 9:00 and 6:00. Ask your student to play for you- it's good practice for the real deal!

Kindergarten has begun work on their first musical stage experience- "The Three Piggy Opera." They will be hitting the big stage in May!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!

~Ms. Thrush



PE

Good start to the season for the boys' basketball team here at Homer Davis. Upcoming events: **6th Grade Track Meet 4/11, 5th Grade Track Meet 4/12.** Basketball games:

A Team

- 4/3 Richardson @ Davis
- 4/9 @ Douglas
- 4/17 @ Laguna
- 4/24 @ Centennial

B Team


- 4/5 @ Richardson
- 4/10 @Douglas
- 4/19 Laguna @ Davis
- 4/26 Centennial @ Davis

Library

Reminder!

The end of the year is near! Please be sure to return any overdue book you might have. I will be sending out overdue slips on a weekly basis from now on, to make sure you don't get one; return books on time, every time.

Order Your YEARBOOK



Don't forget to order a yearbook.

They are \$15.00.

You can pay with cash, check, or credit/debit card in the front office.

Please make checks out to Homer Davis.



PTO News

The last PTO meeting of this year is
Wednesday April 11 at 2:30pm in the Library.
All Homer Davis parents & families welcome!

Upcoming PTO Events

Staff Appreciation Week May 7-May 11
Glowing Up Party May 18 5pm-7pm in the MPR
Get updates from HD PTO using Remind!

Text @hdavispto to 81010