

News from Ironwood Elementary School

THUNDERBOLT FLASH

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Polly Schultz, Principal



Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! We have had a great start and are looking forward to a successful year. We know that success is directly related to the relationship we build with our families to support students here at school. We are a Community of Caring school, which means we live and practice five core values: Caring, Respect, Responsibility, Trust, and Family. These first two months of school we are focusing on RESPPONSIBILITY. This year we will also be not only focusing on academics, but also social skills. How we treat each other is important and we want to model positive choices and help build students EQ (Emotional Intelligence) as well as their IQ.

Communication is important. Please reach out to your child's teacher through e-mails, notes or phone calls. We also use SchoolMessenger to contact you via the telephone and e-mail about events happening on our campus. It is important that we have both your current phone number and e-mail address. This year we are also adding text reminders. Please sign up by texting YES or OPTIN to 67587.

The newsletter is another great opportunity for you to know the happenings at Ironwood. It is published monthly. Newsletters are also posted on our school Web site. Please visit the Web site at <http://www.ironwood.wesdschools.com> for announcements and updates. Additionally, Ironwood has a Facebook page you will want to bookmark. Our PTO also has one.

We are looking forward to a productive year and recognize that it will take all of us working together to make it happen. We believe everyone is part of the team, and we are very fortunate to have such a supportive community.

Polly Schultz Proud Principal



Welcome back! Mrs. Lidster and Mrs. Osborne are looking forward to this next year. Hope everyone remembered to read over the summer. If you read and filled out your reading calendar, please bring it to the Library for a prize.

Welcome back to a fresh school year! Familiar face Mrs. Lidster and new addition Mrs. Osborne are excited for this coming year! Hopefully, everyone read over the summer and filled out a reading calendar. If you did, please bring it in to the Library for your prize—a coupon for a FREE build-your-own kids meal from Chipotle!

Remember to keep checked out Library books in a safe place away from food, pets, and younger siblings!

Happy school year!!

Upcoming EVENTS

- 9/4-Labor Day No School
- 9/6-Spirit Shop 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 9/5-TLC 3:30 p.m.
- 9/7-Acoma Block Watch 5 p.m. (Library)
- 9/8-Progress Reports go home
- 9/11-Patriotic Day
- 9/14-Vision and Hearing Screening
- 9/14-Site Council 4:30 p.m.
- 9/14-PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m. (Library)
- 9/21-Smashburger Night PTO
- 9/21-TLC 3:30 p.m.
- 9/27-Star Student Lunch
- 9/27-Great Skate
- 9/28-Picture Retake Day



REMINDERS

PLEASE!!
NOTE

Students cannot arrive at school until 7:55 a.m. We do not have supervision until then. If you need to drop your students off earlier, KidSpace is available.

Students WILL NOT be called out of class during the last 15 minutes of the day. If it is necessary to sign out your student early, please arrive before 3:00 p.m. and **always be prepared to show ID when signing out your student(s).**

Please make sure travel arrangements are scheduled ahead of time. It is very difficult to get last minute messages to students.

Don't forget to call in your student's absence at 602-896-5621.

Jamba Juice is available every **Thursday** at lunch time for **\$3.00**.

When you join your student for lunch, he or she may only choose three friends to join you on the patio.

When your student is absent, please call the school on or before the day of the absence so that we can record the absence as excused. All absences not verified by a parent will remain unexcused. We **MAY** require a doctor note for excessive absences.



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Classroom News



The **Kindergarten** teachers would like to thank all the parents that have sent in snacks. They are greatly appreciated when tummies start to rumble. It's hard to learn when you hear rumbling 😊 We are also so proud of how far our classes have come in the past three weeks. We are learning procedures of how to line up, walk in line, not all talk at the same time (it's harder than you think to get 5 year olds to wait their turn 😊), basically in three short weeks we have learned how to be in school. They are all doing a fantastic job!!

1st grade has been having a great time getting to know each other and building their community of friends. Much of our learning has been about being a good citizen within the classroom, school and world around us. Ask your student what it takes to be a great IR Citizen and student. Hint: Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe

2nd grade is off to an electric start! We are learning how to become scientists and use the scientific method to explore scientific questions. Second graders are continuing to work to be excellent citizens and develop our growth mindset!

3rd grade teachers would like to thank the families who have graciously donated school supplies and classroom supplies. The Third Graders are already starting off the year learning multiplication, analyzing characters, the writing process, and map skills. It is because of your generosity that we were able to provide and prepare our scholars for a great start of the new school year.

4th grade has been hard at work looking at various biographies and realistic fiction stories. In math, we have been working on rounding numbers. Thank you to parents who have returned the photo release for PTA. We appreciate all the families who support our learning in the classroom!

In **5th grade** math we are working on factors and multiples, prime factorization, place value and multiplying multi digit numbers using a variety of strategies. In reading, we are working on the story elements of plot, conflict and resolution. In science, we are working on identifying the known planets in our solar system

6th graders have had a fabulous start to the new school year! Our 6th graders have reading logs that are due every week to earn a reward! In math we are currently working on finding the greatest common factor (GCF) and lowest common multiple (LCM), ask your students if they know the difference between them!

Health Office

Students have their vision and hearing screened in accordance with the state of Arizona's Department of Health Services guidelines. Vision and hearing are very important to your child's ability to learn, listen and make good progress in school. The goal is to remove health-related barriers to learning.

This year the screening is scheduled to take place on 9/14/17. It is important that your child is in attendance on this day. If glasses or contacts are worn, please make sure they have them with them. Parents/guardians are informed of the results if follow-up care is recommended. School-based screenings are not intended to replace routine wellness examinations by the primary health care provider.

If you do not want your child's vision and/or hearing screened, please contact the health office. If you are concerned about your child's hearing or vision or have questions about the screening program, please contact the health office.

The success of the screening day is dependent upon volunteers. If you are able to help please contact the health office.

Thank You

We would like to give a HUGE shout out to The Hendrick's Team at VIP Mortgage, Inc. They supplied our teachers with goodie bags filled with school supplies. We appreciate your AMAZING support!!!



Ethan T.	Jason C.
Payson G.	Kareem N.
Kael D.	Bailey O.
Jackson S.	Kaylin M.
Kemari S.	Isabella S.
Adam I.	Sawyer N.
Kaylie S.	Anthony B.
Damian M.	Dillon W.
Alexys H.	Ivan G.
Caleb M.	Deeandra S.
Jade D.	Saphira C.
Brandon M.	Rachael S.
Ja'Veon W.	Daisy B.