



Hello Thunderbolt Families! March has been a marvelous month filled with great memories from Read Across America to Spring Break! Thank you for participating in the Spring Fling, as well. We had a little rain, but it was still fun!

AzMERIT testing is this week and we are excited for students to show what they know. Thank you to those who sent in snacks and made sure their child was ready. We are excited because our fourth graders will get to take the science part of the test on Chromebooks. Next year we should all be taking the test on Chromebooks. Our technology is coming!

I wanted to put a reminder in about BULLYING. We take it very seriously if we know about it. We have confidential bully boxes in the library and one in the hallway where students can report. They can also tell their teacher. Mrs. Robinson and I investigate to determine if it is bullying or if it is just peers not being kind. We are trying to train students to use their voice and to understand what bullying is and is not. Here is what the District and Ironwood uses to determine if a child is being bullied:

**How many times an incident has occurred. Is there a real or perceived power/control imbalance between the students? Is it happening over time? Is a student physically or verbally harming a student and/or their property? Is a student intimidating another student to the point where a student has reasonable fear of harm or property theft or destruction?**

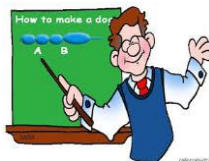
Thank you for checking technology with your child. I have spoken to many parents about having their child "earn" technology time after reading and homework is complete. Students will work for technology and game time.

Many things are happening in April with Field Day and Field Trips. Be sure to mark your calendar.

I'm here if you need me. Thank you for giving us an opportunity to make a difference in your child's life. We care about our students!

Polly Schultz  
 602-896-5605

The Washington Elementary School District (WESD) will host Teacher Interview Fairs to hire teachers for the 2018-2019 school year. All Teacher Interview Fairs will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the WESD Administrative Center, 4650 West Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, 85304. Contracts for the 2018-2019 school year will be offered to qualified candidates. Student teachers, soon-to-be college graduates, seasoned teachers and alternative pathways are encouraged to attend!



The final Teacher Interview Fair is scheduled for:

Saturday, April 28, 2018.

Interviews will be conducted for those interested in teaching: kindergarten, elementary education, special education, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, general music, art and special needs preschool. Successful candidates may be recommended for a 2018-2019 teaching contract.

Apply online prior to the interview fair at [jobs.wesdschools.org](http://jobs.wesdschools.org). Please select the posting titled, Teacher – All Positions. Human Resources will contact qualified applicants directly to preschedule an interview.

For more information, contact the WESD Recruitment Office at 602-347-2622 or e-mail [teach@wesdschools.org](mailto:teach@wesdschools.org).

## Calendar of Events

- 4/5-Report Cards go home
- 4/5-TLC Meeting 3:30 p.m.
- 4/6-3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Assembly
- 4/11-K-3 Field Day
- 4/12-PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m. Library
- 4/13-4-6 Field Day
- 4/13-3<sup>rd</sup> grade to AZ Science Center
- 4/17-5<sup>th</sup> grade to Acoma Park
- 4/18-Spirit Shop
- 4/19-4<sup>th</sup> grade to Odysea Aquarium
- 4/20-Volunteer Breakfast by invitation
- 4/22-4/25-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Catalina Trip
- 4/25-Star Student Lunch
- 4/25-Progress Reports go home
- 4/25-Great Skate 5 p.m.
- 4/30-Parent Night at DF 6:30p.m.



Last one for the year, let's celebrate!!!

## READ PLEASE

It is very important that the Office and Health Office have **CURRENT PHONE NUMBERS** or student. When trying to reach paren come across:



- \*Voice mailbox is full
- \*Number does not accept calls
- \*Voice mailbox has not been set up
- \*Phone number is no longer in service
- \*Wrong number

Please make sure that we have correct/current phone numbers for your emergency contacts too.

Please stop by the office to make updates.

## DON'T FORGET

Pop-Tabs!! Pop-Tabs!! Please send in your Pop-Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you, Community of Caring.



**KidSpace**  
 Before- and After-school Programs  
 Now Enrolling!

Summer & 2018-2019 SY

Register Now & Save

April 3<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

50% Off Registration Fee

2018-2019 SY

602-896-5673

**Save the Date**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

Monday, April 30, 2018, at  
 6:30 p.m.

Desert Foothills  
 Gym

Parent Meeting for  
 Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders



## IMPORTANT INFO FROM THE Health Office

SHOTS NEEDED -Arizona School Immunization law states that all students 11 years of age or older, must have one dose of Meningococcal and also one dose of Tdap before entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

If your child has NOT received these shots please contact your healthcare provider.

There is a free clinic you may take your child to:

West Valley Clinic –  
1850 N. 95<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 184  
Phx, Az. 85037

Hours are M-F 8:00- 4:30PM- Closed from 12-1

If your child has received the required shots, please provide the health office with those records.

For questions please call the health office at

602-896-5610



Help Ironwood Elementary School raise money by donating your no longer needed items!

Bring smaller donations (clothing, shoes, toys, linens, etc.) to school on the following dates:

Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>-Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

A Goodwill truck will be at the school collecting larger items (furniture, appliances, electronics, housewares) on: Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



## March Star Students

Samantha B.	Emily B.	Nadiynn N.
Isaac H.	DeMarco H.	Riley M.
Laila D.	London M.	Jayden G.
James H.	Sonny B.	Kimberly P.
Seth C.	Emma H.	Anthony P.
Nevaeh M.	Danika K.	Peyton H.
Gabriel G.	Diesel D.	Rheed S.
Charles M.	Arthur S.	Kai L.



Arizona  
Small Dog  
Rescue

Ironwood Elementary is partnering with  
Arizona Small Dog Rescue

May 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Ironwood will be sponsoring an Animal Shelter Item Wishlist Donation Drive. Students and parents can bring new or gently used Wishlist donation items to their classroom teacher and Mrs. Robinson will collect them daily. On Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> all items will be collected and dropped off to the shelter.

## Classroom News



**Kindergarten** has been working so hard to learn our “Rainbow Words”! They are sight words that we need to learn to read fluently by memory. We are doing amazing! Adding and subtracting is our focus in math. We love doing story problems, especially ones that are about us! In writing, we have become good storytellers, as our focus has been writing stories. Stretching out words and witting the sounds we hear is not as hard as we thought at the beginning of the year. We have learned so much in such a short period of time!! If your child still struggles with being able to tie their shoes, have them practice that at home. This is something they need to learn to do independently.

Thank you so much to all of our wonderful chaperones that were able to go with us on our field trip to Tolmachoff Farms. We had an amazing day. We are looking forward to our next field trip in April to the Children’s Museum of Phoenix. The Kindergarten teachers appreciate all the support we get from our wonderful families. Thank you!!

**First Graders** have been learning all about Place Value and how to use the Base Ten blocks to build numbers. They now know how to draw these blocks using large square for hundreds, rectangles for tens and small squares for ones. Ask your child to represent the numbers 76, 33, and 15.

**Second graders** have been working hard in math to build our knowledge of place value and have begun working with 3 digit numbers! We will begin our unit on measurement soon. We are also excited to continue to grow as scientists as we begin learning about magnetism.

Our **Third graders** have been working hard for the last two months on preparing for the AzMERIT Assessment. This is their first year to take the state assessment, and we are gearing up to Rock the Test! Our efforts in Math have been focused on multiplication, fractions, time and travel problems, and geometry. In reading, we have been working diligently on proving our answers using text evidence, comprehension, and story elements. For writing and language we have been reviewing parts of speech, writing Research Reports on Civil Rights Leaders, and writing narrative stories related to our Science Unit on the layers of the Earth.

**4<sup>th</sup> grade** has been hard at work reviewing the reading standards and the writing process in preparation of the AzMERIT Assessment. In math, the students are determining the rules of function tables and completing patterns. During science, the students have been reviewing for the AIMS test.

**6<sup>th</sup> grade** is looking forward to our Catalina trip at the end of April!! We have been working hard on writing and solving equations in math! In Science the students will be exploring cells using microscopes! Looking forward to a wonderful month of learning!!