

It's such a great time of year and we are enjoying this wonderful weather! Thank you to all who came out to our Spring Fling last weekend. It was a great way to bring the community together for some fun! We were so fortunate to have many businesses in our community help by donating items. THANK YOU to our AMAZING PTO for all their hard work and planning! We are a Community of Caring school and we have been working on building and supporting our community. Something new to Ironwood, we will be the new meeting place for our community block watch. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. After that, the block watch meetings will take place the first Tuesday of the month during the school year. We have so much to celebrate!

We had our third quarter awards assembly and got to celebrate our students. Students have been earning charms for their lanyard. It was so fun seeing students clap and cheer for each other.

Thank you for getting your child to school every day and on time during testing week. The students did a great job, and we made it through the week! Thank you to those of you that supplied treats for the classrooms, we appreciate your generosity. I know many of you shuffled appointments to make sure your student was here and it made a difference. Every student was tested! We will anxiously await the data.

Our reading challenge continues! Your child should have 15 stickers up by now. Please ask your child how many they have and help them reach their reading goal. Please keep reading 20 minutes every night.

Thank you for communicating with us and for being a part of the Ironwood Family,

### SPLASH INTO CLASS KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM

Help prepare your child for Kindergarten by enrolling them in our four-week readiness program now!

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| Classes will be held at: | Children attend 4 weeks: |
| Ocotillo Elementary      | May 30-June 22           |
| 3225 W. Ocotillo Road    | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.           |
| Phoenix, AZ 85017        |                          |

Contact Jacquee Clark 602-347-3496



## What's Happening

- 4/11-AIMS Science (4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 4/12-K-3 Field Day
- 4/13-PTO 5 p.m.
- 4/14-4-6 Field Day
- 4/20-Site Council 5:30 p.m.
- 4/20-TLC 3:30 p.m.
- 4/23-4/26-Catalina Trip
- 4/26-Clothing Closet 8:00 a.m.
- 4/26-Star Student Lunch



### Attention 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents

Please join us on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the **Desert Foothills Gymnasium** for our **Sixth Grade Parent Orientation**. We will present the programs and opportunities that await your child as a seventh grade student at Desert Foothills. Seventh grade academic teachers will be presenting their curriculum and passion for middle school students. Any questions or concerns can be addressed at this event. We look forward to meeting you and helping your child be successful in middle school.

Sincerely,

Susie Smith  
Principal

Steve Whynot  
Assistant Principal

### Before- and After-school Academy

- April 13-Bring your parent to ASA
- April 20-Last day for After-school Academy
- April 21-Last day of Before-school Academy, Choir and Books Before Breakfast, also we will be having our end of ASA Celebration



Thank you for coming to Spring Fling! We'd love to get your feedback so we can improve the event next year. Complete the survey at [ironwoodpto.org/survey](http://ironwoodpto.org/survey).

We still have lots of volunteer opportunities coming up this school year: Field Day, the BOGO Book Fair, and Bolt Bucks Shop. View the opportunities and sign up at [ironwoodpto.org/signup](http://ironwoodpto.org/signup).

All positions are open for next school year. Throw your hat in the ring! The board selection meeting will be held April 13 at 5 p.m. in the Ironwood library. Contact [info@ironwoodpto.org](mailto:info@ironwoodpto.org) if you are interested in a position and cannot attend the meeting.

Stay in the know with the Official Information Share Group at [facebook.com/groups/IRPTO](https://facebook.com/groups/IRPTO). All school and PTO posts are shared in the group, as well as files and flyers so you don't have to hope you catch Facebook at the right time to see the post.

Website: [ironwoodpto.org](http://ironwoodpto.org)

Facebook: [facebook.com/IronwoodElementaryPTO](https://facebook.com/IronwoodElementaryPTO)

# Principals List

3<sup>rd</sup> grade-Calissa S., Ramsie H., Justin M., Zaryck O., Iris P., Blair S., Evan H., Rodney L., Mayson R., Terry S., Gloria T.

4<sup>th</sup> grade-Jenna C., Ainslee D., Helena G., Valerie L., Anastasia M., Anthony P., Damian G., Kadie B., Abel G., Diego G., Carlos H., Saul M., Brooke S.

5<sup>th</sup> grade-Alexsandra W., Alex W., Leah M., Jason C., Gracie D., Andjela S., Justin S., Chalysta A., Mischa B., Diesel D., Caleb H., Evelyn M.

6<sup>th</sup> grade-Kate L., Peyton H., Alexis V.



## Honor Roll



3<sup>rd</sup> grade-Alexander A., Nisar A., Alice H., Kristi B., Braden S., Anthony B., Seth C., Sarah G., Jacky M., Sean M., Marcus P., Hung N., Brayden O., Rubi G., Malyea C., Julian O., Julius M., Alberto D., Bentley B., Jose A., Jacob C., Ryan F.

4<sup>th</sup> grade-Kaylee B., Jade C., Yasmin G., Sofia P., Logan N., Dawad O., Daniel R., C.J. S., Makayla V., Giana W., Joshue V., Neve A., Neveah P., Gazwan F., Sabrina F., Waylon G., Allie K., Danika B., Justin L., Connor N., Connor O., Audrina P., Brooke S., Dylan A., Jenna I., Caleb I., Daniel P., Cordel R., Gaby R., Ryan V.,

5<sup>th</sup> grade-Daren C., Xavier K., Peyton H., Brian G., Matthew P., Haley M., Christian C., Toby C., Dorothy F., Riley G., Darrah G., Jaiden B., Gabriel G., Bailey K., Marley V., Matrim A., Kayla B., Mia C., Madison G., Caleb M., Benjamin P., Julie Z., Jeffrey Z., Desiree R.

6<sup>th</sup> grade-Morgan D., Carlos R., Aisha F., Ivy G., Heaven H., Malina M., Favor M., Emily M., Joy R., Elijah M., Corrina A., Raelynn B., Jamila D.

## Classroom News



Our **third graders** have been studying the symbols of America and will be learning about plants in the coming weeks. We also will be taking a field trip at the end of April to the Science Center. Additionally, we would like to thank our buddy classes for all the fun community building: Mr. Lee's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class and Ms. Hodge's Kindergarten class. Last but not least we would like to send a great big "thank you" to the families who helped with the water drive, can food drive, and read-a-thon. Without all your support we would never have been able to earn all the fantastic rewards we did.

**Fourth graders** did a fantastic job of completing the Writing, ELA and Math portions of the AzMERIT testing. Thank you so much parents for your cooperation, support and encouragement throughout testing. We have also been preparing to take our AIMS Science assessment by reviewing and learning new information about electrical circuits and magnetism. District testing is right around the corner, so we have been preparing for those assessments, as well. In reading, the focus has been on figurative language and other comprehension skills. In language arts, we are reviewing narrative essays. In math class, there has been a general review of all skills. Fourth graders have been using the NED pledge to help us get through this month---N-Never give up! E-Encourage others! D-Do your best!

## Important Notice From the

## Health Office

If your child has turned 11 years of age recently, he or she needs to have meningococcal and Tdap shots. Shot records need to be turned into the health office so they can be recorded. Students must be current with their shots. The free clinic has moved to 1850 N. 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 184 (just off the 101 and McDowell). Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed from noon to 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions please call the health office at 602-896-5620. Thank you.



## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART!!

Jump Rope for Heart Event helps promote a physically active lifestyle and the importance of making healthy heart choices. The students had a blast participating in jump rope contests, double-dutch, long rope, hula hooping, sack races, agility ladders, and helicopter! **It was a FUN day for all!!**

**We raised a total of \$1, 073!** All money collected will go to the American Heart Association in efforts to help fight heart disease, heart attack and stroke! A BIG thank you to all who generously donated and for the kids who got the word out to help in this great fight!

The TOP fundraising student was **Connor Ogram with \$150!!** He will receive the Heart Hero medal for his effort and hard work! Thank you again to everyone who contributed!!!

**Remember HEALTHY BODIES = HEALTHY MINDS!!**



## March Star Students

|             |            |                   |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| Lilliana H. | Andro B.   | Dorothy F.        |
| Arlon K.    | Ava B.     | Gianna L.         |
| Andrew D.   | Violet P.  | Jeffrey Z.        |
| Riley M.    | Abas H.    | Malina M.         |
| Rylee D.    | Jayden W.  | Rachel S.         |
| Heldi R.    | Jacky L.   | Damien S.         |
| Malyea C.   | Dawad O.   | Keegan D.         |
| Alexxi T.   | Andjela B. | Jaiden B. Omar K. |



## Ironwood Clothing Closet

Mark your calendars for April 26. As a service to our community, we are offering gently used adult, children and infant clothing.



Location: West Portable

Date: April 26<sup>th</sup>

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.



Cost: Buy a grocery bag for \$2 and fill it with as many items as you can.