

News from Ironwood Elementary School

THUNDERBOLT FLASH

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Polly Schultz, Principal



In this season of Thanksgiving may we all take time to treasure all we have been given. I am thankful for our outstanding staff who go above and beyond each and every day to educate our students. Their desire for our students is not only educational but relational as well.

Each student has something special to give and our desire at Ironwood is that each student learns and grows everyday academically and socially.

A special thank you goes out to all our veterans as we celebrated Veterans Day this month. Their sacrifices assure we continue to live in a free society. We have two veterans on staff: Greg J., Darell D. Thank you for your service.

We are also thankful to all the staff and parents who came out to be a part of our Fall Family Night! The Turkey Trot was a great success and we hope you had fun playing math games, helping with the sock drive, visiting vendors and even winning a little something.

Please take time this month to say thank you to the people around you. Our community and school become more inviting as we focus on what we are thankful for. I am thankful to you for having such wonderful children that we get to spend time with. Thank you for being a partner with us in your child's education.

Polly Schultz

Upcoming EVENTS

- 12/1-Visit from Santa
- 12/4-12/8-Holiday Shop
- 12/6-School Wide Pizza
- 12/7-Holiday Shop Late Night 5-7:30 p.m.
- 12/7-Kinder Holiday Performance 5:30 p.m.
- 12/14-Gifted Class to Herberger Theatre
- 12/14-TLC Meeting 3:30 p.m.
- 12/20-Star Student Lunch
- 12/20-Red Robin Spirit Night 5-9 p.m. (Metro Center)
- 12-22-1/5-Winter Break
- 1/10-Report Cards go home
- 1/11-Site Council 4:30 p.m. Library
- 1/11-PTO 5:30 p.m. Library
- 1/15- MLK Day no school
- 1/17-2nd Quarter Assembly
- 1/18-Club/Group Pictures
- 1/18-TLC Meeting 3:30 p.m.
- 1/23-100th day of school
- 1/23-Kindergarten Round up 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 1/24-Late Night Conferences
- 1/25-District Spelling Bee
- 1/25-MOD Pizza Fundraiser 5-9 p.m.
- 1/31-Star Student Lunch



Important news from the Health Office

It is very important that the Office and Health Office have current phone numbers on file for every student. When trying to reach parents we often 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 also make sure that we have correct/current phone numbers for your emergency contacts.

Please stop by the office to make updates.

THANK YOU!

Just a friendly reminder...



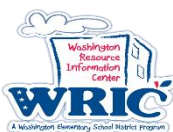
If you join your student for lunch, he/she is only allowed to take three friends with them. You are responsible for making sure that students remain seated and are not running, jumping or misbehaving. We need to keep our students safe.

Wranglin' up prevention, intervention and education resources for the families of WESD and its surrounding communities!

Check out all the programs offered to our families

Rock & Rhyme Storytime, Laugh and Learn Village, Free Parent Workshops, Fun Activities and helpful seminars with lots of great information. Come check us out.

On the campus of: Ocotillo Elementary
 3225 W. Ocotillo Rd Room #E105
 602-347-2422 or 602-347-2423



The Washington Elementary School District (WESD) will host multiple 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!

Teacher Interview Fairs are scheduled for:

- Saturday, December 16, 2017,
- Saturday, January 20, 2018,
- Saturday, February 24, 2018,
- Thursday, March 15, 2018, 4 to 7:30 p.m.;
- 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. 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.



Classroom News



Kindergarten teachers and students would like to invite all families to attend our Holiday Sing. It will be Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. We have been working hard and want to share our Holiday cheer with all! Stay tuned for more info to come!!

Our **INCREDIBLE FIRSTIES** have been working diligently to develop their math fact fluency. We have been playing Five in a Row Bingo, Roll and Record and Compare Dominoes. Please continue to work on these skills at home using those Dice we created at the Fall Family Night! We were so happy to see all of you!

3rd grade has been busy this month. In math, we have been working on area, perimeter and geometry. While in reading, we have been focusing on text dependent questions and comprehension skills like authors purpose and plot. In language, we have been writing persuasive essays in response to text and practicing suffix spelling rules. Finally, in science, we are studying Earth's Habitats and the Environment. Thank you to our families who have generously donated materials for our project, "Habitat in a Bottle."

4th grade is working hard on reading comprehension, fluency, vocabulary and drawing conclusions. In writing, we are working hard on opinion writing to prepare for the District test. We were lucky to have Arizona Game and Fish come to talk to our students about animal adaptations. The students are now working on an animal brochure that details facts and characteristics about a specific animal. In math, we have dived into multiplication and division!

5th grade is working on adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators and mixed numbers. These are skills we can practice every day by creating recipes, building projects with family and reading Highway signs.

6th grade is working hard on rates/unit rates in math class! The students are finishing up their literature study in reading and working hard to prepare for the Writing Interim this month! If you haven't ordered your yearbook yet, make sure to order soon before prices go up! Sixth grade is a special year!!

PRINCIPALS LIST

HOORAY!

3rd grade-Jacob I., Heidi R.

4th grade-Jose A., Brayden O., Reese S., Evan H., Braden S., Mayson R., Emma A., Alberto D., Ramsie H.

5th grade-Kadie B., Anastasia M., Connor N., Anthony P., Brooke S., Justin L., Alexander G., Abel G., Diego G.

6th grade-Justin S., Leah M., Kayla B., Chalysta A., Jason C., Diesel D., Xavier K., Tamar O., Andjela S., Jeffrey Z., Evelyn M.



HONOR ROLL

3rd grade-Alivia W., Kenny T., Kloe S., Logan K., Daisy L., Adam I., Coy C., Amy G., ShyAnn G., Eric J., Emma M., Carter M., Jade M., Sawyer N., Braylon V., Kelvin R., Serene T., Victoria V., Jayden M., Alana J., Deven R., Roman T., Morias B., Aubry C., Logan E., Brandy F.

4th grade-Anthony B., Jacob C., Sarah G., Marcus P., Jewel C., Seth C., Sean M., Aneya V., Zaryck O., Terry S., Julian O., Tristan E., Katelyn J., Emma H., Ryan F., Justin M., Jacky L., Blair S., Iris P., Damian M., Rodney L.

5th grade-Neve A., Anjela B., Sabrina F., Sofia P., Audrina P., Gaby R., CJ S., Nam T., Dillon W., Adrian M., Carlos H., Nevaeh M., Daniel P., Alexxi T., Connor O., Neveah P., Saul L., Amya L., Emily L., Allie K., Danika B., Caleb I., Damian G., Waylon G., Ivan G., Ainslie D., Jade C., Jenna C.

6th grade-Brendan B., Serenity C., Gracie D., Dorothy F., Caleb H., Peyton H., Kassia L., Caleb M., Jayden M., Haley M., Madison O., Matthew S., Michael V., Alessandra W., Matrim A., Toby C., Riley G., Darrah G., Caysen R., Ben P., Kevin C., Christian C., Gabriel G., Mia C., Madison G., Brenda H., Cesar S., Marley V., Julie Z.

November Star Students



Isbella S.	Ryan A.	Chris S.
Allyanna M.	Charlotte M.	Emma D.
Jacob I.	Carter M.	Reese S.
Zach T.	Brooke S.	Alexxi T.
Kevin C.	Tamar O.	Micheal O.
Landen M.	Justice W.	Savannah S.
Lillyana C.	Max P.	Jayden W. M.
Jayden M.	Genesis R.	Emily L.



CROSS COUNTRY

We are halfway through our Cross Country Season. The turnout for the first two meets has been awesome! A big thank you to the parents, family members and teachers that have come out to support their runners.

Several children have placed in the top third of their meets. Runners who do this for at least two races are qualified to compete in the Division I District Finals, held at Moon Mountain High School the first week in December. All other runners that have competed in at least two meets will run in Division II.

Information will be sent home as we near that race. Our final meet is here, at Ironwood! We are excited to host a meet on our campus and thank all the amazing teachers that have already volunteered to help us host the event!

Wishing our runners and families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Exciting New Look for the MYD Form!



If you have not seen it yet, there is a new and improved "Ironwood Elementary Make Your Day Parent Communication Form." A team of teachers revamped this form to fit our Ironwood needs. Our favorite part is that on the back of the form there is a reminder of all the ways we do make our day so that families can talk about this in the positive sense. Another addition to the form is the reminder, "**Even though I didn't make my day, I didn't fail. I took responsibility for my choices. Please talk with me about making better choices next time.**" We hope this will benefit all of our Ironwood family as we work to make good choices and have good character every day!