

From the Principal

It's been a busy September! We have been focusing on being **RESPONSIBLE** for our words, actions, work, etc. Our amazing announcement crew reads our quote of the week and then we have a daily message about our core value. One of our messages this month said, "A person who is responsible has a moral duty to follow through and complete a task." Ironwood students are caring, respectful, responsible and trusting family members!

Our goal is to build a sense of community and family here at Ironwood. This month we started BUDDIES. Classes were "buddied-up" with a different grade level and took time to get to know each other. If you are linked in on our Ironwood Facebook page you would have seen some wonderful pictures of students working together.

The Principals Surprise Cart made some visits this month. Ask your child if he or she has seen it yet! Not only do students earn Bolt Bucks for completing work, making their day, or for showing their core values, but they also earn chances to choose something from the cart.

Is your child struggling to complete homework? Is he or she tired and not doing well in school? It could be because of too much technology time. Try having your child EARN TECHNOLOGY TIME. If a child knows he or she won't get to play video games unless a task is completed, then the task will get completed. Earning the time works more positively than "taking it away." Then your child feels in control. If they want it, they will work for it. So, reading for 20 minutes every night, completing assignments and homework will get done if they want to watch TV or play those video games.

In October, we will be focusing on **BULLYING: What it is and is not. We strive to be bully free at Ironwood.**

Thank you for having such amazing kids to work with every day! I'm here for you!

Upcoming EVENTS

- 10/2-Cross Country begins
- 10/4-Spirit Shop 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 10/4-Bus Evacuation Drill 9:15 a.m.
- 10/4-School Wide Pizza
- 10/9-10/13- FALL BREAK
- 10/18-1st quarter assembly
- 10/19-Site Council 4:30 p.m.
- 10/19-PTO Meeting (Library) 5:30 p.m.
- 10/23-Report Cards go home
- 10/25-Star Student Lunch - Early Release
- 10/26-Parent-Teacher Conferences
Early Release
- 10/27-Parent Teacher Conferences
Early Release
- 10/27-Peter Piper Costume Night
5-7:30 p.m. Metrocenter



We have two new crossing guards!

Austin Jarome and Shiva Ranjbar

Thanks for watching out for our kids!



Fall Fun camp – Now Enrolling
 Come join the fun October 9 – 13
 Sunburst - 602-896-6415
 Washington – 602-347-3415
 Lookout Mountain – 602-896-5991



Lunch Schedule



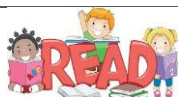
Kindergarten	11:20 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.
5 th Grade	11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.
2 nd Grade	11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1 st Grade	11:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.
6 th Grade	12:10 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
3 rd Grade	12:15 p.m. – 12:35 p.m.
4 th Grade	12:30 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

Basketball

- Thurs. 10/5-Chaparral @ Ironwood
 - Thurs. 10/19-Ironwood @ Washington
 - Fri. 10/20-Alta Vista @ Ironwood
 - Mon. 10/30-Sunburst @ Ironwood
 - Thurs. 11/2-Ironwood @ Lakeview
 - Mon. 11/6-Roadrunner @ Ironwood
 - Tues. 11/7- Ironwood @ Sahvaro
- All games are at 4 p.m.



ATTENTION: All readers!



Read three books and get three ride passes at the Arizona State Fair.

Reading form will be sent home or you can print one at:

<https://azstatefair.com/discounts/read-ride-presented-srp/>

Fair runs October 6 – October 30 (Wed – Sun).

September Star Students



Emmitt T.	Kayley B.	Killian S.
Alexis O.	Jace K.	Greenlee R.
Adrian K.	Aizen C.	Josslyn M.



Fiona Z.	Alberto D.	Phillip P.
Sabrina F.	Daniel P.	Ainslie D.
Madison O.	Jeffrey Z.	Caiden S.
Izic B.	Alice H.	Aaron E.
Rheed S.	Khloe E.	Alana
Chalysta A.	Paige R.	



Classroom News



Kindergarten would like to thank Ironwood students and families for supporting our color days. We had a blast doing different color activities from making our own big green monster, creating a blue Pete the Cat to doing a rainbow experiment using skittles! Ironwood spirit was amazing!

First grade just completed their "Eggs-periment"! It was exciting to see the children light up when they realized what happens to our teeth when we drink different types of liquids. Ask your child what this "Eggs-periment" was all about!

Second grade just completed their experiment using carnations and food coloring. Ask your student what happened to his or her carnation when they put food coloring in the water. **Second grade** will also be dressing up and attending Symphony Hall October 17.

This month Ironwood **third graders** have been discussing, brainstorming, and exploring Growth Mindset. Each week we work to develop our goals and engage in student talk discussions. These are wonderful times for us to reflect, talk about things and encourage each other to remember N.E.D.! Never Give Up, Encourage others, and Do your Best.

The **fourth graders** have been hard at work this month! In reading, the students are annotating text, reading poetry, studying realistic fiction and exploring biographies. In writing, the students are working on opinion writing with strong nouns and verbs. For math, the students have finished up Module One and are moving into factors and arrays. The fourth grade team would like to thank all the families who continue to support our learning at Ironwood!

In **fifth grade**, we are diving deeply into our reading text by using our CLOSE reading strategies! This helps us even in math as we are currently working on division word problems with Mrs. Gomez. Dissecting the text and knowing what key words and phrases to look for helps in all academic areas at school!

Sixth grade would like to encourage parents to check their students' gray take home folder and clean out any work that has been passed back and any school notices that were sent home. Look out for information coming soon about our sixth grade Catalina trip!



Help Ironwood with Everyday Purchases!

Don't forget you can support Ironwood anytime when you shop Amazon. Just go to ironwoodpto.org/smile to set Ironwood PTO as your charity and whenever you check out from smile.amazon.com, a portion of your purchase will go to the PTO.

When ordering online from **Papa John's Pizza**, use promo code **IronwoodPTO**. You get 40% off and 10% of your order comes back to Ironwood!

Upcoming Events

The **Spirit Shop** will be open at lunchtime on **Wednesday, October 4**. If you'd like to place the order online and have your Thunderbolts pick up at lunchtime, go to store at <http://store.ironwoodpto.org>.

After fall break, we would love to have you join us at the **PTO meeting on October 19 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Ironwood Library. Everyone is welcome!

At the end of the month, join us for the **Peter Piper Pizza Night and Costume Party on October 27 from 5 - 7:30 p.m.** at the Metrocenter location.

To keep in the know, please follow us on Facebook (@IronwoodElementaryPTO), Twitter (@Ironwood_PTO), or Instagram (@IronwoodPTO) and on our website at ironwoodpto.org!

Community of Caring Corner

Welcome back students and families. For those who are new to Ironwood, we are a Community of Caring School and we do Service Learning Projects (SLP) throughout the year to help our community and to emphasize our core values of Family, Trust, Caring, Respect and Responsibilities.

Please watch for flyers throughout the year about these events. SLP's that are currently planned are water drive, sock drive, and collecting things for animal shelters. We will be collecting pop top (or any other drinks) tabs to help support Ronald McDonald House. This is being going on all year and a container has been placed in the library for students to deposit their tabs. Ronald McDonald House does great things for children and families with illness and this is a wonderful way of supporting other children in our communities.

Mark your calendars now for our next Great Skate Night April 25. All family (parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins etc.) are welcome to join in the fun. Cost is \$7 per skater.

Thank you for supporting all of our events.

Wishing you all a wonderful year.

McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Are you currently experiencing temporary living arrangements due to eviction, job loss or a traumatic event? Is your family lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence? Washington Elementary School District offers services to families through the federal McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The act requires that children and families who are in a temporary living situation be offered services and supports. Services can include enrollment assistance, nutrition services, clothing or school supplies, community referrals, and in some cases transportation. If you are living in any of the following circumstances: with another family or friend due to financial hardship, living in a shelter, transitional housing, in a hotel/motel, you **may** fit the criteria for assistance under this act. Please contact (list name of contact person at your site) at (list phone number and/or email address) to inquire further about qualifying for this program.



We've Moved WRIC

Is now located on the campus of:
Ocotillo Elementary
3225 W. Ocotillo Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85017
Room E105
602-347-2422 602-347-2423
Wranglin' up prevention, intervention and
education resources for the families of WESD
and its surrounding communities.