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February 2020

The Principal's Corner

Cougar Families,
Spelling Bee Winner!

Congratulations 5th grader Tyler Mantanona for advancing to the Regional Spelling Bee in February.

Lost & Found Will be Donated 2/5

The Lost & Found bin is full! Students have been reminded at lunches to check for items that are hung up in the lunch room and in the Lost & Found bin since the week of 01/20/2020. On 02/05/2020, any items not claimed will be donated.

The month of January was a productive transition back to the routines of school. I enjoyed seeing the amount of families that attended both our Chick-Fil-A and STEAM nights. Thank you to our dedicated teachers for volunteering their time at both of the events.

PreK-6th Grade New Student Registration and Open Enrollment Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is ongoing. If you know of any family who wishes to be part of the Canyon Rim family, please pass along this information and have our new families complete the registration process online. As of August, 20, 2019 students already accepted to a GPS school through open enrollment will not be required to re-apply for open enrollment each year as long as they remain at the current school. Please be advised that open enrollment privileges can be revoked annually due to capacity, student misconduct, excessive absences, etc. Please refer to Policy JFB below for more details. If your student’s open enrollment will not be renewed for the 2020-2021 school year, you will be contacted by May 1, 2020.

To enroll a new student, click here.

As always if there are ever any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's classroom teacher or the front office. We are here to educate, support and assist in growing your child(ren). Thank you for all you do to continue to support Canyon Rim!

Best Regards,

Joe Lopat
Principal

Cell Phones & Smartwatches Reminder

If a parent chooses, students may bring personal devices such as cellphones, smartwatches, tablets, and laptops. All items are to be turned off and placed in a backpack before arriving at school. These items may not be used at school unless directed by a teacher for educational purposes. Students that do not follow the “off and in back-pack” rule will have their phone/device confiscated. Upon a second violation, the parent must come to school to pick up the confiscated item. Repeated infractions will result in loss of privilege to bring the device to school.
unclaimed items will be donated. Please encourage your students to claim any lost items before this date! Thank you.

Canyon Rim Traditional Program Sign-Up Now Open!

You ONLY need to complete this form if your child is brand new to Canyon Rim or if your child would like to switch from a Conventional classroom to the Traditional Program for next year.

IF YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE CANYON RIM TRADITIONAL PROGRAM, THEIR ENROLLMENT WILL AUTOMATICALLY ROLL OVER TO THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR. YOU DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT ANOTHER FORM FOR CURRENT STUDENTS IN THE TRADITIONAL PROGRAM.

Click here to complete the form.

For more information on the Traditional Program, click here.

*** New Parents/guardians will also need to complete the GPS 2020-2021 enrollment application available found at: https://www.gilbertschools.net/enroll

Canyon Rim Calendar of Events

Click here to find out what’s going on for cougars this month!

IMPORTANT: Feb. Early Release Days & Holiday

Early Release Wednesdays @ 1:55 p.m. - 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26
NO SCHOOL - Presidents’ Day - 2/17

Canyon Rim PTA News

For all kinds of PTA news and parent info please click on this message or visit our website at www.canyonrimpta.org
Message from our PTA President

Dear Canyon Rim Families,

What a great month January was! We had an excellent turnout for our Chik-Fil-A Family Night out night this year – thank you everyone for attending! If you were able to attend, you saw how hard our teachers worked at delivering food and refilling drinks. We want to extend a HUGE thank you to them as well.

February is a big month for the PTA because we have our biggest fundraiser of the year, our Booster Fun Run. Your pledges last year made it possible to purchase new document cameras and other technology items at Canyon Rim! This year your pledges will be going towards our goal of new technology, classroom enhancements, and teacher support!

Next month is already Spring Break . . . or should I say finally Spring Break . . . depends on, if you are a parent, student or teacher reading this I guess. Hope to see you at our next PTA meeting, around campus and at our events!

Steven Weigley – Canyon Rim PTA President

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Steve at Gaylord Hansen can help you out with all your mortgage needs. Give him a call or stop by his office and see what he can help you out with. You won't be disappointed.

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GILBERT
YOUTH
ATHLETICS

PRACTICE:
TUESDAY AND/OR
THURSDAY EVENINGS

COST:
$150
FULL TEAM REGISTRATION:
$750

BASKETBALL LEAGUE:
1ST-6TH GRADE DEVELOPMENTAL
3RD-8TH COMPETITIVE
Valentine Grams!

On sale: 2/3-2/11

Buy a special Valentine Gram with candy and a sweet note for delivery on Valentine’s Day!

Take Part in the 2020 Census & Improve Your Child's Future!

Census Day is on 04/01/2020! Check out the flyer below and click here for more information!
A kindergartner counted in the 2020 Census this spring will be starting high school when the next census comes around in 2030: That's 10 years of school supplies, teachers, school lunches, and so much more. This is your opportunity to help ensure they have a bright future.

Right now, students across the country are getting an introduction to the 2020 Census through the Statistics in Schools program. This program offers free activities and resources to schools to help prepare their students for an increasingly data-driven world.

Students are learning that the 2020 Census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. Responding to the census helps your community get its fair share of funding. Census data guides how more than $675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year for schools, health care facilities, roads, transportation, recreation centers, social services, and more.

Students are also learning these key things about the 2020 Census—and we want you to know them too:

- Starting in March 2020, everyone living in your home needs to be counted. That includes children and newborn babies, citizens and noncitizens, relatives and nonrelatives, and even those staying with you temporarily.
- It's easier than ever to respond to the census. You can respond in 13 different languages, and you can complete it online, by phone, or by mail.
- Your responses to the census are safe and secure. The law requires the U.S. Census Bureau to keep your information confidential, and your responses cannot be used against you in any way.

On Census Day, April 1, 2020, start shaping your future and the future of all children by counting everyone in your home.

Learn more about how you can shape your future at 2020CENSUS.GOV.
Get more information about the Statistics in Schools program at CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS.

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**Annual Harkins Summer Movie Fun Ticket Pre-Sale**

Want 10 kids' movie tickets for Summer 2020 for just $7? Buy some pre-sale tickets by filling out and turning in the attached PDF form below for the Harkins Summer Movie Event! During the Harkins Summer Movie Fun program, major Harkins theaters show 10 fun kids' movies over the course of the summer. Remember when purchasing: adults and children must each have their own ticket.
Nurse's Corner: CRE is Latex-free!

CRE is a Latex-free school, as we have students on campus who are extremely allergic to Latex. Because Latex powder can be transferred through Latex and even Mylar balloons, we ask that parents keep the birthday celebration balloons at home. Thank you!

Nurse's Corner: For Parents of 5th Graders

To: Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of current 5th grade students,

Next year for 6th grade, your child will be required to have two immunizations. State law requires that ALL Sixth graders must have these two vaccines:

**Tdap vaccine (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis)**
Students entering sixth grade must obtain a dose of Tdap. Your child would not have received this vaccine any time in their lives previously. Kindergarten students are required to have DTaPs. This is not the same as a Tdap.

**Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4)**
Students entering sixth grade must obtain a dose of Meningococcal vaccine. It protects against bacterial meningitis. Your child would not have received this vaccine any time previously in their life.

These two shots are given once a child turns 11 years old. If your 5th grader has already turned 11 yrs old, I highly encourage you to get the shots done now so you don’t have to think about it when school starts next August. I also suggest that if your child is not yet 11 yrs old, but has a birthday coming soon, to schedule an appt. after their birthday so that they can get their immunizations done now. For those students who will not be 11 years old until after school starts next August, this does not apply to them at this time. They must be 11 years old to receive the immunizations.

Once your child has had their immunizations, please send in an updated shot record so that I can update their record here at school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Staci Sutton MSN RN CPN NCSN
Canyon Rim Elementary School Nurse
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Social Worker's Corner

Hello, Cougar Families!

We have continued to learn about managing our emotions. We have discussed the three-step process when we notice our strong emotions: 1) Stop 2) Name Your Feeling 3) Calm Down. We have also talked about “Belly Breathing” and learned how to use our breath to calm down.

I encourage you to watch a video titled, “Why Do We Lose Control of our Emotions” (click here) with your student. This is a video that explains how our brains respond/react when we have strong emotions. It also provides ideas to help students cope with their strong emotions. We have also learned some new vocabulary! Ask your children about the following words we have learned: Assertive, Aggressive, Passive, Empathy, Respectful Learner, Peer Pressure and Emotions.

As your students prepare for testing, I encourage them to use their “self-talk” by reminding themselves to be confident and to stay focused. We have also been practicing “belly breathing” as a technique to manage test anxiety and I encourage mindful breathing for all students.

If your family is needing supports or resources, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (480) 984-3216 x306 or email me at Kerry.draney@gilbertschools.net. I am happy to support your family as best I can.

Have a wonderful week!

Positively,

Kerry Draney
School Social Worker
Internet Safety & Cyber-Bullying Parent Workshop
Presented by the AZ Attorney General's Office

Parents will learn about:

Social media safety
Cyber predators
Consequences of cyber-bullying and more

New Date!
Wed. 2/12/20
6-7:30pm

Patterson Elementary
1211 E Guadalupe Rd
Gilbert, AZ 85234

Parents of K-6 students encouraged to attend

Register at
www.gilbertschools.net/parentuniversity

Click on the PDF below for the February Breakfast & Lunch Menu!
Cougar of the Month Program

THE JANUARY COUGARS OF THE MONTH ARE...

Kindergarten: Cadence Bluford (Ms. Dooling) & Quinn Mason (Mrs. Brigham)
SPICE: Ryan LeRoy (Ms. Marquez)
1st Grade: Maya Olvera Avila (Mrs. Alvarez) & Sophia Skillman (Mrs. Livengood)
2nd Grade: William Whimpey (Mrs. Campbell) & Alia Hulet Mrs. Alvin)
3rd Grade: Preston Hale (Mrs. Vequist) & Preston Riddell (Mrs. Holmen)
4th Grade: Justin Jones (Mrs. Buckland) & Jazmin Ballesteros (Mrs. Holgerson)
5th Grade: Jonas Wright & Saylor Lines (5th Grade Team)
6th Grade: Ruby Smith & Kolton Taylor (6th Grade Team)

All January Cougars of the Month will be recognized at the PRIDE Assembly on 03/06/2020.

What is Cougar of the Month?
Cougar of the Month is a program at Canyon Rim Elementary that rewards students who demonstrate the "7 Habits of Happy Kids," and academic growth or achievement. Each Cougar of the Month receives a T-shirt and recognition at a PRIDE Assembly, as well as a pizza party with Mr. Lopat during a designated lunch!
Spirit Days This Month:
2/14: Arizona's Birthday

*Every Friday is Canyon Rim spirit day, and staff and student participation is encouraged!

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Workshops for Parents & Caregivers
Offered through GPS Parent University
Spring 2020

Thurs. 1/23/20  6-7:30pm  Mesquite Junior High School
Drug Trends and Vaping presented by Community Bridges, Inc.

Thurs. 1/23/20– 3/5/20  5:30-7pm  Highland Park Elementary (FULL, Waitlist Only)
7 Week Circle of Security parenting class focused on birth–5. Must attend all sessions.

Tues. 1/28/20, Tues. 2/11/20, & Tues. 3/3/20  5:30-7pm
Augusta Ranch, Canyon Rim, & Boulder Creek Elementary Schools
3 part series on youth mental health covering anxiety, depression, mindfulness, and resilience. Must register for all three workshops, limited to 30 participants.

Thurs. 1/30/20  6-7:30pm  Sonoma Ranch Elementary
Why Do They DO That? Understanding Behavior and How to Help; overview of executive functioning and how to build organization and problem-solving skills for parents of K-6 students.

Thurs. 2/6/20  6-7:30pm  Patterson Elementary
Internet Safety & Cyberbullying presented by the AZ Office of the Attorney General

Thurs. 2/20/20  7-7:30pm  Greenfield Junior High School
30-minute parent workshop on safe technology use following the 6th grade parent night. Parents of all incoming junior high school students are welcome to register and attend.

Thurs. 2/27/20  6-7:30pm  Desert Ridge High School
Building Teenagers’ Survival Skills and understanding risky behaviors. For parents of teenagers.

For questions, email ParentUniversity@gilbertschools.net
Register at gilbertschools.net/ParentUniversity
Follow us on Twitter @GPSParentUniv