March 2020

Towne Meadows Families:

It is hard to believe that Spring Break is almost here! Friday, March 6, will mark the end of the third quarter. Report cards will be available online on March 19. The fourth quarter of school always seems to fly right by!

Arizona State Standardized Testing for the 3rd-6th grade will begin March 25 this year and continue through April 16th. The testing schedule is on our calendar, but we tried to stick to a Tuesday/Thursday schedule with only a few exceptions. The students will be taking the test on the computer. For specific dates, please contact your child’s teacher or check our online calendar. We are hopeful that students can be on time each testing day and limit appointments during the school day.

Thank you to all of the families that use our parent drop off and pick up on a daily basis. The safest spot to drop off your child is in the parent drop off line and the safest place to pick up your child is the pickup line. We know that some of you sacrifice the convenience of picking up your child somewhere else, for the safety that the zones can provide.
In March, many kids start riding their bikes to school or walking. Please remind your children to be safe on their way to and from school. Unfortunately, there are a lot of distracted drivers near our school so we need the kids to be watching for the adults! Also, it is not safe to send your child to school early. We do not have adult supervision until 7:45.

Did you also attend Towne Meadows when you were a kid just like your Timberwolf child? We’d love to have you take part in our "Second Generation Timberwolf" display at our 25th Birthday Celebration Carnival on April 17th. Please contact Lysa Lynch at lysa.lynch@gilbertschools.net by March 6th so we can get you more information.

Have a safe and fun March!

Mr. Pettit
## IMPORTANT EVENTS

**Read Across America Week** March 2\(^{nd}\) - 6\(^{th}\)

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### Spring Break March 9\(^{th}\) - 16\(^{th}\) ###

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Read Across America Week

Monday
Fox in Socks Day

Tuesday
Thing 1 Thing 2 Day

Wednesday
Oh, the Places You’ll Go Day

Thursday
Red Fish Blue Fish Day

Friday
Cat in the Hat Day

Wear your craziest socks to school, just like the Fox in Socks!

Grab a friend or 2 or 3 and dress the same!

Sport your college and career gear to show where you’ll go!

Come to school in your red or blue!

Dress up in your stripes and favorite hat!
Towne Meadows Elementary
25th Anniversary
Spring Carnival
FRIDAY
APRIL 17TH
5-8PM

Pre-order WRISTBANDS & Raffle tickets:
March 17th-April 14th, 2020 at: tmwolfpack.org

Unlimited All Access
(All Inflatable, Petting Zoo, Pony rides)
$13 pre-order / $15 at the gate

Limited / Toddler Access
(Some Inflatable, Petting Zoo, Pony rides)
$8 pre-order / $10 at the gate

Raffle Tickets: 1 for $1 or 25 for $20
Bring CASH for Spin Art, Face Painting, Raffle

Carnival Games
Concessions
Raffle
Silent Auction
Alumni Recognition
Food Trucks: Chick Fil'A, The Corndog Company

All funds raised will go to the Wolfpack to support Towne Meadows Elementary School.
Spring 2020

Spirit Nights

COSTA VIDA
Wednesday, Jan. 15th
4:00 PM to 9:00 PM
1744 S. Val Vista Dr., Mesa
(Dana Park)

CHIPOTLE
Tuesday, Mar. 24th
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
1411 S. Power Rd., Mesa
(Power & Hampton)

CULVER’S
Tuesday, Feb. 18th
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
1841 S. Greenfield Rd., Mesa
(Greenfield and Baseline)

MCDONALD’S
Thursday, Apr. 23rd
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
1536 N. Higley Rd., Gilbert
(Higley/Baseline)

BARRO’S
Wednesday, May 13th
4:00 PM to 10:00 PM
1545 S. Power Rd., Mesa
(Power/US 60)

The funds raised will be used to host school events, provide appreciation meals for faculty, offset the cost of teacher and janitorial supplies, and more. Thanks for your support!

PRESENTED BY THE TOWNE MEADOWS WOLF PACK
SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Towne Meadows Wolf Pack. Come in to the Chipotle at 1411 S. Power Road Suite 103 in Mesa on Tuesday, March 24th between 5:00pm and 9:00pm. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you’re supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Towne Meadows Wolf Pack.

CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL

Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.
2019/2020
TOWNE MEADOWS YEARBOOK ORDER FORM
$25.00

Student Name(s)
__________________________________________________________________

Teacher(s) Name
__________________________________________________________________

Phone Number _________________________________
Date ____________

Check# (amount) ___________
Cash (amount) ___________
Credit Card (amount) ___________

Please make checks payable to Towne Meadows Wolf Pack

You can also order online go to:
GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESENTS

KINDERGARTEN READINESS FAIR 2020-2021

Your child's first step towards Kindergarten!

March 6 2020
8:30AM - 11:00AM
Southeast Regional Library, Gilbert

Resources:
- Vision Screenings
- Reading Readiness
- First Things First
- Title Funding
- Meet our Schools
- Register for Kindergarten
- Kinder Teacher Q&A
- Prizes!

Information Presentations
8:30 - 10:00AM
Childcare available during this time
Arrive by 8:15AM

For More Info & To Register:
www.gilbertschools.net/kindergarten
Prizes!

Pizza!

Silent Auction!

In support of the service projects of Gilbert Rotary

When: Saturday, March 21st, 2020
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Southeast Regional Library
775 N. Greenfield Road
Gilbert, AZ 85234
Bicycle Safety

With the warmer weather coming, your child may choose to ride their bike to school. It is important for your child to always wear a helmet while biking. Wearing a helmet every time they get on a bike helps develop good habits. A bicycle helmet is made specifically to protect the head from a fall that may occur while biking.

How can you tell if a helmet will keep my child safe? Be sure to purchase a helmet that meets the safety standards of the Consumer Safety Commission (CPSC). They are available at bike shops and many department and toy stores. They can be found in adult, child and toddler sizes. The helmet should be worn squarely on top of the head, covering the top of the forehead. It fits well if it doesn’t move around on the head or slide down over the eyes when pulled. Adjust the chin strap to fit snugly.

Make sure you child is riding the proper size bike. Over-sized bikes are especially dangerous. Your child may not have the skills and coordination needed to handle a bigger bike they may lose control and crash or ride into traffic.

General biking rules should be taught as soon as your child is old enough to ride their bike. Your child should always ride on the right, with traffic. Riding against traffic confuses or surprises drivers. Hand signals are also an important part of the rules of the road. Teach your child to be predictable when biking by making sure they ride in a straight line and don’t swerve between cars. It is never safe for your child to ride a bike at night, but if they do, proper bike reflectors and a reflective vest are a must.

Recap:

1. Proper helmet
2. Proper sized bike
3. Make yourself seen, be predictable
4. Obey ALL traffic rules and laws and use hand signals
5. Have adult supervision

Following these few simple guidelines will provide you and your child many hours of safe, fun bike riding.
Eight-Week Grief Support Group for Students

New Song Center for Grieving Children gives grief support to children, teens, young adults and their families. To address the specific needs of grieving students at school, New Song Center offers an eight-week support group that is designed for the school setting. The group is a safe place where students can learn about grief reactions, express thoughts and feelings, and gain support in a professionally-facilitated setting at their school. It allows students to process their grief, share their stories, learn healthy coping strategies and develop positive connections with other grieving students.

Eight-week outline

What is death?

Tell your story

Recognizing grief feelings

Handling changes

Dealing with guilt

Being different

Coping and support

Moving on...

For more information or to enroll in the support group for Fall 2020, please contact Emily Short at emily.short@gilbertschools.net or (480) 854-1545 ext. 1304
**Gifted Education Corner**

Our names are Jill Pascoe and Jessica Wilton, and we are the Gifted Education Parent Council representatives for our school. You can reach us at j3pascoe@gmail.com and jeswilton@gmail.com. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about gifted education at our campus and in the district.

- **The Self-Contained Gifted Program at Towne Meadows (grades 4-6) Application Window:**
  Monday March 24, 2020 at 9:00AM through Tuesday April 7th, 2020 at 9:00AM. Please visit the website on or after March 24th to fill out an application: [gilbertschools→Academics→Gifted Education→Self-Contained Gifted Program](https://gilbertschools→Academics→Gifted Education→Self-Contained Gifted Program).

- **Open House of the Self-Contained Gifted Program at Towne Meadows (grades 4-6) on:** Thursday April 2nd, 2020 6:00PM-7:00PM

- **Gifted Talented and Creative Junior High Program at Highland Junior High Application Window:**
  The application will be available Monday March 2, 2020 at 9:00AM through Thursday March 19, 2020 at 12:00PM. Please visit the website on or after March 2nd to fill out an application: [gilbertschools→Academics→Gifted Education→Junior High Gifted-GTC](https://gilbertschools→Academics→Gifted Education→Junior High Gifted-GTC).

- **The annual SciTech Festival** is happening all over the state, with over 1500 events. More information can be found at: [https://scitechinstitute.org/scitech-festival/](https://scitechinstitute.org/scitech-festival/).

More information on the Gifted Education Parent Council (GEPC) can be found on the district website: [Gilbert Schools→Academics→Gifted Education→Gifted Education Parent Council](https://Gilbert Schools→Academics→Gifted Education→Gifted Education Parent Council)

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