

[Upcoming Events](#)

Geo Bee
Martin Luther King Day
Group / Club Pictures
Oceanography Trip
VIP LUNCH
BINGO Night

Principal Corner:

Happy New Year!!!! I hope all of you had a fabulous winter break!!! As you walk into the front office please notice our "A" Banner hanging out front of your school. We are proud to say this letter grade is made possible by working together with all Islands Staff, Parents/Guardians and students.

Our Islands Elementary goal for second semester is improving on entire school **attendance**. Just a reminder our campus gates open up at 8:20am for students to arrive, please make sure your child is on campus before 8:35am. It's a proven fact that students attendance rate correlates with higher academic achievements. Please do your best to make all appointments after 3:30pm on regular school days & 2:30pm on early release Wednesdays.

We are pleased to announce that Islands Elementary has purchased a computer based math program called "Reflex Math" for K-6th grade. Islands is really focusing on making sure our students understand their math facts. Please be looking in your students' classroom newsletters for information on how you can utilize this tool at home. So far we have received positive feedback from our 3rd and 4th grade students.

We TEACH - We LEARN

Mr. Birgen

Calendar of Events:

January

- 9 Run Club
- 10 Battle of the Books
- 15 Water Festival 4th grade– Town of Gilbert
- 16 Run Club
- 17 Geography Bee
100th Day of School!!
- 21 No School – Martin Luther King Day
- 23 Run Club
- 24 Club / Group Pictures for Year Book
- 25 Oceanography Club Trip to California
- 25 VIP LUNCH with Students
- 30 Run Club
- 29 BINGO Night

February

- 1 4th Grade Field Trip
- 6 6th Grade Band Festival @ MJHS
Assembly for SPLASH DASH Kickoff!!
Run Club
- 13 SPLASH DASH RUN!!!
- 18 No School – President’s Day!
- 20-22 6th Grade to Science Camp

March

- 1 VIP Lunch with Students
- 5 6th Grade to Renaissance Festival
- 7 Battle of the Books
- 8 Character Counts Assembly
Early Release at 12:30 pm
- 11 – 18 Spring Break
- 19 Students Return to School
- 22 Spring Pictures

Stay informed with a few places you can locate information:

Facebook/Islandselementary

Facebook/Islandselementarypta

Twitter @Islandsdolphin

www.gilbertschools.net/Islandselementary

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Run Club Reminders

Run club dates:

January 9

January 16

January 23

January 30

February 6

Students must have a ride home no later than 3:15 or will not be allowed to participate in future runs.

Pickup students at the field behind the school.

Mark your calendar:

**Islands
Splash Dash
February 13**


Gifted 101

Jan 17, 12-1pm


Val Vista Lakes Elementary
1030 N Blue Grotto Dr, 85234




My kid is
Gifted!



Actually,
I'm not even
sure what that
means.



I gotta get to
that meeting!
I can get all of my
questions
answered!



I feel so
much more
informed, now!

Later that day...



Fry's Community Rewards Program



www.frysfood.com/topic/new-community-rewards-program

Did you know you can support Islands Elementary just by shopping at Fry's? It's as easy as 1-2-3 to enroll in Fry's Community Rewards! To get started:

1. Go to: www.frysfood.com/topic/new-community-rewards-program
2. Sign up and enroll with your Fry's V.I.P Card
3. Select "Islands Elementary PTA" (Organization number: NB711)

Once you're enrolled, you'll earn money for Islands Elementary simply by shopping at Fry's and using your V.I.P Card!

NOTE: All participants must re-enroll each year.