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Greetings Andersen Families!

This week is 'Read Across America' week. We'll have books to raffle off for kids and teachers and we will have guest speakers on site to read to our students. A HUGE thank you to those of you coming in this week to read to your child's class. We also have dress up days this week associated with our reading theme. Please see our Upcoming Events for details.

Western Day Thank you!! A thank you shout out to our kitchen team and Mrs. Kelly for the western themed day last Friday. Our students loved the burger meal, the photo booth, and the opportunity to have lunch with their teachers last week. **Thank you for making this possible! You are THE BEST!**

Spring Break- This is our last week before spring break! We have a lot of learning to do all week long. Thank you for making sure your child is here every day and on time. Spring break is March 7-21. Students return on Tuesday, March 22.

Student Council Convention – Our student Council students enjoyed a day of fun at Chandler Center for the Arts this month. They showed off their spirit and hard work to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. The schools raised \$13,000! Thank you for your coin donations allowing us to be a part of that overall total!





Upcoming Events

March 1

Read My Shirt Day – Must be school appropriate.

March 2

Dr. Seuss Day – Wear your hat and/or dress like a character from a Dr. Seuss book

March 3

Crazy Sock and Field Day today. Be sure to wear sneakers with your craziest pair of socks!

March 4

Last day before Spring Break. Break from March 7 – March 21. Students return on March 22.



More Important News

4th Grader Wins First Place for Her Video! Helen Aker, 4th grade student, won first place for her video on diversity themed "The Colors of Equality", through the City of Chandler at the Celebration of Unity. Helen got to meet the mayor at a city hall meeting where she will be recognized. We are very proud of Helen. Check out her video on You Tube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= dxDi3BMkAE

Fundraising Efforts – Are still underway to support *The Leader in Me* for the 2016-2017 school year. We are hoping to raise \$15,000 for this new program. We need your help! We are asking our Andersen families to consider making a tax credit donation to our general account or, write a check to support our fundraising efforts. Click on this link to obtain the donation form. Another way you can help out is by speaking with your employer. Many employers generously offer to match an employee's donation to benefit a local school. Often, they extend the benefits to spouses and retired employees too. If you already donated, no problem. Most companies will match your gifts for up to 12 months. Thank you in advance for helping us to bring this program to benefit the students at our school! Donation Form.

March Calendar of Events (After Spring Break)

March 22 – Students Return

March 25 – NO SCHOOL Spring Holiday

March 28 – April 15th – Az Merit testing. Please make sure students are at school and on time. Thank you.

March 30 - 4th/5th Grade Honor Roll Assembly – 8:30 a.m. Class and Spring pictures begin for all grade levels but 3rd.

March 31 – Lunch with the principal – 3^{rd} grade class and individual pictures today.

Note from Student Council: Please take time over break to do a couple of things... 1) Cut off all those box top labels and send them in! 2) We will be having a clothing recycling drive from March 22 – April 4th. When spring cleaning over break, place those items aside and send them with your student when they return to school. Our goal: 10-pound bag of clothing from everyone!



In the Community

March 4

CEF Winner's Choice Raffle Drawing. Click here for more information. CEF Raffle

March 5

Ostrich Festival Fun Run and Parade

March 24

Parent Education Series at Hamilton High 6:30 p.m. <u>Click</u> here for the schedule.

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