

THE ROADRUNNER EXPRESS



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“Kindness gets us on the fast track to success...beep, beep!”

Dear Riggs' Families,

Our third quarter is soon coming to an end which also means that Spring Intersession is just around the corner!! I hope that the time off will revitalize and invigorate our students so they will be prepared and ready for a very busy and productive fourth quarter. Before break, I would also like to send an immense thank you to everyone, including our Riggs PTO for your efforts in making this years Boosterthon such an enormous success. As mentioned at our last PTO meeting, we surpassed our goal and made over \$30,000 profit. Due to the success of this fundraiser, purchases have been or will be made for the 3D printer, iPads, Tynker coding subscription, Lego Education Wedo 2.0 sets, Microbots, and Evobots. Thanks again for your wonderful support!!

March and April also signifies the start of the “testing season” in Arizona. Students and staff will continue to gear up for the administration of the state wide AzMERIT test that will take place at Riggs during the month of April. Our students will again take the test online using the COWS that have been provided by our PTO and school district. Fourth grade students will also be administered the AIMS Science assessment. It is imperative that every student is in attendance during their testing days and that each Riggs Roadrunner gives their best effort while taking these standardized tests.

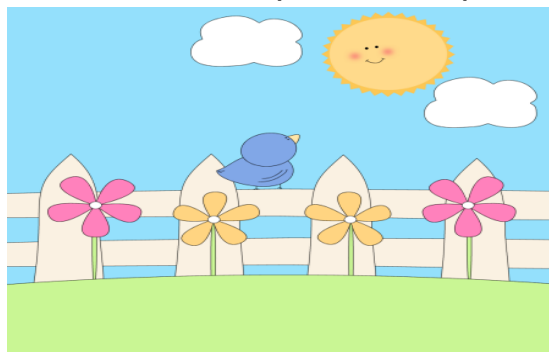
Here are several things that you as a parent can do to help your child be successful with these tests.

- 1) *Send your child to school every day (attendance is part of the criteria the state uses to determine adequate yearly progress). Students also need to arrive to school on time as well! **Teachers can't teach students who aren't in school.***
- 2) *See that your child gets plenty of sleep each school night. Most students need at least eight hours of sleep every night.*
- 3) *See that your child eats a nutritional breakfast. Even toast and a piece of fruit will provide the brain and body energy.*
- 4) *Encourage your child to exercise every day. Exercise increases oxygen to the brain and helps with thinking and memory. Educational research tells us that these factors will help ensure that your child does his/her very best.*

Thank you for your efforts to help your children become the best that they can be, and thank you for your continuing support and assistance to make Riggs the best that it can be. Whatever your plans are for the upcoming intersession, if you are traveling or staying local, my hope is that it is an enjoyable and memorable time for your entire family.

Warmly,

Janis K. Weyenberg
Principal



March



- 1 Fast Track Lunch Bunch
- 4-8 StuCo Spirit Week Begins
- 5 CUSD Regional Track Meet Semi-Finals @ CCHS
- 9 Grandparents Breakfast (7:30)
Be Kind Character Assemblies
End of 3rd QTR/42 Days
- 11-25 Spring Intersession
- 26 Students Return
- 28 4th Grade AIMS Science Testing

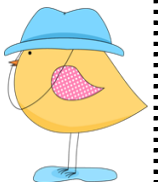
April



- 1—26 AZ Merit Testing Begins
- 1 CUSD Track Meet Finals @ CHS
- 4 Battle of the Books—Media Center
Fast Track Lunch Bunch
- 8-12 Stuco Coin/Pasta Drive
- 9 Site Council Meeting-Media Center
School Librarians Day
- 12 Riggs Sun Devil Baseball Night
- 18 Gilbert Citizenship Award Presentation
Fast Track Lunch Bunch
- 19 NO SCHOOL/Spring Holiday
- 25—May 3 Scholastic Book Fair
- 26 PTO Spring Carnival

May

- 2-3 Scholastic Book Fair Continues
- 2 Orchestra Concert @ 6:30
Fast Track Lunch Bunch
- 6-8 DIBELS Testing
- 6-10 Staff Appreciation Week
- 8 Band Concert @ 6:30
- 8 School Nurse Appreciation Day
- 10 Muffins for Mom
- 15 Kindergarten Orientation @ 6:00/MPR
- 13-17 StuCo Food Drive
- 16 Gilbert Citizenship Award Presentation
- 20-24 StuCo Spirit Week
- 20 PTO Meeting @ 2:15/Room C6
- 21 Riggs Talent Show @ 6:30/MPR
- 23 Be Kind Character Assemblies
- 27 Memorial Day/No School
- 29 Last Day for Students-Early Dismissal
6th Grade “Clap-out”





**Running Club Race Results from January 29th
at Tumbleweed Park**

Kindergarten—Girls: 1st: Rylee Wagner, 2nd: Arielle Welsh, 3rd: Beau Hamilton, 4th: Lauren Luedeke,
Boys: 3rd: Boden Griffin, 4th: Miles Gorshe, 5th: Landon Kerr

1st Grade—Girls: Presley Biesen, 3rd: Addie LaRoche, 4th: Brynley Pryor, 5th McKenzie Zwaniger **Boys:** 3rd: Andrew Dougherty, 4th: Beckett Przybylski, 5th: Tommy MacQueen

2nd Grade—Girls: 2nd: Ava Tregre, 3rd: Rowan Medina, 5th: Emily Luedeke **Boys:** 1st: Alec Fenton, 3rd: Jagger Orava, 4th: Colter Brasel, 5th: Rogan Carter

3rd Grade—Girls: 1st: Sophia Moriera, 2nd: Avery Wagner, 3rd: Madison From, 5th: Cadence Becher **Boys:** 1st: Anson Medina, 2nd: Eli Acton, 4th: Keegan Thomas, 5th: Lucien Johnson

4th Grade—Girls: 3rd: Sienna Biesen, 4th: Piper Finnvik, 5th: Airy Hammond **Boys:** 1st: Maddox Bonilla, 2nd: Christian Parsons, 3rd: Jackson LaRoche, 4th Carter Holmes

5th Grade—Girls: 1st: Isabella Lewis, 2nd: Jaycee Larchick, 3rd: Ally Stone **Boys:** 1st: Cameron Mitchell, 2nd: Charlie Sharp, 4th: Kolby Olivares, 5th: Ashton Engle

6th Grade—Girls: 1st: Bailey Baca, 2nd: Alyssa Gruber, 3rd: Scarlett Lucky, 5th: Brie Thompson **Boys:** 1st: Andrew Johnson, 2nd: Cameron Drew, 4th: Jaxon Orava

GREAT JOB ROADRUNNERS!!!!

Learning Environment Forms

As this year quickly comes to a close, we now start planning for the 2019-2020 school year. Learning Environment Forms will be available in the office beginning **WEDNESDAY, May 1st.**



Please keep in mind that it is **NOT A TEACHER REQUEST FORM** but rather an opportunity to share information about your child that we should consider when placing him/her.

Please remember that every effort is made to place your student with the appropriate classroom environment using both parent and current teacher observation. We hope that everyone understands that balancing class lists is quite complicated, with attention given to gender, ability levels, behavior concerns and ethnic representation. **If you choose to complete a learning environment form the entire form must be completed in order for it to be considered.**

We believe that **ALL** of our teachers are **TERRIFIC** and we will do our best to match student needs with specific environments.
Thank you!!

**Running Club Race Results from February 6th
at Tumbleweed Park**

Kindergarten—Girls: 1st: Ariella Welsh, 2nd: Rylee Wagner 3rd: Lauren Luedeke

1st Grade—Girls: Presley Biesen, 5th McKenzie Zwaniger **Boys:** 2nd: Crew Manwaring

2nd Grade—Girls: 4th: Rowan Medina, 5th: Madisyn Matejcek
Boys: 1st: Alec Fenton

3rd Grade—Boys: 1st: Anson Medina

4th Grade—Girls: 2nd: Sienna Biesen, 3rd: Jazmin Aviles **Boys:** 2nd: Liam Petrie, 3rd: Maddox Bonilla, 5th: Christian Parsons

5th Grade—Girls: 1st: Isabella Lewis, 4th: Jaycee Larchick
Boys: 1st: Cameron Mitchell, 4th: Kolby Olivares

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RIGGS BAND NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were selected for the CUSD Honor Band !!!

Kendan Cain & Grady McKinney

They auditioned and were selected to participate in a concert with other CUSD students at Casteel High School.

Awesome job Roadrunners!!!!



Running Club Race Results

for the final race on February 19, 2019

Kindergarten: GIRLS: 1st: Arielle Welsh, 2nd: Rylee Wagner

1st Grade: GIRLS: 1st: Presley Biesen, 3rd: McKenzie Zwanziger

2nd Grade: GIRLS: 3rd: Ava Tregre, 5th: Macy Hardy
BOYS: 1st: Alec Fenton, 3rd: Jagger Orava

3rd Grade: GIRLS: 3rd: Sophia Moriera, 4th: Avery Wagner
BOYS: 1st: Eli Acton, 3rd: Conner Doherty, 4th: Tristan Sailer

4th Grade: GIRLS: 2nd: Jazmin Aviles, 3rd: Allison Forese, 4th: Piper Finnvik, 5th: Ally Kimball
BOYS: 2nd: Liam Petrie, 4th: Maddox Bonilla, 5th: Christian Parsons

5th Grade: GIRLS: 2nd: Isabella Lewis, 3rd: Jaycee Larchick, 5th: Ally Stone
BOYS: 1st: Cameron Mitchell, 3rd: Kobe Olivares, 5th: Ashton Engle

6th Grade: GIRLS: 1st: Alyssa Gruber, 5th: Bree Thompson
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Students also enjoyed a Running Club Breakfast where awards and certificates were presented on February 22nd as the final Running Club event of the year!

AWESOME JOB RIGGS RUNNING CLUB MEMBERS!!

MEDIA CENTER MISCELLANY...

Spring is here and don't forget to "SPRING" to our Chandler Public libraries for great literacy programs. Some of the free services offered with your library card include Accelerated Reader lists, free online reading programs, and lists of great books for your kids to read. Check out all of the great children's programs at <http://www.chandlerlibrary.org/kids.html> With your Chandler library card, you get free access to online books and audiotapes from the 3M Online Book Library as well as Tumblebooks, Family Book Clubs, and Lego Club.

Want to have some fun over Spring Break? Check out these great destinations and times they are free to the public.

Arizona Historical Society
480-929-9499
2-for-1 on first Tuesday of the month 10am-4pm

Desert Botanical Garden
480-941-1225
Free on the second Tuesday of the month

Phoenix Art Museum
602-257-1222
Free on Wednesdays 3-9pm and First Fridays 6-10pm

Scottsdale Museum of

Contemporary Art
480-874-4666
Free on Thursdays 12-9pm

Kim Reininga—
Media/Technology Specialist



Be Kind People Project Character Trait for March is...

"Encouragement"



On a day to day basis we all can see that we need more taking place around us. It is noticeable from our daily lives, in our schools, and even our homes. How can we do this? We can offer "Encouragement". Encouragement to our family members, friends, and even those in our surrounding community. To **Encourage** you can cheer someone on, give them the courage to do something they might not have done otherwise. If you see someone having a difficult day, simply give them cheerful words of encouragement and know that your words have most likely moved them through a rough part of the day. Be the **Encourager** this month and let us see how many lives we can influence and change!

The Healthy Habit for March is to "MOVE". The temperatures in Arizona are usually perfect for everyone to get outside and get **moving**. Go to the park, do a little jog, sign up for a sport, or ride a bike. It is also a great time to spend time with friends and family and incorporate some movement into a fun family day!!!

Huge thanks to the following volunteers for their assistance on our recent Picture Day. It was a new format this year but because of their help Picture Day went perfectly! **Eva Cooke, Kasey Clarkson, Nicole Finucan & Georgia Tzeremas!!** These ladies were AMAZING!!!



The "Corner Room"



March is finally approaching with the smell and sites of spring, blooms popping and kites blowing. This can be a difficult time of year for students to

stay inside, concentrate, follow school routines, and hold on to their studies. Don't give up and don't give in. Just as we adults have to stay focused during this refreshing time of year, our students need to continue to focus and remain on track with their lessons and school work. Parents, the easiest way for our students to continue to be successful as we move into March is to keep those daily ROUTINES.

Only a few more days as *the countdown begins to spring break*

HEALTH OFFICE HAPPENINGS...

Upcoming 5th/6th Grade Students New Kindergarten Students

Please Read!!!!

Upcoming 5th/6th graders that are 11 years old must have all of the required immunizations, Tdap and Meningococcal (Menactra), which are Arizona State requirements. These must be received before the 2019-2020 school year starts. **Students entering 5th/6th grade that are already 11 years old at the start of school will not be allowed to start the school year unless an updated shot record is in the health office by the start of the 2019-2020 school year.**

Students entering Kindergarten will also need to be up to date on all immunizations prior to the first day of school on July 23, 2019. So please schedule those appointments now as summer will be over before you know it. **Kindergarten students will not be allowed to start the school year unless they have their updated shots and an updated shot record in the health office by 7/23/19.**

If you have signed an Exemption Form for religious beliefs (PRE K), an updated WAIVER form will be required. The waiver can be found on the Arizona Department of Health Website and will need to be printed, completed and then brought into the health office. The health office is no longer able to provide a copy of the waiver for you to complete.

Thank you!!

If you have any questions, please contact Loretta Novak in the Health Office at 480-224-3402.

P.S. If you have borrowed clothes or flip flops from the Health Office – please return them to allow other students to use as necessary. If anyone has large youth or adult size flip flops they



Preschool—We have so many fun things planned in preschool during this spring season! We will explore the life cycle of plants and take a closer look at nature all around us. We will be able to observe the plant life cycle first hand by planting seeds of our own and watching them grow! We will also be using lots of fun things to work on comparing numbers 1-10. After break we will get to investigate different kinds of weather!



Kindergarten—“You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.”~Dr. Seuss

This month we are concluding our Dr. Seuss author study. It has been so much fun digging deeper into Dr. Seuss' engaging books and bringing them to life in our classrooms. As we head into spring break, please continue reading stories each night with your child. Additionally, have your child keep a journal of their experiences. Students should draw a detailed picture and write a complete sentence about their picture with correct conventions (punctuation, capitals, spacing, and penmanship).



First Grade—Third quarter is coming to an end quickly. Math this quarter involved measuring using non-standard units, telling time and two- and three- dimensional shapes. We will be really focusing on the properties of three dimensional shapes and fractions in March. Our 1st graders continue to amaze us with their reading growth. Reading groups continue and the kids are working with long vowels, suffixes and their meaning, ABC order, and classifying. For social studies, we are enjoying our student experts teaching the class about various topics. We, also, will be learning some interesting facts about Ancient Egypt. In science, we look forward to learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly while watching our butterflies emerge.



Second Grade—Our Phoenix Zoo field trip gives us hands-on experience looking at animal adaptations, as we spend more time in reading non-fiction books. Our writing expectations continue to challenge students to write descriptive sentences, look at verb agreement, commas, adjectives, informational texts, and paragraphs. In math we are learning to create graphs, & will move on to telling time. These last few months of 2nd grade will be memorable!

Third Grade—Wow 3rd grade is wrapping up third quarter! They've worked so hard. Students continue to enjoy many math and science STEM activities in class and making huge growth using technology. Also, please continue a healthy balance of technology at home by completing ATI homework and using educational apps to practice math facts and typing skills. This boost students' confidence at home and school. Finally, Third Graders will finish publishing their first book. Those will be sent off to the publishing company. We look forward to receiving their published books this spring. Way to go 3rd Grade!!



Fifth Graders are springing into action this quarter. We have worked hard over the past three quarters to prepare for the AZ Merit and are eager to show off what we know! We will be setting testing goals in class. Please have a conversation about these at home. A fun and exciting month is awaiting us. We will begin a solar system unit in Science, a new literature study in Reading, studying westward expansion in Social Studies, working on geometry in Math, and also working on amazing STEM activities as well.



Fourth Graders finished our literature study on the Black Stallion with our annual Kentucky Derby Day Hat Contest! It was awesome to see all of the amazing hat creations! We will also wrap up our science unit on animals and plants. We continue to become experts with Informational Text and are learning several new strategies/ skills in reading and math. When we return from spring break, it'll be full-speed ahead to review for the AIMS science and AzMERIT tests. Students will get to participate in a fun AIMS Boot camp as well as other review activities. We know that the students will all do their very best and we are so proud of all they have accomplished this year!



Sixth Grade—In March, sixth graders we will continue the process of preparing for AZ Merit Testing. To help your student prepare for this year's test we will begin by helping them become familiar with the test format and terminology. They will learn/review test-taking strategies (when to guess, when not to), to become comfortable with time restrictions, and to practice answering different types of questions. Also, Mrs. Oerter will be meeting with each student to discuss last year's results and set goals for this year's testing. Our goal for all students is that they score high and show adequate growth.

Roadrunner Staff Acknowledgement

Has a Riggs staff member gone above and beyond for you or your child? We would love to hear about it! Please share your appreciation for a Riggs staff member and turn it in to the front office.

I would like to recognize _____ for _____

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