

FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL HALE

This week we celebrated World Kindness Week. It was a nice respite from a lot of the dark news from the outside world. Students wrote cards, thanked Veterans, painted rocks with positive messages, and reminded us all that kindness matters and it makes a big difference! We are always focused on academics of course, but there is no reason we can't have a back drop of character lessons to teach children at the same time.

Next week we will be focusing on an "attitude of gratitude". When times are challenging, the best thing to do is to count our blessings and remember all we have to be thankful for. In addition to sharing appreciation for people and experiences, students will also be invited to enjoy a "Thanksgiving style" lunch on Friday in our cafeteria. Of course, students will still have to be spread apart, but we will focus on gratitude. We are also hosting a canned food drive for the Chandler Care Center. If you wish to participate, please send your child with a non-perishable food item for donation on Friday.

As I know many of you are, we are also disappointed to see the increase in COVID-19 cases in our larger community. Please know that we remain committed and vigilant at Tarwater. Our Chandler Unified School District Governing Board will meet this Wednesday to discuss benchmarks and criteria for schools. Visit the district website for a link to tune into the meeting if you are interested. Of course, I will keep you informed of any and all changes should they occur at Tarwater. In the meantime, I hope everyone will wear a mask, wash hands, and stay home whenever possible.

Please stay safe this weekend,

Diane Hale, Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Running Club Information** – Running Club will start virtually on November 17.
- **Attitude of Gratitude** – Join us as we focus on what we are grateful for. Post messages of gratitude to teachers, community members, and others. It feels good to be grateful!
- **Keyboard Challenge** – The Keyboard challenge will begin on November 16. See the attached flyer for details.
- **School Cents** – Our school is in a heated battle with Jacobson for the top spot in the School Cents challenge. Just turn in your mall receipts to give back to Tarwater.
- **Canned Food Drive** – Our school will participate in a canned food drive to support our local Care Center in Chandler. Students are encouraged to donate a can of food on November 20. See attached flyer.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- 11/16-21 **Keyboard Challenge**
- 11/20 **Canned Food Drive**
- 11/25 **No School**
- 11/26-27 **Thanksgiving Holiday – No School**

DECEMBER

- 12/4 **Spelling Bee**
- 12/17 **End of 2nd Quarter**
- 12/18 **Teacher In-Service – No School For Students**
- 12/19 – 1/3/21 **2nd Intersession-Winter Break – No School For Students**

JANUARY

- 1/4 **Teacher In-Service – No School For Students**
- 1/5 **School Resumes**
- 1/18 **Martin Luther King Jr Holiday – No School**

FEBRUARY

- 2/5 **Picture Day**



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