



The Coyote Connection



Anza Trail K-8 School

"Reach for the Excellence Within!"



Upcoming Events:

- 9/1- Women Advocacy Group Meet & Greet with Martha McSally @ SHS library, 7:45AM
- 9/2- Out Of Dress Code, \$2
- 9/2-Sports Pep Rally, 1:30pm
- 9/2- STUCO Dance, @ Gym, 2:30-4:15pm
- 9/5- LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL
- 9/6-9/9- Vision Screening
- 9/6- 1st day of Reading Lab
- 9/7- PTO mtg, @library 3pm
- 9/9- Patriot Day Assembly, 8:30am
- 9/9- 1st Qtr Mid-Terms sent home with students
- 9/10-Music Car Wash fundraiser @ Anza, 8-1pm
- 9/14- Board Mtg, @ District, 6:30-7:30pm
- 9/16- Fall Picture Day (in uniforms)
- 9/21-1st grade Fall Craft Day, 7:45-12noon
- 9/22-10/7-Believe Fundraiser grades K-8
- 9/26-9/30- GALILEO testing for grades 2nd-8th
- 9/30-PTO Movie Night, @ Courtyard, 6pm



A Word From Mrs. Robinson...

It is September which means our academic year is in full swing! It truly is rewarding to work with the staff, students, and families of Anza Trail K-8. This is an excellent school, and I am proud to be a Coyote!

Parental Involvement: As we progress through the school year, it is important to make you aware of our school goals, and what you can do to help assist your child in being successful. Please work with your child to:

- Read at least 20 minutes each night (make sure to include non-fiction text too!).
- Practice and master grade level math facts.
- Complete homework and turn it in on time.
- Be on time to school and prevent absences (school begins at 7:25 a.m. and dismissal begins at 2:15 for Kinder (staggered thereafter) and 2:30 for Middle School).
- Take pride in our school and respect others.
- Utilize PowerSchool to monitor student grades and academic progress (grades 1st-8th).

Save the Date: Please plan on attending 1st Quarter Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 20th and/or Friday, October 21st. 1st Quarter Mid-Term Progress Reports will be sent out by Friday, September 9th. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher or middle school (MS) team. It is important to keep the lines of communication open, so we can work together to make this a successful year for your child.

College and Career Readiness Standards: We will continue our focus on the state adopted college and career readiness standards this year. There will be an emphasis on reading non-fiction text and writing, writing, writing! Please know that your child may need extra support at home to accomplish our rigorous academic goals. Our teachers will be following their Pacing Calendars through our District adopted, Beyond Textbooks Wiki. Weekly formatives and quarterly summative tests will also be administered to show your child's progress and help drive reteach/enrich opportunities.

We, at Anza Trail, know educating your child is a team effort and that we cannot do it without you! If you ever have a question or concern, feel free to come by and see me. I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year.

Your Partner in Lifelong Learning,



Darlene Robinson

Important Numbers for you to know...

Our Physical Address:

15490 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.
Sahuarita, AZ 85629

Our Mailing Address:

350 W. Sahuarita Road
Sahuarita, AZ 85629

Main Line: (520) 625-3502
Fax: (520) 398-7121

Attendance Clerk: EXT 1776
Registrar: EXT 1705

Cafeteria: EXT 1772
Health Aide: EXT 1742

PRINCIPAL:

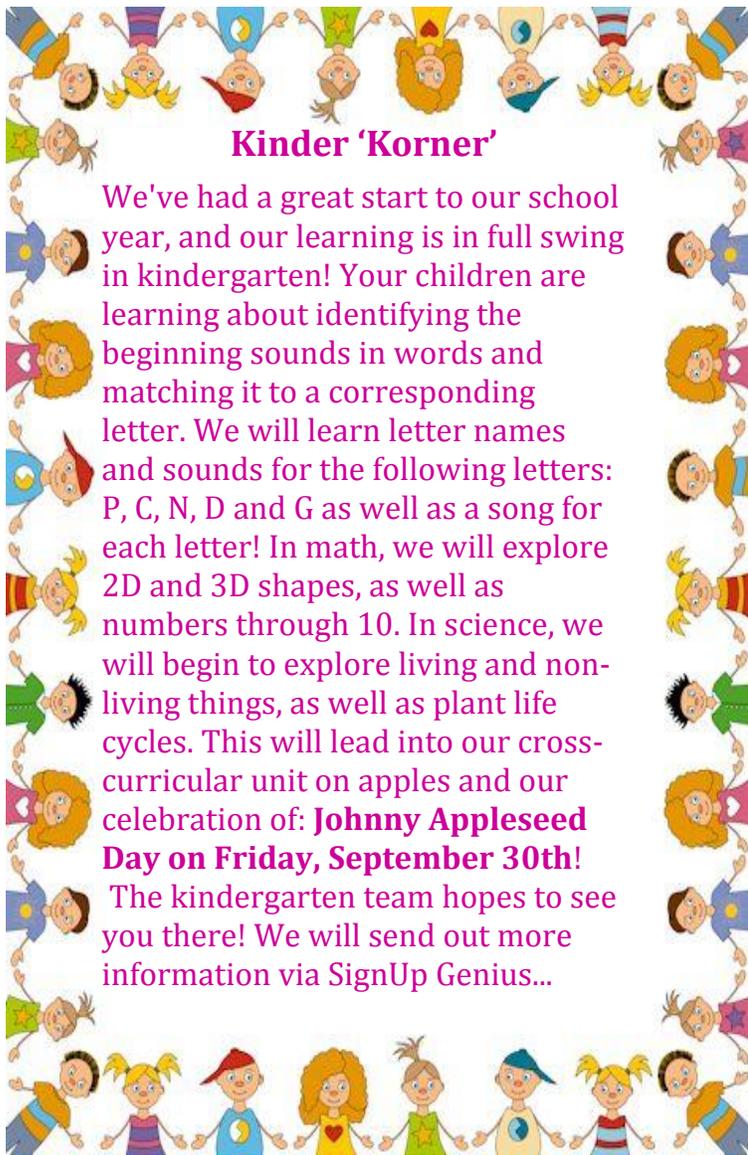
Mrs. Darlene Robinson

ASST PRINCIPAL (K-5):

Mrs. Shelly Lizardi

ASST PRINCIPAL (6-8):

Mr. Julio Moreno



Kinder 'Korner'

We've had a great start to our school year, and our learning is in full swing in kindergarten! Your children are learning about identifying the beginning sounds in words and matching it to a corresponding letter. We will learn letter names and sounds for the following letters: P, C, N, D and G as well as a song for each letter! In math, we will explore 2D and 3D shapes, as well as numbers through 10. In science, we will begin to explore living and non-living things, as well as plant life cycles. This will lead into our cross-curricular unit on apples and our celebration of: **Johnny Appleseed Day on Friday, September 30th!** The kindergarten team hopes to see you there! We will send out more information via SignUp Genius...

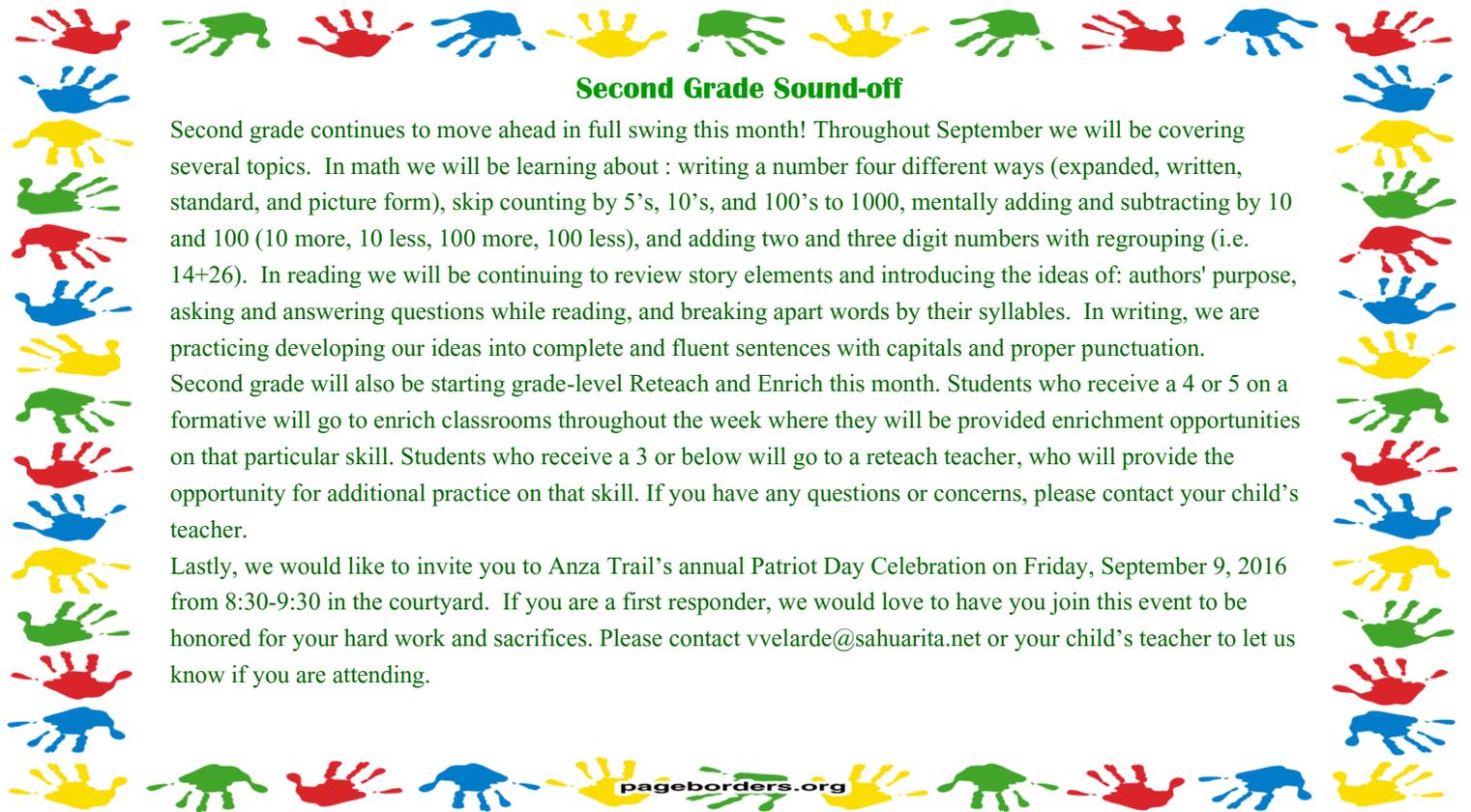
Fabulous First Grade

We have been busy in first grade! We have started Daily Math Skills (DMS) where the children practice a specific math skill with a partner and then take a 2 minute test to check their knowledge. These DMS papers will come home often. The goal is for your child to be able to get a score of 40 before we move on to the next skill. You can support your child by reviewing these papers and practicing the skills at home. During regular math time in September we will be working on counting to 120 and understanding that 2 digit numbers are made up of tens and ones. This month we will be focusing on writing complete sentences with a capital letter at the beginning, punctuation at the end and spaces between words. We will also be learning about consonants diagraphs (2 letters that make one sound such as th, ch, sh, wh, and ph). Please remember to read with your child and study their sight words every night!

Second Grade Sound-off

Second grade continues to move ahead in full swing this month! Throughout September we will be covering several topics. In math we will be learning about : writing a number four different ways (expanded, written, standard, and picture form), skip counting by 5's, 10's, and 100's to 1000, mentally adding and subtracting by 10 and 100 (10 more, 10 less, 100 more, 100 less), and adding two and three digit numbers with regrouping (i.e. 14+26). In reading we will be continuing to review story elements and introducing the ideas of: authors' purpose, asking and answering questions while reading, and breaking apart words by their syllables. In writing, we are practicing developing our ideas into complete and fluent sentences with capitals and proper punctuation. Second grade will also be starting grade-level Reteach and Enrich this month. Students who receive a 4 or 5 on a formative will go to enrich classrooms throughout the week where they will be provided enrichment opportunities on that particular skill. Students who receive a 3 or below will go to a reteach teacher, who will provide the opportunity for additional practice on that skill. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Lastly, we would like to invite you to Anza Trail's annual Patriot Day Celebration on Friday, September 9, 2016 from 8:30-9:30 in the courtyard. If you are a first responder, we would love to have you join this event to be honored for your hard work and sacrifices. Please contact vvelarde@sahuarita.net or your child's teacher to let us know if you are attending.



Third Grade Thoughts

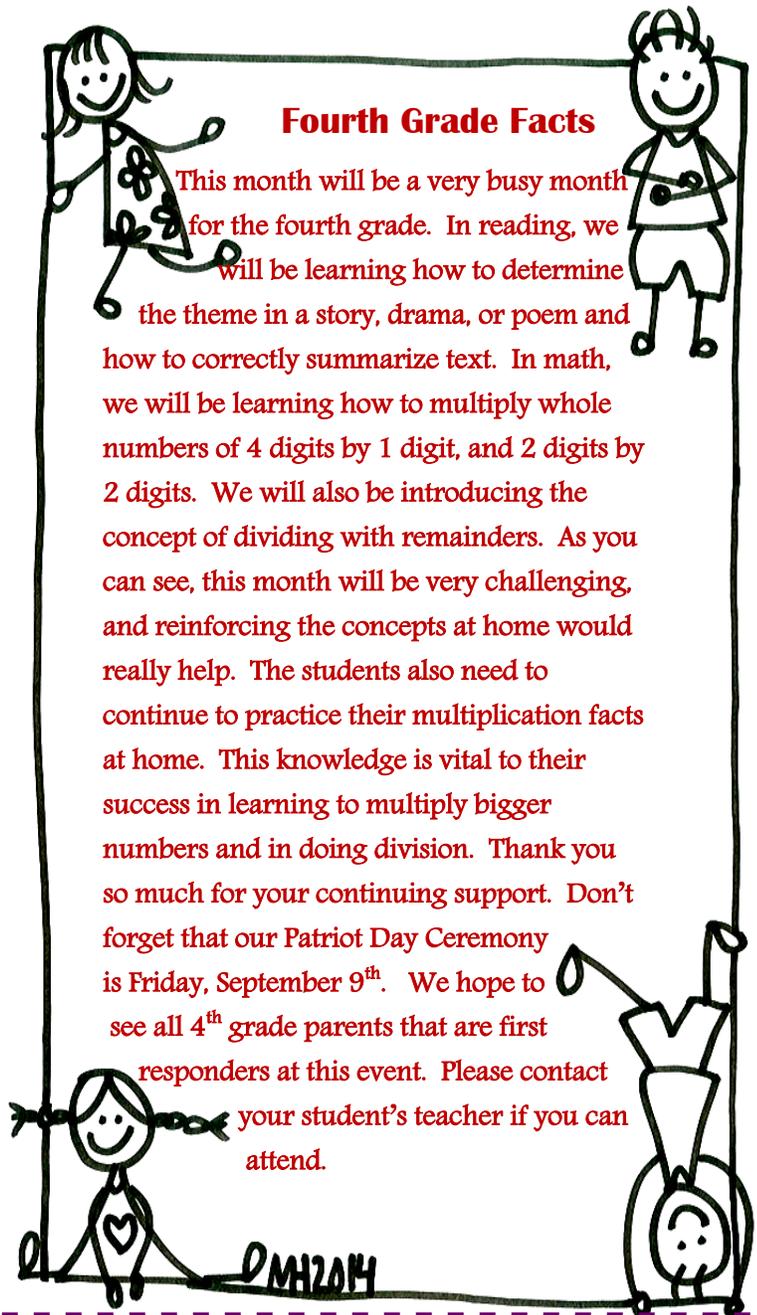
This month in math we are continuing to focus on multiplication and division, as well as reviewing addition and subtraction. We have noticed some students are still using their fingers and/or having difficulty adding and subtracting. Students should be able to fluently answer basic addition and subtraction. If you see your child is having difficulty please hold off on multiplication flashcards and focus on addition and subtraction flashcards for at home practice each day. In reading, we will be focusing on context clues, organizational text features, and character analysis. We will also be reviewing concepts to prepare for our Galileo Benchmark coming up the week of 9/26.

Don't forget there is NO SCHOOL on 9/5.
Picture Day is 9/16



Fourth Grade Facts

This month will be a very busy month for the fourth grade. In reading, we will be learning how to determine the theme in a story, drama, or poem and how to correctly summarize text. In math, we will be learning how to multiply whole numbers of 4 digits by 1 digit, and 2 digits by 2 digits. We will also be introducing the concept of dividing with remainders. As you can see, this month will be very challenging, and reinforcing the concepts at home would really help. The students also need to continue to practice their multiplication facts at home. This knowledge is vital to their success in learning to multiply bigger numbers and in doing division. Thank you so much for your continuing support. Don't forget that our Patriot Day Ceremony is Friday, September 9th. We hope to see all 4th grade parents that are first responders at this event. Please contact your student's teacher if you can attend.



Fifth Grade Feedback

Thank you for helping our school year get off to a great start. We appreciate you supporting your child's education. In order to help your child be successful this school year, please keep the following in mind:

- A Power School account via the Parent Portal is a must!
- Homework is essential skill practice. It needs to be done on a nightly basis in order to ensure adequate practice of skills taught that day.
- Agendas are filled out daily. Expect to see these and please reinforce how important it is to stay organized and responsible!
- Fifth grade is full of transitions, so communicate with your children about their day, their friendships, assignments etc...
- Thank you for ensuring your child is dressed according to dress code!

*Thank you for your constant support,
5th Grade Teachers*

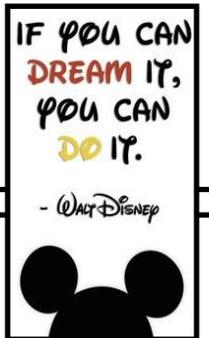


6th Grade GOLD TEAM

Wow! The first quarter is just flying by! We are staying so busy learning all the procedures and getting into the routine of 6th grade. DMS is in full swing and we are so proud of how well our students are doing on practicing our basic math skills. If you know your child is struggling with their basic math facts, please encourage them to practice with flashcards often. In science, we are studying weather so please encourage your children to watch the local weather reports so we can discuss them in class the following day. In social studies, we have been learning about reading maps and learning the continents and oceans. It's important that your children study this important concept each night. Students should also be reading nightly to build fluency and comprehension skills. Journaling is a great way for students to practice their writing skills when they have free time. September will be offering students a day off. Labor Day is on September 5th. We wish you a day of rest and honor. This will be followed by Patriot Day on September 9th, which is a day that our school honors our first responders. We have a wonderful assembly planned for that morning and encourage our families to join us in celebrating those who serve us every day. As always, please feel free to contact us with any concerns or questions that you have. We are always here to help support your child be successful in their education.

Science: Mrs. Eakins
Math: Mrs. Taylor

Social Studies: Mrs. Reichenbach
Language Arts: Mrs. Dicochea



6th Grade RED TEAM

Social Studies Red Team: hmedina@sahuarita.net

Parents, please look for a handout coming home to explain how to sign up for the Remind App. If you would like to know when tests will take place or projects are due in Social Studies then please sign up for these text reminders.

Students write daily objectives and homework in their planners. Please remind them to check their planner to see if they have homework. Also, if work isn't finished in class, students should finish it at home and turn in the next day.

Language Arts Red Team: aabrahamson@sahuarita.net

I have sent out classroom updates and if you have not received an email from me, please let me know asap, so that I can rectify the problem. Thank you to all the parents who have sent in snacks to support our positive incentive program. We really appreciate your support. Homework is handed out on a Monday and is not due till the following Monday. Please check your child's planner for homework assignments and much more...

Topics that we are currently covering are: summary, theme, opinions, pronouns, and argumentative essays.

Science Red Team: atanner@sahuarita.net

In science we are working our way through the water cycle and atmosphere. Ask your student to explain the steps of the water cycle or what is actually happening in the troposphere. We are also learning about weather systems and how large systems can affect us here in Sahuarita.

Math Red Team: dyslas@sahuarita.net

In math we will be looking at unit rate, ratios and percents. In accelerated math we will be using variables to solve real world problems. Our pre-algebra class will begin exploring graphs including looking at non-linear and linear functions. Students should typically be bringing homework home Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Students can use their math notebooks for extra support for homework and I am also available for tutoring.

7th Grade RED TEAM

September is upon us already and as we approach Fall we ask that you continue to ask students about what they are learning to foster the importance of education in each subject area. This also promotes recall and retention of what concepts they have learned.

***Math class will be focusing their skills on solving the variable in multi-step real word problems. After this we will work on solving and graphing inequalities. We will be reviewing the operations of adding subtracting multiplying and dividing integers and rational numbers.**

***The language arts classes will be using poetry and drama to focus on the skills of identifying and analyzing structural elements. Students will also focus on determining the meaning of figurative and connotative words in a text.**

***Social Studies students will have their first test on chapter 5- Crisis in the Colonies. They will need to know about the French and Indian War, The Stamp Act, The Boston Massacre, Boston Tea Party, and The Battles of Lexington and Concord. The following weeks the students will be learning about the American Revolution. They will have have a few small projects so be sure to keep abreast in what we are doing in class. Students will be getting a lot of work so be sure to check their folders and focus on organization.**

***Science classes will be exploring the engineering further and the scientific method. We will be discussing the science fair and all that is offered by SARSEF. Students will continue to learn how to record data, analyze it, and share their results in various formats including lab reports. We will also begin reading articles and students will explore what articles are available with recent science topics that they will summarize using MLA formatting.**

Thank you,

Ms. Ann Kurle (ELA) Mr. Zachary Mellen (Math) Mr. Carl Nelson (SS) Mrs. Justine Saavedra(Science)

7th Grade GOLD TEAM

In Math, we are reviewing the Order of Operations and are now multiplying and dividing integers. In Pre-Algebra, completed square roots and cube roots and are beginning to solve multistep equations. In Algebra, we are delving into functional notation and will be entering slope soon. All classes are settling in well. Tutoring is available during lunch and after school in Tues and Thurs.

In Science, we have started Engineering 101 and will continue through the month of September. Make sure to ask your students how their houses are staying cool without electricity. After Engineering 101, we will review the Scientific Method.

In Mr. Grzywa's Social Studies class we are learning about the American Revolution and started learning the citizenship constitution questions which we will be reviewing all year long. Our first chapter is on 'The Seven Years War' (aka French and Indian War) and the injustices and taxes levied by Parliament that led the colonists to question their loyalty in the years immediately following the 7 Years War as well as the Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party.

In Language Arts, We are working on a book report project that will be due in September and each student will present.

Here are their presentation options: 1. Interview a character from your book. Write at least ten questions and answers that will give the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about his/her role in the story. However you choose to present your interview is up to you; 2. Write a diary that one of the story's main characters might have kept before, during, or after the book's events. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary 3. If you are reading the same book as one or more others are reading, dramatize a scene from the book. Write a script and have several rehearsals before presenting it to the class.; 4. Give a sales talk, pretending the students in the class are clerks in a bookstore and you want them to push this book.

Thank you,

Mr. Grzywa(SS) Mr. McGee(Math) Ms. Knable(ELA) Ms. Sandusky(Science)

8th Grade Team

Mrs. Farnsworth's Pre-Algebra students will be identifying linear and nonlinear functions. They will be able to describe relationships between two quantities on a graph.

In Geometry students will use coordinates to find the perimeter and area of a polygon and transformations of angles, circles, perpendicular and parallel lines.

Mrs. Wilson's Pre-Algebra student will solve linear equations in one variable using the distributive property and combining like terms. In Algebra, students will use function notation and solve a function given a specific value. They will also calculate and describe the rate of change of a graph or table given specific intervals.

The first *Math Counts* meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday August 30th right after school and will meet regularly every Tuesday after that. This will take place in Mrs. Farnsworth classroom D1-152. For those unfamiliar with *Math Counts*, it is a math competition and club.

The Language Arts Department would like to remind students to bring a book to class because students will be assigned book projects that will be due at the end of the quarter. Also in Language Arts, students will be learning to use textual evidence and to make text distinctions and connections.

In Social Studies, students will be leaving the interesting content of World War I and entering the glitz and glamour of the 1920's. There will be a brief unit on budgeting as an introduction to the rich but somber topic of the Great Depression.

In Science classrooms, the focus will be on the area of Life science. We will review Cell Theory and structure briefly and then focus on the two types of cell division from there. We will examine the purpose behind Mitosis and Meiosis. After examining cell division we will encounter the very interesting topic of Genetics, followed by Adaptations to the Environment and end with a look at the different types of Interactions among Organisms.

General info and Reminders:

Parents, please remind your students that gum is not allowed in class or on campus. Also, a very nasty virus has been floating around campus. Please remind your students to use the resources they have to make up missing work. Students should have learned the process for getting missed work from their teachers during the 1st week of school. Please discuss the importance of turning work in on time with your students. A due date is a due date. Lastly, we are receiving many papers with "no name" or just a first name. Please remind students to write both first and last name on assignments.

 Find us on
Facebook - 'Anza Trail School Event Page'



BAND

Welcome back Anza Bands! We are looking forward to a great year of music making. Not even two weeks in, and we are sounding as great as we did when we left off last year. Here are some upcoming events:

- *Sept. 9th - Patriot Day @ ATS
- *Oct. 1- Fall Band Concert gr 6-8
6pm @ SUSD Auditorium
- *Oct 29 White Elephant Parade



Elementary Music with Mrs. Newton

Bravo to the new school year! It's going to be a fantastic year in music class. Students will learn skills and concepts in music that will prepare them to someday join a band, orchestra, or choir in 5th grade. Look for your child's grade and see when they will have their grade level performance this year:

1st Grade: November 1 & 3, 2016

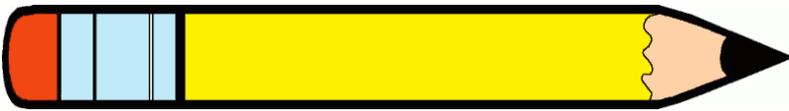
2nd Grade: December 6 & 8, 2016

Kindergarten: April 4 & 6, 2017

4th Grade: April 25 & 27, 2017

3rd Grade: May 9 & 10, 2017





Special Education

Notes from the Speech-Language Pathologists

Tuesday Sept 13th is National Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day

Cooking with your kids is a great way to work on language skills in a fun and exciting way. Your kids can learn new vocabulary (e.g. ladle and colander), follow step by step directions and explain processes and procedures. Have your kids cook their favorite meals or experiment with new recipes. Don't forget to bring in leftovers to share!

On Monday September 19th don't forget to practice your /r/ sounds on National Talk Like a Pirate Day.



Greetings readers and families! Reading Lab services begin on Tuesday, September 6th! We are excited to welcome our developing readers to the Reading Lab. Please help to support your student by ensuring that they read aloud appropriately-leveled texts for at least 20 minutes a night.

The before school READS mentoring program (Reading, Excelling, Achieving, Developing, Succeeding) will return this school year! The READS program partners highly-motivated middle school mentors with 1st through 3rd grade developing readers. READS mentorships will be opened to past participants first, and if there's space available, will be opened up to other interested middle schoolers. Elementary READS students will be invited within the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Huber at jhuber@sahuarita.net.

AR Update! Just an FYI, Anza Trail no longer has the Accelerated Reader program. Students will no longer receive an AR reading level or range. Classroom teachers will replace AR with another type of individual reading task. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.

Hello Parents,

The Arizona Youth Partnership will be offering the Stronger Families Program (SFP) again this year. This program is available to students ages 10-14 and their parents. The program consists of FREE family sessions every Wednesday starting October 19th through December 14th.

Sessions include a FREE family dinner, fun activities, parenting strategies, youth lessons, and community resources. If you are interested in this program please contact Christine Barry Christine@azyp.org (928)-373-8349 or Mrs. Rosy 625-3502 ext. 1754 rsotelo@sahuarita.net.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity!



We are excited to partner with the University of Arizona Confucius Institute to bring a Mandarin Chinese specials class to our elementary students! Dr. Katie Ge (pronounced as Guh) will be working with our kindergarten through 5th grade students to teach them conversational Chinese and Chinese culture. Already, students have learned how to say "hello" and count up to 10 in Chinese. This semester, Dr. Ge will teach them how to say the days of the week, months of the year, colors, and foods in Mandarin. We hope students will gain an understanding and appreciation of Chinese language and culture this school year!



This month the ELL students of Anza Trail, kindergarten through 8th grade, will be working on routines and procedures. We will be getting to know each other and focusing on speaking clearly in complete sentences in English. We are looking forward to a great year of learning academic English.



September Game Schedules:

Flag Football : Thurs, Sept 8 Vs Calabasas
& Volleyball @ Calabasas, 3:45pm

Tues, Sept 13 Vs Coatimundi
 @ Anza, 3:45pm

Thurs, Sept 15 Vs Continental
 @ Continental, 3:45pm

Tues, Sept 20 Vs Emily Grey
 @ Anza, 3:45pm

Thurs, Sept 22 Vs Sahuarita Middle
 @ Sahuarita Middle, 3:45pm

Cross Country: Tues, Sept 6 @ Sahuarita HS
 Sat, Sept 10 @ Christopher Columbus Park
 Tues, Sept 13 @ Rio Rico HS
 Tues, Sept 20 @ Tanque Verde HS

A WORD FROM SAFETY PATROL...

We are thrilled that we have a new group of Safety Patrol members that are helping to promote safety on our campus. Please remember some important safety guidelines as you drop off and pick up your child:

- Follow the designated 15 mph speed limit while on campus.
- Do not use your cell phone while dropping off students.
- Be alert for support staff members who are helping to guide traffic.
- Do not block traffic when dropping off or picking up your child.
- Use the designated areas for drop off and pick up.



Thank you for helping to make Anza a safe campus.



character development & leadership

All Character & Leadership classes received an introduction of our elective course. This year Anza welcomes the WEB-"Where Everyone Belongs", mentoring program. Approximately fifty eighth grade students have been accepted to participate as a mentor to our current 6th grade cohort. Most mentors will be enrolled in my course if possible to receive mentor training. All middle school students enrolled whether they are an official 8th grade mentor or not will be receiving a variety of lessons focused on "Character & Leadership Development" which will provide them with skills and the knowledge of specific character traits needed to apply to their mentoring experience, to work towards becoming an effective peer mentor and/or to simply practice positive character traits in their personal & academic daily experiences. Students will continue to learn the importance of civic service and its benefits as it relates to their future extracurricular & career opportunities.

If you have any question, please email me at rornelas@sahuarita.net or I can be reached at ext. 1780. Mrs. Ornelas



A Few Words From Your Friendly, Front Office...

***Dropping Off Items in the Office:** Please support our efforts in minimizing classroom disruptions by refraining from dropping off items for your child in the front office unless it is an absolute emergency. This will help maximize the academic learning time of our students and reinforce our efforts in making children more responsible for their actions.

****Students can start being dropped off at 7:00 am or after.** Please be advised that supervision is **not** provided before 7:00 am.

Congratulations to our 7th grader Katie Rodriguez for her WINNING submission of this Swim Safety poster to the Arizona Office of Technologies. GREAT JOB KATIE

Anza Trail's September Super Stars

Character & Leadership Winners

4th
grade



7th
grade

Mia Mezquita

Favorite Subject:
Math

Favorite Sport:
Dance

Career Goals:
*I want to be a doctor
when I grow up.*

Who Inspires You:
*My dance teacher
Ms. Christy. She helps
you fix what's wrong
instead of yelling.*

Best Advice to Classmates:
*Always listen to the
teacher.*

Michael Cromer

Favorite Subject:
Social Studies

Favorite Sport:
Baseball

Career Goals:
*I want to an Air Force pilot
or engineer when I grow up.*

Who Inspires You:
*My grandfather. He is a police
officer and a very nice person.
He is someone I always want
to be around.*

Best Advice to Classmates:
Don't give up.

BEN'S BELLS AWARD WINNERS



Mr. Zach Mellen
7th grade Math
August Winner

Mrs. Justine Saavedra
7th grade Science
September Winner



**Support Staff Member
Of the Month**

Evelyn Dionisio
AP Secretary

**Elementary Teacher
Of the Month**

Mrs. Heather Brand
1st Grade

**Middle School Teacher
Of the Month**

Ms. Ann Kurle
7th grade Language Arts

