



The Coyote Connection

Anza Trail K-8 School

"Reach for the Excellence Within!"



A Word From Mrs. Robinson...

Happy December! As our 2nd quarter and first semester comes to a close, I want to take the time to thank each one of you for sharing your most precious gifts with us, **your children**. It continues to be such a rewarding gift to serve our Anza Trail community! Thank you for your ongoing support!

This time of year also tends to be quite busy. To help you with feeling more balanced, please make note of the following:

- 5th-8th Grade Orchestra/Choir Concert from 6:00-7:30 in the District Auditorium on Tuesday, Dec. 6th.
- Canned Food Drive sponsored by STUCO for our Tree of Hope Initiative runs through December 16th.
- 3rd Grade Fun House Performance is scheduled for Thursday, December 15th from 6:00-7:00 in the cafeteria
- Tree of Hope distribution day is on Friday, December 16th from 3:30-5:30 pm in the Wrestling Room.
- 5th-8th Grade Band Concert from 6:00-8:00 on Tues., 12/20 at District Auditorium.
- Wednesday the 21st is the final day of school for the 2nd quarter and it is a FULL day.
- Thursday the 22nd is a Staff Only Workday.

Lastly, thank you for your perpetual efforts in getting your child to school and on time. Please continue the practice of communicating your child's absence with our front office. This transparency helps to validate your student's absence and provides us with the needed information to support your family as needed.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Your Partner in Lifelong Learning,

 **Darlene Robinson**



Upcoming Events:

- 12/1 & 2- DIBELS testing, K-3rd
- 12/2- PTO movie night, 6pm @ cafeteria "Elf"
- 12/2-3rd grade field trip to Desert Museum. 8am-1:45pm
- 12/5-Fire Drill, 8:30am
- 12/5- 8th grade Promotion Dance Mtg. library 6pm
- 12/6- 6th grade Adv Science field trip. 8am-1pm
- 12/6- 2nd grade Musical, in the cafeteria 5pm
- 12/7-12/21- GALILEO testing, grades 2-8
- 12/7- PTO meeting, in the library 3pm
- 12/7-SUSD Board Mtg, district auditorium 6pm
- 12/8- 4th grade Exploring Anza Trail. 7:30am-2pm
- 12/8- 2nd grade Musical, in the cafeteria 5pm
- 12/9- 4th Fitness Day, Soccer fields 8am-10am
- 12/9- NJHS Holiday Babysitting Night. 5pm-8:30pm
- 12/12-12/16- K-8 Spirit Week
- 12/14-12/20- NJHS Holiday Grams for sale. \$1
- 12/15- 3rd grade Dance performance, cafeteria 6pm
- 12/15- MS Math final
- 12/16- MS Lang. Arts final
- 12/16- Out of Dress Code, \$2
- 12/16- StuCo Dance, cafeteria 2:30pm-4:15pm
- 12/16- Tree of Hope Distribution, wrestling room 3:30pm-5:30pm
- 12/19-MS Social Studies final
- 12/20-MS Science final
- 12/20-Band Concert 5th-8th gr, district auditorium 6pm
- 12/21-End of 1st Semester-**FULL DAY SCHEDULE**



Winter Break Dec 22-Jan 8

1st Day of 3rd Quarter is Monday, January 9th, 2017

Civil Rights Day is 1/16

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. Shelby Lizardi

ASST PRINCIPAL (6-8):
Mr. Julio Moreno

Kinder 'Korner'

Congratulations, your child has almost completed the first 4 months of kindergarten!! In December, we will be assessing all that has been taught during the second quarter... please continue to review sight words, letter names & sounds, number identification (1-20), counting up to 50. Thank you for reading with your child each day; they may have even started reading to YOU! :) In December, we will also introduce holiday traditions around the world - we will discuss how they are similar and different from ours. On December 21st from 7:30-9:30am, each kindergarten classroom will host a Holiday Pajama & Pancake Breakfast... so be on the look out for more info from your child's teacher. Thank you for your support in 2016.



Fabulous First Grade

Wow! It is so hard to believe it is December already! The first graders will be learning about many exciting things this month. We are all working on writing narratives or stories about our experiences. In math, we are continuing to learn about addition and subtraction and will soon be starting our measurement unit. As the end of the month gets closer, we will discuss wants versus needs. We will also talk about how our traditions are a part of our culture. Each first grade class will be doing special activities as we near winter break. Watch for information from your child's teacher to see how you can help!

SECOND GRADE SAYS...

We would like to extend our wishes for a happy holiday season to all of our 2nd grade families. Our 2nd grade musical is approaching quickly. Mrs. Mora and Mrs. Wall's classes will be performing on Dec. 6th and Mrs. Doshier, Mrs. Harp, and Ms. Frogge's class on Dec. 8th. The concert starts promptly at 5 pm. Please have students practice their lines at home. Over the holiday break, please continue to have student practice with counting money and subtracting with regrouping. We will see everyone back and well rested on January 9th.

Third Grade Thoughts

We are so excited for December and can't wait to see everyone's Ecosystem Projects! We will culminate our science unit with our field trip to the Desert Museum. Thank you to everyone who is able to chaperone. This month will be lots of review, with our upcoming Galileo testing. We will also be busy choreographing and practicing our dances. Our performance will be on Thursday, December 15th at 6pm. We ask for students to be there earlier, around 5:30. We will also be learning about how different cultures celebrate the holiday season. Have a great Winter Break! Be safe!

Fourth Grade Facts

December will be another busy month for fourth grade! On December 8, The National Park Service will have a presentation for our 4th grade students on "Exploring the Anza Trail". They will learn about the exploratory expedition led by Juan Bautista de Anza. The route he took became known as the Anza Trail. In math, we will be working on solving multi-step word problems with all four operations and reviewing all fraction standards. In reading, we will continue to review all previous standards and continue to practice on finding textual evidence. Our 2nd quarter benchmark is also scheduled right before the break. Please try to give advance notice if your child will be missing school.

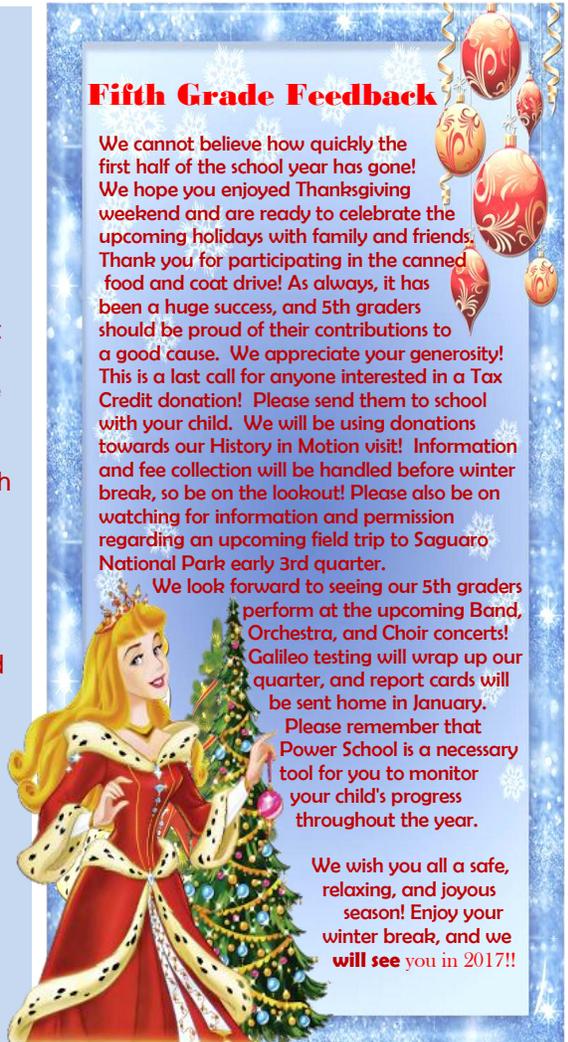
Happy Holidays!

Fifth Grade Feedback

We cannot believe how quickly the first half of the school year has gone! We hope you enjoyed Thanksgiving weekend and are ready to celebrate the upcoming holidays with family and friends. Thank you for participating in the canned food and coat drive! As always, it has been a huge success, and 5th graders should be proud of their contributions to a good cause. We appreciate your generosity! This is a last call for anyone interested in a Tax Credit donation! Please send them to school with your child. We will be using donations towards our History in Motion visit! Information and fee collection will be handled before winter break, so be on the lookout! Please also be on watching for information and permission regarding an upcoming field trip to Saguaro National Park early 3rd quarter.

We look forward to seeing our 5th graders perform at the upcoming Band, Orchestra, and Choir concerts! Galileo testing will wrap up our quarter, and report cards will be sent home in January. Please remember that Power School is a necessary tool for you to monitor your child's progress throughout the year.

We wish you all a safe, relaxing, and joyous season! Enjoy your winter break, and we will see you in 2017!!



6th Grade RED TEAM

Math-Mrs. Yslas

Our Galileo Benchmark testing will begin Wednesday, December 7th. Students may use their math notebooks as well as their "Parent Handbooks" as a study guide for Galileo and Finals. The math final will take place on Thursday, December 15th. Students will end the quarter by participating in project based learning that will incorporate the standards we have covered this first semester.

Social Studies-Mrs. Medina

Red Team Social Studies classes are studying the 5 Major World Religions and will wrap up this unit right after Thanksgiving. Ask your children to tell you a little about these religions. We have learned so many interesting things about them. We will begin our studies of Ancient China next.

Science- Ms. Tanner

I hope everyone is finishing up their testing for the science fair project. You may have some questions about about the display board and hopefully this helps!

In most cases students will use a standard, three-panel display board that unfolds to be no bigger than 36 inches tall by 48 inches wide. Display boards can be found at many office supply stores, craft stores or teacher supply stores. Organize information like a newspaper, so that the audience can quickly follow the thread of the experiment by reading from top to bottom, then left to right. Students have been typing all their components in class. I will be printing them at school for students who ask.

Go to the following for some examples of display boards: http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project_display_board.shtml#samples

A picture speaks a thousand words! Use photos or draw diagrams to present non-numerical data, to propose models that explain the results, or just to show the experimental setup. Pictures cannot have any faces in them. Please do include captions that include the source for every picture or image. Please do not put names on the front of the display board. Instead, place names and school on the back using a 3-by-5 card.

Language Arts- Ms. Navarette

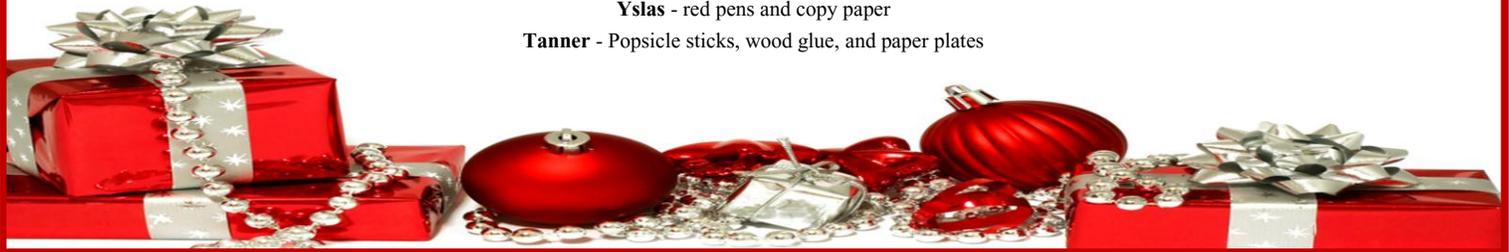
- 1) If your child does not complete their weekly homework or bell work in its entirety it is considered incomplete. They cannot leave any blanks. The reason for this is I don't grade for right or wrong, but rather on effort. Students will receive credit on what they did do. Once the earned grade is inputted into Power School, packets are returned and students have 5 days from the date it was inputted into Power School to complete what was not done and earn some points back.
- 2) I give up my lunchtime - every day for students to come in and get help, work on any unfinished work, work on homework.... and anything else they might need.
- 3) Informational essays have been taught and your child is ready to write this essay. It is due on Monday, January 9th.
- 4) Finals for the semester will be from Thursday, Dec 15th - Tuesday, Dec 20th. Please try to have your child present because this will be the last grade for the quarter. We are forced to enter a zero for students who aren't here to take the tests. Please make arrangements/contact teachers if your child will not be here during these dates.

Some of us teachers are in need of some supplies. Below is a wish list for each one. Thank you for any help you can provide.

Navarette- lined paper, individually wrapped healthy snacks for our Coyote Cash incentive program, paper towels, Clorox wipes, small glue gun glue sticks

Yslas - red pens and copy paper

Tanner - Popsicle sticks, wood glue, and paper plates



6th Grade GOLD TEAM

As the end of the quarter draws near, things really begin to pick up in 6th grade. Science Fair projects are due in class on December 9th. Students will be presenting them later in the month. The top projects will be invited to go to Science Fair Night in March. All students and parents are welcome to come to the Science Fair Night. We'd love to see you there. Informative essays (research papers) are due in Language Arts on December 9th also. Those can be the same research papers used for the science fair, just make sure that you have everything your Language Arts teacher wants you to have included.

Galileo testing for Language Arts and Math will begin December 7th and continue thru December 16th. Finals week is just before winter break, December 15th – 21st. Students will have a mid-term final in each of their core classes that week. If you know that you will be leaving early for Winter Break, please make arrangements to take those finals early. We'd hate to have you miss a test and get a zero right at the end of the quarter. Don't forget to be checking those grades also. If your child is missing any assignments, please remind them to come in for tutoring. We all are available during lunch, and arrangements can be made with some teachers for afterschool tutoring too. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email, call, or write us a note. We are always here to help.

Science: Mrs. Eakins

Social Studies: Mrs. Reichenbach

Math: Mrs. Taylor

Language Arts: Mrs. Dicochea



7th Grade GOLD TEAM & 7th Grade RED TEAM

We wish all of you joy and good health this December. This is a busy time of year for many people. The following dates are important for students and should be considered when making family plans.

The students creating science fair projects must have their project proposals submitted by December 2nd.

The language arts classes have book projects due December 8th.

The Galileo tests for math and language arts as well as finals are scheduled the last two weeks of the quarter.

If a student is going to be absent for a final test, he or she must make prior arrangements with the teacher.

The 7th grade will also be hosting PIP (positive incentive program) on December 21st . Students who have met grade and attendance requirements will participate in this rewards program. This is a full day and the final day for students.

We appreciate all the generous donations already made this year to keep our classrooms functioning more smoothly and looking nicer. During this season of giving if your family chooses to purchase a small gift for teachers, we thank you and appreciate the consideration. Mr. Mellen likes the gift of paper. Mrs. Kurle can't seem to ever have enough page protectors. Mrs. Saavedra is in need of green ink pens, colored paper, and page protectors, and Ms. Sandusky could use some page protectors and tape. It would be a wonderful gift for you to restock your students backpack with the essentials like pencils and paper. and many could use pocket high school level dictionaries. Many students are beginning to use class supplies because they have used all their personal supplies. Please contact us with any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you to continue to make this a great school year for the students.

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

Mr. Nelson (SS) Mrs. Saavedra (Science)
Ms. Kurle (ELA) Mr. Mellen (Math)

8TH GRADE TEAM

The Math and Language Arts Galileo is soon approaching! Please remind students to put their best foot forward.

In Geometry, students will be working with the Pythagorean Theorem.

Pre-algebra students will be working with bi-variate data using scatter plots and 2 way tables.

Algebra students will be multiplying polynomials. In Ms. Wilson's class students have a project on budgeting for 18 year olds that will focus on how to pay for college or career. The goal is to get students planning and thinking about the future.

Science students will be continuing to explore the periodicity of the periodic table and atomic structure for the remainder of the quarter. We have a fun project planned where students will design a periodic table themed t-shirt that can be worn as a spirit shirt during the week. This project will require a plain white shirt a bit of research.

Language Arts students have a book project coming up. It will be a poster board or story box book report.

Social Study students are continuing to learn about World War II and will begin to prepare for their Final exam.

All core content classes will conclude with a semester final exam.



FRONT OFFICE

- Please check the lost and found for any items your student might be missing, all items will be donated on December 22nd.
- Put your child's name on their belongings so we can return it to them in the future
- ALL** students arriving after 7:30 am **MUST** be signed in When signing in, please print clearly and sign - we want your student's attendance to be accurate

•If at all possible, please be aware of your student's schedule when making appointments or picking them up early. It is difficult to get a hold of your student during lunch and it could delay you getting to your destination.

***Phone calls from individuals or organizations outside of the District are routed through the main office to preserve instructional time.**

ATTENDANCE

Communication is Key!

When a student is absent, a parent/guardian MUST notify the school attendance office by phone no later than 8:30 AM and leave a message at either 520-625-3502 x1776 or 520-625-3502 x1705

REGISTRAR

•Please notify Mrs. Brown if student(s) will not be returning to Anza for the 2nd semester. A withdrawal form **MUST** be filled out.



character
development &
leadership

All Character & Leadership classes are learning about the power of performing Random Acts of Kindness and Paying it Forward. Modeling and spreading kindness not only helps you to live a healthy happy life but also helps to reduce stress and build strong positive character. Students are encouraged to perform Random Acts of Kindness at home, school and/or community. Students were provided with many examples that don't necessarily cost money.

6th Grade- Students are currently learning about the character trait "Preparation" and how it relates to long and short term goals. They learn to create a "SMART Goal". Smart Goals are realistic and measurable.

7th Grade- Students are currently learning about the character trait "Courage" and how it relates to good and bad peer pressure. Students learn about the importance of practicing courage by standing for what they believe in and by pursuing their dream goals.

8th Grade- Students are currently learning about the character trait "Responsibility" and how this traits helps to build Positive Strong Character. This lesson increases their awareness of the top employability skills that higher education and the work force are looking for in a student/employee such as critical thinking skills, teamwork, leadership, and character.



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欢迎您
WELCOME

Our Chinese specials class has taught kindergarten through 5th grade students seasons and weathers in Chinese, that is, Chūn(spring) xià(summer) qiū(fall) dōng(winter), sì(four) jì(seasons) měi(beautiful), Yīn(cloudy) qíng(sunny) yǔ(rainy) xuě(snowy) tiānqì(weather), tiānqì(weather) hǎo(fine); school supplies in Chinese, that is, gāngbǐ(pen) làbǐ(crayon) qiānbǐ(pencil), zhuōzǐ(desk) yǐzi(chair) chǐzi(ruler), xiàngpí(eraser) shízhōng(clock) jiǎndāo(scissors), jiàoshì(classroom) lǎoshī(teacher) xuéshēng(student); báibǎn(whiteboard), diànnǎo(computer), tóuyǐngyí(projector), jīhàobǐ(marker). Dr. Ge teaches kindergarten through 5th grade students to learn Chinese through songs, which is popular with students.

At the present time, Dr. Ge is teaching k-5 students more Chinese characters of school supplies, that is, bèibāo(backpack), huóyèjiǎ(binder), wénjiànjiǎ (folder), bǐjìběn(notebook).

As far as Chinese culture is concerned, Dr. Ge also gives a brief introduction to Chinese names, and Confucius who is the most famous educator in Chinese history.



Our school is now registered for Anonymoustips.com. Parents and students are encouraged to use this service to report any concerns to school administration. It just takes a few minutes to send a report and it is completely anonymous.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

Send Tips To Your School On Things Like:



- ▶ Bullying & Other School Related Problems
- ▶ Cyberstalking, Sexting or Harassment
- ▶ Any Type of Suspicious or Illegal Activities

Follow These Easy Steps

- 1- Go To Anonymoustips.com,
- 2- Click The "Send Tips" Link,
- 3- Create Your Tip and Submit!



We just can't believe it we are looking at December already! Wow, time is flying! In the month of December we will be learning about Holiday traditions and cultures. We are busy using complete sentences in our writing and new vocabulary. Our students have been successful this semester learning English and academic content in all areas.

Thank you,
Mrs. Patterson
Mrs. Smalling
Mrs. Gamillo

Anza Trail Library Celebrating

Harry Potter

Author J.K. Rowling

**For in Dreams we enter a world entirely our own.
Let them swim in the deepest ocean
Or glide over the highest cloud.
Albus Dumbledore**

And

Walt Disney Books

Walt Disney's Birthday is December 5th

THERE IS MORE TREASURE IN BOOKS

THAN IN ALL THE PIRATES' LOOT ON TREASURE ISLAND.

WALT DISNEY

Happy Holidays
Anza Trail Library



A REQUEST FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE...

We are in need of K-5 pants, shorts, and new, unused underwear. If you can, please send those donations to the Anza Trail Health Office.



Thank you for your continued support.



December Game Schedules:

Soccer Games ONLY:

Tues, Dec 6-Round 1 Tournament, #1 vs #4
#2 vs # 3
Thurs, Dec 8- Round 2 Tournament

*Tournaments will be for A teams only. Location to be announced.
*Basketball is over for the season. Great job boys!



'Tis the season to read a good book! Books, bookstore gift cards, and ebook credits make great gifts for the holidays! Share the love of reading this holiday season by buying your loved ones a great book!

Our Middle of the Year DIBELS Benchmark tests will take place for all kindergarten through 3rd grade students on December 1st and 2nd. Student scores will be examined and students scoring well below benchmark may be targeted for extra reading support.

A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who came out for our STEM Night last month! We had so much fun sharing a great evening of science, technology, engineering, and math activities with you!



BAND



Happy December!!! The band is working hard as always making music and making spirits bright—their own and in the community. Last month, the band did a wonderful job performing at the White Elephant Parade. Recently, you may have seen the band kick off some home games as we support our Coyotes on the court and on the green. We have our Winter Concert December 20th and you can see them perform at the Sahuarita Holiday Light Parade on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Hope to see you there!

Be sure to check out the Anza Bands web page!
<http://anzabands.weebly.com>

CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

The Choir and Orchestra are gearing up for the holiday season. We invite you to our 5th- 8th grade Winter Concert Tuesday, December 6, 2016 in the main district auditorium. Students should arrive in concert attire (white tops/black bottoms) by 5:30pm and concert will begin promptly at 6:00pm. On Saturday, December 17, 2016 the 6th-8th grade choir have been invited by the Green Valley Shrine to sing for their annual holiday dinner. This performance will take place at La Posada around 7:00pm (more info. to follow). Students should arrive in their concert attire and holiday accessories are a must (santa hats, necklaces, tights, etc). Thank you again parents for all your support! Hope you all have a very wonderful and blessed holiday season.

Mrs. Ackerley



ENJOY THE MUSIC

It's beginning to look a lot like "The Polar Express", and I BELIEVE it is going to be spectacular! The second grade students have been preparing for a magical night of music. I hope you will come support these sensational singers in their musical. If you are interested in helping with scenery, costumes, and props for the show please contact Ms. Newton at snewton@sahuarita.net. The performance nights for the 2nd grade musicals are:

December 6th: Classes of Ms. Mora & Ms. Wall

December 8th: Classes of Ms. Doshier, Ms. Frodge, & Ms. Harp

*The music class is in need of a large King Size pure white sheet. If you have a clean, unstained King size white sheet that you do not need and want to donate, please donate it to the music room. I have all the materials for a shadow screen that we will use for movement activities in music class but I am just in need of the sheet. It must be pure white and must be King size. Thank you so much!



Out of Dress Code Day

Friday, December 16th, 2016

Pay **\$2.00** to wear any school-appropriate, non-uniform outfit of your choice!

Please purchase your "Out of Dress Code" Day through your classroom (Elementary) or 1st period (Middle School) teacher.

Please no spaghetti strap tops, leggings as pants, or shorts/skirts/dresses shorter than dress code length.

All proceeds from "Out of Dress Code" days will benefit our 8th Grade Promotion events.



Winter Wishes

Tell your friends, siblings, or teachers just how thankful you are to have them in your life with a Winter Wish this holiday season!



\$1 buys you a personalized note and a special treat for a person of your choosing.

Winter Wishes sales will take place December 14th through December 20th before and after school under the Cafeteria Ramada.

Winter Wishes will be delivered on Wednesday, December 21st.

All proceeds benefit the NJHS Washington, D.C. Field Trip.

Do you need a little holiday help?

NJHS wants to help you shop 'til you drop without your kids around!

NJHS Babysitting Service—\$5.00 per child

Friday, December 9th, 2016

from 5:00pm-8:30pm

in the ATS Library or

Saturday, December 10th, 2016

from 9:00am-12:30pm

Movies, books, and fun activities will be provided for your children so that you can take care of your holiday shopping needs. Kinder-8th Grade. All children must be potty-trained.

Email jhuber@sahuarita.net to reserve your spot!

All proceeds benefit the NJHS Washington, D.C. Field Trip



Anza Trail's December Dynamites

Character & Leadership Winners

1st
grade



John Todd

Favorite Subject:
Math

Favorite Activity:
Soccer

Career Goals:
Police Officer

Who Inspires You:
My parents because they help me.

Best Advice to Classmates:
Say please, thank you, and kind words.

7th
grade



Meredith Scott

Favorite Subject:
Math

Favorite Sport:
Soccer

Career Goals:
Chef, lawyer, soccer player

Who Inspires You:
My parents because they have taught me many things.

Best Advice to Classmates:
Turn in your work!

BEN'S BELLS AWARD WINNERS



Alicia Knable
7th grade Language Arts



Roberta Carranza
6th-8th grade SpEd Aide



**Middle School
Teacher
Of the Month
Mrs. Melissa Ackerley
Choir
Orchestra**

**Elementary
Teacher
Of the Month
Mrs.
Amanda Chavez
5th Grade**

**Support Staff
Member
Of the Month
Cynthia Brown
Registrar**

