



Country Place Leadership Academy



iLEAD- Inspiring Leaders to Exceed, Achieve and Dream

December 2020

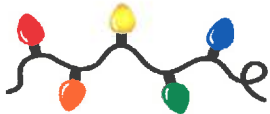
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Important Dates in December



Dec 4 8th Grade HS presentation- La Joya HS

Dec 1-12 Kinder Math Interim

Dec 10 PTA- Drive Thru Holiday Night

Dec 15 Site Council and FAC meeting- Virtual

Dec 16-20 Virtual Food Drive

Dec 21-31 Winter Break- No School

A Message from the Principal

. Happy Holidays!

This holiday season is like no other we have ever experienced. As the world swirls around us Habit 1 Be Proactive and the highly effective practice of Carrying Your Own Weather is more important than ever.

We can not control the worldwide pandemic or the behavior or others, but we can control our attitude and our reactions.

One way to improve our attitude is through Gratitude. Researchers have found that it is impossible to feel stressed and blessed at the same time.

Bestselling author and leadership guru, Jon Gordon has shared some things that we can do to increase our gratitude.

1. Take a Thank-you walk. As you take a walk (and it can be short) think of all of the things big and small that you are thankful for. You can do this individually or with your family.
2. Share some thing that you are grateful for at the dinner table with your family. Each family member can share something they are grateful for that day.

3. Thank you text or call. You can give someone a call or write a text and thank them for something they have done for you or others.

There are many other ways to increase gratitude in Jon's books and on his website www.jongordon.com.

I am thankful to be the principal of such an amazing school in such a great community.

Please remember that change starts with me. Each of us has the power to improve our practices and the world!

Dr. Cagle

DYNAMIC DISTANCE LEARNING UPDATE - NOVEMBER 13, 2020

We know you have questions regarding when we will be able to return to the hybrid in-person learning model. At the Tuesday, November 10 board meeting, our governing board voted to remain on full time dynamic distance learning through winter break. This means we will not have in-person learning prior to January 4. This decision was made in the best interest of our students, staff, and community's health and safety.

The district will continue to monitor the Maricopa County Department of Public Health's benchmark metrics on a weekly basis. The governing board will discuss a school reopening date of January 4 at their next regular meeting on December 8.

Kinder

Jacqueline Davis, Anastasia Hanns, Karina Hernandez, Jasmine Guadarrama

Kindergarten has been working very hard on their reading skills. We have begun blending letters to make words, first sound fluency and learning our vowel sounds. We continue to work in our small groups and have our school's Paraprofessional providing more support to the students after they have finished their group. In Math, we have begun Subtraction within 5. It is exciting to see how well they are doing. In Science we are learning how things grow. The students have begun growing a plant and will be using a journal to show its progress. We continue to make progress with our virtual learning and students are beginning to use many of the tools they see online such as, How to change your background, Raising their hand, and they have discovered the Mute and Camera Buttons. It is exciting to see them using the technology to learn. We will be learning about different holidays around the world and how they are celebrated virtually. This will be new approach for all of us, but I believe it will be a lot of fun and provide more opportunities for learning.

First Grade

Jessica York, Kristina Palacios, Maria Meza, Kristen Ayres

First we would like to say thank you so much for all the support from families as we transitioned back to virtual learning. It is definitely not easy or ideal but we are making it work and that is because of all of you. We appreciate you working with us to make sure the kids are still successful. As we get into December, we will have our middle of the year testing to see how students are progressing. As always, attendance is very important. We will also be doing holidays around the world and are looking forward to learning about different cultures and how they might celebrate the holidays. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher through Remind. Again, thank you so much for all your support this year!

Second Grade

Maritza Bermudez, Stephanie Badsgard, Sheila McCalpine, Edward Tafolla

Wow! we cannot believe it is already December. Time sure does fly when good learning is taking place. We would like to welcome you all to the second quarter of this school year. Also, We would like to welcome the new students and families to our classrooms as we did have a few changes to class rosters this quarter. Thank you for your support and patience as we navigate this unprecedented school year. For ELA we will be continuing learning different reading strategies and skills to make us better readers. For math we will continue adding and subtracting numbers between 1-1000 to build our understanding of numbers and build our number sense. We will also begin our unit on adding and subtracting with and without regrouping. Again, we want to express our appreciation for all your support as we navigate distant online learning. We know it's been challenging but if you have any questions or need assistance, we are here to help. Thank you. Upcoming events- Winter break Dec. 21st-Jan 1st.

Third Grade

Lynette Hill, Maria Serrano, Valerie Cowan, Danielle Skunza

It is hard to believe that the end of second quarter is fast approaching. As we are getting close to wrapping up half of this interesting instructional year to say the least please continue to encourage your child to participate in their virtual classes. Please continue to check their agenda on a regular basis. Please remind them the importance of logging in at their assigned times and turning in their assignments. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us. Thank you for support and understanding during these unique times.

Fourth Grade

Rocio Suarez-Ruiz, Jemille De La Cruz, Sidney Ridenhour, Astrid Trzepacz

Hello parents. Welcome to December. We've got just a few weeks to go and the Winter Break!!! Just a quick update on important events this month. We are looking at 2nd Quarter Interims the week of December 14th and report cards finalized December 18th. Since we are totally online please make sure your child is completing their asynchronous work in Achieve 3000 and Dreambox. We are working with division but constantly reviewing multiplication, addition, and subtraction. In ELA, we will be finishing point of view and comparing/contrasting 2 texts. Like always, read, read, and read some more with your child and don't forget to practice their multiplication facts. It is one of the best ways to help them. If you need to contact us send us an email or text us on Remind at the following: delacruz.jemille@littletonaz.org, ridenhour.sydney@littletonaz.org, ruiz.rocio@littletonaz.org, and garcia.astrid@littletonaz.org (Mrs. Trzepacz).

Fifth Grade

Carrie Rodriguez, Stacey Sobelman, Julie Fach, Celia Shecter

This time of year always flies by! We are almost done with 2nd quarter. Students should have already received their progress reports. Remember you can always check for updates through ParentVue. In ELA, we are working through Unit 3. In Math, we are concluding our unit on dividing decimals. Then we'll do a mixed review of all the standards taught in 2nd quarter in preparation for our interim test. In Science, we will continue learning about earth systems. Lastly, in Social Studies, the students will continue learning about our country's economic system. Thank you for your continued support! We're excited to end 2020 working hard and giving our best effort!

Sixth Grade

Ashley Farrell, Stephanie Budzban, Alexandra Gerber, Aileen Ramirez

December?! Already?! No way! Time flies when you're having fun! It has been a wild, but joyful year so far. Thank you for your constant support! Please continue to check your child's grades on ParentVue/StudentVue, use Remind to communicate with us, and take a deep breath because together we can do this! We hope you have time to Sharpen the Saw over Winter Break and look forward to setting big goals for 2021!

Seventh Grade

Barbara DeMartino, Itzel Alvizo, Tatum Green, Larry Lopes

This month in Math we will be finishing up percents and then we will move on to solve multi-step ratio and percent problems such as : simple interest, tax, markdowns, gratuities and commissions. Following ratios and proportions, students will add and subtract linear expressions and even solve inequalities using all four operations. In Science we will be discovering the wonders of gravitational and electromagnetic forces. In Social Studies, we are finishing up the Enlightenment era . We will begin working on the Industrial Revolution and will be investigating some of the main ideas and events, such as, The Industrial Age, Impact of the Industrial Age, and Age of Reform. In ELA, we will be starting our writing project and introducing our new book study aligned to our unit – "The Powers That Be". Our driving question this unit is: What are the principals of living in a just society.

Eighth Grade

Teresita Ceballos, Rachel Rasey, Randy McCleery, Peter Messieha

MATH: This month our focus will be on Geometry. Our students will be moving two dimensional shapes on a coordinate plane using translations, reflections, rotations, and dilations. Our talks will improve understanding with integer values by increasing and decreasing the x and y values in ordered pairs to make the desired transformations. We will talk about parts of a triangle and determine congruence and similarities. It will be a lot of fun!!!

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: Continuing with our second unit, we are preparing for the second interim.

SCIENCE: For December the students will be learning about Ecology and Sustainability, Genetic Research, and Energy Transfer through Matter in Science.

SOCIAL STUDIES: In Social Studies we will be wrapping up our unit on being an engaged citizen. We will start looking more in depth at the government and how it is set up and runs. We will continue using Achieve 3000 to help improve our reading comprehension. I hope everyone has a wonderful and restful winter break.

Specials

Morgan Cavanaugh, Emily Walters, Paul Budge, Anitra Morin

Technology- During the month of December, K-1 will start Teach your Monster to Read. Teach Your Monster to Read is an award-winning series of games that's helped millions of children learn to read. Grades 2-8 will continue coding using code.org. Thanks, Mr. Budge

P.E- 4th-8th: We will be challenging ourselves with different workouts that get our hearts pumping! We will also be learning about muscles.

K-3rd: We will continue to build up our strength by exercising!

Art - Happy holidays CPLA families! Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season. I am starting to plan the virtual Spring Art Show! You can email me pictures of your students' artwork from first and second quarter and I will consider it for the art show. Please make sure that your child has access to paper, pencils, and colors (crayons or colored pencils) for art class. In kinder, 1st, and 2nd grade, we are learning about famous artists and making art inspired by them. In 3rd and 4th grade, we are learning about art elements and creating art based on those elements. In 5th-8th grade, we will be working on developing technical skills and experimenting with nontraditional art materials. If you are unable to attend art class during the day, I upload recordings of the lessons to Google Classroom in the afternoon so that you can still participate. If you need any help or have any questions, I am available through email at walters.emily@littletonaz.org. I am also on Remind! You can email me to get the Remind code for your child's class.

Leadership - In Leadership students in K-6 will discuss Habits 7, 8, and 1 in December. Students will explore how to sharpen their saws through their brains, souls, or bodies. Taking care of ourselves is essential before being the best leaders we can be. Finding our Voice will lead us to adapting to change, helping others lead, persevering, problem solving, working hard, empathy, and humility. When we revisit Habit 1: Be Proactive, students will learn how to be a transition person or how to take initiative. Students in 7th and 8th grade will present what they learned and created during Genius Hour.

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Tech Tip

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Country Place is on Facebook!
@CountryPlace.Mustangs

Visit our page for all upcoming
events and see what are Leaders
are up to.

Health & Wellness



Dear Country Place Families,

In order to adhere to the Arizona Department of Health guidelines, the health office requires all students to be in compliance with immunizations. Friendly reminder for any student turning 11 years old to receive the 2 additional vaccinations and update their immunization records. Proof of documentation will need to be sent to the fax number or email address listed below. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fax Number: 623-478-6120 or

Email: Martinez.melinda@littletonaz.org

Kids at Hope has been very busy for the month of November. Classes worked on many different projects. What is your hope posters were a favorite.



All Children Are Capable of Success, No Exceptions!

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

Country Place Students and Families:

As we continue through the year, attendance in the virtual setting has been one of the most critical challenges we face. Think about attendance and how it relates to Being Respectful, Responsible and Safe.

Be Respectful: Students are counting on you to be in class to collaborate in breakout rooms and engage in productive learning opportunities.

Be Responsible: Teachers and classmates are counting on you to attend class ON TIME and notify the teacher if you have any issues.

Be Safe: We want to make sure you are safe and by showing up on time to learn and grow with your classmates, we can ensure your okay!