



# Country Place Leadership Academy



iLEAD– Inspiring Leaders to Exceed, Achieve and Dream

November 2020

## Administrative Team:

*Michael Cagle Principal*

*Ann Catlin  
Asst. Principal*

*Cody Cherland  
Dean of Students*

## Important Dates in



### November

- Nov 10 Board Meeting– Virtual 6-8pm
- Nov 17 Site Council-FAC Meeting 3-3:30pm
- Nov 23-27 Thanksgiving Break  
NO SCHOOL

## A Message from the Principal

It is time for food, football and family, November!

In times of challenge and stress, the 7 Habits are more important than ever. The 7 Habits can help us be more effective in our personal and professional or academic lives.

Times are tough right now and we know that many of us are stressed and worried about a myriad of things. Many of these things are not in our control.

One of the highly effective practices for Habit 1, Be Proactive, is working in your Circle of Influence. Some worries in our lives are in

our Circle of Concern (or no control). We cannot directly affect these things. Examples of things in our Circle of Concern include traffic, other people's actions and a pandemic. Worrying and trying to impact things in our Circle of Concern is rarely effective and leads to high levels of stress and frustration.

Other worries are in our Circle of Influence. These are things that we have direct control over like our actions, our attitudes and our paradigms. By working on things in our Circle of Influence we actually make it grow and we can indirectly impact many of the

things in our Circle of Concern.

We cannot control the pandemic or the Public Health Department. But we can control our behavior at school and in the community.

Please remember to be safe!

Remember, do not send your children to school if they are sick. **Keep them home until they have been symptom free for 24 hours without medication.** If you child is exposed to COVID please contact our health office for guidance. Thanks to all! Lead on!

*Dr. Cagle*



## Welcome Back

### Re-Opening Expectations

- Call your School's Attendance Line for any Absences
- Offices stay closed, call for appointments
- Pre K-8 Mask required
- Bring Device charger, and headphones
- Lunch Served in Cafenadium with Social Distancing
- Only registered students allowed to enter campus
- If walking with child, say goodbye at the gate.
- Stay in car at drop off
- Uniform Required
- Breakfast in the classroom

## **Kinder**

*Jacqueline Davis, Anastasia Hanns, Karina Hernandez, Jazmin Guadarrama*

Our Kindergarten team would like to thank all our parents for the all the support you have given us throughout our first quarter. We had a terrific turn out for our very first virtual Parent Teacher Conferences. The support from our parents was incredible and we are so grateful to be a part of their child's education. Kindergarten students continue to learn online and in person. We continue to work on letter sounds, blending and sight words. We continue to work in small groups to provide extra support for all our students. In Math we have begun working on addition. The students are getting familiar with the plus and equal sign and are excited to solve the problems. In Science we completed the Five Senses unit. They students loved expressing the senses they were using through out the day. We continued to learn about the 7 Habits in our Leadership program. They are also using the Social Studies weekly to learn about Laws and Rules. We are excited to see what this quarter brings with our online team and our in-person team. We cannot thank our students for enough for all the hard work they have put in during our virtual learning. We know this is not easy for our little ones, but they did a remarkable job logging on and completing the assignments online. We are so proud of our Kindergartners! Way to go!

## **First Grade**

*Jessica York, Kristina Palacios, Maria Meza, Kristen Ayres*

First grade has been so excited to welcome students back to school. Students have been great at following all the guidelines and being safe. Thank you parents for supporting us with all our schedule changes and figuring out this new style of learning. Stay up to date with your child's teacher through remind. We are looking forward to a fantastic November!

## **Second Grade**

*Maritza Bermudez, Stephanie Badsgard, Sheila McCalpine, Edward Tafolla*

Wow! we can't believe it's already November. 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 have a better number sense. We will also be beginning our massive unit on adding and subtracting with and without regrouping. For social studies we will be learning about rules and laws that help keep us safe. Again, we want to express our appreciation for all your support as we navigate distant/hybrid learning. We know it's been challenging but if you have any questions or need assistance, we are here to support. Thank you.

## **Third Grade**

*Lynette Hill, Maria Serrano, Valerie Cowan, Danielle Skunza*

Hello Third Grade Families, In second quarter we will continue to learn and grow in our classrooms in reading, math, science, social studies and leadership. As we continue to learn and navigate this new way of learning please encourage your child to participate and engage in their classroom whether they are learning online or are in the hybrid model. It is very important that your child logs in at their assigned times if they are learning virtually because we only see them for a very limited time. As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach us via-Remind or email. Thank you for your support and patience as we continue to navigate this unique way of learning.

## **Fourth Grade**

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

Hello parents. We are 2 weeks into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and seem to be getting accustomed to Hybrid Model. Please make sure that when your child is at home, they are working asynchronously on their Achieve 3000, Dreambox, and any other assignments in their Google Classroom. We are continuing work with multiplication and division. In ELA, we are working on point of view, comparing and contrasting 2 texts and writing informative and persuasive essays. And like always, read, read, and read some more with your child. 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](mailto:delacruz.jemille@littletonaz.org), [ridenhour.sydney@littletonaz.org](mailto:ridenhour.sydney@littletonaz.org), [ruiz.rocio@littletonaz.org](mailto:ruiz.rocio@littletonaz.org), and [garcia.astrid@littletonaz.org](mailto:garcia.astrid@littletonaz.org) (Mrs. Trzepacz).

## **Fifth Grade**

*Carrie Rodriguez, Stacey Sobelman, Julie Fach, Celia Shecter*

Hello Families! We are so happy to have kids back at school! It makes our hearts happy! In ELA, we are working with lots of nonfiction texts. We are finding text evidence to justify our work and explaining our thoughts using complete sentences. We are continuing our work with decimals in math. We've added and subtracted them. This month, we will multiply them! In HSS, we are working on understanding the voting process and responsibilities of citizens. In Science, we are learning about the Earth and our solar system.

Remember, the more you read, the smarter you get! Make sure your child is reading every day and practicing their math facts!

## Sixth Grade

*Ashley Farrell, Stephanie Budzban, Alexandra Gerber, Aileen Ramirez*

November is a great time for gratitude! We are so grateful for our CPLA community! Thank you for your support and teamwork throughout the year so far. Sixth grade is awesome! We love the enthusiasm and responsibility we see from so many students. Please continue to check in with your child's leadership, learning, grades, and well-being. We are here to support you in any way we can, so be sure to reach out!

## Seventh Grade

*Barbara DeMartino, Itzel Alvizo, Tatum Green, Larry Lopes*

In ELA, students will continue to discover what drives us to undertake a mission. In order to answer this question, students will research what motivates people to take on a mission, what missions people pursue, and what strategies they might use to accomplish a mission. Sometimes, achieving personal success can be the driving force behind the pursuit of a mission. Other times, it might be something as basic as survival. Often, the mission that we choose to undertake will have far-reaching consequences and will affect other individuals, groups, and even society.

In Social Studies, Students will be utilizing their knowledge of how Humanism sparked questioning of long held beliefs and how the scientific revolution provided the means to prove the veracity of the questions and the theories they led to. They will use this knowledge to understand the root causes of the American Revolution and how questioning established policies sparked the Revolution. Students will then investigate how the American Revolution and the free exchange of ideas influenced the French Revolution. In Science, students will be exploring something near and dear to them, THEIR BODIES! We will be shrinking down to our most basic unit of life, the cell! We will discover how cells were first discovered and building all the way up to cells making up the different systems of our bodies. Students will be centering all of their learning around 2 focus questions: 1.) Why does my heart rate increase when I am scared? And 2.) What is happening in the body when someone gets cancer?

In Math this quarter, we will be mostly learning Algebra, including factoring and expanding linear expressions, solving two-step equations, and graphing inequalities. Thus will be extremely helpful for ninth grade Algebra! We will cover rates, ratios and proportional relationships right before the holidays to finish out the quarter. Our quarterly Math Mindset Project will be researching successful and rewarding careers that utilize Math. Show me the Money!!!

## Eighth Grade

*Teresita Ceballos, Rachel Rasey, Randy McCleery, Peter Messieha*

**Social Studies:** In Social Studies we will be continuing studying how to be a good citizen and how the government works. We will also continue to improve our reading skills using Achieve 3000. Happy Thanksgiving!!

**ELA:** We will open Unit 2 "In Times of War" of our ELA program. In this unit, students will be prompted to explore the question: What do our responses to war and other conflicts teach us about ourselves?, and consider the complexities of wartime morality as it existed during World War II. Students will explore the brave, critical, and illuminating choices that those in extreme conflict are forced to make, and the ramifications of these choices.

**Math:** will continue work in Pythagorean Theorem, estimating square roots and proving work with evidence using the substitution property to check answers. They will also draw squares and cubes in math to visually connect what they are learning with the real world. Once students have learned to find the missing side of a right triangle we will transition onto the coordinate plane where students can use prior understanding of ordered pairs to evaluate the missing vertex. We will also extend prior understanding of circumference and area multiplying with decimals and finding approximations for radius and diameter in terms of pi

**Science:** For November the students will be learning about Natural Selection and Ecology and Sustainability in Science.

## Specials

*Gloria Chadwick, Morgan Cavanaugh, Emily Walters, Anitra Morin, Paul Budge*

**Technology-** During the month of November, K-1 will continue learning about Online Safety & Digital Citizenship and Computer Fundamentals in Technology. Grades 2-8 will be begin coding using code.org. Thanks, Mr. Budge

**Art -** Hello CPLA families! Wishing you a happy and healthy fall. For now, students are having art once a week for 30 minutes using Google Meets. We have fun art activities planned that students will be able to complete from home or in school with limited supplies. As we move into Quarter 2, 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 making art based off of books we read in class to help promote reading comprehension and literacy, as well as creativity. In 3rd and 4th grade, we are exploring different ways to make art both digitally and with physical materials. 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](mailto: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 November we revisit Habits 4, 5, and 6. Students will discuss win-win solutions and balance courage with consideration for Habit 4. To Seek First to Understand, students will practice listening with eyes, ears, and heart as well as not prejudging when listening. Teamwork and third alternatives will be discussed when we visit Habit 6: Synergize. Seventh and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take finish their projects in Genius Hour and start a new adventure.

**P.E.-** 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: We will continue to build up our strength by exercising!

K-3<sup>rd</sup>: We will be challenging ourselves with different workouts that get our hearts pumping!

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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

.Hi Mustangs!



The Health Office is happy to see everyone's face back on campus. Friendly reminder to all our parents and guardians on sending students to school. The waiver each of you signed states that you acknowledge the health status of your student prior to sending them to campus. This includes the student being 24 hours free of symptoms (without the use of fever-reducing medications). It is not recommended to send symptomatic students on campus due to possible COVID-19 exposure. The Health Office Staff is following the recommended guidelines by the Maricopa Department of Health to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. We appreciate your understanding at this time.

¡Hola Mustangs!

La Oficina de Salud está feliz de ver la cara de todos en el campus. Recordatorio amistoso para todos nuestros padres y tutores sobre el envío de estudiantes a la escuela. La renuncia que cada uno de ustedes firmó establece que reconoce el estado de salud de su estudiante antes de enviarlo al campus. Esto incluye que el estudiante esté 24 horas libre de síntomas (sin el uso de medicamentos para bajar la fiebre). No se recomienda enviar estudiantes sintomáticos al campus debido a una posible exposición al COVID-19. El personal de la oficina de salud está siguiendo las pautas recomendadas por el Departamento de Salud de Maricopa para garantizar la seguridad y el bienestar de nuestros estudiantes. Agradecemos su comprensión en este momento.

Students have been exploring Achieve 3000. They are able to research different careers and the reading level needed for that career. On morning announcements, students have been recognizing teachers who are ACES for them. Classrooms are beginning to look at community service projects for quarters 2 and 3.



## Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

As we return to our sites with students, following expectations is more important than ever. The safety and well-being of our students, teachers, and families is critical to a safe and successful return. Please do your part to follow safety guidelines and keep your student home to learn virtually if they are ill.

For student safety, please ensure that students that are returning to campus must wear their license to learn badge at all times as part of their dress code. Badges are needed for riding the bus and are a good practice to have to teach responsibility. Lost badges will need to be replaced at the cost of \$5.00.

Now that the morning temperatures are cooling, we wanted to remind families about jackets and sweaters as it applies to the school dress code. According to Page 15 of the Parent Student Handbook this year:

Outerwear (jackets, coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, raincoats) are designed to be worn outside as weather dictates. Outerwear must be removed in the school or classroom. Sweaters and sweatshirts that conform to district dress code colors (solid dark green, ash gray, burgundy, navy blue, black or white) may be worn inside the school building and in the classroom. No distinguishable logos or labels showing on the outerwear, unless it is the school or district logo. Each school will be offering, for purchase, a Principal ap-