

Parents, Guardians, Students, and Alumni:

Welcome to Tartesso Elementary School, home of the Tigers. We are a K-5 school in the Saddle Mountain Unified School District in Buckeye, Arizona. We currently have over 650 students enrolled and we anticipate continuous growth throughout the school year. We anticipate the new school being built in Tartesso to open for operation in 2021-2022.

Our four-day school week is in session Tuesday-Friday from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and we offer free breakfast in the classroom to all students daily starting at 6:30 a.m. On Early Release days, we dismiss at 11:15 a.m. Through our vision statement, "Everyone learns every day," our teachers and staff will significantly touch the lives of your children. We are a school of strong tradition, values, and excellence. Together with our community members, we will reflect on the past and build our future.

ALL K-5 students will be working with chrome books in their classrooms, our 5th grade classes receive weekly coding classes, and all students in grades 3rd-5th will rotate between technology, art, and P.E. each quarter. Students are becoming more and more familiar with technology and we are confident that they are acquiring the skills necessary to be prepared and compete in the 21st century. We have a variety of enrichment classes, as well as, after school programs offered at Tartesso again this year. These classes are facilitated by teachers, parents, and community members. All K-2 students will have a rotating special area schedule including art, music, and physical education.

Fifth grade students also have the ability to apply to be part of the Tartesso News Network. They write news segments and conduct interviews that are videotaped weekly to broadcast to the entire student body every Tuesday.

Big Brothers Big Sisters and Cake Pops by Amber have partnered with us by providing fundraising opportunities for our school the last few years. BBBS has a clothing bin in our parking lot in which community members can drop off used items at any time. We receive 10% of the total amount raised. In addition, one of our parents, Mrs. Ricks, sells Cake Pops outside of our school every Wednesday and Tartesso receives profits from those sales, as well.

Students that make the honor roll and/or have perfect attendance are recognized in their classrooms each quarter by receiving certificates and are also acknowledged on our Facebook Page, "Tartesso Elementary School." Please check out our page for important reminders and events!

We also name Students and Employees of the Month. These individuals are recognized each month on TNN and given a small token of appreciation. We are sad to announce that we will be discontinuing the Watch D.O.G.'s program this year due to COVID-19, as we are not allowing any visitors in the building until further notice. We hope to be able to continue this program next year.

There will also be a continued focus on our Kids at Hope belief system. Every staff member in our district receives training and we believe that all children are capable of success, NO EXCEPTIONS!

I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you! If I can be of service in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Sincerely,

Liz Giacovelli

Principal of Tartesso Elementary School