

# MORRISTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

### Officers:

President: Lauren Weber  
Vice President: Reagyn Smith  
Treasurer: Savanah Glaze  
Secretary: Maddie Weber

### Class Representatives

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Adelia Frederick  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Alexis Schofield  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Riley Smith  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Bradford Layton  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Evelyn Estrada  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Skilyn Frankum



place to help identify where our students are academically and the development of an individual education plan that will help them make appropriate academic growth during the year.

## STUDENT COUNCIL UP AND RUNNING

On September 5<sup>th</sup> the student government speeches and elections took place at the school. This year the candidates did a magnificent job in preparing their speeches to solicit votes for respective offices. The elections were competitive and each one of the candidates gave influential speeches. Eventually the voting process took place and the officers were elected (see results to left). The school wants to acknowledge the Student Council advisor, Mrs. Jennifer Ross. Mrs. Ross dedicated a recent Saturday to go attend the Arizona Junior High Student Council advisory meeting. There is a



lot of enthusiasm and energy from this year's representatives. They are currently working on Red Ribbon Week activities. Student Government meets every Thursday morning at 7:00 am.

## FIRST QUARTER ENDING & UPCOMING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

As we enter October, we will be approaching the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of school. The end of this grading period provides a snapshot to parents on the progress that students are making in the classroom. This year we have a great need to focus in on academic performance of "all" of our students. Our teachers and staff have been working hard in the administration of curriculum supporting grade level standards. This along with providing benchmark assessments will identify areas of strength and weaknesses for our students. The first quarter ends October 4<sup>th</sup>. Students and parents will be provided opportunity for some rest and recuperation with fall break. Parent teacher conferences are scheduled the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>. We are asking that parents dedicate time to schedule a meeting with their child's teachers. It is critical that good communication takes



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*"Fall Break is a great time to enjoy the outdoors with family"*

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## DATE CREEK APPLE FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER HUGE SUCCESS

Our own Parent Teachers Student Association (PTSA) encumbered on their annual Date Creek Apple Festival fund raiser.



Though this event fell after the traditional Labor Day weekend it did not prohibit the amazing results in the selling of apple pies, cakes, and beverages. A special thank you goes out to Lucy Thompson and the many dedicated staff members, PTSA members, and students who contributed their time to harvest apples, prepare and bake the pies, and to site at the booth to sell the merchandise to the attending public. The school would like to say "Thank You" to the owners of Date Creek Ranch who have provided our PTSA the ability to be a vendor at this traditional event. The benefits will help PTSA support many of the annual events and activities of the school.



## WICKENBURG ELKS LODGE PROVIDES DICTIONARIES TO 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADERS

Carolyn McDonald and .... Representatives from the Wickenburg Elks Lodge visited Mr. Johnson's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class. The Elks Lodge annually donates dictionaries to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Though we are in a technology era we still have a vivid recollection of the impact a hard copy dictionary can have on an individuals life. As our students explored their new dictionary they were pointed out the aspects of sign language and Braille. Along with this, the ability to explore the many words and their definitions. As a school, we want to continuously recognize the efforts of the Wickenburg Elks Lodge to support our students in their ongoing academic development.



## FLU SHOTS TO BE PROVIDED AT SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

With the support of the Maricopa County Health Department the school will be providing flu shots to students. Please look at attached consent form. If you have yet to receive a flu vaccine, we encourage you to take advantage of this "no cost" opportunity that will help lesson and prevent an upcoming flu. The results will reduce the number of days absent from school.

## RED RIBBON WEEK BEGINS OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

Red Ribbon week is a national initiative that brings awareness for a "Drug Free" society. Facilitated by our student government our school will be proactive in bringing drug free awareness to all our students. We encourage that our parents support this initiative as well. Reinforcing drug free efforts at home will provide additional leadership in assisting students to make great decisions in their life. There will be various activities at the school during Red Ribbon Week. Most important will be the wearing of a red ribbon that will be provided by Student Government.



## **Facts on Red Ribbon Week**

Fact #1: Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness campaign.

Fact #2: Red Ribbon Week started after the unfortunate death of DEA Officer Enrique "Kiki" Camarena in 1985

Fact #3: Red Ribbons are worn to show opposition to drug usage.

Fact #4: Red Ribbon week is celebrated October 23<sup>rd</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year

## **OUR TITLE I PROGRAM HAS A FOCUS TO IMPROVE READING PERFORMANCE**

Spearheaded by Mrs. Spear, Title I Coordinator, the school is focused on improving its Reading performance. Significant work is taking place with the school's Multi Tiered System of Support designed to support student development in the area of reading. Ultimately this will help improve performance on the state mandated tests. Reading is a critical component of literacy skills and having our students grow in this area will trickle into other content areas. One new intervention this year is called 95 Percent. 95 Percent is an evidence-based instructional program to improve reading achievement. Targeted students will be supported by Mrs. Messner who has been contracted to come back to the school to implement this program. Utilize this link to review more information on 95 Percent and specific case studies.



## **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

The school would like to acknowledge both David Oskin (Grade 6) and Carly Santiago (Grade 2) as student of the month for September. Both students bring a positive work ethic to their class every day. In addition, both are dedicated for doing the best they can do every day.

## **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STARTING THEIR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Trad and his 8<sup>th</sup> grade students embarked on their annual fundraising activities. On Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Trad and the students conducted their annual car wash at Sundance in Wickenburg. Mr. Trad reported that it was a very successful day. We want to thank all those that brought their vehicles over. We would also like to say "Thank You" to the management of Sundance for allowing our students this opportunity. We are very appreciative of their support. The students next fundraiser will be the annual Fall Dance which will be taking place October 24<sup>th</sup>. This dance will begin at 5:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm. This is a little earlier start than dances of past years. We believe we will have a great number of participants which is the purpose of the event. Each year the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class takes an end of year field trip and the fundraisers are utilized to reduce the costs associated.



## **FALL SPORTS UPDATE**

Our volleyball program is about halfway through their season. We appreciate the great fan support that has taken place during the home games. Both our boys and girls teams are progressing well and they are getting sharper each and every game. As we move through October, we get closer to the end of the year Central Mountain League tournament. This tournament will be hosted by Festival this year. Please look at the remaining schedule below and try to set some time aside to attend one of the games. We can guarantee that you will be on the edge of your seat watching our student athletes in action.



## MRS. SANDERS ART CLASS

We are very grateful for the contributions Mrs. Sanders provides to our students with their art opportunity.

Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup> Art activities focus on Arizona Landscapes. The following are the different themes:

- Grades 5 & 6    The Grand Canyon                      Grade 2            Scratch Art Saguaro
- Grade 4            Storm in the Desert                      Grade 1            Prickly Pears in the Desert
- Grade 3            Saguaro Under a "Starry Sky"    Kindergarten    Saguaro in the Desert

## STUDENTS SPEND AN EVENING WATCHING DIAMONDBACK VS REDS GAME



The school wants to say "Thank You" to the Wickenburg Conservation Corporation for providing tickets and transportation to the Diamondbacks vs Cincinnati Reds baseball game on September 13. For the great majority of our students this was the first opportunity to take in a Diamondback game at the downtown stadium. We also want to say thanks to Wickenburg Unified School District for providing their activity bus and allowing our students to ride along to the game with their students. It was a great evening, a real good game, great peanuts, and a terrific firework show after the game.

## COWBOY GARY, THE SINGING COWBOY, MAKES A VISIT TO THE SCHOOL

Recently, Cowboy Gary made a visit to the school. Cowboy Gary known as the "Singing Cowboy" provided information



and entertainment to the students and staff.

Cowboy Gary was joined in his efforts with Dusty his horse. Students were provided opportunity to hear about the legends of cowboys and the cowboy equipment. Also making a visit that day was Natalie \_\_\_\_\_. Natalie spent time with the Pod B students to take in depth about poetry and specifically getting students primed for the upcoming Cowboy Poetry contest later this year.



We would like to say thanks to the Wickenburg Art

Association who supported this effort. It truly impacted our students and our staff and we look for great work when the poetry and poster contest gets underway.

## Upcoming Events

October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Volleyball away at Congress (4:00 pm)
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Student Picture Day with Lifetouch Photography
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Volleyball at home vs Wickenburg Christian Academy (3:30 pm)
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
October 7 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Break (No School)
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting Governing Board (6:00 pm)
October 14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Morristown Elementary School Book Fair
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Volleyball at home vs Congress (3:30 pm)
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Suicide Prevention Workshop Attorney General's Office (8:30am – 9:30am)
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Prevention Field Trip to Morristown Fire Department
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Awards Assembly 10:30 am
October 21 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Red Ribbon Week (see article on list of activities)
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Volleyball away at Festival (4:15 pm)
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	PTSA Fall School Dance (5:00 pm – 8:00 pm)
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween (Be Careful and Trick or Treat with Others)
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Central Mountain Leave Volleyball Tournament (9:30 am to ???)



