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THE PRIMARY SOURCE

(For all the Primary News)

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A Note from the Principal...

Parents it was a year ago March that the school was effected by the Covid pandemic and we saw huge changes in the way we delivered instruction to our students for the remainder of the year. We are so grateful our district went to in person school back in August and has allowed it to continue throughout this school year. We have worked very hard and diligently to catch our students up with great success for many of them. We continue to offer intervention to help those students that still have struggles. Please make sure your student attends Friday reteach each week if invited by their teacher as this puts your student in a very small group setting where the help becomes way more personalized.

With the weather starting to warm up, I would like to remind each of you about our dress code. You can find this dress code in the student handbook section, found on the JDPS web page. The biggest problems are shorts that are too short (no more than 5 & 1/2 inches above the middle of the knee), no flip-flops, and tank tops or sleeveless shirts. Just a reminder that your students hair needs to be a natural hair color and nor specifically Blue, Purple, Green, etc. Also parents we have many coats and sweaters in our lost and found so please come by and take a look if your child is missing a jacket.

Parents who drop off students should not use the bus lane between 7:30 and 7:55 each morning as this is when buses are using the BUS LANE. You do become a liability if you are in this area. This lane belongs to the Town of Thatcher and therefore the Police will be watching for violators and issuing citations if necessary. It is best to drop your children off at the proper gate. (Gate West of kindergarten building for Kindergartners, East gate for 1st and 2nd graders) Parents dropping off students need to use extreme caution as these areas become quite congested both before and after school.

Thanks to all the parents that helped make our Love of Reading Week such a HUGE success. We have a Great Staff but we know it takes a group effort of parents and community to help make this event special for our students.

Read with your children daily! Have a Safe relaxing Spring Break (March 15 - 19)!!

Tracy Allred
Principal JDP

March Events

- Mar. 1st** **Kindergarten Online Registration**
(More information on Website)
- Mar. 9th** **2nd Grade Field Trip to Discovery Park**
Mrs. Scoggin's class will be going
- Mar. 11th** **2nd Grade Field Trip to Discovery Park**
Mrs. Cooper's class will be going.
- 15th – 19th** **Spring Break – No School**
- Mar. 23th** **2nd Grade Field Trip to Discovery Park**
Mrs. Bryce's class will be going.
- Mar. 22nd-April 8th** **Sign-ups for Kindergarten Testing**
Please visit or contact JDPS Office to make an apt.
- Mar. 25th** **2nd Grade Field Trip to Discovery Park**
Ms. Fox's class will be going.

April Events

- April 2nd -5th** **Easter Break-No School**
- April 6th** **2nd Grade Field Trip to Discovery Park**
Ms. Moore's class will be going.
- April 8th** **2nd Grade Field Trip to Discovery Park**
Mrs. Stacy's class will be going.
- Apr. 9th, 16th, 23rd** **KINDERGARTEN TESTING**

LOVE OF READING WEEK

YIPPEE KY-YAY! We read, we read, we read every day during the "Love of Reading, Readers Round-UP Week" and were able to spur our horses on to catch those outlaws who robbed the Word Bank of Bookville and return our prized possession.

We would like to give a big YEE-HAW to our sponsors and volunteers who helped make this week possible. Thank you to those generous contributors who donated funds for the event: Gila Valley Electric, Keyhole Properties, Palmer and Johnson Dental, Carrie Waddell, R&R Pizza, and Bashas.

We also express our appreciation to the many volunteers, Bunny Dryden, the Thatcher PTO, Beth Green and son James, Renee Ajeman and the TMS Honor Society Students, and the many parent volunteers who gave a helping hand and who also read to our students. Without these folks, many of the different events of the week would not have been possible.

A final YEE-HAW to Mr. Allred and our teachers and staff, who brought this great western reading adventure to life through their time, effort and the spurring on of our student's imaginations.

MUSIC... Love of Reading Week was such a fun week for JDPS. What made it even more fun was being able to sing our songs all together as a school. "Purple Light", "Did You Feed My Cow", "Wake Up You Lazy Bones" and our official state song, "I Love You Arizona" were all the songs on our program. They sang our state song so beautifully it would have brought a tear to even Rex Allen Jr.'s eye. I wish you could have heard them. Actually, you can! Pull "I Love You Arizona" up on the internet and listen to them sing along. You'll love it!

Valene Bryce

KINDERGARTEN.... It's hard to believe March is here already! We enjoyed our Valentine activities and a little break during our long weekend. We had a fun week of Cowboy activities during Love of Reading. We are looking forward to celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday on March 2nd! Report cards will be coming out mid-month. Our kindergarten children have made so much progress! It is truly awesome to hear your children read and to read their writing! Please continue to work with your child if they have not received their certificate for the six goals we have set for our kindergarten children; especially tying shoes, address, and phone number. Please work with your child on their belt words as the program adds six new words each week! Your children are really **OUTSTANDING!** Thanks so much for your continued support! We hope you have a fun and safe Spring Break!

Ms. Claridge, Mrs. Griffin, Ms. Stone,
Mrs. Mleynek, Mrs. Hatch, & Mrs. Vining

FIRST GRADE... February was a busy month as we covered Arizona's birthday, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Groundhog's Day and Love of Reading Week. We had so much fun with Sheriff Seymour Books and Deputy I. Rita Lot during Love of Reading Week!! We thank parents for the great job you and your children are doing with home reading, math, spelling, and sight words. Let's keep up the momentum all the way up until the end of the year. Don't forget Spring Break is March 15-19. Have a fun and safe Spring Break!

Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Rubalcava, Mrs. Angle,
Mrs. Hansen, Ms. Roderick, Mrs. Palmer, &
Mrs. Barney

SECOND GRADE... February was a busy and eventful month for 2nd grade! We finished up our math chapters on 2 & 3 digit addition and subtraction and are moving on to time, money, and linear measurements. We also had a **FANTASTIC** Love of Reading week, including a field trip to the Safford Library. A **HUGE** Shout-out to Mr. Gifford and Mrs. Jenn who spearheaded all the great activities we enjoyed! We hope your children were motivated to spend as much time reading as they can. It makes a **HUGE** difference in all areas. In writing, we're finishing up our research reports, which has been an interesting, yet challenging experience. Thanks to all our wonderful parents who helped find information for their reports! March 12th is the end of our third quarter. We hope everyone has a wonderful spring break and comes back ready to push ahead to the end of the school year!

Mrs. Stacy, Ms. Fox, Mrs. Scoggin,
Mrs. Cooper, Ms. Moore, and Mrs. Bryce



MARCH 2021				
THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOL LUNCH MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Corn Dog Tater tates Sliced Pears Milk	2 Italian Dunkers W Meat Sauce Green Beans Peaches Milk	3 Chicken Fajita Meat & Tortilla Rice Mixed Fruit Milk	4 Cheeseburger Corn Apple Sauce Milk	5
8 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potato & gravy Sliced Pears Milk	9 Chicken Patty Sandwich Buttery Carrots Mixed Fruit Milk	10 Walking Taco's Spanish Rice Oranges Milk	11 Hot Dog Sweet Potato Fry Apple Milk	12
15	16	17	18	19
SPRING BREAK!				
22 BBQ CK Sandwich Broccoli Ranch Mixed Fruit Milk	23 Meatball Sub Garden Salad Ranch Fruit Milk	24 Ground Beef Taco Cheese Beans Sliced Peaches Milk	25 Cheeseburger FF Milk Fruit	26
29 Corn Dog Tater Tots Sliced Pear Milk	30 Italian Dunkers & Meat Sauce Fruit Green Beans Milk	31 Pancake & Eggs Sliced Potato Mixed Fruit Milk	FRESH PICKS Artichoke	

