

*Don't Forget...*

September 29<sup>th</sup>:

School Photographs

September 30<sup>th</sup>:

Make-Up Photographs

October 6<sup>th</sup>:

Parent Organization Meeting 9 a.m.,  
music room

October 9<sup>th</sup>:

Cultural Fair Open House  
5 pm – 7 pm

October 23 & 24:

Elementary Conferences

Early Dismissal

Complimentary Care until 3 pm  
(must notify the office if using)

October 29<sup>th</sup>:

Halloween Parade and Celebration  
All School Early Release



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From the Principal:

Dear Parents,

The Parent/Teacher Conferences for elementary are planned for October 23 and 24. The conferences were planned over two afternoons, so that we would not lose a whole day of instruction.

During these important conferences, parents and classroom teachers meet to discuss a child's grades and collaborate by setting each student's individualized annual goals. The goals address appropriate expectations which support your child in ways that he or she learns best. It is consistently monitored throughout the year. This Personalized Learning Plan allows students to take responsibility for their own education by working with their teacher and parents. In the next few weeks, please watch your email for SlyReply.com from child's teacher. This website provides sign-up sheets that give you an opportunity to schedule a conference that meets your time frame.

After conferences, the CDS staff will implement strategies to instruct, guide, direct and provide opportunities for each student that will help them to be academically successful. Also, the strategies used on an ongoing basis will assist us in being more effective in the classroom. Preschool teachers will be providing scheduled opportunities to meet with parents at the end of the first trimester in November.

Each day, your child experiences unique learning opportunities and is provided with a safe and nurturing learning environment. I am in awe to be working with such a talented, experienced, and caring staff. Every day they inspire their students to greatness! As I visit classrooms, I observe their faces light up with "ah ha" moments as learning comes alive in their application of knowledge. Your children are "*Champions*" and becoming thoughtful citizens of our campus and the broader community.

Thank you for your continued support!

Linda Horner, Principal

Check out our  
Facebook page!



To be a Champion at CDS, students must demonstrate the following characteristics:

- ❖ Respect
- ❖ Unity
- ❖ Integrity
- ❖ Excellence
- ❖ Positive Attitude
- ❖ Being Engaged

## *Champion Winners*

for September's Lunch

with Mrs. Horner:

Cameron Herst, Perry Herst,  
Roxanne Katz, Landon Koval,  
and Cassady Frederick



## Book Fair:

Carol Sullivan, Sonja Luke, and  
Minal Chokshi put together a  
great Book Fair this year.

Because of their hard work and  
your volunteering and support,  
The Parent Organization  
reached their sales goal this  
year! The profits are used for  
resources and books in the  
classrooms for your children.



## Pinwheels for Peace

Camelback Desert School students focused on the  
virtue of PEACE in honor of International  
Day of Peace.

Students handcrafted "pinwheels for peace" that  
were displayed around the campus.  
"Pinwheels for Peace" is an international  
art installation project started in 2005.

Since then, the pinwheels  
have grown in number from 500,000 to over 6  
million throughout the world. During morning  
meeting, k-6th grade students talked about what  
peace meant to them and they learned about the  
Nobel Peace Prize. Students were asked to  
watch for "peaceful acts" and were then able to  
nominate fellow classmates for the CDS Nobel  
Peace Prize.

## ¡Bienvenidos Amigos a la Clase de Español!

Preschoolers have been learning about greetings, colors, and opposites (grande, pequeño) male (niño), and female (niña). Kindergarteners have been practicing counting from 1-20 in Spanish, also learning grande (big), pequeño (small), frío (cold), and calor (hot).

First and second grades have been learning to identify the days of the week on the calendar, using Spanish. Vocabulary for this theme includes days of the week, months of the year, and numbers from 1-30. Third grade demonstrates comprehension of the family members by responding to simple commands and questions by making brief statements using learned vocabulary, asking questions, and using expressions needed for daily situations. Fourth, fifth, and sixth grades have been learning how to use indefinite and definite articles in singular and plural form.

## ART with Mrs. Schloss

Students are very busy working on their Cultural Fair art projects. The preschool students are creating art projects characteristic of Arizona and Hawaii. K-6<sup>th</sup> graders are working on an art, artifact, or craft unique to the country that they are studying. Italian frescos, Jordanian weavings, Japanese carp kites, German paper-cuttings, Mexican box altars, and Canadian totem poles are a few of the items that will be on display.

The After School Art Program continues on Thursdays. Students are exploring the studio arts by experiencing a new medium each week.

Remember to join your child's fan club on [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com) where your child's artwork in showcased.



### Technology with Mr. E

Preschool students have started to become more comfortable with using the mouse to control various onscreen items. Our young touch screen students have, for the most part, stopped trying to make my monitors work as touch screens! Pre-K students had a fantastic voyage into a Hawaiian volcano, watched lava flow across a highway, and even watched a can of ravioli get consumed by "hungry" lava! Elementary students continued working on their Cultural Fair projects, exploring their assigned countries through various types of media. Some of our projects included creating flags using Microsoft Word, designing travel flyers, and following a rubric to put together an animated slide show using Power Point.



## PE WITH COACH JJ

This month in P.E. we completed the Starfish Aquatics swimming program. All students who participated have demonstrated the swimming abilities crucial to survival in case of an emergency in the water. Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grader have already demonstrated the ability to perform different swimming strokes and improving their endurance in the water. Students have enjoyed competitions and various games, especially our "Feel Good Fridays," where we enjoyed music by the pool. The encouragement of fellow classmates and sportsmanship this month has been fantastic. We will be exercising and learning Flag Football in October. Pre-school will learn and continue to develop motor skills through various fun activities and games.