

Don't Forget...

Monday, February 2:
Parent Organization Meeting

Thurs & Fri, February 5th & 6th:
Preschool Parent Conferences – Early
Dismissal Preschool ONLY
(Care provided only if office is notified)

Thursday, February 12th:
Wax Museum- 9 am
All School Early Dismissal - Holiday
Weekend/Staff Professional Development
(Care provided only if office is notified)

Friday & Monday, Feb 13th & 16th:
No School - President's Day

Wednesday, February 18th:
Clean Teeth presentation, for Preschool
and Kindergarten, given by North
Scottsdale Children's Dentistry

Monday, March 2nd:
Parent Organization Meeting – 9 am

Friday March 6th – 13th:
SPRING BREAK - Early Dismissal Friday
No School Monday-Friday

From the Principal

Dear Parents:

The re-enrollment process at Camelback Desert School began on January 5. We hope that you have already decided to remain a part of our thriving school community. We believe that our programs are engaging, challenging, and provide opportunities where powerful connections are formed. Connections are important within and across grade levels in order to foster a sense of community for all learners and empower children to be successful academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our primary goal at CDS is to promote a lifelong love of learning. Young children vary regarding their individual needs. We challenge and adapt our curriculum in math, reading and writing to meet those needs. Their teachers set high expectations for students. The staff displays extensive knowledge of important concepts. Also, teachers seek knowledge of their students' levels of development, skills, and interests. The classroom culture is cognitively alive and stresses the importance of learning.

Children change dramatically during their educational journey, but the philosophy that shapes our program is consistent. Partnering with parents to ensure student success is imperative. The staff and I look forward to our continued partnership in providing the best education for your children.

Sincerely,
Linda Horner, Principal



Camelback Desert School
9606 E. Kalil Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85260
P: 480.451.3130
F: 480.451.8197
Linda.Horner@nclinc.com
Lindsy.Bleeker@nclinc.com

Like us on Facebook!



<https://www.facebook.com/CamelbackDesertSchool>

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

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

Champion Winners

for January's Lunch with the Principal: Ainsley Drobot, Brielle Sullivan, Austin Young, Jake Boggs, and Olivia Hassing



Snow Day 2015



Remember to join your child's fan club on www.artsonia.com where your child's artwork in showcased.

In Spanish class this week, the students have been learning all about the celebration of Carnival. We learned about the history of Carnival and the different ways it is celebrated throughout the world in places such as Rio de Janeiro, Barranquilla, and New Orleans. Everyone enjoyed seeing examples of beautiful Carnival masks, even trying some on to pose for pictures. Each class learned a set of vocabulary words associated with this festive event and practiced using the newly learned words in sentences. Students had fun coloring their own paper Carnival masks, explaining their choice of colors in Spanish. We all had great fun parading around with our masks, just like we were having our own Carnival celebration!



Español



This month in P.E., our preschool students engaged in activities that focused on balance. Most have learned to balance on one foot for an extended period of time. They have also learned to balance objects on top of each other, such as balancing a ball. The elementary students have learned and engaged in hockey skills and games. The skills we practiced included dribbling and controlling a ball with the hockey stick, passing and trapping with partners, and shooting a hockey puck into the goal.

The students eventually learned to play a hockey game with realistic hockey-style substitutions, involving strategy and teamwork. I am very pleased to see our students exercise stick safety, eliminating injury during game-play. Next month we will do circuit training exercises using the FITT principle, and learn to play volleyball!

P.E.

