

## Don't Forget...

### Friday, November 21:

9 am, Pre K Thanksgiving Songfest at  
Horizon Community Center

### Wednesday, November 26:

All School Early Release  
Thanksgiving Holiday

### Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28:

No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

### Monday, December 1:

9 am, Parent Organization Meeting

### Friday, December 12:

9 am, 1st – 6th Grade Scripps Spelling Bee

### Tuesday, December 16:

8:30 am, Elementary Only Rehearsal  
City of Grace Church

### Wednesday, December 17:

Winter Musical Performance  
City of Grace Church

9 am – 10 am: 2's – Pre-K

10 am – 11 am: K – 6

### Friday, December 19:

Early Release All Winter Break Begins

### December 22 – January 2:

Winter Break

Break Camp: 12/22, 12/23, 12/26,  
12/29, 12/30, and 12/31

### Monday, January 5:

School Resumes



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## From the Principal:

The Parent/Teacher Conferences for elementary were well attended this past quarter. Parents and classroom teachers met recently to discuss their 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.

Our CDS Mathletes completed at Rincon High School in Tucson on November 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Third Annual Southern Arizona Elementary School Math Championships for third through sixth graders. This event provided opportunities for students to have fun and show off their math skills. There were five different tests in which students competed: The Number Sense Round consisted of 80 problems to be done mentally in 10 minutes, The Sprint Round which consisted of 30 questions in 40 minutes (no calculators), The Target Round which consisted of 4 sets of two questions - six minutes for each pair (calculators allowed), The Team Round where four team members worked together to solve 10 problems in 20 minutes (calculators allowed), and the Countdown Round where everyone competed against each other in an elimination contest. This contest also acted as a qualifier for the State Competition in April, which will again be hosted at Rincon. There will also be a National Competition in June for those students who qualify at the state level.

Recently the elementary staff and I revised some the policies regarding expected student behavior and accountability. There have been multiple incidents within the classroom, P.E. and during recess, in most grade levels, that made this necessary. We have implemented the "Think Tank" that was in place in previous years. The procedures are as follows:

Students will be sent to the Think Tank after receiving several warnings. Which means clipping down to "Teacher's Choice" on the Behavior Management Chart. In-School Suspension will occur after students receive five "Think Tanks" If an incident occurs after that, the parent will meet with Mrs. Horner for other disciplinary action.

In "Think Tank" students will reflect on the behavior and complete a form that states the steps needed to improve and what choice the child will make in the future.

Finally, as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we pause to reflect upon the many reasons for which we are thankful. It's important for you to know that we at Camelback Desert School are especially thankful for you and the privilege of educating your children. Each day, your children experience unique learning opportunities and are provided with a safe and nurturing learning environment. I am in awe and humbled to be working with such a talented, experienced, and caring staff. Every day they inspire their students to greatness!

Perhaps, I am most thankful for our students and their continued successes. As I visit classrooms, I observe their faces light up with "ah ha" moments as learning comes alive in their application of knowledge. They are developing good character and becoming thoughtful citizens of our campus and the broader community. Children are our best and brightest hope!

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Linda Horner, Principal**

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

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

## Champion Winners

for October's Lunch:  
Kennady Cowan, Chloe Jaloux, Molly Van Klaveren, Kylee Kosier, and Max Ebner.



The kids have raised nearly \$3,000 for Jump Rope for Heart! Keep the donations coming until November 21<sup>st</sup>!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

All In For Kids  
Raffle Winner:  
Carol Sullivan

November's lunch:  
Kade Kosier, Drew Stassen, Matteo Plati, Serena Walker, Garrett Solondz, and Ms. Petterson.

We're proud of our CDS Mathletes!



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