

Don't Forget...

Wednesday, April 15:

Taste of the Arts 5-7

April 20-24:

SAT 10 Testing

Friday: I Survived Dance Party!

Monday, May 4:

Parent Organization Meeting 9 am

May 4 – 8:

Staff Appreciation

Tuesday, May 5:

Elementary Rehearsal at City of
Grace Church 8:30 am

Wednesday, May 6:

Spring Performance

Wednesday and Thursday, May 20-21:

4th Grade Overnight at the Desert
Outdoor Center

May 18th

5th/6th Grade Fun Day

Thursday, May 21:

Kindergarten Graduation 9-10 am
5th/6th Grade Celebration



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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Camelback Desert School, along with Nobel Learning Communities, Inc., is constantly working to improve our school. I want to thank each of our families who took the time to complete the Parent Annual Survey in January. The collection of your responses has been completed by our Corporate Office and shared with me. The staff and I will use your feedback as we move forward setting our new goals for school improvement.

Your responses to the survey indicated a high level of overall satisfaction with our school. Some of the responses mentioned were the positive attitudes of staff, caring environment, teacher quality, engaging programs and the warm environment. These were some of the most important reasons for attending Camelback Desert School. Especially heartwarming were the responses that your children love coming to school. We are committed to ensuring your satisfaction by maintaining these outstanding elements of our program and continuing to offer our students exceptional learning experiences.

When asked about your concerns; the majority of responses were the elementary school curriculum and communication. Your concerns are important to us and are a priority. Regarding the curriculum, during classroom visits, I am impressed by the quality of instruction, and dedication of our Camelback Desert teachers. Classroom teachers bring the rigor to instruction on a daily basis. In highlighting student achievement, this year I began displaying student work from the elementary school in the office. Their project based learning activities include STEM projects, writing examples that include annotating, and reading comprehension activities that utilize strategies that deepen their understanding of concepts through text. We will continue to reflect and revise instruction where needed to consistently increase the rigor across all subject areas.

It is imperative to provide effective communication between staff and parents. Ways we can improve communication from the office and staff will be speaking with parents during pick-up, emails, newsletters (weekly and monthly), and by phone to inform you of school events and daily classroom activities regarding your child.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to register for the next school year as soon as possible. And speaking of planning ahead, it is not too early to begin to think about Summer Camp. Camp includes five days of activities. You can choose to add extended hours and specialty camps to your menu of summer fun. We offer a range of outdoor activities, plus indoor activities. Our camps are optional, operating during regular camp hours, which provide even more choices for unique and exciting adventures.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 480-451-3130.

Please consider my door always open to you. As always, I thank you for being part of our Camelback Desert family.

Sincerely,

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

CDS – SAT10 Assessment

April 20-24, students in grades K through 6 will be taking the SAT 10 for their grade level. A test becomes standardized when it is administered to all students under the same conditions and scored in the same manner for all students. The main purpose for these tests is to allow reliable and valid comparisons to be made by the students taking the tests.

SAT 10 can be used to show areas of student achievement or learning gains during the school year. They also show how effective our staff is in the classroom, and demonstrate the school's progress toward improving student achievement. At the same time, it can also indicate if there are any gaps in a child's academic growth. These standardized tests measure only a sample of what is learned in school, but it is important that each student do their best.

Our testing days next week will be April 20 through the 24. Please make sure that your child/children get a good night's sleep, come to school well rested and have eaten a healthy breakfast. It is extremely important for all students to arrive at school on time. Children will not be admitted to their classroom, until a morning break, after 9:00 A.M. on testing days. Thank you in advance for helping us to educate your children.

Sincerely,
Linda Horner, Principal

*Champion Winners
for March's lunch with
Mrs. Horner:
Jack Davis, Flynn
McCracken, Gracie
Schoenweiss, Landyn
Pettersen, and
Katie Little*



**Field Day 2015!
Thanks Coach JJ**

**New PO Officers:
2015-2016 CDSPOS**

- President- Carol Wayne
- VP- Lara Morens
- Treasurer- Melissa Ellis
- Secretary- Malena Colby

Members at Large:

- Darshana Patel
- Ginna Guido
- Janet Knight
- Jen Burns
- Jen Kuchipudi
- Jenny Kosier
- Kami Ebner
- Lauren Finkelstein
- Melissa Ellis
- Minal Chokshi
- Sean McCracken
- Sonya Luke



Teacher of the Year Nominees:

Preschool – Brogan Saunders Pre K 2
Elementary – Jo Schloss Art



Mrs. Schloss has made it to the semi-final round!



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



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