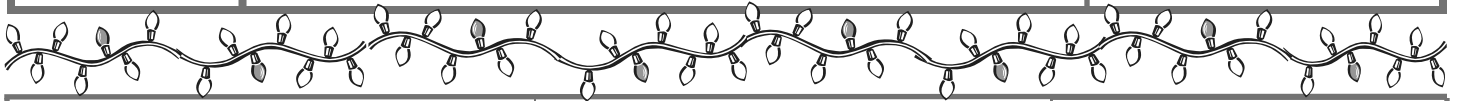


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EDU-PRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dr. McCamman's Corner 2010/2011

Soon after we return from our break in January, your child will bring home an **Intent to Return** form. This form is very important for several reasons. First, it lets us know if you are planning to have your child return to Edu-Prize in the fall. These counts are vital because they allow us to make decisions about classrooms and class configurations, possible openings and teacher's assignments. The **Intent to Return** form is also the first step of the registration process for **sibling kindergarteners and other siblings**. Once we are notified of the schedule preferences of our current families, we are then able to schedule them appropriately. In addition, our PTN uses this time to collect the **L.I.F.E. Fund** so that they may begin to plan projects with the funds that they will have for next school year. Lastly, for those families who would like to **change programs**, this is their chance to do so.

It is imperative that this form is completed for each student and returned on time, especially when program changes are being requested. The **Intent to Return** form will include instructions on how to complete it accurately and other relevant items. Please be prepared for this form to arrive home in January and be returned by the due date.

CHECK THE BINS AT COTTAGE!

All items that remain in the "Lost & Found" bins on December 18th will be donated to charity. Don't lose **grandma's knitted sweater** forever!



CONGRATULATIONS TO KATIE BAKER!

The 2009 Edu-Prize Spelling Bee winner is **Katie Baker!** She is a fifth grade PM TOPS student in **Mrs. Dean's** class, and she will be representing Edu-Prize at the Arizona Regional Competition in January. **Tessa Murdock** from **Mrs. Barrera's class** was our first runner-up and also did an outstanding job. The two girls competed with each other for several rounds until the winner was decided by correctly spelling two words in a row. **Katie** spelled "lozenge" and then "panacea" to claim her title as the 2009 TOP SPELLER at Edu-Prize. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

Awesome Job Katie!



STUDENTS SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

During this holiday season, it is important to remember our troops that are serving our country overseas. Several of the **Intermediate II classes** have been involved in projects to show encouragement towards our troops in Iraq. They wrote thank you letters expressing our gratitude and our support. The letters and cards were mailed just in time for the holidays.

Some classes are also involved in "Operation Write Home". This is an ongoing project where the students create greeting cards and send them to the troops. In turn, the troops will send the cards home to their families with special messages included. We are so proud of our students for taking such a strong interest in supporting our troops!



IMPORTANT DATES

December 14 - 17
~ **Cottage Fair Week**
December 18
~ **Early Release**
All Schedules

WHAT ARE SPECIALS?

Second quarter Cottage Fair will highlight our Primary and Intermediate II classes. Each specialist will share learning activities that occur during specials.

Primary Specialist Cottage Fair: Tuesday Dec. 15
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Media Ctr.
Intermediate II Specialist Cottage Fair: Thurs. Dec. 17
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Gym

Please stop by and see what your children have been doing in their specials! We look forward to seeing all of you.

EARLY RELEASE 12/18

ALL SCHEDULES

Primary.....8:10 - 11:30
Intermediate 1.....7:55 - 11:40
Int. 2 (upstairs).....7:50 - 11:50
Int. 2 (down).....8:00 - 12:00
Junior High.....7:45 - 11:50
AM TOPS.....7:30 - 11:00
PM TOPS.....10:00 - 1:30
AM TOPS Kinder....7:45 - 10:45
PM TOPS Kinder....11:00 - 2:00
Mrs. Kenyon.....7:45 - 9:45