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# EDU-PRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

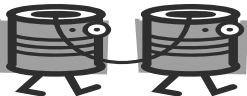
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## Dr. McCamman's Corner

This time of the year is full of change, which is always exciting but can raise anxiety levels. So to relieve your anxiety, here are the current staff changes for next year as promised. We basically have two categories, teachers new to Edu-Prize and familiar faces in new places. We will be welcoming one new staff member - and she is not really new! **Cheryl Nacs** will be joining us as a primary teacher in the 2010-11 school year and replacing the retiring **Kathy Wirtz**. Cheryl is currently teaching kindergarten at EDUPRIZE in Queen Creek. She is a fabulous teacher and we are thrilled to have her join us. The familiar faces in new places is a little longer. **Christa Harris** will be leaving kindergarten and will be joining the primary team as an AM TOPS teacher. **Renee Powell** will be teaching primary PM TOPS. In Intermediate 2, **Kati Barrera** and **Susan Dewberry** will be changing programs so you will find Mrs. Barrera in a regular schedule and Mrs. Dewberry teaching AM TOPS. Also changing on the 5/6 team are **Danelle Fron** and **Karen Schwalenberg**. They will both be joining our Junior High team. Mrs. Fron will be teaching Language Arts and replacing **Pat Bell**, who is retiring, and Mrs. Schwalenberg will be teaching Social Studies replacing **Megan Rand**, who will be staying at home with her new baby. **Tami Schuler** will be joining our Intermediate 2 team after three years as our site-based substitute teacher.







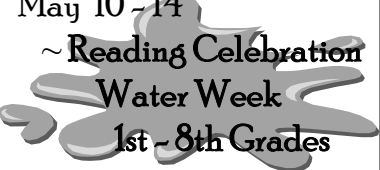

Finally, we have two returning teachers. **Paul Buday** and **Amy Losey** will be returning to our campus after three years at EDUPRIZE in Queen Creek. Mr. Buday will be teaching P.E. and replacing **Elizabeth Flynn-Buggs**. Mrs. Losey will be teaching half day kindergarten and filling part of the position that **Cheryl Evans** is leaving in order to relocate with her family in Florida. As a staff we are very excited about the changes we see for next year. In upcoming newsletters, you will be kept up-to-date of any additional changes.

### 2010/2011 PRIMARY PROGRAM

On Wednesday night our parents were given the opportunity to attend a parent meeting where we rolled out the changes for the primary program in the 2010-11 school year. Next year, each of the grade levels, first and second grades, will be separate. We have made this decision to meet the unique needs of our primary students, particularly the first graders. We are still very supportive of the multi-age concept and will develop our new primary program to include many of the unique aspects of multi-age. Half of our current first graders will be going to a new teacher next year for second grade and we have developed a plan to assist them with that transition. Please watch your classroom newsletters for more information on the buddy teacher program we are developing. As always, the parent support and cooperation has been wonderful as we make this alteration to our primary program.



### IMPORTANT DATES

- April 30  
~ Reading Hours Due
- April 30  
~ Kindergarten Water Day 
- May 3-7  
~ Conference Week
- May 5  
~ Teacher Appreciation Day 
- May 6  
~ Nurses' Day of Appreciation 
- May 6  
~ Volunteer Lunch
- May 10  
5/6 200 Hour Club Bowling Party 
- May 17  
~ 5/6 300 Hour Club Some Burros Party
- May 10-14  
~ Reading Celebration Water Week 1st - 8th Grades 
- May 12  
~ A+! Celebration 11 a.m. on the Field
- May 18  
~ 5/6 400 Hour Club Ice Cream Party 



## Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

This year's luncheon will be held on  
 Thursday, May 6th  
 11-1 p.m.  
 Edu-Prize Gym

This is our opportunity to celebrate YOU!  
 Our wonderful parent volunteers. Please join us  
 for a sit down lunch, some time to chat with  
 your friends, and some *amazing* give-aways.

Because of the popularity of this event, this  
 function is for adult volunteers only, so we will  
 not be able to accommodate children or infants.  
 We appreciate your understanding.

This event is catered, so we'll need you to RSVP  
 no later than **Tuesday, May 4th**.

Please cut off this form and leave it at building 1  
 in the PTN box.

*Yes, I will be joining you!!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## Parking

Reminder to all parents volunteering on campus.  
 A to Z has asked that we not park in the dirt lot  
 along the kindergarten playground any longer.



Please feel free to park on the SOUTH side  
 of the industrial park on Monterey.

They have graciously offered the south spaces  
 for us to use!

## Splish Splash

### 100 Reading Hours / Water Week

May 10th – 13th

Volunteers still needed.

Contact:

Bob Lindstrom in the P.E. department or your child's  
 homeroom teacher if you'd like to help out!

This is a GREAT way to get those last minute  
 volunteer hours in.

## Harkins Summer Movie Tickets

We have a few extra tickets to sell at both Chandler  
 Crossroads and Chandler Fashion 20 theatres.

**\$7 for 10 movies.**

Various days of the week available, first come first serve.

Email Patty Holmquist at ptn@edu-prize.com  
 if you'd like to purchase some summertime fun!

## Box Top News

Can you believe it? Edu-Prize has another  
 accomplishment that we need to brag about! Our  
 two co-chairs **Sabrina Baker & Lisa Sweador**  
 were honored as being some of  
 Arizona's most creative Box Top collectors.  
 Edu-Prize is #8 in the state for Box Top collections!

*Way to go volunteers!!!!*