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EDU-PRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dr. McCamman's Corner



Each month I conduct a tour for parents who are considering enrolling their children at Edu-Prize and it is exciting for me to see the school through the eyes of newcomers who don't know what to expect. This past Tuesday I paid special attention to the unique aspects the parents may be observing. There are four things that I knew would impress me if I were new to Edu-Prize. The first is the beauty of our school. The student work displayed throughout the school demonstrates our commitment to excellence and the celebration of learning. The PTN bulletin boards are informative and visually pleasing and the large tree painted in the foyer of building one is striking. The second is the behavior of our students. The tours are usually during recess time and the students' fine behavior is evident when you observe them interacting with one another. Additionally, the students who are in the halls are happy, courteous and welcoming. I personally feel a huge sense of pride at the number of students who greet me by name, usually accompanied by a hug! The third thing that struck me was the quality of our teachers. Our teachers are engaged and motivating which comes across loud and clear as these prospective parents visit the classrooms. The final observation I made was the visibility of the impact of our volunteers. It is very impressive to walk the halls with these visitors and see so many of you out working with students, assisting the teachers, or supporting each other. We are all a part of a wonderful school environment and I am fortunate to be reminded of this every month during the parent tour. Thank you all for your contributions to our greatness.

Thank You!



HEALTHY TIDBITS

Courtesy of the
Edu-Prize Health Office

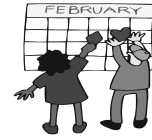


Since returning from break, we've seen an increase in communicable diseases among our students. To battle this, we have renewed our focus in the classrooms, restrooms, recesses and at lunch times to remind children to **wash their hands**. Our students and families have done such a fantastic job this past winter when H1N1 was prevalent. Let's renew our commitment to frequent hand washing and have a happy and healthy 4th quarter.



Practice good hygiene:

- **Frequent hand washing**, especially after any activity involving close contact with others, is one of the best protections against infection.
- **Wounds are open doors** through the protective outer layers of your skin, so it is very important that open wounds be kept clean and covered with clean bandages that are changed frequently until healed.
- **Avoid sharing personal items** such as chapstick or lip gloss, brushes, combs, and towels.



IMPORTANT DATES

- April 10
~ **Spring Spectacular!**
- April 13 -15 & 20, 21
~ **AIMS Testing**
- April 21
~ **Jr. High Picnic**
- April 21
~ **Primary Info Night**
- April 21
~ **Administrative Professional's Day**
- April 22
~ **Authors' Day!**
- April 30
~ **Reading Hours Due**
- May 3-7
~ **Teacher Appreciation Week**

IS YOUR CHILD ENTERING GRADE 1 OR 2 NEXT YEAR?

Then this informational meeting is for you. Dr. McCamman and members of the primary team will offer an overview of the 2010/11 primary program. Meeting will be held at 6pm in the Media Center.

THIS QUARTER IN KINDERGARTEN...



Fourth quarter is in full swing and the fabulous kindergartners are busy learning about cycles! During fourth quarter we will study many different cycles - the moon, weather, plants, chicks, butterflies, and frogs. It will be fascinating to watch how things in nature change and it won't be long before we begin getting ready for our big change...from kindergartners into big first graders! At the end of May we will dazzle our parents with a kindergarten graduation program that is sure to bring tears to their eyes. Until then we plan on reading many wonderful books, writing many amazing small moment stories, solving fantastic math problems, building terrific friendships, and just having a whole lot of fun! Isn't kindergarten grand?



Scrip Goes Green!

We are reducing our paper consumption by discontinuing the distribution of the paper order forms.

Don't forget! The Scrip orders are **due on Mon. 4/12** and will be available for **pick-up on 4/19.**

Get your order form through:

✦ Email request (EduPrizeScrip@gmail.com), *OR* Edu-prizeptn.com (follow the links to the **Scrip** page)

Science Fair Boards



Third quarter is here and so is our **Annual Science Fair!**

1st – 6th graders will be creating their own science projects and presenting them during Cottage Fair week.

PTN made a bulk purchase of the tri-fold display boards that your child will need for these projects.

We've made it really easy!

Boards can be purchased for \$5 at the front desk.

Cash is the preferred method of payment, but we will accept checks too.

Save the Dates!

This quarter is getting really busy and will fly by. Here are some very important dates for your calendars:

April 21st—Administration Appreciation Day

May 5th—Teacher Appreciation Day

May 6th—Nurse Appreciation Day

May 6th—Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

May 18th—Aide Appreciation Day

May 20th—Facility Appreciation Day

Wow! That's a lot of Appreciation!

(Remember, we have scrip cards in stock at the front desk of bldg one for any and all of those special people you'd like to say thank you to.)

Spring Spectacular - It's Here!!

If you didn't get a chance to purchase your wrist bands this week, you will be able to buy them at the gate. Raffle tickets will also be available.

**This incredibly awesome
FUN FAMILY EVENT**

is this Saturday,

11a.m.—3 p.m!

**Your favorite teachers will be
sitting in the dunk tank
waiting to get wet!**

**Join us for our annual
PIE EATING CONTEST!!!**

**Dr. McCamman will be ready
to compete against YOU!!**

**Popcorn and snow cones are
included for everyone!
(Just show your wrist band)**

Lunch will be available for purchase
Only **\$5** gets your choice of hot dog,
hamburger or a chicken sandwich.

Class baskets will be on display
in the gym until 1 p.m.

We'll see you there!