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# EDU-PRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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## Dr. McCamman's Corner



Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! Each year begins with such a high level of excitement and this year is no exception. The students, teachers and parents are full of enthusiasm and smiles. Thank you all for your positive attitudes and support over this first full week of school. It is not unusual for us to hit a few bumps in the road at the beginning of the year but I have been very impressed with the parents who have come to me with an issue; they have been supportive and have come bearing possible solutions to their concerns. Remember that both Dr. Duncan and I are here to help students, teachers and parents and that our doors are always open. Please stay tuned to the Parent Newsletter each week for important information and updates.

### CHARACTER COUNTS!!!

Character Counts is a research-based character program supported by the Arizona Department of Education. It is based on the Six Pillars of Character, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. At Edu-Prize we focus on each of these pillars throughout the year. It is always helpful if parents review the character trait we are highlighting and try to emphasize the value at home. This year we are going to open the school year by focusing on respect. Respect is all about following the Golden Rule, being tolerant of differences and being considerate of others feelings. Focusing on respect is a great way to get the new year off on the right foot.



### IMPORTANT DATES

- August 3  
~**Kindergarten Curriculum Night**  
5:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm Media Ctr.
- August 4  
~**Primary Curriculum Night**  
5:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm Media Ctr.
- August 5  
~**Intermediate 1 Curr. Night**  
5:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm Media Ctr.
- August 6  
~**Intermediate II Curr. Night**  
5:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm Media Ctr.
- August 20  
~**PTN Open House**  
6:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm Media Ctr.
- August 27  
~**Blood Drive**  
All Day In The Gym



### YOUR FEET IN THE HEAT

With the hot weather, we often see dress code violations. One of the most dangerous violations is when the students wear flip flops. On the playground you can often observe students running and playing with flip flops on their feet. The chances for an injury are great in this situation. The best footwear for school is tennis shoes.



Thanks for helping with this safety issue.



### BEFORE SCHOOL...

Students should not be on campus any earlier than 15 minutes before their class begins. We base our aide coverage on the number of students that should be on campus at the time, so if students are coming earlier than their appropriate time, it may be create a situation where there are not enough aides for the number of students. Additionally, at this time of year it is super hot outside and it is difficult to have students outside for an extended period of time.



### "LIFE" IN JUNIOR HIGH

Junior High is unique in that electives (or "mini-courses," as we call them) are offered as enrichment to the students in the afternoon. This year we will be offering the following: Student Council/NJHS, Latin, Fine Arts, and Life Skills. Life Skills is being offered for the first time this year, and the teachers are quite excited about it. Myriad skills will be included, such as sewing on a button and how to be a gracious guest. Student Council lasts for the whole year, but the other mini-courses last 13 weeks each.

### FREE/ REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Applications for free & reduced price school lunches will be coming home with your children today. These forms are also available at the front desk of both buildings. Students who qualified for this program last year are automatically rolled over for the first 45 days of this school year. If you have questions, please contact Denise at ext. 104.

Edu-Prize's PTN has several fundraising programs to generate income, including **SCRIP**. Participating retailers sell gift cards to our organization at a discount. Then our Edu-Prize families buy the gift cards from us for face value, and redeem them for full face value. The gift cards can be ordered using the order forms that are sent home periodically, and we have a wide variety in stock at the front desk (Building 1). The next order form is due on August 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Look for yours next week!

### 2009-2010 T-Shirts

Your children should have received an order form for this years AMAZING school t-shirts. The shirts come in seven different colors, so show off your school spirit and purchase yours today!

**Orders will be taken until Friday, August 14th.**

Shirts will be delivered to your child's classroom once they have been shipped.



### Celebration Book Club

Does your child love to read? Make your celebrations special by donating a book to our school library.

Your child will be receiving a Celebration Book Club order form with all of the details. It's the perfect way to celebrate all of your special holidays!

### Summer Box Top Contest

We hope all of you had a successful summer and collected a ton of Box Tops for our school.

We will be accepting Box Tops for this contest through August 14th. Each top winner will receive a new Edu-Prize T-Shirt



### PTN Open House & Vendor Night

Mark your calendars!

August 20th, 2009

6:30 p.m. Gym

This is your opportunity to see all of the various committees that Edu-Prize has throughout the year. It's a great way to get plugged in and to see where you might like to volunteer.

We will also have several local vendors onsite that evening. If you are interested in showcasing your business, please contact

Mari Jo Enfield at [adpaper@cox.net](mailto:adpaper@cox.net).

There's still room left!

### Edu-Prize SUPER kids!!!

Many of you have seen the new Super Kid T-Shirts floating around the school and have inquired about purchasing them. We have a limited quantity available at the front desk of Bldg. 1 for \$10 each.

Checks should be made out to Edu-Prize PTN. They will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

