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EDU-PRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dr. McCamman's Corner



The 2008-09 AIMS DPA results have arrived and once again Edu-Prize has done an outstanding job. The scores for individual students, who were in grades 3 through 7 last year, were sent home last week. If you did not receive the student reports, or you had an 8th grader last year, your reports are available at the front desk of building 2.

Below you will find the Edu-Prize scores and the Arizona State scores. Each score indicates the percentage of the students who met or exceeded the state standards in each grade and curricular area.

	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Math</u>
Grade 3			
Edu-Prize	96	96	94
State	72	79	73
Grade 4			
Edu-Prize	97	96	95
State	73	83	74
Grade 5			
Edu-Prize	95	95	94
State	74	79	72
Grade 6			
Edu-Prize	97	93	95
State	70	86	68
Grade 7			
Edu-Prize	91	97	91
State	73	83	73
Grade 8			
Edu-Prize	79	95	74
State	69	85	63

Congratulations Edu-Prize students, teachers and families for once again doing an outstanding job on our state assessments.

HERE'S THE ANSWER!

As we begin this exciting school year, one of the most commonly asked questions at Edu-Prize is how busy families can manage to stay informed of the various updates, activities, and events that are such an important part of the Edu-Prize community. This can be a daunting task even for seasoned, returning families because of the on-going changes that occur as we continue to set the standard for education in our Arizona schools. This newsletter serves as one of the ways that we notify parents of what's happening when and where. Please look for it every Friday in your child's backpack. To make it easier to locate, you will find it always printed on brightly colored paper.

SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS

Students who qualify for an Individual Education Plan (Special Education) or a 504 plan, are provided with classroom accommodations. These accommodations are written in to their plan. They may also be useful for you to think about providing for your special children when they are doing their homework. **Accommodations level the playing field:** An accommodation is generally thought of as a change in the course, standard, test preparation, location, timing, scheduling, student response and/or other attribute which provides access for a student with a disability to participate in a course, standard which does not fundamentally alter or lower the standard or expectation of the course/test.

Accommodations are basically physical or environmental changes, generally referred to as **good teaching strategies.**

Examples of accommodations which might be helpful for homework are:

- Extended time, frequent breaks, vary-ing of activities
- Provide extra time for the processing of information.



IMPORTANT DATES

- August 20
~ **PTN Open House**
6:00 - 8:00 pm Media Center
- August 27
~ **Blood Drive**
All Day In The Gym
- September 1- 3
~ **Conference Week**
- September 4 & 7
~ **School Holidays!**

LUNCH FAQ'S



Some important things to know about lunchtime. Any "forgotten"

lunches can be dropped off at either front desk during the day and will be sent to the "Lunch Kitchen" (not to the classroom). Please inform your child to pick up his or her lunch at the window where milk is purchased.

Milk and Otter Pops are available for sale to each lunch group for 25c and any denomination of coins is accepted. This means from 11am to 1 pm these items are available. We offer 2% milk, 2% chocolate milk and starting this week, strawberry flavored milk will also be available.

Finally, please remind your child to bring home any uneaten or unopened food. We have a huge amount of lunch items that are ending up in the trash.

Save a Life – Donate Blood

Edu-Prize United Services Annual Blood Drive

Put one more thing on your summer to-do list...DONATE BLOOD!

The Edu-Prize Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, August 27th from 8am to 6pm in the school gym.

Registration is easy. You can register on-line at www.bloodhero.com.

In step one, enter the sponsor code “prize” to connect directly to the Edu-Prize drive and register for a time, or you can call your blood drive coordinator, Veronica Pinski @ 480-215-2953 and she can get you registered.

More info will be coming home with your child next week. Our goal this year is 100 donations.

If we reach this goal we can save 300 lives.

This year UBS has taken 15 questions off of the initial interview, which should help speed things along. Also, we will be handing out the children’s prizes the day of the drive so that no one misses out!

We are also looking for volunteers to help with registration and child care during the blood drive.

If you are available on August 27th between the hours of 7am and 6pm (for any amount of time) please contact Veronica Pinski @ 480-215-2953 or v.pinski@cox.net.

Be a hero!

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 through **Friday, August 14th.**

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



Help is Needed!

Volunteer Opportunity

We are still in need Committee Chairs for the Elementary and Junior High Yearbooks.

If you love to scrapbook “digitally”, this committee is for YOU!

Please contact Patty Holmquist at ptn@edu-prize.com for more details about these positions.



Summer Box Top Contest

Don’t forget to turn your Box Tops in. The contest ends next Friday, August 14th.

Don’t miss out on your chance to win a free 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.

There’s still room left!