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# EDU-PRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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## Dr. McCamman's Corner



In the last couple of weeks, we have been providing information on the 2008-09 state assessments scores. You might say that we have been saving the best for last! In 2007 the state of Arizona began AIMS Science testing for 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. In that first year our students excelled. Our fourth graders had the highest scores in the state with 92% of the students meeting or exceeding the standard. Our eighth graders also did very well with 77% of our students meeting or exceeding the state standards. I am overjoyed to say that our scores continued to climb this year. A full 94% of our fourth graders and 84% of our eighth graders met or exceeded the state standards on the 2008-09 AIMS Science assessment. Wow, our students *ROCK!*

### CONFERENCE TIME...

Parent/Teacher conferences are an excellent opportunity to strengthen your relationship with your child's teacher. You are a critical part of the educational team that will assist your child in reaching his or her full potential this year. A few additional topics to discuss are 1) the most effective method to communicate with your child's teacher, 2) what you can do to support the teacher and 3) any concerns you have that may need special teacher focus.

The teacher's work day is very busy and it is often difficult to converse with parents during school. Some teachers prefer e-mail, others like phone calls, and an appointment may be best for others. Find out what works best for your child's teacher. Also, as you know, we rely on parent support in and out of the classroom. Discuss the best way you can be helping your child at home. Most critically, if your child has special needs that you have not yet addressed with the teacher, this is the time to have that dialogue. The relationship between a parent and their child's teacher is very important and good communication is imperative.



### IMPORTANT DATES

- August 31 - September 3  
~ **Conference Week**
- September 3  
~ **Traditional Schedule Only**  
**Early Release**
- September 4 & 7  
~ **School Holidays!**
- September 16  
~ **Project Exploration Info. Mtg.**  
**6:30 - 7:30 pm Media Ctr.**
- September 24  
~ **Choral Concert**
- September 25  
~ **Junior High Social**

### EARLY RELEASE

THURSDAY ~ 9/3

Traditional Schedule Only

- Primary.....8:10 - 11:30
- Intermediate 1.....7:55 - 11:40
- Intermediate 2.....7:50 - 11:50  
(downstairs)
- Intermediate 2.....8:00 - 12:00  
(upstairs)
- Junior High.....7:45 - 11:50

~Notice~

Teacher Résumés are available for review at the front desk of bldg 2. Many other important notices can be found at [www.edu-prize.com](http://www.edu-prize.com).



### TOMORROW'S LEADERS PREPARE TODAY

Our Junior High Student Council and our National Junior Honor Society is an assemblage of mature, diligent, and conscientious students in which responsibility, citizenship, and service learning are regularly expected and modeled. Major contributions of NJHS members are collecting the recycling bins for the entire school and volunteering 50 hours of community service per semester. The Student Council makes their contributions through the committees that help to organize Junior High dances, conduct fund-raisers, perform character plays for younger grades, and arrange our annual food drive. This year's NJHS officers are:

**Brennan Dwyer** - President  
**Julia Donahue** - Secretary

**Allie Ensfield** - Vice President  
**Amani Kassisieh** - Treasurer

Our Junior High Student Council and NJHS programs provide service, build school spirit, and help to create citizens who are contributing members of society.

***Awesome Job, Edu-Prize Teens!***

