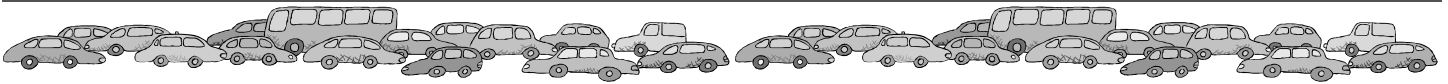


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EDU-PRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

580 W. Melody Drive
Gilbert, AZ 85233
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September 3, 2009



Dr. McCamman's Corner



One of our ongoing struggles throughout the years had been the parking issue. We are once again faced with this problem and we are feverishly working on a solution. In the interim we have very few options. Let's start with where you can NOT park, which would be across the streets at the business condos and along Monterey Ave. in the bike lanes. These options could result in a ticket or towing. So where can you park? If you are super lucky, you can get a place in the volunteer parking lot which is the lot off of the north lane of building 1. Second, you can park in the neighborhood across the street from the school. This option is inconvenient and can cause the families who live there headaches. If you do park in the neighborhood, please make sure that you are courteous to our neighbors. The final option is to park in the dead end area straight down Melody. With this option you would still be parking in a bike lane, which you could be ticketed for, however, we had one police officer who told us that they would turn the other way on this one since we are not obstructing traffic. If you choose option three, please be aware that you are running the risk of being ticketed. This is not very good news and we are all worried about this issue as well. Please know that the school administration and the Board of Directors are diligently working on a permanent solution.

VOLUNTEERS WITH CHILDREN...



We love our Edu-Prize families and value all of the children in each family. However, it is and has always been policy to not allow siblings to come to school with parents during volunteer time. We realize that this has not always been enforced in all classrooms which can lead to misunderstandings.

The reasons for this rule have to do with insurance and with the possible disruption of the educational environment. We try to be fair and allow participation of siblings at appropriate times but as a general rule, please leave brothers and sisters at home during volunteer time.



...thank You



Project Exploration

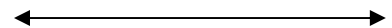
This is an awesome experience for 5/6 students. We will be having an informational meeting about this year's trip on September 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Our trip this year is

Animal Kingdom. Students who take this adventure will experience La Brea Tar Pits with its active fossil lab, the California Science Center, the Museum of Natural History, and the San Diego Zoo. Applications will be available beginning 9/17. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$320 and will take place February 12-14, 2010. **This is the only informational meeting that will be held**



IMPORTANT DATES

- September 4 & 7
~ **School Holidays!**
- September 8
~ **Original Artworks Due**
- September 10
~ **Scholastic Book Orders Due**
- September 16
~ **Project Exploration Info. Mtg.**
6:30 -7:30 pm Media Ctr.
- September 18
~ **Caps 4 A Cure**
- September 24
~ **Choral Concert 6:30 pm**
- September 25
~ **Junior High Social**
- September 28 - October 1
~ **Cottage Fair Week**
- September 28 - October 1
~ **Scholastic Book Fair**
- October 2
~ **Last Day of First Quarter**
- October 5 - 19
~ **Fall Break - No School!**



~NOTICE~

Edu-Prize Special Education Policies and Procedures are available for review. If you wish to review them, you may inquire at the front desk or speak with Hilary Smith, Special Education Director, at ext.182.

Special Ed. Procedural Safeguards:
www.ade.state.az.us/ess/downloads/ProceduralsafeEnglish.pdf

Ad Paper

Please help support our school by placing your ad in our first edition of our QUARTERLY CLASSIFIEDS!

Ad deadline is **September 14th**.

Publication to be delivered before the end of the 1st quarter.

Don't want to place an ad?

Maybe you know someone who could benefit from this inexpensive way to reach our awesome families! Favorite realtor? Stylist? Restaurant? Doctor?

The possibilities are endless....

There are three forms that need to be filled out to place an ad in our ad paper.

Please contact Mari Jo Enfield at adpaper@cox.net for more information.

Thanks for supporting our school!

(Edu-Prize Charter School does NOT endorse any vendors placing ads in the ad paper.)

Scholastic Bookfair

We will be holding our annual bookfair in conjunction with our Cottage Fairs.

This is a wonderful opportunity to do a little "holiday shopping."

What a great gift! The gift of reading!!

We are also looking for volunteers to help run registers during the day. If you are interested, please email us at

edu-prizebookfair@cox.net

You can also visit our website at:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/eduprize>

SCRIP – Your Gift Card Connection

We need you!

We are overstocked with some of our inventory!

If you can use any of these gift cards, please visit the front desk at building one to purchase them.

Auntie Anne's Pretzels \$10	Mrs. Fields Cookies \$5
Big 5 Sporting Goods \$25	Pier 1 Imports \$25
Cabela's \$25	Red Robin \$25
Chuck E. Cheese \$10	Sports Authority \$25
Dress Barn \$25	Sweet Tomatoes \$25
Hallmark \$25	Toys R Us \$30
Honey Baked Ham \$10	Venezia's Pizza \$10
Kmart \$25	Yankee Candle \$25

Original Works Fundraiser

Wow! We've seen a lot of great artwork come in already!

Just a few reminders:

Don't forget to have your artists "sign" their artwork before you submit your orders.

Also, make sure to fill out a separate order form for each piece of artwork.

Orders are due on September 9th.



Caps 4 a Cure

Mark your calendars!

Friday, September 18th

will be our first Caps 4 a Cure!

Wear your funniest, silliest, most creative and favorite hat to school that day. All you need is to bring \$1 to donate to the designated charity.

This quarter we will be sending our donations to

Hope Kids!

Hope Kids provides ongoing events and activities and supports community for children with genetic and terminal illnesses.

Blood Drive Results

This year's blood drive was a huge success! Our goal was to fill 90 appointment slots and collect 40 pints. We filled 75 slots and collected 53 pints! That means that we saved **159 lives!** Thank you to all of you who donated, all of the kids that talked their parents into coming, and the volunteers that helped with child care & registration. I would also like to thank our wonderful facilities manager, **Anthony Gould** for helping us with everything from room temperature to clean up. *Edu-Prize is filled with heroes!*

Special thanks to **Veronica Pinski** for heading up this committee!