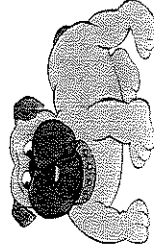


ACADEMIC MISSION

We, the educators of Ocotillo Elementary, will insure that at least 75% of our students will pass every formative assessment during the school year with a minimum of 75% correct.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 2- Early Release Wednesday
- Dec. 3- Band Concert in Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 4- Olweus Fall Festival
5-7 p.m.
- Dec. 7- Author Jennifer Ward
Visits Preschool-1st
Grade
- Dec. 9- Early Release Wednesday
- Dec. 16-Ocotillo Spelling Bee
3rd-6th Grade
Early Release Wednesday
- Dec. 18- Work Day/Grading Day
No School for Students
- Dec. 21- Jan. 1- Winter Break
No School



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- Office 602-347-2400
- Cafeteria 602-347-2417
- Attendance 602-347-2411
- Nurse 602-347-2410
- MOST 602-347-2415
- Preschool 602-347-2457
- Head Start 602-347-2443

Dear parents and community members,

Are you looking for a quick and easy way to support your local schools while reducing your state tax bill? Washington Elementary School District has the answer.

Taxpayers may receive a tax credit of up to \$200 when filing an individual return or \$400 when filing a joint return for married couples on their 2009 state income tax by contributing to one of WESD's 32 schools. This is an opportunity to maintain high quality extracurricular programs such as chorus, basketball, and cross country. School sponsored field trips and after school classes can also be funded with your tax-credit donation.

The program gives individual taxpayers a dollar-for-dollar reduction of state income tax on both individual and jointly filed 2009 state tax returns. The State Department of Revenue has issued the following guidelines:

- The credit is available for any individual taxpayer. It is not a requirement that the taxpayer have a child enrolled in a public school.
- Married couples filing joint returns may contribute up to \$400; individual filers may contribute up to \$200.
- All designated funds will go directly toward supporting school-based programs.

To make a donation, simply pick up a tax credit donation form from the school office or at www.wesdschools.org. Complete the form and return it to the school's office or to the Administrative Center at 4650 W. Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85304, Attention: Accounting. Checks must be postmarked by December 31 to receive credit on this year's taxes! Please keep in mind that WESD facilities are closed from December 19, 2009 through January 3, 2010. For further information, contact Nancy Kartman, our office manager, at 347-2401 or stop by our office and ask for her.

Thank you for your continuing to support our programs. Together we can make a difference!

Sincerely,

Phil Garritson
Principal

Estimados Padres y Miembros de la Comunidad,

¿Están ustedes buscando una manera rápida y fácil para apoyar su escuela local y reducir sus impuestos estatales? El Distrito Escolar Washington tiene la respuesta.

Cuando los contribuyentes contribuyen a cualquiera de las 32 escuelas del WESD pueden recibir hasta \$200.00 en crédito de impuestos cuando el reclamo es individual y hasta \$400.00 cuando hacen el reclamo en pareja durante el año 2009 en impuestos estatales. Esta es una oportunidad para mantener programas extracurriculares de alta calidad como lo son coro, baloncesto, y carreras. Las excursiones escolares y las clases después de clases también pueden ser patrocinadas con su donación de crédito de impuestos.

El programa le da a los contribuyentes un dólar por dólar en la reducción de impuestos estatales en ambos declaraciones de impuestos estatales individuales o matrimoniales del año 2009. El Departamento de Impuestos Estatales ha considerado las siguientes reglas:

- El crédito está disponible para cualquier contribuyente. No es un requisito tener un hijo(a) en una escuela pública para contribuir.
- Las parejas de casados pueden contribuir hasta con \$400.00; individuos pueden contribuir con hasta \$200.00.
- Todos los fondos designados apoyarán directamente los programas escolares.

Para hacer una donación, simplemente obtengan un formulario de donación de crédito de impuestos en la oficina de la escuela o en www.wesdschools.org. Llenen el formulario y regresenlo a la oficina de la escuela o al Centro Administrativo en el 4650 W. Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85304, a la atención de: Contabilidad (Accounting). ¡Los cheques tienen que estar fechados a más tardar el 31 de diciembre para recibir crédito en los impuestos de este año! Favor de recordar que las oficinas del WESD están cerradas del 19 de diciembre al 3 de enero del 2010. Para más información pónganse en contacto con Nancy Kartman, nuestra gerente de oficina al 602-347-2401 o vengan a nuestra oficina y pregunten por ella.

Gracias por su apoyo continuo a nuestros programas. ¡Juntos podemos hacer la diferencia!

Atentamente,

Phil Garritson
Director



WESD

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Dr. Susan J. Cook, Superintendent

EARLY RELEASE DAY WEDNESDAYS

This year we will continue having our Professional Development/Teacher Work Day on Wednesdays, which began on August 12, 2009 and continue through April 28, 2010, with the exception of April 14. On May 5, 12 and 19 regular school hours will be observed. We will follow the early release schedule during Parent/Teacher Conference date February 10-12.

Early Release Wednesday times are:

Grades K-2nd	12:20 p.m.
Grades 3rd-6th	1:00 p.m.

Photo ID Required

Parents: A photo ID is required every time you pick your child up from school before dismissal and when you are picking up a sick child from the nurse's office. Requiring a photo ID every time you sign your child out will ensure the safety of your child. Please make it a habit to bring it with you.

Se Requiere una Identificación con Foto

Padres: se requiere una identificación con foto cada vez que ustedes recojan a su hijo(a) antes del despido y cuando recojan a un niño(a) enfermo de la enfermeria. Requerir una identificación con foto cada vez que recojan a su hijo(a) asegurará la seguridad de su hijo(a). Favor de hacer un hábito de traerla con ustedes.



BULLDOG BARKER WINNERS



Melissa Acosta, Viviana Romero, Mauricio Campos, Logan Sergi, Kristeen Huynh, Deja Fears, Marshall Meja, Hector Baeza, Isabel Escalante, Son Ngo, Monica Cronkrite, Jessica Barrales, Isabel Lopez, Emmalese Weber, Andruwe Encizo

Reminders...

Parents: It is extremely important that children are not dropped off on campus before 7:10 a.m. as there is no supervision until that time.

Padres: Es extremadamente importante que no dejen a sus hijos en la escuela antes de la 7:10 a.m. puesto que no hay quien los supervise a esta hora.



Fall Festival

Please join us for our annual Olweus Anti-bullying Fall Festival on Friday, December 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ocotillo Elementary School. We will have food, games, prizes, a cake and book walk, a wonderful drawing and so much more! Please help us support a safe school and community environment and join us in our fight against bullying and violence.

Festival de Otoño

Acompañenos a celebrar nuestro festival anual contra intimidación Olweus el viernes, 4 de diciembre de 5:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. en la Escuela Ocotillo. ¡Tendremos comida, juegos, premios, exhibiciones de pasteles y de libros, una rifa maravillosa y mucho más! Favor de ayudarnos a apoyar un ambiente escolar y comunitario seguro y acompañenos en nuestra lucha contra la intimidación y violencia.



SCHOOL RULES AGAINST BULLYING

- * WE WILL NOT BULLY OTHERS.
- * WE WILL TRY TO HELP STUDENTS WHO ARE BEING BULLIED.
- * WE WILL INCLUDE STUDENTS WHO ARE EASILY LEFT OUT.
- * WHEN WE KNOW SOMEBODY IS BEING BULLIED, WE WILL TELL AN ADULT AT SCHOOL AND AT HOME.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We are collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education. Box tops are available on over 330 **General Mills/Betty Crocker** products. Please join us by clipping and sending in these box tops. For each box top we redeem, Ocotillo School earns 10 cents.

Visitors On Campus

If you will be visiting our campus during school hours, please stop by the office to sign in and get a visitor's badge.

Congratulations to our Ocotillo Students of the Month

Ocotillo Students of the Month are chosen by the classroom teacher for outstanding citizenship and academic efforts. Teachers choose students every month for this honor. Principal Phil Garrison presents each student with a certificate during a breakfast sponsored by Ocotillo's PTO. We are very proud of our Students for the Month. Students listed below were honored for the month of October.

Kindergarten

Mrs. Batiste: Stefany Arellano

Mrs. Cleaveland: Deanna Starkweather

Mrs. Darr: Brittsieda Marrufo

Mrs. Hall: Alejandra Gonzalez

Mrs. Mirza: Austin Frias Ortega

Mrs. Wagner: Adrian Martinez

1st Grade

Mrs. Frederking: Angel Cruz

Mrs. Lehmann: Bryant Martinez

Mrs. McIver: Lisset Garcia

Mrs. Buttle: Iris Flores Chacon

Mrs. Work: Litey Leon Sandoval

2nd Grade

Mr. Fulton: Gabriel Esparza

Ms. Frye: Carla Soto Gonzalez

Ms. Maese: Yesenia Lara

Ms. Mundy: James Hart

Ms. Warner: Rodrigo Saenz Payan

3rd Grade

Ms. Bunch: N/A

Ms. Green: Hunter Watson

Mrs. Jastal: Jazmine Lepe

Mr. Riley: Destiny Hughes

Mrs. Stiemsma: Tanaedy Loya

4th Grade

Mrs. Barlow: Matthew Gonzalez

Ms. Clarkson: Keiri Morales

Mr. Greenwood: N/A

Ms. Houson: Nahleesha McGee

5th Grade

Ms. Apodaca: Evelin Denis

Mr. Garner: Kadisha Begay

Mrs. Ray: Cynthia Bernard

Mrs. Tobin: Jocelyn Torres

6th Grade

Ms. Balla: Alondra Arellano

Mr. Huston: Raul Catalan

Mrs. McLain: Wilmer Gonzalez

Mrs. Molina: Jose Trasvina

Ms. Sweeton: Adela Najera

