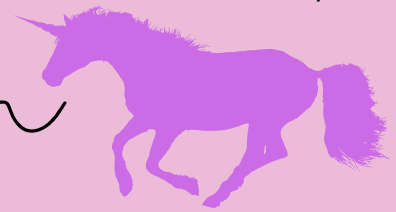


# THE MUSTANG Messenger



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## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

The halls are beginning to show signs of Valentines Day and other winter wonderland decor is coming down. For the month of February, we will be focussing on "Diversity and Acceptance". Our students will learn through Social Emotional Learning lessons focussed on what diversity and acceptance mean and what they look like in our daily lives.

With this, we focus our attention on learning, reading, questioning, and growing our understanding of the world around us. This past month has brought some much excitement to McCartney Ranch with the kickoff of our new food and nutrition services bar for quick grab and go meals in the morning for our students. Thank you Fuel Up to Play60. Additionally, we would like to thank Frito Lay and Pepsico for their donation of flag football gear for our students to stay active and energized for learning.

We saw many of our families on December 8 during our Night of Lights. What a fun and exciting event! Everyone had such a wonderful time. Being able to connect with our students and families made our night even brighter. Many families stopped by the office to contribute a fun ornament or item for their grade level tree - thank you. I would also like to send a thank you to the AzCity Fire Station for the Firetruck, the Pinal County Attorney's Office, Boys and Girls Club, Wal-Mart distribution center, CG Alliance, Chick-Fil-A, Cane's Chicken, TLC Church/PreSchool and our families, volunteers and staff who helped us with generators/decorations. Last but not least, to our amazing PTO and school staff who put the event together.

Brown Bag lunch is coming soon! Make sure to RSVP on the form sent home with your student! We look forward to seeing you on February 9th, 2023. For Valentines Day, students are welcomed to bring cards for each other and share healthy snack choices at the end of the day! Our Sweetheart Dance is back and people are excited! It's a huge event and will be held February 23rd; more details to come.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 9**

Brown Bag Lunch

**February 14**

Valentine's Day

**February 20**

President's Day (No School)

**February 23**

Sweetheart Dance



*Puppet Theater*

*PBIS Store*

# CLASSROOM NEWS

## Kindergarten

We are nearing 100 days of school!! Our students have learned so much this year. With half the year already gone, we are focused on working very hard to accomplish our year end goals. Please make sure that you continue to help your child where he or she needs help. Your continued support is always appreciated and needed.

With much love,  
Kindergarten Team

## First Grade

As the month of January comes to a close, we are thrilled to see the growth our students are making. In math we are embarking on new standards that include place value. In reading we are constantly spiraling the phonics skills and heart words to help all students become fluent, successful readers. We continue to work hard on the writing skills, bringing their phonics knowledge into play as they write opinions and facts that relate to their learning. Science is helping create investigative minds as we delve into the new unit about animals.

Please continue to support your child's education by completing homework and checking folders daily. Together we can help each child become successful learners.

## Second Grade

Hello again 2nd grade families, We are already in the month of February. Can you believe that?!? Time sure flies when you are having fun. This month we will be working on equal groups and arrays in Math. For Reading, we will be working on our comprehension with nonfiction text. Please, don't forget to send your child with a water bottle each day, as well as remind them to bring their Home Folders to and from school. Thank you for all that you do!

## Third Grade

February will be a busy month in 3rd grade! We will be reading for main ideas and details, working on graphing, writing about adaptations, and digging deeper into life cycles. In addition, we will be continuing our Tier 2 interventions in reading, math, and now writing! Also, be on the lookout for information about our Valentine's celebration that will be coming home soon and a Random Acts of Kindness calendar for the month of February. Finally, please continue to send refillable water bottles daily with your child. And if possible, donations of tissues and hand sanitizer are greatly appreciated as we continue with winter colds and cooties. Thank you!

## Fourth Grade

Hello Mustangs, we are working hard in classrooms to prepare your students for state testing which will happen soon. We are working on understanding fractions in math and reviewing concepts we have learned the first half of the year. As well we are dissecting reading passages to understand key details, author's purpose, and voice. In writing we are working on writing multi paragraph opinion and informational essays. We will have a Valentines celebration in your students classroom on Tuesday Feb 14. Expect information to soon arrive from your students teacher. Thank you to all the families who have donated paper, pencils, and snacks.

## Fifth Grade

This year is flying by! Students are diving deep into many new standards and gearing up for the state testing. It is imperative that students are present everyday, reading nightly, and are fluent on multiplication facts. Don't forget that the book report for quarter 3 is due March 1st and PTC are March 9th & 10th. We will send reminders and details as we approach. Also, please remember to send students with a water bottle and a snack as we do have a later lunch and it will get warmer soon.

# NURSE'S NEWS

## Love Your Teeth- Dental Valentine

Love is in the air in the month of February as people spend time with their sweethearts and Valentine's day specifically is often filled with love, happiness, and sweet treats. Due to this, dental health is oftentimes missed or forgotten, but we are here to help by providing some tips to love on your teeth to keep them healthy and shining.

- Let's talk chocolate: choose dark chocolate if possible as it contains less sugar and choose solid chocolate (chocolate without things in the middle) so it doesn't stick to your teeth as much
- Avoid sticky, sweet, and sour candies: they may do more than just break your heart as they can harm your teeth too.
- Make a daily date with your oral hygiene: Floss once a day and brush twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste. Don't forget, tongues should also be brushed back to front just as often as teeth are!
- Don't go breaking my heart: Make heart healthy choices while picking your meals as they will also help your teeth. Avoid high alkaline and sugary foods and drink plenty of water.
- Be committed to your dental health: Visit the dentist for regular check-ups; twice a year is the recommended amount.

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## SPECIALS SPOTLIGHT

Happy New Year Mustang family and friends! I hope 2023 is off to great beginnings. I am excited to announce that we will be kicking off our annual Jump Rope for Heart this February with more details to follow. PE is off to a strong start! All of our Mustangs have been great and showing up ready to work each and every day. Just a reminder, on PE days, please send your students to school with proper footwear and appropriate clothing so we are dressed and ready to move. As always, it's a great day to be a Mustang!

-Coach Smith

## MISSION 57 - END STUDENT HUNGER

McCartney Ranch Mustangs would like to give a huge thank you to Mission 57. Mission 57 is a powerful community initiative that is tackling the critically important issue of youth food insecurity by providing Grab and Go school meal equipment. They generously contributed meal equipment to 11 of our district schools, including McCartney Ranch!

