

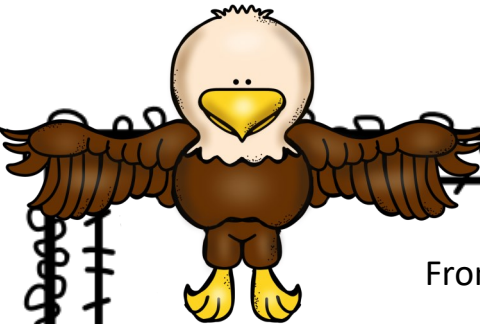


# News from the Nest April 2021

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From the desk of Mrs. Rosales...

Our third through fifth grade students are ready to “spring” into action to show what they have learned this year on the AzM2 state assessment. Our teachers have been working hard to assist our students with grade level standards and incorporating test taking strategies into their classroom routines. Students are encouraged to get a good night’s sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive to school on time. With encouragement from families and teachers, we know our students will persevere and be successful on the test!

If you happen to be in our school office on Wednesday, April 21, please join us in celebrating Mrs. Piper and Mrs. Luna for Administrative Assistant’s Day. These two ladies do a wonderful job welcoming families and supporting students and staff members. They do a lot for the Ironwood community and we greatly appreciate them—every day!

We want to recognize our Ironwood PTO and the creative ways they have supported our school through a very unprecedented time. We are always looking for volunteers to join our PTO. Tax Credit donations are another great way to help fund extracurricular activities and future field trips.

Partners in Education,  
Robin Rosales, Principal

## Eagle Events

4/6 to 4/30 AzM2 testing

4/7 Early Dismissal @  
12:30

4/8 Picture Day

4/21 Administrative  
Assistant’s Day

4/21 Early Dismissal  
@12:30

5/12 Early Dismissal  
@12:30

## Did You Know?

The 2021-2022 school calendar is out and the first day of school is July 26th.

Keep that in mind as you are making travel plans for this summer!



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## Families of 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Students

Students will be taking the AzM2 test this month. This includes tests in the areas of reading, writing, and math. Fifth grade will also take a science test.

Please avoid making appointments during the school day and make sure your student is on time to school. Testing dates vary by grade level and will be communicated by the classroom teacher.

For more information on the AzM2 testing, please go to <https://azm2portal.org> or contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support as we gather data on student growth and with this assessment!

## Have you had a change in your housing situation?

Additional support may be available for students whose families are currently experiencing transitional housing situations (such as foreclosure, doubling up with friends or relatives, or homelessness).

If your family lives in any of the following situations, you may qualify for services: in a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground, on the street, in an abandoned building/trailer or other inadequate accommodation, or doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing.

Contact: Zayda Boudreau  
McKinney-Vento Liaison  
(520) 876-3245



## Counselor Corner

This month's SEL Classroom Lesson ASCA Standards with Mrs. Gravenkemper:

Standard A: Students will acquire the knowledge, attitudes, and interpersonal skills to help them understand and respect self and others.

PS:A1 Identify and Express Feelings.

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Mark your calendars! April's Partnering with Families event will be April 8th at 3:30 pm via Zoom. Keep an eye out for the Zoom link! This month's topic is "How to Support Children's Emotional Well Being."

This information is timely because of the upcoming AzM2 Test. Some children may be experiencing some testing anxiety during this time. Below are some ways that you can support your student at home!

- #1 Go to bed early
- #2 Have a relaxing morning routine before the test.
- #3 Practice test-taking strategies.

Examples: always check your work, read each question carefully

- #4 Celebrate their hard work!

Examples: go to the park, read a fun book, play a game



## Enrolling Kindergarten 2021-2022

Ironwood is currently enrolling kindergarteners for the 2021-2022 school year. Prospective kindergarteners must turn 5 years old before September 1st. Please contact the office if you have a child that needs to enroll.