



News from the Nest December 2021

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Eagle Events

- 12/6-12/10 BOGO Book Fair
- 12/16 Jingle Jog for Students
- 12/16 Jingle Bell Rock-n-Roll Drive Thru
- 12/17 Early Dismissal @ 12:45
- 12/20-12/31 Winter Break
- 1/3 No School- Teacher In-Service
- 1/4 School Resumes

From the desk of Mrs. Rosales...

Kindness Week was a huge success! Students and staff decorated doors around the building with words of kindness to draw attention to different ways that our students can be kind to one another. The PTO provided banners that are hung up around the campus as a reminder to continue the acts of kindness as we enter this holiday season.

With the winter holidays here, it brings a lot of hustle and bustle and family events to Ironwood! Please join us for our Jingle Bell Rock-n-Roll Drive Thru on December 16 from 5:30-7:00. Families will be able to enjoy some outdoor festive activities, enjoy a cookie and hot cocoa to-go, a safe, selfie with Santa and lots more!

Ironwood PTO will be hosting our Buy One Get One Scholastic Book Fair beginning December 6 through December 10. Books always make a great gift or stocking stuffer for readers of all ages.

The Ironwood Family would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Partners in Education,
Robin Rosales, Principal

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Did You Know

Volunteer applications are done online through the district website. Paper forms are no longer available.

www.cgesd.org

Once on the District home page, click on the Families tab and select "Volunteers." Then click on the link for the "Volunteer Application".

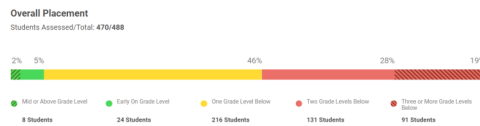


Ironwood Data

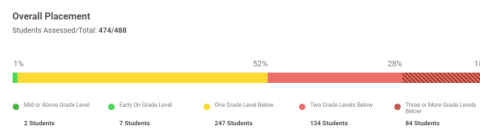
The beginning of the year reading and math benchmark data shown below give us an idea of where students are before instruction on grade level standards. Throughout the year, we do additional benchmarks as well as the shorter growth checks. We are currently taking our second benchmark. When completed, we will be able to see how much students have grown since August. The growth data will be shared in January.

Beginning of the Year Data

ELA



Math



This data showed that the students, as expected, have a lot of room to grow in both ELA and math. The school used that information to make the following decisions:

- The 2.5 positions for support staff are to be used for working in small groups with students on specific areas of focus.
- The specials teachers will work with additional small groups during extra time during the day that is not being used for teaching STEM, Music, PE, or Library.

If you have ideas that could help the school grow, please share with our suggestion box at bit.ly/2Y5IVws.

Cafeteria & Specials

The Ironwood PBIS team has been working hard to create systems of accountability to support the student expectations in specific areas around the school. The focus areas currently are the cafeteria and specials.

The cafeteria is using a Golden Spatula Challenge where classes compete against each other to have the best behavior during lunch. Every five wins gets the class a reward: extra recess, popsicle party, or a surprise event. The class with the most wins for the month also gets the Silver Platter Award.

The specials (Music, PE, Library, and Lightbulb Lab) are using a red, green, and yellow light to show students the current level of the classroom. The one class from K-2 and one from 3-5 with the most green lights in the special win a cool trophy.

Greatest of the Grande



Ironwood Elementary and first grade teacher, Ms. Jimenez, were recognized at the Greatest of the Grande event last month.



Ironwood was voted one of the Top Three Public Schools in Casa Grande. Mrs. Jimenez was voted one of the Top Three Teachers in Casa Grande. Congratulations to the staff and students of Ironwood and to Ms. Jimenez for all her hard work.

Counselor Corner with Mrs. G.

This month we are working on fair play and problem solving. Problem solving is a leadership skill, and something that can be developed with practice. Here are 5 steps that Leader in Me identifies to help:

1. Identify the problem
2. Identify multiple solutions
3. Select one. Think Win-Win.
4. Give it a try.
5. Reflect!