News from the Nest September 2021

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From the desk of Mrs. Rosales...

We are thankful to our Ironwood families for helping to make this a great start to a new school year! Working together as partners is the key to continuing the success of our students.

Ironwood is always looking for volunteers to support our PTO. If you are interested in helping out where you can, please contact the office or your child's teacher and we will get you in contact with our PTO officers. You can also find them on Facebook @ironwoodpto. They have planned some exciting fund-raisers and activities for both students and families this school year. Our Eagle T-shirts are on sale every month in front of the school during dismissal or you can purchase one from the front office. We want to continue our existing partnerships with our returning families and community members and give our new families the opportunity to be a part of the Ironwood community. We appreciate your help and support at all of our school activities!

As a Leader in Me school, we encourage students to use the 7 Habits in school and in their personal lives. They also set goals, both personal and academic for the school year. This year we would like to encourage our families to review the information that we will begin sending home that goes along with the Habit of the Month that we are focusing on. Hopefully you and your family will find these conversations helpful and it will give you a better understanding of what our students are learning and the opportunity for you to utilize the habits in your home.

Partners in Education,

Robin Rosales, Principal

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Eagle Events

9/6 Labor Day- No School 9/8 Early Dismissal @ 12:45 9/17 No School– Teacher In-Service Day 9/22 Early Dismissal @ 12:45 9/24 Fall Picture Day 9/25 Chipotle Spirit Night 4-9pm 9/27-10/1 Book Fair 9/30-10/1 Early Dismissal @ 12:45 9/30-10/1 Student Led Conferences 10/4-10/15 Fall Break 10/20 Early Dismissal @ 12:45 10/28 Peter Piper Spirit Night



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Soaring Eagles

Each week, teachers select a student to be the Soaring Eagle. This is someone who is demonstrating leadership using the 7 Habits of Leader in Me. This student is recognized on the following Monday during the morning announcements. Each child gets a Soaring Eagle certificate explaining how they were demonstrating their leadership and a picture of the recipients is hung in our hallway. These students do an amazing job of being a leader, so join us in celebrating your child if they bring home a Soaring Eagle certificate. It was earned!

School-Wide Goals

Each year, Ironwood creates schoolwide goals that are focused on for the year. Staff and students then create academic grade level, classroom, and personal goals to work towards achieving the school-wide goal.

These are the school-wide goals identified by stakeholders for this school year:

- Our school will develop a relevant, current vision that encompasses our focuses and beliefs that are shared by students, staff, and community members.
- Our school will create a culture of high expectations for all staff and students to provide an effective academic and behavioral learning environment.
- Our school will communicate and engage families in data informed decisions.

Habit 2

Begin With the End In Mind

Our habit focus for the month of September is Habit 2. When we "begin with the end in mind", we plan ahead and set goals. When we can see the purpose for our actions and the benefit toward reaching our goals, we work harder and achieve more.

Ironwood Eagles are learning more each day about what it means to put this habit into practice. Please talk with your child about ways that you "Begin with the End in Mind" to accomplish things that are important in your life.

At Ironwood, we have specific expectations for our students: Be Kind, Be Responsible, and Be Accountable. In the cafeteria these are met by:

- Hands, feet, and items to yourself
- Use good manners
- Follow direction
- Raise your hand
- Inside voices
- Make safe choices
- Clean up
- Eat

Please discuss these expectations and behaviors with your child. We need support for students to learn and follow the expectations for success during lunch and recess.

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Counseling Corner

Monthly Theme: Classroom and Coping Skills

This month's ASCA Standards for classroom lessons with Mrs. Gravenkemper:

- Positive attitude toward work and learning
- Demonstrate effective coping skills when faced with a problem

September is all about practicing skills to assist in smart decision making even when feelings run high! Here are some things you can practice with your student for September's skills.

- 1. Belly breathing- when you need to calm your body
- 2. Positive self-talk-when you need to calm your mind
- 3. Focusing attention-when you need to complete a task

You can contact Mrs. Gravenkemper via your child's Clever page or through email at Emily.Gravenkemper@cgesd.org.

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PTO News

There are many great things happening with the Ironwood PTO! We are currently having a Coin War amongst the grade levels to see who raises the most money. The competition lasts until Friday, September 3rd. The proceeds are going to updating the Ironwood Media Center which will include new furniture and book displays.

Also on Friday we are having the Concession Stand again during dismissal where we are selling Ironwood merchandise. Please park in the parking lot if you are wanting to check out our selection, as to keep pickup traffic moving. This month we are collecting recipes from families and staff to create our Eagle Cookbook. Entries are due October 1st.

Coming up at the end of the month is our first Book Fair of the year. It is going to be an 80's theme with a special shout out to the year 1987, when Ironwood was built.

Our Panda Express Spirit Night was really popular. Up next is Chipotle Spirit Night on September 25th from 4pm to 9pm. Next month is Peter Piper Pizza Spirit Night on October 28th.

The Concession Stand and PTO meeting for October are cancelled due to Fall Break.

Want to be a part of these events and more? Join us at any of our PTO meetings in the Ironwood Media Center.