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HOME OF THE CHAMPIONS

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Calendar of Events

May 2015

- 1 Progress Reports Go Home
- 1 Jamba Juice Fun Friday
- 3 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 4 & 5 Art Masterpiece Mock Lessons Rm 38 9:00-1:00
- 4 Student Council Candidates Election Packets Due
- 4 Orchestra Concert 6:30 pm MPR
- 6 Drewry & Wiggers Halle Heart Field Trip 9:45-1:45
- 7 Kindergarten Cap & Gown Pictures AM per schedule
- 7 Dawson & Bruder Halle Heart Field Trip 9:45p1:45
- 9 D'Backs Family Night 5:10p Chase Field Pre-order by May 1st
- 11 6th Gr. Parent Preview Mtg
- 12 1st Gr Classic Field Trip Hall of Flame 9:30-1:30pm
- 12 6th Gr. UofA Water Science
- 12 Kindergarten Orientation Media Ctr. 5:30 pm
- 13 Preschool Conference Day No School for Hunot's PS
- 13 1st Gr CTA's Field Trip Hall of Flame 9:30-1:30pm
- 13 PTO General Mtg 1:30 Staff Lounge
- 14 Band Concert 6:30pm At Hull Elementary
- 15 5th Gr State Fair Invitation
- 15 Student Council Election Candidate Speeches 1:15
- 15 Birthday Book Club Celebration 2:15 Media
- 19 PTO Family Food Night Frost San Tan Mall
- 20 Drama Club Presents Peter Pan 6:00 PM MPR

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Dear Carlson Families,

The month of May is jam packed with many activities to end the 2014-2015 school year on a strong note. We recently held our Volunteer Tea to celebrate the amazing number of volunteers that help to make Carlson Elementary such a great place to learn and grow. If you were unable to attend, please know that our appreciation and respect for the support and encouragement you bring to our campus is widespread. Below is just a smattering of what these amazing individuals bring to our campus:

- Hundreds of Art Masterpiece lessons as well as coordination of the program and keeping the supplies stocked
- Numerous field trips monitored as we rely heavily on our parents to assist with student supervision and support – 6th Grade Science Camp Chaperones who dared the cold weather and overnight accommodations with 6th grade boys and girls
- Monthly changes to the teacher's bulletin boards to keep them current and relevant with the seasons and themes – the Carlson hallways are decorated to the hilt!
- Help in the Media Center with our monthly Birthday Book Clubs and making sure all our checked-in books are shelved properly.
- Work-room assistance with making copies, creating books, laminating, cutting, coloring – you name it our volunteers do it all.
- Field Day, Running Club, Equine Club, Chorus - parents help to make these events and clubs such a wonderful success and smoothly run
- PTO Events including but not limited to, Jamba Juice Days, Father/Daughter Dance, Spring Carnival, Kindergarten Tea for Tears, Mother/Son Movie Night, Box Tops, Family Food Nights and so much more.
- Over 100 Junior Achievement Lessons taught by moms and dads of Carlson
- Drama Club support to make costumes, arrange choreography, creates sets, and help coordinate actors/actresses.

These are but only a few of the ways that parent involvement has impacted our great school. I've said it before and I'll say it again that there is so much value added to this school when our parents step on to campus to help-out. We love our parent community and all they give to Carlson Elementary.

I'd like to give a special shout-out to our out-going PTO board consisting of Randi Rasmussen, Deb Georgvich, Wendy Zakowicz, Lora Robinson, Christina Burke, and Tiffany Kerbs. These amazing ladies have helped to coordinate wonderful events since the start of Carlson Elementary three years ago. Their focus on students, staff, and school spirit has provided us with numerous shade structures, classroom technology and furniture, teacher supplies and so much more. While it may not always be glamorous, the support and effort that our PTO board performs is priceless.

Finally, join me in offering a warm welcome to the new incoming PTO Board consisting of Natalie Davin, Sheila Guayante, and Joann Garcia. These ladies have been visible on campus in many ways in support of Carlson Elementary and we look forward to the great opportunities and events they have planned for the year ahead. I urge you to get involved if you have not already done so or to remain involved and continue to show that great parent support in the year ahead to keep Carlson Elementary the best CUSD school in the district.

In Education,

Leo Schlueter - Principal



Thanks for a GREAT Year!

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Calendar of Events continued

May 2015

- 21 6th Grade Scientist Presentation & Celebration MPR 1:00-3:00 pm
- 22 Champions Assembly K-2 9:00 am
Champions Assembly 3-6 1:45 pm
- 25 No School Memorial Day Holiday
- 26 Awards Assembly Gr. 4-6 1:30 MPR
- 27 Kindergarten Celebration
9:00 am Multipurpose Room
Note: Kinders attend school the full day
- 27 Yearbook Signing Party
1:30-2:15pm Multipurpose Room
- 27 Last Day of the 2014-15 school year
- 27 Report Cards Go Home
Have a Safe Summer Break-
We look forward to your return !
- 28 Teacher Workday
- 29 KIST Testing for incoming Kinders

June 2015

Summer Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 7:30 am-4:30 pm
Open June 1st—June 16th

The Office will be closed from June 17th to July 3rd for Summer break.
The office will re-open on July 6th.

July 2015

Meet Your Teacher for 2015-16
On Thursday July 16th 5:30 pm

Students Return Back to School
Monday, July 20th



Have a Great Summer Break!



Congratulations Triple AAA Winners!

Congratulations to our Apple Achievement Award winners who were selected to receive the following awards for Spring of 2015. They represented Carlson at the CUSD Night of Recognition in April. We are so proud of the contribution these individuals make to our great school.

Superintendent's Citizenship Award Winner
Derek Fernandez – 5th Grade in Mrs. Bruder's Class

Outstanding Volunteer of the Semester
Melissa Jensen – PTO Volunteer and Jamba Juice Coordinator

Outstanding Staff Member -Marianne Fairchild
Carlson Elementary Administrative Assistant

Relay For Life with Katie Perry

Relay For Life is the largest non-profit fundraising movement in the world with events in all 50 states and 20 different countries comprised of over 4 million participants. I am a team captain and committee member for the Chandler Relay For Life. It is time to jump on the purple bandwagon and join the Relay For Life!

If you are not able to participate in the Relay you can sponsor a team member by making a donation. In addition there is still a way that you can honor and celebrate the people you know who have been touched by cancer. By making a \$10 donation you get a luminaria dedicated to the person or people in your life who have or currently are battling cancer. These beautiful and meaningful luminaria circle the track providing light and motivation to those of us walking through the night. If you would like to donate online please visit http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY15GW?px=14796501&pg=personal&fr_id=67243 for my personal page. From there you can make a donation and dedicate a luminaria. For more information you can call 480-224-3858 or email me at Perry.kathryn@cusd80.com

There is no finish line until we find a cure!



Please join us for the Chandler Relay for Life May 1st at 6:00 PM at the Basha High School Field. The Luminaria Ceremony will take place at 9:30 PM.

Parent Support Group Meetings

CUSD has a social worker based at Hamilton High School who would like all parents to know about a valuable resource she offers. Behavioral health informational sessions will be held at HHS in room D100 starting at 6:30 pm. If you are interested you may find additional information on the HHS website by going to the Counselor's page, scroll down and click the HHS Social Workers section. The Social Worker is Rajani Rastogi and may be reached at 480-883-5182. The final meeting is on May 7th—The subject of discussion is the Digital Evolution- Are you up to date on what your child is doing online?

Fire Safety Inspected, Educated and Certified

We are excited to announce the new "Fire Safety Inspected and Educated" certification program was completed with Carlson students and staff earning the highest marks amongst the CUSD elementary schools this year. Our school was awarded the Partnership for Life Learning in Firesafe Environments CUSD Elementary School Champions award for having the fewest fire code violations. This plaque was presented in appreciation to our custodial staff.

