



Parent Update

4th Grade

Week of July 29, 2019

WHAT'S NEW!

It's been a great first week back! We are having such a good time getting to know your children. They are amazing!!! Thank you for allowing us to be a part of their 4th grade experience!

- Agenda signatures: Please check your child's agenda daily and initial work that teachers may have indicated as incomplete or missing when it is completed. Additionally, agendas will be used to record nightly homework that is to be completed at home that day. Daily signatures at the bottom of the day's column will also let us know you have seen your child's homework assignments.
- We had our Welcome Back Assembly, today (Friday the 26th). The Perry High School drumline entertained us all! They were great!
- Each 4th grade class will "elect" 2 Student Council Representatives next week. Students that are interested should prepare a short (1 minute) speech telling why the other students should vote for them to be a representative. Speeches will take place in the classrooms next week. Please ask your student for more information.

What's Happening in our classes?

Reading: Students will begin the first story in the Journeys textbook, Because of Winn Dixie. This week's read objectives are:

- Story structure, point of view
- Summarizing

Vocabulary	
comfort	Make someone feel better
positive	Sure
mention	Say
advanced	More highly developed or skilled
mood	The way a person feels
peculiar	Strange
properly	Correctly, in the right way
talent	An ability to do something well
intends	Plans to do something
consisted	Made up of

Language arts: Students will work on:

- Narrative writing: word choice and descriptive paragraphs

Prefixes *re-*, *-un*, *-dis*

Spelling List-			
Journeys Lesson #1			
blade	gray	past	afraid
magic	delay	amaze	drain
maybe	break	sale	hang
stain	glass	raft	jail
crayon	fact	stale	steak

Math: In math we will be doing Mad Minutes for addition and subtraction of basic facts. We will be reviewing place value, patterns and rounding of numbers through the thousands. Students will receive Xtramath passwords. When they do, please log onto [Xtramath](#) from home to register.

Social Sciences: In our unit for the next 6 weeks, we will focus on Mesoamerican Civilizations. We will learn about the geography of the Americas, and the adaptation of living thing (humans, plants and animals) in those environments. The objectives are to understand and apply geographical terms when discussing the geography, as well as human vs. environmental elements.

Just some FYI's:

[Parent Portal Instructions](#)

[Fee Payment Information \(Field trip donations\)](#) available soon! Watch for an email!

How to sign up for E-ALERTS

<http://www.chandler.k12.az.us/register>

Please note: When you are trying to access our teacher pages on the Haley website for information, you may need to scroll down the page.

Coming Events:

Aug. 1	PTO Skateland Night	5:00-8:00 pm Skate Land
Aug. 3	1 st Fire Drill	(So you don't worry if you see us outside!)

Class Room Donations Needed:

Community supply of healthy snacks. **NO NUTS for snacks in the 4th grade**, please! We have several students with **severe** allergies. Please help us maintain a safe environment for all of our students! Thank you!

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us,

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A note from the principal~

We are working on our cafeteria procedures, so we are asking parents to refrain from coming in to eat with their students for the first two weeks of school.

PARENTS wanting to eat lunch with your child during the school year:

Children love to have their parents bring them a special lunch from time to time. Unfortunately, our current challenge is seating space during our busy lunch schedule. We are asking for your support this year to help us with our seating challenge during lunch.

Some alternatives to consider:

- 1) You are welcome to check your child out for lunch- remember they only have 40 minutes for their lunch period. 20 minutes on the playground and 20 minutes in the cafeteria.
- 2) You are welcome to drop off your child a special lunch or stay and stand behind or to the side of the lunch table.

Unfortunately, we will not have a guest table this year. All tables will be used this year due to having additional sections of 3rd and 5th grade. We sure do appreciate your understanding and cooperation! Once the new school opens next year, we should see some of space freed up so parent visits at lunchtime would be back in full swing.

Birthdays

Birthday parties are an important part of each child's life. However, student birthday parties are not held at school. This policy helps to ensure that instructional time is protected and that all children are treated equally.

The school and teacher have a variety of ways for recognizing students' birthdays that do not interfere with instruction and that do not create inequities for children.

Food is often a part of school celebrations. When planning snacks for school celebrations, remember that state law requires that **no home-cooked food** be distributed to students during school hours. This practice is intended to protect students from the spread of communicable disease. Additionally, students will not be permitted to deliver treats, etc., to other classrooms to minimize disruptions. Thank you for your understanding and support.