



School News

LEGEND SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Message from our Principal, Mrs. Nichole Basl

2017-2018 Quarter 3

Dear Legend Springs Families,

Our students in third through sixth grade will begin taking the AzMERIT state assessments starting the week of April 9th. The assessments will measure learning in English language Arts (ELA- Reading and Writing) and mathematics at each grade level. In addition, our fourth grade students will also take the AIMS Science assessment. For more information about AzMERIT, please visit the Arizona Department of Education AzMERIT Portal at <http://azmeritportal.org/>.

Please follow these tips to support your child as they prepare for a successful testing session:

1. Students are encouraged to eat a nutritious breakfast each morning.
2. Please help to ensure your child gets a good night's sleep each night before testing.
3. Reassure your child they have the ability to shine! Help them find their 'can-do' attitude and growth mindset, and share positive thoughts with your child each day they will be testing.

AzMERIT Daily Schedule 2017-2018

Third Grade		
Date	Day	Content Area Tested
April 11, 2018	Wednesday	Writing
April 23, 2018	Monday	ELA 1; Math 1
April 24, 2018	Tuesday	ELA 2; Math 2

Fourth Grade		
Date	Day	Content Area Tested
April 10, 2018	Tuesday	Writing
April 12, 2018	Thursday	Science 1 & 2
April 18, 2018	Wednesday	ELA 1; Math 1
April 19, 2018	Thursday	ELA 2; Math 2

Fifth Grade		
Date	Day	Content Area Tested
April 10, 2018	Tuesday	Writing
April 18, 2018	Wednesday	ELA 1; Math 1
April 19, 2018	Thursday	ELA 2; Math 2

Sixth Grade		
Date	Day	Content Area Tested
April 11, 2018	Wednesday	Writing
April 18, 2018	Wednesday	ELA 1, Math 1
April 19, 2018	Thursday	ELA 2; Math 2

Thank you for all your support as we prepare for another successful assessment season! The assessment results help us plan our instruction for the following school year, as well as correlate to our school letter grade. We appreciate your partnerships, as you are all part of our campus achievement!

Mrs. Nichole Basl, M.Ed.
Principal

STUDENT PLACEMENT

In a few weeks, we will complete class placement for the 2018-2019 school year. The ultimate goal of this process is to create classes that promote high achievement for all students and successful outcomes. The teachers and Mrs. Basl work very diligently toward this goal. If you would like to provide information about your child, please fill out the parent placement input form for incoming Kindergarten through 6th grade students. The forms are available in the office. All information must be written on this form by **Friday, April 13, 2018** so that our teams have the information on hand when configuring the class placements.



SIXTH GRADE

Third quarter has been busy for our sixth graders. In science, students explored the microscopic world of cells, engineered go-carts, and improved their presentation skills. Math has found students immersed in all things algebra while reading has brought a focus to persuasive text and strategies while looking forward to the next literature study of *Bud, Not Buddy*. Sixth graders also participated in their last field day with fierce competition. This is always a highlight of the sixth grade year. It is as a tough battle, but Mr. Caccavale's class pulled out the tug-o-war win for the second straight year. The highlight for many students was the Hillcrest Spring Fling on March 15. Students heard about the expectations from each subject area as well as information from all the clubs and extracurricular activities Hillcrest has to offer. Hillcrest principal Matt Hreha was very welcoming and energetic as he welcomed future Falcons. Students are now looking forward to wrapping up their elementary experience with a fun-filled fourth quarter.



FIFTH GRADE

Over the past two months our fifth graders have become citizens of JA BizTown. During this time students have learned the importance of personal finance as well as the role financial institutions play in our economy. The students have learned how to manage their personal finances by filling out deposit slips, writing checks, using debit cards, and recording their transactions in a check register. Also, each student completed a job application, participated in a job interview, and voted for their very own JA BizTown Mayor and

DJ. Students are excited to use their newly acquired skills during their simulation at BizTown on April 26. While at BizTown they will act as business leaders, consumers, and members of the community having to work together to achieve their goals. Each year we have such an amazing time watching the students make connections between what they are doing within the simulation and what actually happens in the "real" world.



FOURTH GRADE

On March 6, Scott Sorenson, aka "The Mountain Man" made a special trip to Legend Springs to visit the fourth grade. Mr. Sorenson is an actual mountain man. He brought to life for the fourth graders what it would be like to live off the land as a mountain man. He shared tools and equipment that would help a mountain man survive. He explained that mountain men were expert animal trappers. He shared an actual beaver trap with the students. The students jumped out of their seats when he released the trap! So much fun! He shared many tall tales. One of the kids' favorites was about a deer peddling a bicycle. Mr. Sorenson is an expert animal caller. The students were fascinated with the wounded rabbit, the elk and the squirrel calls. Lastly, Mr. Sorenson brought many animal furs. The students were allowed to feel many of them. The time with the mountain man went way to fast. The students loved this traveling field trip!



THIRD GRADE

The fourth quarter will find third graders finishing up their last science or social studies rotation on either rocks or minerals, the structures of living things, economics, or ancient Greece. After that unit is complete, we will be wrapping up our time in third grade with our Discovery Cruise! Students will pack their bags for a nine day adventure around the world! Our travels will take us to all seven continents as we visit Mexico, France, Italy, Brazil, Antarctica, South Africa, India, China, and Australia. Our Google Classrooms will be the heart

of our ship as we access them daily to support us in our cultural learning. We will focus our learning on being able to locate each one of our destinations on a world and continent map. We will also complete a country map for each destination by locating the capital city and other important landmarks or land formations. Students will learn the official language of each destination as well as how to say several key phrases in each language. We will learn about each country's flag and the importance of the colors or symbols that comprise each flag. Students will spend time researching the currency, population, area, climate, and foods produced in each country. Speaking of food, we will enjoy a delicious snack from each one of our daily destinations! Yum!! So as we prepare to cruise out of third grade and into fourth grade, we will hold on tight to the amazing memories we create. Our hearts will be especially fond of the memories that we make during our Discovery Cruise!



SECOND GRADE

Second grade has been busy! We have been delving into STEAM with a lot of excitement and success. We learned about the power of air by creating sails for a sailboat to catch the wind. We used a variety of materials to test their properties. We applied what we learned with our sails when we made our windmill blades. The students demonstrated their engineering design process with their windmills at student led conferences in February. We went on a field trip to the Arizona Science Center to extend our learning on air and weather.

We are using Google Classroom to learn research skills. We completed our research on inventors and scientists and demonstrated our learning with a Google Slide. We will use these research skills with our investigation of insects. We will do STEAM projects to help us learn more about insects. We will also showcase our learning by putting together a Google slideshow. We will have all of our explorations done in time for STEAM night in May! We had hands on learning during our field trip to Butterfly Wonderland.

We have also been busy honing our reading comprehension and fluency skills. In math we have added and subtracted three digit numbers, solved word problems using all of the strategies we have learned this year, learned the skills to get ready for multiplication and now we

are learning the value of coins and dollars as we solve multi-step word problems.

Thank you for your support for the read-a-thon! Second grade is now one-to-one with Chrome-books! They enhance our learning every day!



FIRST GRADE

We are so proud of our first graders! It is amazing to see how far they have grown since the beginning of the year to now almost second graders! Technology has been further integrated throughout each day. In reading, we are continuing to build our skills through decoding words using the syllable types, fluency, and comprehension. We have learned many math strategies to solve adding and subtraction problems within 40 as well as studied properties of shapes, fractions, and telling time. Our writing has become more independent with the students use of thinking maps, writing detailed sentences, and editing. We have had a lot of fun exploring important historical people, such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks. Also, STEAM has brought many hands-on and engaging science lessons to life. Lastly, our Valentine's Day party and field trip to Lake Pleasant Outdoor Center were both a great success. Enjoy your spring break and we are excited for a fantastic fourth quarter!



KINDERGARTEN

With the third quarter complete, we are celebrating our Kindergarten kids and all they have learned thus far. Students are mastering sight word lists, participating in leveled reading groups, and are making great gains in reading using RAZ kids. Special thanks to our PTA who paid for the program. ! Kindergarten students are becoming great problem solvers! Children are working on solving story problems using a picture, number sentence/equation and an answer with a label. We love using technology in Math and recently have learned to use Storykit to create our own story problems, and use Fetch Lunch Rush, an augmented reality app. This is an iPhone app that we are using on our iPads that you can download and use at home too. There are more than five levels of difficulty so children in grades K-2 can benefit. We had so much fun dressing as our favorite literary characters for the Read-a-Thon! Thank you to Mrs. Basl, Mr. Kieffer, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Akre and Ms. Olivia

who read wonderful stories to Kindergarten for Read Across America week. Our recent field trip to the Deer Valley Airport was amazing! A huge thanks to all of our chaperones and to Jay Meade and Adrian Brown for planning such a great experience for our kids! We are so thankful to them for giving each child a "pilot wing" keepsake! Here is the link to the video that the Aeroguard Chinese Student Association produced: <https://youtu.be/P0oSIGXuOu>

We have also been learning all about animals this quarter with students presenting their animal projects and creating animal fact books. We are looking forward to our upcoming field trip to the Wildlife World Zoo, and are very excited to see all of the animals we have learned about. So much learning and fun is taking place in Kinder!



MUSIC NOTES

I cannot believe it's fourth quarter already! The last quarter goes by so quickly, so I like to fill it with a lot of standards we haven't covered, or with things we need to review. Kinder-2nd grade will do a few literature/music studies and comparisons, 3rd grade will focus quite a bit on the pentatonic scale and composing/creating, 4-6 grade will begin their ear training with solfege and 5th and 6th graders will begin their lyric analysis.

5th and 6th grade talent show auditions will be held in class the week of April 16th!

Updated weekly lesson objectives are posted on the music website, as well as videos of student learning!

Chorus will resume the very first week back after break, with 4th graders attending on Tuesdays and 5th/6th graders attending on Thursdays. All grades will combine on April 10th and come on both days until our Spring Concert. Our final performance will be Wednesday, May 9th at 6:15!



HEALTH CENTER

It has been a very busy time here at the nurse's office. We are still seeing influenza and strep as well as cold symptoms. Please remember that you should keep your child home if they are coughing, sneezing, vomiting, have diarrhea, have a rash, have pus coming from their eyes, have active lice, have a fever or have been to the ER or hospital within the past 24 hours. When in doubt please follow up with your doctor as I am not an

urgent care and cannot diagnose any illness, perform any diagnostic testing or prescribe or recommend any medications. Please keep your child home for at least 24 hours before returning to school if they have been ill. This will help to ensure they are truly better and well enough for school and it will help to decrease the spread of illness here at school.

Also we will be doing our optional Growth and Development education for fourth grade girls and all of fifth grade in the next few weeks. I will also be screening all of fifth and sixth grade for scoliosis when we get back from spring break. You should have received emails and information sent home with your student. Please contact me with any questions.

Have a fabulous, safe and healthy spring break!

Nurse Jamie Miller

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CAFETERIA NEWS

We are no longer allowed to stamp your child's hand if their lunch account is getting low or negative. Please remember to register and check your child's lunch account balance at www.ezschoolpay.com to make sure they have sufficient funds. Money may be added to their account via credit card at www.ezschoolpay.com (there is a \$2 charge for this) or you may send cash or a check into the cafeteria or front office.

The Food & Nutrition Department recently held a "Breakfast Emoji" contest to celebrate National



School Breakfast Week. Students who ate breakfast at school that week were invited to create their version of a breakfast emoji. The favorite drawing from each school was sent to the Food & Nutrition Department. They chose

the top 4 winners. Our very own Legend Springs 2nd grader won! Congratulations to Dorothy Partridge in Mrs. Granillo's class!



PTA

The past few months have been very eventful for our Legend Springs community! Our Read-A-Thon was a huge success thanks to our donors, guest readers, and the students' excitement. Together, we raised over \$33,000! This money will be used to purchase more technology for our students and to enhance our STEAM activities and curriculum. We also provided the gift of literature to the UMOM family shelter by donating over 600 books. We also held our annual Fun Festival on Friday, March 16. Everyone danced the night away with DJ Richard and enjoyed rides, games, the cake walk, and lots of carnival treats like sno cones, popcorn, and cotton candy. It was a memorable night! Mark your calendars for Mother-Son Bowling on Saturday, April 14 from 10:00-12:30 p.m. Attendance caps off at 100 attendees and ALL registration will be completed on-line. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Upcoming Events

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4/4	5:00 Astrocamp Parent Meeting
4/5	Peter Piper Pizza PTA Fundraiser
4/6	8:45 Flagpole!
4/6	12:05 Early Release
4/10	4 th & 5 th Grade Writing AzMERIT
4/10	7:00 Governing Board Meeting
4/11	3 rd & 6 th Grade Writing AzMERIT
4/12	9:00 Battle of the Books Competition
4/12	4 th Grade AIMS Science
4/14	10:00 Mother/Son Bowling
4/17	2:30 PTA Meeting
4/18	4-6 Grade Reading & Math AzMERIT
4/18	5:00 Astrocamp Chaperone Meeting
4/19	4-6 Grade Reading & Math AzMERIT
4/23	3 rd Grade Reading & Math AzMERIT
4/24	3 rd Grade Reading & Math AzMERIT
4/24	7:00 Governing Board Meeting
4/25	10:00 Battle of the Books Competition
4/26	9:15 5 th Grade to JA BizTown
4/26	9:15 Kinder to MIM
4/26	9:16 3 rd Grade to MIM
4/26	12:00 Conversations with Curt
4/27	Spring Break Day – No School!
4/27-29	Sage Astrocamp Trip
5/4	8:45 Flagpole!
5/4	9:00 Volunteer Appreciation
5/4	12:05 Early Release
5/7-11	Staff Appreciation Week
5/8	7:00 Governing Board Meeting
5/9	6:15 Band/Chorus/Strings Concert
5/9	6:15 STEAM Night
5/17	5:30 Kinder Show
5/22	7:00 Governing Board Meeting
5/23	2:00 Talent Show
5/24	12:05 Early Release
5/24	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



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