

# Manzanita Dragongram



## February

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### February 1

Flags for First Graders (Lions Club)  
Site Council Meeting at 3:40

#### February 2

Pizza with the Principal for all  
Students on Principal's List and 2nd  
Grade Super Stars

#### February 7

District Choir Festival  
7:00 p.m. at KHS

#### February 8-9

Minimum Attendance Day 8:00-12:28

#### February 9

Yogurt Island Fundraiser from  
11:00-8:00

#### February 6-13 (Delivered on 14)

Valentine Grams

#### February 15

Dragon Drive - Free Dress Day for  
Copy Paper  
Mrs. King's History Day from  
5:30-6:30

#### February 16

Popcorn Day

#### February 20

Presidents' Day - No School

#### February 21

Sonic Night from 5:00 to 8:00

#### February 23

Spirit Day - (Disney Theme)

#### February 24

Friday School (Fundamental Friday)  
8:00-11:30 a.m.

#### March 2

Kindergarten Choir Concert at  
2:00 and 6:00  
Sonic Night from 5:00 to 8:00

## FUNDRAISERS

### Schoolstore.com

### Yogurt Island

February 9  
11:00-8:00

### Sonic Night

February 21 & March 2  
5:00 -8:00

Please report ALL  
absences by calling  
Mrs. Page by 8:00 a.m.  
or Email: [cpage@kUSD.org](mailto:cpage@kUSD.org)  
1(928)753-6197 ext. 4311

2016-2017  
A Tradition of Excellence  
since 1963

Your donations are appreciated! Please consider making a donation of up to \$400 for a married couple. Your donation helps fund our field trips and after-school programs like: band, choir, Legos, tutoring, and chess. Thank you!

Pride, Tradition, Excellence

### PAY FOR LUNCH

Save a trip to school by making a payment for school meals at [www.kUSD.org](http://www.kUSD.org). Select Department - Food Services, and follow the directions.

### NEW WEBSITE

Our website has changed! Check out [www.kUSD.org](http://www.kUSD.org), click on schools, and then Manzanita. This is a great way to stay informed about Manzanita School events.



**We just can't hide our Dragon Pride!**

## Around the School...



### **SAFETY IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY**

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We want to thank everybody who came out on Saturday, October 1st to help sand the playground equipment. We would also like to thank everybody who helped organize a donation drive for painting supplies. It was hard work, and we couldn't have done it without you! There is still a lot of preparation that needs to be done before we can paint. In fact, if you know someone who has a sandblaster and is willing to help, please let us know.

We are also grateful that many of the donations we requested have been honored by Home Depot and True Value. We have received over five hundred dollars worth of donations, including ten gallons of epoxy paint, paint brushes and rollers, stencils, and more. We are excited that we now have many of the materials needed to restore our playground equipment.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know. Everybody is welcome, and it's never too late to join!

### **Change in Pick-Up for After-School Activities**

Starting on January 9<sup>th</sup>, all students who are being picked up from an after-school activity (including tutoring, chess, band, Lego club, and any other after-school program) will be picked up at the west gate rather than in front of the office. This change will ensure greater student safety and streamline the procedure. Thank you for your ongoing support.

We believe that every child can learn, but only with a strong partnership between the school and the student's family can a child reach his/her full potential. We encourage parents to develop a relationship with their child's teacher early on. Electronic access to student grades and progress

reports can facilitate this, as can on-campus family activities such as: movie nights, Spring and Fall festivals, ice cream socials, and various fundraisers. We also invite you to help in your child's classroom or just come in and say hi! We would

**Don't forget to  
bring in your  
Box Tops for Educa-  
tion, AmeriGas receipts,**

## Dragon Dads—Volunteer Program

**Student Council** is continuing to collect items for the Cornerstone Mission through January.

- \* Gently used or new men's jeans waist sizes 30, 32 and 34, tennis shoes or socks: sizes 10 to 11, T-shirts sizes L, X
- \* Diapers sizes small and large
- \* Travel size deodorants, reading glasses, tents or sleeping bags
- \* Creamed soups; canned vegetables, fruits, or meats (tuna, chicken, sausages, Spam, etc.)

Our new Team Dragon Spirit Shirts are now on sale in the office for \$10.00.

Students may wear them every Friday!

### FUNDRAISERS

#### Panda Express

December 10

4:00-8:00

Bring Flyer

#### Famous Person

#### Dress up Day

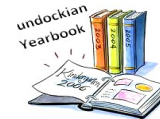
January 15

\$1.00 U.S. or \$20 Dragon

20 Dragon Dollars or \$1 US

### Are you a collector?

You can collect and bring in your Kellogg's Box Tops for Education and Coke points. AmeriGas also pays schools 2 cents per gallon when receipts are turned in, so please drop off your AmeriGas receipts too!



### Lost and Found

Please be sure to check our Lost and Found. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of December.

**You can support our school and show your spirit by ordering a Manzanita Yearbook for \$20 or picking up a Team Dragon Shirt for \$10! Stop into the office or send money with your child. We can't do it without you!**

absence information second hand from teachers - parents are beginning to rely on teachers more and more to pass absence messages on to me. Can we remind parents in the Feb newsletter that it is their responsibility to report abs to the office, not to teachers?

### October 17<sup>th</sup>- October 20<sup>th</sup> Is Red Ribbon Week

It's time for the annual Walk Away From Drugs walk! Please be sure to join us at the Harley Davison shop at 5:30 on October 19th. After you walk with us, please join us at Chipolte, and help Manzanita earn money for technology equipment. Our Fundraiser will run from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Putting teachers in the middle is causing attendance errors - teachers are busy and don't always remember to pass absence information on to me before an absence call goes out. This, in turn, has a negative impact on the office's credibility as the parent gets frustrated



As the second quarter begins, Manzanita School will continue to focus on increasing academic rigor to ensure that your child is proficient at all skills that are included in the Arizona College and Career Readiness Standards. You can support your child's learning by asking probing questions about what is being learned at school, encouraging reading and discussion of both fiction and nonfiction material, and typing letters and papers on the computer. Your involvement and attention to your child's education will reinforce the importance of education and ultimately result in greater achievement. Thank you for all you do!

## **FIVE SCIENCE-BACKED STUDY DO'S AND DON'TS**

**1. CAP STUDY SESSIONS AT 30 MINUTES**—Studying is most effective in small spurts of twenty to thirty-minute study sessions, especially over a period of a few weeks.

**2. CONSTRUCT GOALS**—If your child has a due date, help him/her learn how to complete part of it each day. Books can be divided into sections so that due dates are met.

**3. HAVE YOUR CHILD TEACH IT TO YOU**—Tutors have a certain advantage over their peers. When the brain needs to turn its gears and teach, it formats information in a more logical way. This helps your child learn.

**4. DEDICATE SPACE AND TIME FOR STUDYING**  
Designating a space exclusively for studying improves study performance. Also, collect all of the tools necessary for studying beforehand to remove any hurdles or distractions.

**5. CUT THE MUSIC, TELEVISION, AND PHONE**—Studies have confirmed that children who study without music, television, or the distractions of a phone absorb information better. If you really want to play music, other research has shown classical music helps people study.

## How to Help Your Child Achieve

You can support your child's learning by asking probing questions about what is being learned at school, encouraging reading and discussion, and typing letters and papers on the computer. Your involvement and attention to your child's education will result in greater achievement. Thank you for all you do. Together, we make a positive difference!

As the new Principal of Manzanita Elementary School, it is my pleasure to welcome our students back for another great year. We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways, filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. It is our mission to help every child feel welcomed, connected, and a part of our Manzanita family.

Manzanita Elementary School has an excellent teaching and support staff with an abundance of knowledge. Our staff is dedicated to building a safe, compassionate community of lifelong learners who are academically successful and creative. We believe that high expectations yield an academic foundation that is necessary for future success. We continue to be committed to doing our part in ensuring that your child achieves academic excellence, and we look forward to working with you.

I am honored to serve as the principal of Manzanita Elementary School. It is truly a privilege to be part of a school where parents, teachers, and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth.

Once again, welcome back! Together, let's make it another great year at Manzanita!

Parent involvement is the number one predictor of early literacy success and future academic achievement. Here are some strategies for beginning and seasoned readers' literacy success:

- **Point to each word on the page as you read.** What's that word? Do you know that word?
- **Read the title, and ask your child to make a prediction.** What do you think will happen?
- **Model fluency while reading, and bring your own energy and excitement for reading to your child.** Both new and seasoned readers struggle with varying pitch, intonation, and proper fluctuations when they read. Older readers will benefit from shared reading (taking turns).
- **Ask your child questions after reading every book.** Reading comprehension is the reason we read -- to understand.

**Reading is a lifelong activity that should be modeled to children of all ages.**

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[Some Words from Mr. Taylor](#)

I'd like to take a moment to thank everybody for an amazing start to the year. We had a tremendously successful first quarter, with outstanding achievement and participation in extracurricular activities. Our students, staff, and parents are simply the best!