Dear Parents:

The staff joins me in thanking each of you who took the opportunity to visit with your child’s teacher this month concerning your child’s progress. When we work together we help children learn and grow.

With the new year, we are consistently monitoring tardies. For every 5 tardies the students will serve their lunch and recess in our detention room. Please help us instill a strong work ethic in our youth. School is their “job”. When we have a job we need to be responsible; coming to “work” daily and being on time. Help us help your child develop this sense of pride in the time they spend at school and the work they do while here. Please note, student tardy counts started over with the second semester. Parents with students who have excessive tardies will conference the principal.

Please mark your calendar for Friday, March 1. Crismon staff and PTO will be hosting a fun evening for students and their families focused on literacy. Join us beginning at 5:00. A barbeque dinner will also be available for purchase. PTO will then host a family outdoor movie, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, beginning at 6:15 p.m. Our annual Basket Raffle will also take place that evening as well. Baskets will be displayed on the Multi-purpose room. Basket drawings will begin at 7:30 p.m.. We are in the planning stages and will be getting specific information out once things are finalized. We hope you will join us for this fun community event.

Sincerely,

Sandi Kuhn
Crismon Principal
PTO Meeting

PTO will be having a meeting on Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00pm in the Media Center. Hope to see you there!

Dear Parents:

Please take 5 minutes to complete the Parent Quality Service Survey by February 23. Your feedback is very important to us. The survey is only available online this year. A link can be found on Crismon’s website at www.mpsaz.org/crison. This can be accessed on a computer or your smartphone. Please contact the office with any questions. 480-472-4000. Thank you!

Join us February 21 by bringing $1.00 to wear a hat all day!! All money collected will be used to help people obtain clean drinking water in other countries. A fun way to make a difference! Mark it on your calendar.

Crismon Cougars Care!

Literacy Night/Basket Raffle

Save the date: Friday, March 1 from 5:00-8:00pm

Celebrate literacy and family engagement by: * attending an AVID parent workshop presented by Crismon students at 5:00 pm. *purchasing tickets at the Ticket Booth to buy hamburger/hotdog/brat meals (drink and chips), popcorn and sodas, *trying your luck at our amazing annual basket raffle, *donating to our annual “Outgrown Books Collection”, and “reading and watching “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” (bring camp chairs for the Outdoor Movie!).

Crismon PTO supports literacy and will donate a complete set of “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” books to the Crismon Library. They ask that you bring any outgrown books and place them on the cart outside the office. These books will replace well-loved books at the school library, enhance classroom collections, and be given to kids who do not have books at home.

Congratulations

In December some of our students competed in the Crismon Spelling Bee! Be sure to congratulate all who participated and especially those who won!

1st Place - Victoria Weister
2nd Place - Yeyisha Davis
3rd Place - Jocelyn Fabiano
Kids Heart Challenge  
Tuesday, February 14th

**When:** Tuesday, February 14, 2019

**Time:** Various 30 minute time slots throughout the entire school day (grade level times will be sent home one week prior to the event)

**Who:** All Crismon students will participate during their scheduled time slot.

**Why:**
1) To promote active and healthy lifestyles for all Crismon students.
2) To learn about heart disease and how to take care of their heart.
3) To raise money for the American Heart Association (optional)

**How:** Detailed instructions are included on the collection envelope (sent home last week) for students interested in raising money for the American Heart Association. OR Students can show up with their class at their scheduled time slot and jump for fun and fitness.

Note: It is not necessary for you to fill out the Release and Identification (permission slip) that is included on the collection envelope due to the fact that all students will be participating as a part of the Crismon PE program.

To set up Online Donations go to: heart.org/jump

Note: If/when your student has raised $5 fill out the coupon and return the coupon to Mrs. Rasmussen or Mr. Fairfield and your student will receive their first Scare Squad character as well as a monster clasp to attach to their backpack. The fundraiser ends on February 14th.

Prizes / Thank You Gifts

A list of Thank You gifts or prizes is provided on the back of each collection envelope.

Questions: Contact Mrs. Rasmussen at 472-4049 / sarasmussen@mpsaz.org
Grown Up Homework!

Help us earn FREE MONEY from Fry’s Grocery Store by linking your loyalty card online to our school. If you do not have a loyalty card (the little card you use at check out to reduce the price of select products), you can get one at Fry’s. Go to frysfood.com to link up to Crismon. Click Sign In. At the bottom, click “Create an Account”. Enter your info. Select “My changes”. If you do it right, you will see Crismon listed under “Community Rewards” on the account summary page. Crismon PTO earns a percentage of the total our participants spend at Fry’s as a donation! Thanks, Fry’s…and thanks to all of our families and friends who are linked with us! Spread the word…and the code to friends and family. Our last check was over $400!

You’re invited to a free family festival March 2

Celebrate science, technology, engineering, art and math with families from across the district at the annual SciTech Expo. The free event begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 2, at Westwood High School, 945 W. Rio Salado Pkwy, Mesa, AZ 85201. There will be hands-on activities for learners of all ages from community and business partners, along with Mesa Public Schools departments. Learn more and watch a video from last year’s event at mpsaz.org/scitech.

Recycled Bottle Update

Our Cougars are GREAT recyclers! Since we started to collect our used, clean, clear water bottles and beverage containers, we have collected 178 pounds of plastic. We get paid 40 cents a pound when we take them to a recycling center. How much money have we raised? $71.20! This money will be given to H2O, an organization that help builds water wells in Africa. Special thanks to Mr. Ed for keeping our collection container ready for more bottles and to Peyton B’s dad for taking our bottles to a recycling center!

Dates in February To Remember

Fri 2/1 6th Grade Step Up Day @ Rhodes 9-10:45am
Mon 2/4 Yearbook Committee Meeting in Rm 3 3-3:45pm
Tue 2/5 Student Council Meeting in Rm 33 3:05-3:35pm
Fri 2/8 Kinder Phoenix Zoo Field Trip 9am-1pm
Mon 2/11 Yearbook Committee Meeting in Rm 3 3-3:45pm
Tue 2/12 PTO/SIAC Meeting in Media Center 6-7:30pm
Wed 2/13 Early Release @ 12:25pm
1st Grade field trip to Great AZ Puppet Theater 9:15-11:45am
Thu 2/14 Crismon Kids Heart Challenge
Mon 2/18 No School – President’s Day
Tue 2/19 Student Council Meeting in Rm 33 3:05-3:35pm
Thu 2/21 Hats for H2O Fundraiser – $1.00 to wear a hat
Fri 2/22 Spring Pictures 8:30-11:30 am
Battle of the Books in Media Center 12:30pm
Thu Feb 28 6th Grade Science Camp Parent Meeting in MPR 5-6pm
Fri Mar 1 Read Across America
AVID Parent Workshop in Media Ctr 5-5:30pm
Literacy Night/Basket Raffle 5:30-8pm

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Parents Right to Know ~ Newsletter Article

Title I Schoolwide and/or Target Assistance Programs

We are pleased to notify you that in accordance with the Every Students Succeeds Act, 2015, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child’s teacher. Specifically, you may request the following:

• Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
• Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria has been waived.
• The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certifications or degree.
• Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive this information, please contact your school’s principal, Sandi Kuhn at 480-472-4000.

What’s Title I?

NEWSLETTER Article

Dear Parents,

Crismon Elementary receives additional supplementary services for all of our students. Your children will benefit directly or indirectly from this extra help. At Crismon these funds along with other federal resources will be consolidated to support school wide positive changes. Funds can be used to:

• Hire highly qualified instructional personnel to assist teachers within the classrooms
• Provide training for staff and teachers
• Provide supplemental instructional materials and technology
• Ensure high-quality School wide Programs
• Increase parent involvement participation

We are pleased to have these funds to provide high quality instruction for all children.