Dear Parents:

Our first grading period ends October 5. This is an early release day, affording teachers time to complete report cards. Students are dismissed at 12:25. Our fall break is October 8-12. School will not be in session on these days. Parent conferences will be held the week of October 15-19. Please note, we will dismiss at 1:55 every day that week. Teachers will hold conferences all week, with Thursday as our evening conference day. Please take the time to visit with your child’s teacher about their progress.

Fall is here and with it comes Halloween, which we will celebrate on Wednesday, October 31. Students will report to their classrooms when the bell rings. At 8:45 our Halloween Storybook Parade will begin. Our focus is on literacy. All classrooms will participate in the parade. Classrooms will choose a book and create paper “costumes” that depict a portion of the book. We display the title and author of each book as the students parade in front of the other classrooms. Students dressing in costume on this day, must dress as a book character. The activity is centered on reading and literacy. Students can wear their costumes to school and for the parade. They will then remove their costumes. We appreciate your assistance with this activity and supporting our emphasis on reading and books. Classrooms will have their room parties the last hour of the day.

Please mark your calendars for November 8. Our Math and Science night will be held the evening of November 8 from 5:00-6:30. Students will have the opportunity to individually purchase a pinewood car kit, create and decorate the car at home and then race it that evening. Additionally, 4-6 grade students will be working in teams to create racers. Individual racers will race the evening of November 8. Classroom teams will race during the day November 9. We are excited to offer this STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) activity for our students. We will have a food truck, a hot dog cart and PTO will be selling donuts that evening. Our annual guesstimation station will be set up as well. We hope you will join us for this fun-filled evening.

Sincerely,

Sandi Kuhn, Principal
Crismon has made the Alliance for a Healthier Generation’s 2018 list of America’s Healthiest Schools by achieving the BRONZE Award for making changes that promote healthier eating and physical activity for students and staff.

This award was granted by Healthier Generation’s Healthy Schools Program, an evidence-based national initiative to create healthier school environments where children can thrive. Healthier Generation recognizes schools that meet or exceed stringent standards set by its Healthy Schools Program for serving healthier meals and snacks, getting students moving more, offering high-quality physical and health education and empowering school leaders to become healthy role models.

The award demonstrates our school’s commitment to fostering the health of our students and staff. Specifically, our school has a garden, breakfast program, daily salad bar, 60 minutes of P.E., afterschool activities, and smart snacks during the school day. Aside from home, school is the place where kids spend most of their time, making healthy schools vital to preparing students for success. Studies show that healthy students perform better on tests, get better grades, attend school more often and behave better in class.

P.E. News

Walk To School Day will be on Thursday, October 4th on the field of Woodglen Park at 7:45 am. All Crisman families are welcome to join our school on the morning to celebrate the benefits of walking.

Super Hero Fun Run

Monday November 19th PTO and P.E. are working together to promote activity for our students and to help raise money to benefit our school. Please be on the look for an informational flier and collection envelope to come home near the end of October and let the ‘Fun’draising begin.

The Enchanted Forest Book Fair is coming October 15 - October 19! At this Scholastic Book Fair you can let your imagination grow with the wide variety of Fiction and Non-Fiction available for our Crisman Cougars. Don’t miss Family Night in the Enchanted Forest, on Thursday, October 18, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Students will have the opportunity to make wish lists during the days preceding Family Night so if you are looking for great Birthday or Christmas gifts for your children, be sure to check out their wish lists. If you would like to help out at the Book Fair please return the volunteer slip that will be coming home in the student Book Fair packet or contact Mrs. Prescott at jjprescott@mpsaz.org or 480-472-4046 for more information.
**Red Ribbon Week**

October 22nd - 26th

This is a week of encouraging students to say NO to smoking, drugs, and alcohol. The classes will be creating posters in support of healthy living. We are asking the students to participate in the theme days to show they believe in the messages being used.

**Monday** – “Kick off Red Ribbon Week” (wear red)

**Tuesday** – “Don’t Get Mixed Up in Drugs” (wear mismatched clothes)

**Wednesday** – “Put a Cap on Drugs” (wear any type of hat)

**Thursday** – “Drugs Won’t Turn Me Inside Out” (wear clothes inside out)

**Friday** – “Team Up Against Drugs” (wear your favorite team shirt)

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**Co-Parenting Strategies @ Crison**

Parenting styles are expressed through a wide range of approaches and philosophies of raising children. Successful families find methods to share and balance responsibilities among all family members. This session offers individual exercises allowing parents to assess their parenting approaches and to explore shared parenting techniques to promote healthy co-parenting, whether in one household or in two households.

2 HOUR CERTIFICATION

Tuesday, October 16 - 6:00-8:00pm

Crismon Elementary - 825 W Medina Ave, Mesa 85210

Class is free. Register at www.mpsaz.org/parentu, call 480-472-0371 or simply sign in the night of the class.

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**Pumpkin Decorating Contest**

It’s time for the annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Please bring pumpkins to the media center on Monday October 22nd by 8:30am to be included in the voting. Students will vote on their favorite pumpkin during their class’ library time throughout the week. Late entries will NOT be included in the voting process.

**Rules:**

1. Use a real pumpkin
2. No carving, cutting or punctures
3. Maximum of 3 feet tall and 2 feet wide
4. Pumpkin must sit on a piece of cardboard with name, grade and room number clearly visible
5. Pumpkins must be picked up on Friday, October 26th by 3:00pm or they will be discarded.

All participants will receive a participation award. A special ribbon will be given to the top finishers.
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If you would like a hard copy of the monthly Chronicle to be sent home with your child, please let their teacher know. Reading the Chronicle every month keeps you and your student up to date about any news or upcoming events happening at Crismon.

Counselor's Corner

Hard to believe we are very quickly heading towards the end of the first nine weeks and October Break will be upon us soon. I have been busy getting into each classroom on a monthly basis and have enjoyed talking to your children about Diversity. How we all are different but at the same time respect these differences and really get the chance to understand each other. I love talking about Diversity and how each of us can be better by having the courage to reach out and find a way to gain new friendships. With the younger students we have also been talking about our feelings and how it is ok to let someone know they have done something that offends ourselves or another person. I express that a kind voice and showing respect can go a long way to working out a problem and that violence is not the answer.

I am thankful for the chance to work with our school community and believe that the efforts of our families and school staff will not be in vain. Please feel free to contact myself with any concerns you may have.

Gary Ingle, Counselor

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