

Crismon Cougars Chronicle

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Dear Parents:

Our first grading period ends October 1. This is an early release day, affording teacher time to complete report cards. Students are dismissed at 12:00 noon. Our fall break is October 4-8. School will not be in session on these days. Parent conferences will be held the week of October 11-15. Please note, we will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Dismissal for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday that week will be 12:00 noon. 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 Friday, October 29. Classrooms will have their room parties the last hour of the day. Students will not be permitted to wear costumes to school that day, however, we are planning a Fall Festival for that evening from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Please look for information coming home closer to the event.

The district has worked with staff, students and the community to create the Portrait of a Graduate. The portrait incorporates essential attitudes and essential skills we want our students to possess when they graduate from high school. In my upcoming letters I will be sharing the components of the Portrait of a Graduate. I am excited about this work, as life skills are the focus. The Portrait is included in this newsletter and is on our school website. It is color coded and includes a picture depiction.

The first essential attitude we will focus on is Ethical. When we are ethical, we act with character. We provide service to others and we take responsibility for our words and actions. The depiction is a scale (equitable) and hands coming together. The color is dark blue. This month we will be asking students to focus on this essential attitude. We will be recognizing students and staff throughout the month who demonstrate ethical behavior. Friday, October 15 we will also ask students and staff to wear dark blue to represent the essential attitude of ethical. Parents you can help by pointing out ethical behavior to your child during the month of October when you see it in public or in your home.

I hope your fall break includes relaxation and time spent with family and friends.

Sincerely,



Sandi Kuhn, Principal

Dates to Remember

Fri Oct 1	Early Release @ Noon: End of Qtr
Oct 4 - 8	Fall Break - No School
Oct 11 - 15	Parent - Teacher Conferences Mon & Tues - Dismissed @ 2pm Wed, Thur & Fri - Dismissed @ noon
Tue Oct 19	Chipotle Night PTO Fundraiser 4-8pm
Mon Oct 25	Pumpkins due by 7:25am for Pumpkin Decorating Contest 4th Grade Earth Ed Field Trip - Rm 26 @ 9:15am - 1:30pm
Tue Oct 26	4th Grade Earth Ed Field Trip - Rm 33 @ 9:15am - 1:30pm
Thur Oct 28	4th Grade Earth Ed Field Trip - Rm 34 @ 9:15 - 1:30pm
Fri Oct 29	Fall Festival 6 - 7pm
Fri Nov 5	Picture Re-Takes

Red Ribbon Week

October 25th - 29th



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)

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

It’s time for the annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Please bring pumpkins to the front hallway on Monday October 25th by 7:25am 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 or fake 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 will be on display in our “Pumpkin Patch” at the Fall Festival on Friday, October 29, where winners will be announced. Students will take their decorated pumpkins home with them at the end of the evening.

All participants will receive a participation award. A special ribbon will be give to the top finishers.



P.E. News

The Crismon All-Stars Run Club will begin on Monday, October 25th. This is an afterschool club for 3rd-6th grade students. We have partnered with other Mesa Elementary Schools to join Run 3rd, a non-profit organization. **RUN3rd Alliance** strives to empower youth through after-school running programs that champion students to discover their grit, build meaningful relationships, and inspire healthy communities. For more information about Run 3rd, please check their website: <https://run3rdalliance.com/>. In addition to running, your child will receive classroom lessons and activities to learn how to run 1st for themselves, 2nd for their family, and how to Run3rd for others.

Practices will be held after school from 2:00-3:00 every Monday. The program will run from Monday, Oct.25th - Monday, March 21st (school days only). If participating, mark your calendars for Saturday, April 2nd for the 5k Run at Red Mountain High School. This family-friendly event will be the chance for our students to join other Mesa Elementary Schools and compete in a 3.1 mile race. The race fee for Mesa students is \$15.00. Please be on the lookout for permission slips to be coming home the week after October Break. The last day to turn in permission slips will be Friday, October 22nd. Contact Mrs. Rasmussen for more information or questions at sarasmussen@mpsaz.org.

CRISMON FALL FESTIVAL FUN

Students and families are invited to our Fall Festival on Friday, October 29, 2021, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Students are encouraged to join our Monster Mash dance on the basketball courts, wearing their Halloween costume!

Check out the oobleck making station!

Enjoy the fall and Dia de los Muertos art display and crafts under the big blue Ramada.

Have fun with the pumpkin ring toss, hula hoop toss and bowling.

Browse our "Pumpkin Patch" to see this year's pumpkin decorating contest entries. Winners will be announced at this event! Students will pick up their pumpkins at the end of the evening. Please see the rules for entry, separately.

PTO will be selling glow sticks, freshly popped popcorn, and water bottles.

At 6:45 students will visit their grade level "trunk or treat" display to pick up a candy variety bag. We ask parents to help us out with this one by donating a bag of individually wrapped candy. Thanks in advance for partnering with us!

Crismon is so excited to share this fun event with our families. We look forward to seeing you there!

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Crismon Elementary PTO. Come in to the Chipotle at 1335 S Alma School Rd Ste 105 in Mesa on Tuesday, October 19th between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Bring your flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the Crismon cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Crismon Elementary PTO.



Portrait of a Graduate

The essential attitudes and skills students need to graduate ready for college, career and community.



ESSENTIAL ATTITUDES

Ethical

- Acts with character
- Is of service to others
- Takes responsibility for one's words and actions

Inclusive

- Finds common ground
- Invites and seeks to understand the ideas of others
- Sees strength in differences

Resilient

- Adaptable
- Learns from mistakes
- Is willing to risk trying again

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Collaborator

Learns from and contributes to the learning of others while working toward a common goal

Communicator

Listens and shares ideas clearly and effectively, keeping the audience and purpose in mind

Community Contributor

Brings people together and contributes to the community and world

Creative Thinker & Innovator

Uses curiosity and imagination to inspire new ideas or build upon existing ones

Critical Thinker & Problem Solver

Investigates, learns and sees more than one way to solve a problem