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# Crismon Cougar Tracks

## Principal's News

Dear Parents:

The faculty and staff want to thank you for partnering with us during the 2021-2022 school year. What you do at home has supported your child's learning. You have provided your child with a quiet place to complete homework and have encouraged them in their studies. You have taken a positive approach, working with us to provide quality learning experiences for our students. Positive home/school communications strengthen us all.

Here are some reminders for the remainder of this school year and planning for the coming year. As additional information is finalized, it will be shared with you.

- Report cards will go home the last day of school.
- Teacher/room placement will not be listed on the report card.
- Class assignments will be posted on the front office windows for Meet the Teacher and the first several days of school. Classroom assignments will also be available in the parent portal. Please be aware that class assignments are subject to change.
- The school office will open for the 2022-2023 school year beginning July 13.
- The office will be open for registration from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday.
- Parents can register new students and re-enroll returning students online at <http://www.mpsaz.org/enroll> or through their parent portal. Please make sure you are enrolling/re-enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year. Contact the office at 480-472-4055 if you need assistance.
- Teacher welcome letters for the 2022-2023 school year will be emailed between July 21 -25.
- Our Meet the Teacher Event will be held on Tuesday, August 2 from 5:00-6:00p.m.
- School begins August 4, 2022. This year school begins on a Thursday. School hours are 7:25-2:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday's early dismissal is at 12 noon.

I have bittersweet feelings as I write my final communication to Crismon families. After 9 years as principal at Crismon and 47 years in the field of education, I will retire at the end of the current school year. I have so enjoyed my time getting to know and work with the students, staff and families at Crismon.

The district has named Michelle Mowery as the new Crismon principal. Look for her introduction letter on the next page.

Thank you for all you do to support our work. Have a great summer. I wish you all nothing but success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Sandi Kuhn, Principal

# Welcome Michelle Mowery

Dear Crismon Families,

I am Michelle Mowery, your new 2022-2023 Crismon Elementary Principal. It is a privilege and honor to lead such a dedicated staff and community whose commitment to quality education is evident. I had the wonderful opportunity to connect with our amazing Crismon staff recently and I cannot wait to be here full time. I will be working closely with Mrs. Kuhn in the coming weeks to learn more about Crismon Elementary and meet more of our students, staff and families.

Arizona has been my home since 1987 when we moved from Minnesota. I received my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Arizona State University and my Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. I have been in education for 21 years and taught for 11 years in Kindergarten through Fifth grade prior to moving into Administration. I had the privilege of teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Guerrero Elementary in Mesa as well. My last 10 years have been in administration as a Dean of Students, Assistant Principal and for the last 7 years, Principal of both an Elementary campus and a K-8 campus.

My husband and I live in Chandler with our two daughters. Emma is in fifth grade and Alaina is a sophomore in high school. We also added two new additions to our family, our five month old puppies. Rocky and Oakley keep us busy but they are so much fun.

As your new Principal, I value family involvement and collaboration between staff, students and parents. I believe in providing an environment that will give our children every opportunity to grow academically, socially and behaviorally. I look forward to building upon Crismon's rich traditions and reputation of academic excellence.

I am eager to partner with each of you and the Crismon Elementary community to provide our children the best educational experience possible and to continue to instill in them the love of learning. Strong relationships are crucial to the success of our students. I have an open-door policy and encourage your input. I look forward to working collaboratively with each of you as we support our children in the pursuit of academic and personal success.

Warm Regards,

Michelle Mowery

## Dates to Remember

- 5/3 Talent Show Dress Rehearsal  
2pm- 3:30pm
- 5/3 PTO Board Member Elections  
6:00pm via Zoom
- 5/4 Spirit Day- May the Fourth Be  
With You (Star Wars Day)
- 5/5 Talent Show 6:00pm
- 5/9 Spirit Week- Cartoon Day
- 5/10 Spirit Week- Wig/Hat Day
- 5/10 6th Grade Awards Ceremony in  
MPR 1:00pm
- 5/11 Spirit Week- Tie Dye Your  
Neon
- 5/12 Spirit Week- Harry Potter Day
- 5/12 Band Concert 6:00pm
- 5/13 6th Gr. Field Trip to AZ  
Science Center 9:00am-1:30pm
- 5/13 Portrait of a Graduate—Wear  
Gray to represent Critical  
Thinking & Problem Solving
- 5/13 Spirit Week- Beach Day  
MUST be school appropriate
- 5/16 6th grade Field Trip to Feed  
My Starving Children Field  
Trip 11:00am-1:30pm
- 5/17 4th and 5th grade Field Trip to  
Skateland 9:15am-1:00pm
- 5/18 Kindergarten Promotion in MPR  
8:30am
- 5/19 Water Day—All Grade Levels
- 5/19 6th Grade Luau in MPR 9:15-  
11:15am
- 5/19 Last Day of School
- 8/4 School begins for 22/23

## Student Council Corner

### Get Your Jamba Juice Smoothies! Wednesday, May 18th

**PRE-SALE: Monday, May 16th and Tuesday, May 17th (money due by 8:30am on 5/17)**

Only students who **PRE ORDER** will be given Jamba Juice on Wednesday, May 18th during their lunch time.

Cost: \$3.00  
(Give money to the classroom teacher. **Exact CASH ONLY**, Due to limited change.)



Limit 1 10 oz smoothie per student

**Student** GET!  
**Council** INVOLVED!

Is your student interested in running for Student Council for the 22-23 school year? If so, have them contact Ms. Massey in Room 7 **ASAP** to receive an information packet. Only 6th graders may run for President and 5th-6th graders may run for Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Important dates to remember for the election process:

- Candidate forms due to Ms. Massey by Friday, 5/6
- One candidate poster may be put up in the MPR beginning Monday, 5/9
- Student speech (1.5-2 minutes long) must be approved by Ms. Massey or Ms. Amos Monday, 5/9
- Students record speech on Thursday, 5/12 or Friday, 5/13. See Ms. Massey or Ms. Amos to schedule
- Elections will be held on Monday, May 16th and winners announced Tuesday, May 17th during morning announcements.

# ORDER A BRICK TODAY!

Join us as we commemorate our 40 year legacy at Crismon Elementary by purchasing an engraved brick for our front walkway.



Bricks may be ordered in these sizes:

**4 x 8 - up to three lines of text - \$50**

**8 x 8 - up to six lines of text - \$100**

Each line holds up to 18 characters, including spaces, commas, dashes and periods. Brick design and wording must be suitable for all ages and is subject to approval by the Crismon PTO. Place your customized brick order at the BricksRUs website to create a brick and pay online:

<https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/crismon>

Paper order forms are also being sent home with students. Completed form, cash or check (payable to **Crismon PTO**) can also be submitted directly to the school office by May 30th. Additional forms are available in the office. **Bricks will be ordered in June and placed in the walkway during the summer.**

Questions about the bricks may be directed to: [crismonpto@gmail.com](mailto:crismonpto@gmail.com)



Water Day is the last day of school, Thursday, May 19th. If you have not yet donated, we are still accepting donations for those who can help. If you have made a donation, THANK YOU! We appreciate your help in making this fun last day of school happen. As a reminder, here are the Water Day rules:

- \*Students need to wear a swimsuit to school under their regular clothing. They should also bring their undergarments in their backpack that day so they can change following the event.
- \*Girls must wear a bathing suit that covers their mid-riff. If your child does not have a suit like this, they must wear a t-shirt over their suit for the entire event.
- \*Students are allowed to wear shorts and t-shirts if they prefer.
- \*Students must bring their own towels.
- \*Students are encouraged to wear a hat and sun screen. Please apply sun screen before your student arrives at school. Sunscreen can be sent to school to be reapplied.
- \*Students are also encouraged to bring a bottle of water with their name on it.

## Lost and Found

We have a plethora of lost and found items. Please have your child check lost and found for any missing items. Any items not claimed by June 3rd will be donated.

