

# Entz Echo

ENTZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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December

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/10 Orchestra Concerts /1:00, 6:30
- 12/17 Spelling Bee / 12:45
- 12/18 **EXTRA EARLY RELEASE / 11:45 am**
- 12/21** Winter Break / NO SCHOOL
- 1/4 Welcome back
- 1/6-1/8 Conferences**
- 1/6 1:45 Early Release**
- 1/7 11:45 Extra Early Release**
- 1/8 11:45 Extra Early Release**
- 1/25 K Registration begins
- 1/26 Evening K Registration 5 pm-7 pm
- 1/28 Battle of the Books / 1:00 pm



## Letter from the Principal

Dear Explorers,

With the holidays fast approaching, schedules and routines being disrupted while maintaining the usual demands, and diets changing on a daily basis, it is no wonder that some find the holidays a bit stressful. It is easy to understand why we see people driving erratically, individuals in stores being discourteous to fellow shoppers and store workers, and, we might even find ourselves short in tone and quick to a temper. There may not be quick fixes to any of this, but I do offer a suggestion that was recently shared with me; embrace it.

It may sound antithetical, but instead of pushing back, embrace this journey of the holidays and pay particular attention to your choices with family and friends. It is always helpful to me to keep the perspective that my kids will only be young for so long and all of this will change. That does make me happy to realize some of the stresses will go, but I must face the fact that these current stresses will only be replaced by un-thought-of future holiday stresses. So I pass the suggestion along, embrace this time and hold fast to your children, cherishing every moment regardless if waiting in a very long line at the store or being cut off in traffic. Take a deep breath, look at the joys of your life, smile and embrace the present.

On behalf of the entire Entz staff, it is my pleasure to wish you Happy Holidays, Happy New Year, and a relaxing, and family-filled vacation. Please rest, spend time together, play games, laugh, and eat the occasional sugary treat. We will see you next year, and look forward to it.

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Reid, Ed.D.

## Spelling Bee

The Entz Spelling Bee will take place this year on December 17, 2015, at 12:45 pm, in the Entz MPR. Two students will be selected from each class in grades 4, 5, and 6 as representatives. Questions should be directed to Mrs. Paley at 480-472-7352.

## PTO News

\*A special thank you to everyone who came and supported our Reading under the Stars and Pancake Dinner. Not only did we all have a wonderful family evening, but we made over \$600.

\*12,400 Box Tops were turned in by Entz families and that earned Entz \$1200.00

\*Penny Wars is our next PTO sponsored event. It will run from Jan.11 -22. The students love it! Be looking for a flyer with more details next year! ☺

## Holiday Concerts

As the holiday season approaches, we are treated to concerts by our orchestra & band students. This year the orchestra concert will take place on December 10 at 6:30 pm. These events all take place in our MPR. Bring your family and enjoy these events.

## ECA Donations

Please remember Entz when you give your ECA donation. These dollars are used to fund field trips, after school programs, computers etc. Individuals are allowed to donate \$200 per year and married couples may donate up to \$400. ECA funds are a great way to channel your tax money directly to your local school. Donation forms are always available in our front office or you may log on to the MPS website.

## NEWS from District

Mesa Public Schools will adopt calendars for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years in February. Before making a decision, the Board will consider comments from parents, students, staff and residents. Please provide your input through the online survey available on the district website, [www.mpsaz.org/calendars](http://www.mpsaz.org/calendars). If you do not have Internet access please stop by the school to complete the survey. You may also comment at public hearings set for Jan. 26 and Feb. 9 at 7 p.m., 549 N. Stapley Dr., Mesa.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Families begin to make decisions for their preschoolers at the beginning of each New Year. Mesa Public Schools has numerous options and choices for soon-to-be kindergarten students, and now is the time to explore the best program for your child. Registration begins Jan. 25 for all new kindergarten students.

Every elementary school offers free full-day kindergarten, but some families might be interested in other options including the Montessori, dual language, Franklin Traditional, arts integration, International Baccalaureate and home school enrichment programs. For more information, please visit <http://www.mpsaz.org/curriculum/kindergarten>

Early registration is encouraged as it provides adequate planning time for families and the school so our newest students have a successful start to the school year.

Kindergarten Registration for school year 2016-2017 begins the week of Jan. 25. Children who are 5 years of age by August 31, 2016, may be enrolled in MPS kindergarten for the fall. We will be registering daily from 10:00-2:00 pm. We will have an evening registration on Tuesday, Jan. 26 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

