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Rio Vista Elementary Newsletter



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*Mustang Success, Nothing Less!
We Bee-lieve in you!*

Letter from Principal McCarthy

Kindergarten registration is underway!

We are currently enrolling our newest Mustangs! Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by August 31st? If so, it's time for them to start Kindergarten!! Pendergast District is proud to once again offer FREE ALL DAY Kindergarten to all of our students and families. Registration takes place at our Central Registration Office which is located at the Pendergast Learning Center, 3841 N. 91st Ave. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm. You can also reach them by phone for any questions you may have at 623-772-2302.

Don't wait to register! Once registered, we can also offer your child our Jumpstart summer school program where they will get to come to school for a month over the summer and learn about our campus, prior to all of the students arriving on the first day.

May Illuminate Testing: We will be completing our end of the year testing with our DNA and Fastbridge test. Please pay special attention to the schedule below. Students do best when they are on time and ready to take their test with their class.

Moving over the summer?

If you and your family have plans to move over the summer and you will not be attending Rio Vista next year, please come to the office so we can help you withdraw your student and get you the necessary paperwork to start their school year at their new school.

This is a reminder to pick up any medication that you have brought to the Health Office for your student to take during this school year. Any medication left at the school will be thrown away after May 27th. Also, remember that it will be necessary to fill out new medication permission forms next year.



Upcoming Events in May:

2nd-6th	Teacher Appreciation Week! We love our Mustang Staff!
4th	Early Release
11th	Early Release
17th	PESD Governing Board Meeting, Virtual, 6:00pm
18th	Early Release
25th	Early Release 8th grade Promotion Ceremonies in the Gym
26th	Early Release Kindergarten Graduation
27th	Early Release Day LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Counselor's Corner: Summer Fun!

We have had another successful year at Rio Vista Elementary School! As the summer approaches, excitement is in the air. Here are some tips to keep students healthy, happy, and ready to come back in August.

~ Keep kids reading

- * Have your kids set a goal of how many books they want to complete by the end of the summer. Once they have completed their goal have a set reward. (Spend time with Mom or Dad playing favorite game, ice cream, movie, etc.)
- * Encourage them to start a reading program with their friends.
- * Read with your kids.

Reading throughout the summer will help kids keep their reading skill level up and start a habit of reading all year long!

~ Keep kids active

- * Enroll your student in a local park or recreation program. (There are usually summer programs through the city in which you live)
- * Staying active yourself sets a good example for your children. Try activities you can do together such as playing tennis, swimming, jogging, or walking through the neighborhood.

Throughout the school year students participate in PE and recess, but they do get that built in to their schedule during the summer months.

For more information on what the city has to offer, please visit the City of Avondale's Park, Recreation, and Libraries at <http://www.avondaleaz.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation-libraries/recreation-services>

Have a wonderful summer!

Amber Hennings, School Counselor



“Arizona law A.R.S.§15-701, also known as the “**Move On When Reading**” policy, requires that a student not be promoted from third grade to fourth grade if he or she scores at the “falls far below” level on the state’s third grade reading test. The purpose of the policy is to give children who have significant reading challenges more time to learn. It ensures that these students will receive the intensive instruction they need to accelerate their learning and catch up in reading.

Bring us your new and used clothing!

We would love to help you with your spring cleaning so please bring us your slightly used and new clothes, shoes, rugs and towels and place them in our Big Brothers Big Sisters Bin in our North parking lot. This is a fundraiser too! Money raised will support our Superintendent's Student Council!

