

# EAGLES EDITION



## Principal's Message



Robin Yeargain

Dear EDUPRIZE Parents,

Two more weeks, and we've completed half of the school year! I feel like it was just weeks ago that we started! Students are showing all they've learned since the beginning of school as they are taking I-Ready Benchmark testing for the semester. When we return from break, teachers will analyze the data from I-Ready to guide instruction for the second half of the year. As you know, we personalize our instruction to meet students where they are at as well as provide them with their grade-level standards. We are eager to see how much the students are learning! Speaking of learning, Cottage Fairs will be on December 17th and 18th, and this is yet another time for students to show you all they've learned...save the dates! You don't want to miss it!

With the year-end approaching, many of us look for donation opportunities. I wanted to take a moment to make sure you are aware of an opportunity to direct your tax money and have a **positive impact on students** at EDUPRIZE Schools - Gilbert. Anyone can donate and take the ECA tax credit on their Arizona State taxes and get ALL of it back, dollar for dollar. The tax allowable credit is \$200 or \$400, depending on your tax filing status. This money is **only used** for our qualifying extra-curricular activities like school sports, after-school support programs, Odyssey of the Mind, and the LIFE fund. If you'd like to donate, log into your Infinite Campus account under the school store and choose ECA. Likewise, you or a family member can visit our website and scroll all the way to the bottom, where it says ECA. From there, it will guide you through the steps. When you make this donation, please designate which activity you would like the funds to go toward; a list will pop up for you to choose. Thank you for considering this option to support our school. We appreciate all of our parents and community!

Have a great weekend!

Kindly,  
Robin



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# CALENDAR

## *This Month*

### DECEMBER

- 11th: Battle of the Books Round 1**  
3:45pm in B1 Media Center
- 11th: Books Before Bedtime**  
5:00pm - B1 Lobby
- 12th: Board Meeting (Gilbert Campus)**  
B1 Media Center at 1:00pm
- 13th: Cottage Fair (AM TOPS Kinder)**  
10:00-11:30am B1 RM15
- 13th: Cottage Fair (PM TOPS Kinder)**  
2:00-3:30am B1 RM15
- 16th-20th: Spirit Week**
- 17th: Elementary Band Concert**  
(4th-6th Graders) 4:30pm B4 Stage
- 17th: Elementary Orchestra Concert**  
(5th-6th Graders) 4:30pm B3 theater
- 17th: Drama Club Performance**  
4:00pm 1 B1 Media Center
- 17th: Cottage Fair (5:00-6:30pm)**  
4th-6th Grade Regular Day & 1st-6th AM TOPS
- 17th: Cottage Fair (Mrs. O'Hearn's)**  
5:00pm-6:30pm B2 RM56
- 18th: Cottage Fair (5:00-6:30pm)**  
K-3rd Grade Regular Day & 1st-3rd Grade PM TOPS
- 20th: Q2 Assembly**  
10:00am in B4 Gym
- 20th: Last Day of Quarter**
- 12/23 - 1/3: Winter Break**

## *Next Month*

### JANUARY

**12/23 - 1/3: Winter Break**

**7th: First Day Back**

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# IMPORTANT



## ANNOUNCEMENT!

**Q3 LUNCH  
ORDERS START  
MONDAY 12/9!**

Lunches will be available on  
infinite campus 12/9 and close  
12/20 at 7:00pm

Please be sure to pay on time to  
avoid late charges.

Thank you!

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For any questions please email:  
[tym.britton@eduprizeschools.net](mailto:tym.britton@eduprizeschools.net)

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# Intent to Return

*We want to know your intentions for the*

## **2025 - 2026 School Year**

*Please complete the  
online Intent to Return  
Form between  
November 15 - January 15.*

*LIFE Fund fees will be  
discounted to \$50 per  
returning student during  
this time frame.*

**Reserve your child's seat today!**

[gilbertenrollment@eduprizeschools.net](mailto:gilbertenrollment@eduprizeschools.net)  
(480) 813-9537 x1030

**Intent to Return (re-enrollment) for the 2025-26 school year is now open! Please complete the online [Intent to Return Form](#) to notify us of your intent to return or withdraw next school year. We must receive one completed form for EVERY student currently attending - you will select whether your child will be returning, withdrawing, or undecided. The first class to reach 100% submission will win a pizza party!**

**Please contact the enrollment office with any questions. Thank you!**

**Natalie Brunk**  
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**HAPPENING Q3!**

MISS GONZALEZ'S &  
MRS. LACY'S:

**CRAFT  
CLUB**

**GRADES 1-6**

PM TOPS

**THURSDAYS IN ROOM 14  
FROM 9:20-10:20AM**

The club will run every Thursday from  
January 9th - March 6th

COME LEARN HOW TO EMBROIDER, PAINT SOME REALLY COOL  
THINGS, SEW, WORK WITH POLYMER CLAY, PREPARE A RECIPE  
AND LOTS OF OTHER COOL THINGS!!!!

**\$80 PER STUDENT**

[Sign up here](#)



# BOOKS BEFORE BEDTIME

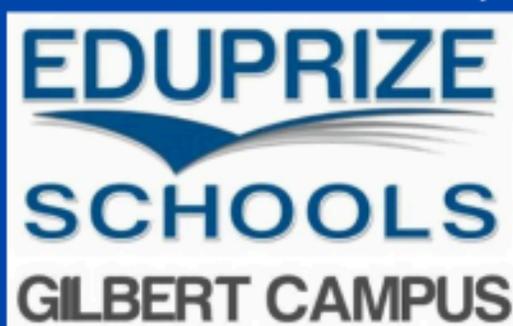
Join us for a celebration of literature  
with EDUPRIZE teachers!

**Wednesday, December 11**  
**5:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

- Wear your jammies • Listen to stories •
- Cookies and milk will be served •

**PK – 1st Grade • Bring a friend!**

580 West Melody Avenue, Building 1  
Gilbert, AZ 85233 • (480) 813-9537 x1030



# PROJECT EXPLORATION: UNIVERSAL CAREER BUILDER

FEBRUARY 14-16, 2025



## COUNTDOWN TO PROJECT X: 70 DAYS

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **DEC 17-18:** MANDATORY STUDENT MEETING AT LUNCH. WHILE NOT GUARANTEED, STUDENTS WILL CHOOSE ROOMMATES AT THIS TIME.
- **JAN 7:** ALL PAYMENTS DUE. NO LATE PAYMENTS ACCEPTED.

### WAYS TO PAY

- **PAY VIA ECA** ECA TAX CREDIT (\$200/\$400 DEPENDING ON FILING STATUS).
- PAY PROJECT EXPLORATION **CLICK HERE** AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE FAQ "CAN I PAY FOR MY CHILD'S TRIP ONLINE?"  
**USE TRIP CODE: 094284**

### EMAIL RECEIPT OF PAYMENT TO:

**[GBPROJECTX@EDUPRIZESCHOOLS.NET](mailto:GBPROJECTX@EDUPRIZESCHOOLS.NET)**

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# PTO

December 2024

# NEWSLETTER

## PTO NEWS



-The annual Eduprize Adopt a family holiday gift/toy drive is happening now! If you are able to help provide gifts for Eduprize families in need, please sign up for your chosen items on the sign up genius. Each item should be marked with that family's number & child info and returned to Building 1 or 2 front desk by Thursday, December 12th. Thank you so much for your generosity especially during this time of year! See flyer or sign up [HERE!](#)

## PTO Calendar

[Click here to see volunteer opportunities and view the PTO calendar.](#)

## TEACHER & STAFF FAVORITES



[Click here to see the list!](#)  
[Can be used for bdays, holidays or appreciation](#)

## UPCOMING



- Adopt an Eduprize family holiday gift drive is happening now, see flyer! 
- Christmas trees/decorations at all buildings are up! Tags for the holiday drive are available on all trees. Same QR code as flyer but we are keeping the spirit of the angel tree going for those who'd like to take one in person.
- Elementary and possible Jr High Sweethearts dance in February

## Booster Holiday Shopping Fundraiser

The fundraiser is now over! Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts and goodies through boosters website so the PTO could earn 40% back on each sale. That money will help us plan more fun events later this school year and giveback to students and teachers in various ways. That info can always be found on our website.

\*Please note that all prizes kiddos earned will be shipping soon to the school. Items will be handed out to kiddos classrooms as they arrive. Thank you again!



Don't have the time to volunteer or attend a fundraiser but want to make a monetary donation? [Click Here](#)

We appreciate you!

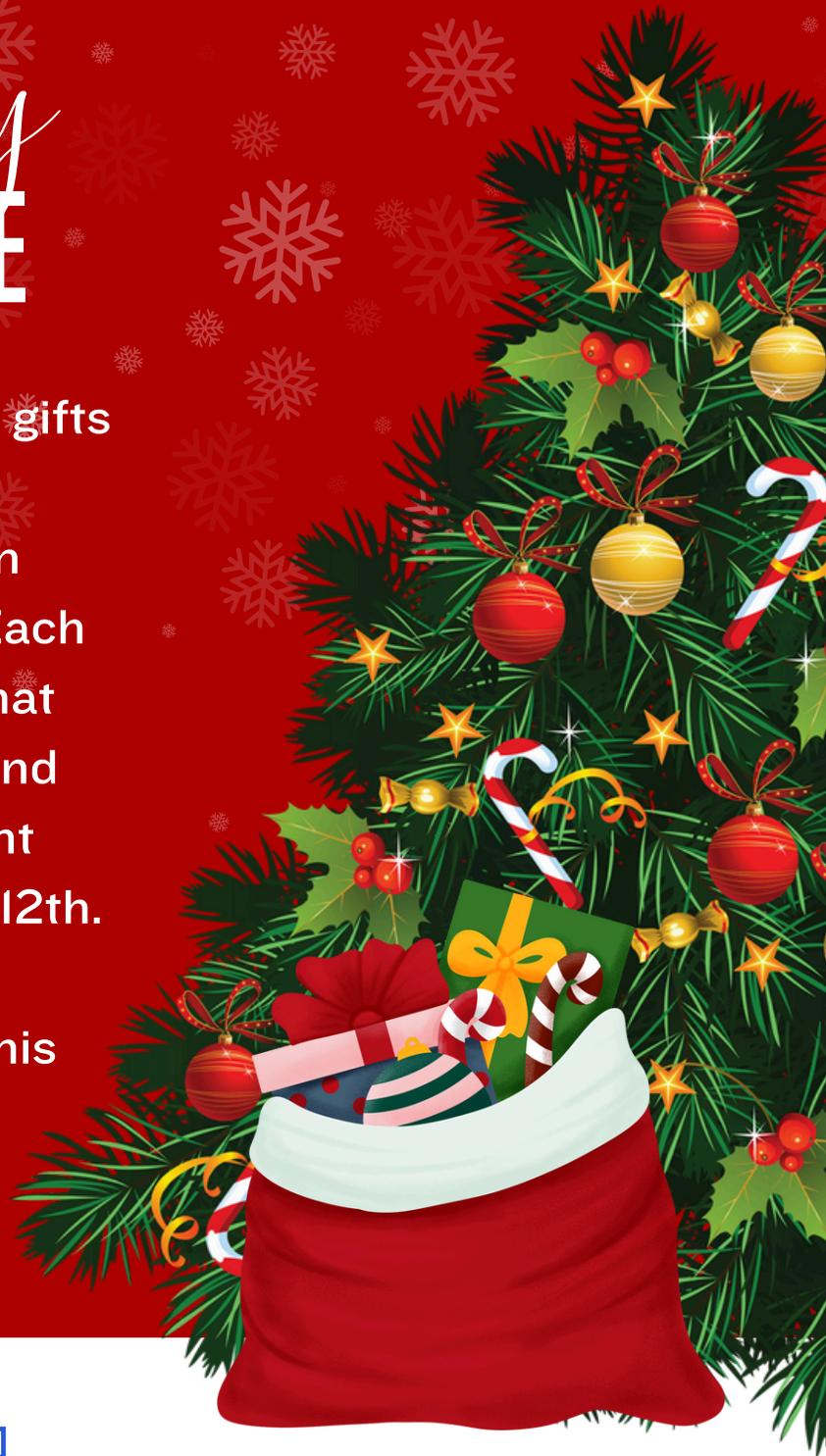
## Follow Us

[Facebook](#) [Website](#)  
[PTO Facebook Group](#)

ADOPT A FAMILY  
*Holiday*  
GIFT DRIVE

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-Gilbert Eduprize PTO



Sign Up Here:

<https://bit.ly/3OtYNQ4>



Email: [Pto@eduprizesichools.net](mailto:Pto@eduprizesichools.net)  
Website: [eduprizegilbertpto.com](http://eduprizegilbertpto.com)



Drop off items by Dec. 12th

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# SEL CORNER

## (SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING)

Dear EDUPRIZE families,

This week, I would like to share another strategy with you to help kids improve their focus. It comes from Dr. Connor Bor who is a Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) and a Diplomat of the American Chiropractic Neurology Board (DACNB). In this [Instagram video](#), he shows parents how to utilize a strategy called anti-saccade with kids to improve their focus.



**Heather Vehon**  
Dean of Students K-6th

"This exercise is so effective because it helps strengthen the portion of the brain that helps inhibit the immediate need to look at a stimulus (the wiggling finger). It helps support the ability to respond to a stimulus rather than just react on impulse. In addition, by using just eye movements instead of turning with the entire head, we are giving more input to the frontal lobe, which helps with impulsivity as well."

A big thanks to Mrs. Jackson, one of our kindergarten teachers, for sharing this strategy with me!



Sincerely,  
Heather Vehon  
Dean of Students  
Eduprize Schools  
Gilbert Campus

[heather.vehon@eduprizeschools.net](mailto:heather.vehon@eduprizeschools.net)

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# ATHLETIC

# DEPARTMENT

Proud Sponsor of  
Eduprize athletics



## SPORTS INFORMATION WEEK OF 12/9-12/13

All game schedules can be found on [AZCAAPREPS.com](http://AZCAAPREPS.com)

24-25 Athletic [FORMS](#)

24-25 Athletic Physical [FORMS](#)

**SPORTS PICTURES WILL BE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 1 PM!**

**\*\* Wear Your Uniforms\*\***

**Jr High Girls Basketball (Grades 5-8) Informational meeting on Tuesday,  
December 10th from 3:15- 3:30 in B4 Foyer**

**\*\*Boys Jr High Flag Football Tryouts will be held Monday 16th - 19th**

### JV Boys Basketball

**Practice:** Monday & Thursday

5:00-6:30 in B4 Gym

**Tuesday:** HOME Game Vs LFPA

At 4PM in B4 Gym

**Wednesday:** AWAY Game Vs LFPA @ 5PM

(3939 E Warner Rd)

### Varsity/Open Basketball

**Monday:** Varsity Game Home VS ASU PREP

At 7PM in B4 Gym

**Tuesday:** OPEN Home Game VS Skyline Prep

At 7PM in B4

**Wednesday:** OPEN AWAY @ Valley Prep @ 7PM

(3906 E. Broadway Rd)

**Thursday:** VARSAITY Practice @ 4-6PM in B4

**Thursday:** OPEN Practice at 7PM in B4

**Friday:** Varsity HOME Vs EVAC @ 6 PM in B4

### Cornhole Schedule

**Practice:** Monday - Thursday

from 3:00 - 4:00 PM

B4 Gym

**Saturday (12/7):** Location will be at Heritage

Maricopa

**Saturday (12/14):** Location will be at Mission

Heights Prep

### JH Softball Schedule

**Thank you for an awesome season of learning  
and growing!**

### JH Cheer Practice

**Practice:** Tuesday from 3:00 - 5:00

Be sure to bring water to your practices!  
Questions, please email the Athletic Director  
[Clint.ambos@eduprizeschools.net](mailto:Clint.ambos@eduprizeschools.net)

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# Eduprize Gilbert (PreK-6)

**STAY CONNECTED** AND DON'T MISS OUT  
ON YOUR **2024-2025 YEARBOOK!**



TO ORDER VISIT:

[Buytheyearbook.com](https://Buytheyearbook.com)

Enter School ID #724709  
to find your school faster!

Only \$35 until March 8, 2025!

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# Health Office Updates



## IMPORTANT HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION

As illness or health situations occur throughout the school year, it may be necessary for medication to be administered at school. All prescribed AND over the counter medication (i.e. Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Benadryl, etc.) will need to be checked into the Health Office, along with a [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) form which requires a doctor's signature. These forms can be found on our website [www.eduprizeschools.net](http://www.eduprizeschools.net) under the Parent & Student Resources>Health Office Forms, or you can just click on any of the links provided in light blue.

- **HEALTH ACTION PLAN:** Please be aware that children who have asthma, diabetes, or seizures will need an action plan provided by their health care provider, ALONG with the signed [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) form .
- **ASTHMA:** If your child has asthma, an asthma action plan will need to be provided by your doctor ALONG with a signed [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) form .
- **ALLERGIES:** Allergies that require an EpiPen will need an [Anaphylaxis Management Packet](#) filled out and signed by a doctor along with the [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) form .
- **MEDICATION:** As a reminder, ALL medications need to be checked in at the Health Office. Students are not allowed to carry any medication in their backpack unless the parent and Dr have signed a self carry medication consent in addition to the medication consent form. A [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) form will also need to be filled out for any medications, prescription or non prescription.

We cannot accept ANY medications without these forms.

Any questions can be directed to the Health Office staff at (480) 813-9537 option 7

Please review our [school health guidelines](#) to ensure you are aware of policies around kids are sick.

## Medication Authorization

If you would like your student to be able to access medication at school, please complete the authorization [FORM](#) and return to the health office.



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**NOW HIRING**  
**SUBSTITUTES**

**We offer:**

Competitive pay - \$20.75/hour (teacher certified)  
\$19.50/hour (sub certified)  
\$17/hour (no certification)

Flexible Schedules - Traditional day and AM/PM TOPS

Range of Classes - Grades PreK-12th grade and specialty classes like dance, PE, computers, and much more.

Incredible Community - Our staff, students, and parents are a welcoming and loving community you will enjoy being apart of.

**IF INTERESTED PLEASE EMAIL**

[emily.yeamen@eduprizeschools.net](mailto:emily.yeamen@eduprizeschools.net)

**WE'RE HIRING!!**

**COME AND JOIN OUR AIDE STAFF !**  
LOOKING FOR HARD WORKING PEOPLE WHO LOVE SAFETY AND WORKING WITH KIDS!



**TIMES NEEDED ARE:**

7:00-8:05 A.M.

10:20 A.M.-1:10 P.M.

2:30-3:40 P.M.

-GREAT FOR STAY AT HOME PARENTS, RETIREES AND COLLEGE STUDENTS OVER 21 YEARS OR OLDER.

- WE ARE VERY FLEXIBLE WITH SCHEDULES.

- FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

**JOB TYPE: PART-TIME 19HRS A WEEK**

**IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT:**

**TYM BRITTON**

**AIDE SUPERVISOR**

**CAR LANE COORDINATOR**

**LUNCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

**EDUPRIZE GILBERT**

**PHONE: (480) 813-9537 EXT.1270**

**EMAIL: TYM.BRITTON@EDUPRIZESCHOOLS.NET**

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