

EAGLES



EDITION

Dear EDUPRIZE Parents,

This week has been a hard one for our school. While we did have to make the very difficult decision to reduce our faculty and staff so that EDUPRIZE can endure in the future, feeling the impacts of that decision has touched everyone. EVERY teacher, staff member, student, and parent - no matter what circumstance. We love our school community and we are sad to see some of our teachers and staff go. Honestly, it has been hard for me to figure out some of the pieces - but I have tried to show up, the best I can, because our kids deserve it. We have also been trying to support our departing faculty and staff to find any available positions at our campus (like subbing) or at our Queen Creek campus because we care about their stability.

Alongside Mrs. Yeargain, I communicated class statuses to every family on Wednesday, and while many teacher assignments are changing, I hope that you will trust us to continue to make decisions that will serve your child(ren) well. After those communications were sent, many of you have reached out with your questions, concerns, kind words, and love. All of these are welcome as we navigate this together. To that end, you are all invited to attend a Town Hall meeting on Monday 8/17 at 4:30 in the B1 media center so that Dr. Gordon-Smith can address any questions or concerns that are still lingering.

Some faculty changes not expressed in parent emails this week include - our PE teacher (Mrs. Corral) is moving to Texas due to her husband's work transfer. Therefore, starting on 8/24, Mrs. Bonilla will return back to PE (the class she taught last year) and Mrs. Shepherd (current 1st grade, full day teacher) will become our new science specialist. We also lost our part-time art teacher, Mrs. Griffy so we are retooling our specials schedule accordingly. Flex students will still receive art specials with Mrs. Hollenbeck in B3.

Many have asked how they can help and your kindness is appreciated now more than ever. For example, one of our EDUPRIZE parents, Eric Hoelscher, has offered to volunteer to help us remove the trees that were downed in the past few storms. So a huge shout-out to him and his landscape company, Caretaker Landscaping. If you feel called to help - reach out to your child's current teacher - tell him/her how much you appreciate them. No matter if they are leaving or staying, they have made a positive impact on the lives of your child(ren). If you can give more time, reach out to our PTO and serve our community that way.

To close, I wanted to share a positive message we received from an EDUPRIZE parent. "I'm a happy mama, but if we would have had to move to another teacher, we would have done it because we love EDUPRIZE." I love EDUPRIZE. I am committed to helping your child have a successful year here. Thanks for trusting us to make the right decisions during this uncertain time.

With love,
Heather Vehon-Manfredi

QUICK



LINKS

EVENT FLYERS

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Upcoming Events:

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MONTH



GLANCE

AUGUST

17th: Town Hall Meeting

B1 Media Center at 4:30

14th: Battle of the Books

Team Submissions DUE!

18th: Tippi Toes Dance Class Begins

3:45-4:30 B1 room 45

20th: Board Meeting

B4 RM 401 at 2:00

24th-28th: Parent/Teacher Conferences

Rescheduled to a later date TBD

27th: Early Release

Rescheduled to a later date TBD

27th: Full Day of School

SEPTEMBER

7th: No School

Labor Day Holiday

8th: Campus Tour (PreK-8th Grade)

B1 Media Center from 5:00-6:00

14th-17th: Scholastic Book Fair

17th: Board Meeting

B4 RM 401 at 2:00

21st-25th: Spirit Week

22nd: Cottage Fair (5:00-6:30)

K-3rd Grade

23rd: Cottage Fair & Eagle Day (5:00-6:30)

4th-8th Grade

25th: Q1 Assembly

10:45 - B4 Gym



EDUPRIZE
— SCHOOLS —

TOWN HALL MEETING

MONDAY AUG 17, 2026

START 4:30 PM

EDUPRIZE GILBERT

B1 MEDIA CENTER

580 W Melody Ave, Gilbert 85233

*Join us for an open conversation
about EDUPRIZE.
We are here to listen.*

WHAT IS... BATTLE OF THE BOOKS?

NEW TEAM GUIDE:

Battle of the Books is a great way to read amazing stories with a team, take notes, and then battle against other teams in two rounds of comprehension questioning to see who wins!

HOW TO COMPETE:

- 1: STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-8 PICK TEAMS OF 3-4. 15 TEAMS WILL BE CHOSEN AT RANDOM TO BATTLE IT OUT!
- 2: STUDENTS WRITE THEIR PARTICIPANTS AND TEAM NAME ON A BATTLE SLIP PROVIDED.
- 3: TEACHERS INPUT THE TEAM, AND PARENTS WILL BE INFORMED WITH EMAILS AND BATTLE UPDATE FLYERS. IF YOUR CHILD IS CHOSEN AS A PARTICIPANT, PLEASE FILL OUT THE GOOGLE FORM IN THE FIRST EMAIL!!
- 4: TEAMS WILL CHECK OUT BATTLE BAGS FROM THE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS LIBRARY, LOCATED IN ROOM 52. THE BATTLE BAG MAY HAVE ALL OR SOME OF THE TITLES CHOSEN.
- 5: TEAMS WILL READ EACH OF THE 4 BOOKS, AND FINISH IN TIME FOR THE BATTLE TO TAKE PLACE!

THE READING OF THESE BOOKS ALSO COUNTS TOWARD WATER DAY READING HOURS, AND COULD POSSIBLE MEET THE CRITERIA OF GENRE PIE FOR 5TH GRADE!

PEOPLE WHO READ HAVE INCREASED AND STRONGER COGNITIVE THINKING, A GREATER COMPREHENSION, AND GROWTH IN UNDERSTANDING VOCABULARY. LET'S GIVE THEM EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO BE OUTSTANDING!!

READING ISN'T JUST FOR KIDS! ADULTS, CHECK OUT THIS WEBSITE TO DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF READING FOR ADULTS!

Please email questions to ashley.earnheart@eduprize.com

<https://www.cae.edu.au/news/7-proven-reasons-why-reading-is-good-for-you/>



Eduprize
Only
Private
Event

BACK TO SCHOOL

SKATE NIGHT

SKATE WITH
EDUPRIZE FRIENDS,
TEACHERS & ADMIN!

WIN DOOR
PRIZES!



Skateland Chandler
1101W Ray Rd
Chandler, AZ 85224
Tuesday, Aug 18th 5-7:30 PM

\$12per Child (3-17)
\$5 Non-Skater Adult
Free for Eduprize Staff (show badge)

SKATING



REGISTER HERE



Ballet, Tap, Jazz & Hip Hop Classes offered at Eduprize in Gilbert!



**Location: Room 45,
Building 1
Ages: 3-12**

**Cost: \$75 a month
Build confidence!
Have fun!**

**Tuesdays 3:45-4:30
Hip Hop(PM Flex Kids)**

OR

**Thursdays 3:00-3:45
Ballet, Tap & Jazz
(Regular Day Kids)**



QUESTIONS?

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