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EDITION

Dear EDUPRIZE parents,

While our year started with some unexpected staff changes, I just want to take a moment to give kudos to our incredible EDUPRIZE teachers and staff who continued to take such good care of your children throughout the teacher/class changes. I am sure that commitment shined through when you met with your child's teacher at conferences. So many of you have reached out to teachers, staff, and even me to ask how we are doing. Please know that this really fills our hearts and keeps us pushing forward toward our mission of continuing to be the best school around!

We had SO many celebrations during this last week of the quarter. Starting with celebrating student learning at Cottage Fairs, and our junior high Eagle Expo. I got to talk to so many parents about the cool things their child(ren) have learned this quarter. Thank you for celebrating along with us! We also had our Q1 spirit week, and our elementary Q1 assembly today. This is always something we look forward to each year where we get to zealously celebrate student learning, sports, our Tippi Toes dancers, our class golden ticket winners played fun camp-style games, and some of our staff got to be extra silly in their own camp-style game (ask your kids all about it).

This quarter kids earned merit badges for learning and following classroom routines, showing kindness/making friends, showing they care about our school, and showing they cared about their own learning. Next quarter kids will start to earn merit badges for their class for showing character traits like sharing, including others, cooperating, showing respect, and showing appreciation. I can't give out these badges fast enough because we have the best campers there are!

A few last things. First, we are still looking for at least 5 more PM students in grades 5-7 to join our digital animation club next quarter. We won't be able to create the club if we don't get at least 5 more participants and we REALLY want to host this club! Sign up here if you are have an interested 5th-7th grade PM student and/or email tricia.romero@eduprize.com with any questions. Second, we are hiring for an outside aide to join our team in Q2. Check out the flier below for more details and/or send an email to carpoollunch@eduprize.com if you are interested in joining our amazing aide staff! Did I mention the weather will be so much better next quarter??

Important upcoming dates:

- Q2 hot lunch orders will be available from today until 10/4 via Infinite Campus.
- Fall Fest Tickets go on sale today! \$10/child and \$5/adult. [Click here to purchase tickets](#) and see flier below for additional details.
- 10/23 - Fall Fest - 5:00-8:00 PM
- 10/28 - 3rd grade Bitty Book Battle 3:45-5:00 PM, B1 Media Center
- 10/30 - Literature Day Parade
- 10/31 - Last day to order a yearbook and receive 10% off (see attached flier for details)

Proud principal of our happy campers,
Heather Vehon-Manfredi

QUICK



LINKS

EVENT FLYERS

Upcoming Events:

[Q2 Lunches](#)

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For the **PTO Newsletter**

Click [**HERE**](#)

MONTH



GLANCE

SEPTEMBER

****Early Bird Yearbook Discount****

8.28 - 10.31

Get 10% off your order

28th-30th: No School

Fall Break

OCTOBER

1st-13th: No School

Fall Break

14th: First Day of Q2

15th: Board Meeting

B4 RM 401 at 2:00

20th: Campus Tour (PreK-8th Grade)

B1 Media Center from 5:00-6:00

23rd: Fall Festival

B3 Gym & Field 5:00-8:00

27th: Picture Retakes

28th: Bitty Book Battle (3rd Grade ONLY)

B1 Media Center 3:45-5:00

30th: Literature Day Parade

K - 4th Grade

CAMP EDUPRIZE

QUARTER 2 HOT LUNCH MENU



OPEN ORDERING
9/18 - 10/4

WITH FIRST
SERVED LUNCH
10/14

DAY	RESTAURANT	MEAL	PRICE
MONDAY		CHICKEN FINGERS & FRIES 	WITH FRUIT \$67.50 WITHOUT FRUIT \$60.75
TUESDAY		CHEESY PIZZA SLICE 	WITH FRUIT \$47.50 WITHOUT FRUIT \$40.50
WEDNESDAY		KIDS SALAD WITH CHICKEN 	WITH FRUIT \$68.00 WITHOUT FRUIT \$62.00
THURSDAY		6" TURKEY & CHEESE SUB 	WITH FRUIT \$65.25 WITHOUT FRUIT \$58.50

LEARN

GROW

EXPLORE

HOW TO ORDER:

- 1 LOG INTO YOUR INFINITE CAMPUS PORTAL
- 2 SELECT SCHOOL STORE
- 3 SELECT GILBERT
- 4 CHOOSE YOUR LUNCH OPTION
- 5 CHECK OUT.

QUESTIONS?

✉ CARPOOLLUNCH@EDUPRIZE.COM

EDUPRIZE Spelling Bee

Spellers: Start! Your! Spelling!



CALLING ALL 4TH-8TH GRADERS

Our class and school Spelling Bee is right around the corner! Start preparing now by heading to our EDUPRIZE Gilbert Info/Flyers section of the website. Locate this flyer with these resources. Official lists will go out after Fall

Break. Practice asking

"Would you please repeat the word?"

"What is the definition of the word?"

"Could you use the word in a sentence?"

"What is the part of speech?"

"What is the language of origin?" (etymology matters!)

"Are there any alternate pronunciations?"

Happy Spelling!

Spelling Bee History

National Spelling Bee

Vocabulary Word List

Spelling Bee Study List

Students can play spelling and vocabulary games with all 450 words from the 2027 School Spelling Bee Study List plus the 4,000 words in Words of the Champions for free!



**School Bee: November 18, 2026
4:30, B2 Gym**



Questions? Please contact Ashley.earnheart@eduprize.com

6th Grade Students

Arizona Department of Health requires 2 vaccinations for ALL 6th grade students.

Your child MUST have these 2 vaccinations in order to stay in school.

You may opt to sign an exemption waiver if needed, otherwise, vaccinations or waiver must be turned in by Friday, October 30th.

1. Meningococcal
2. Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)

Please send a copy of the record to jayna.shaw@eduprize.com or you can submit a copy to the nurse in building 1 or in building 3.

If you have any questions, please email jayna.shaw@eduprize.com or call Jayna Shaw at 480-813-9537 EXT. 3

[Personal Belief Exemption](#)

COUNTDOWN
140 DAYS

FEBRUARY 12-14, 2027

UNIVERSAL CAREER BUILDER

PROJECT EXPLORATION

APPLICATIONS DUE TODAY

OVER FALL BREAK

“PROVISIONAL
ACCEPTANCE” AND
“WAITLIST” CREATED

- “PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE” - STUDENTS WILL BE MADE AWARE 10/16/26 IF THEY ARE ONE OF THE 44 “PROVISIONALLY ACCEPTED” OR ON THE “WAITLIST”
- OPTIONAL T-SHIRT DESIGNS ARE DUE 10/16 AS WELL
- AFTER NOTIFYING STUDENTS, NO MORE NEWSLETTERS WILL APPEAR IN THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER, BUT A SEPERATE NEWSLETTER WILL BE TO SENT TO THOSE ON “PROVISIONAL ACCEPTED” LIST EACH FRIDAY WITH UPDATES

**Tickets
on Sale
Sept. 25th**

***Price increases
by \$1 on 10/22**

EDUPRIZE FALL FESTIVAL

October 23rd, 5-8PM

Eduprize Gilbert Field • B3 Gate Entrance

**\$10 PER CHILD
\$5 PER ADULT**

**ALL CHILDREN 2 AND
UNDER ARE FREE. STAFF &
IMMEDIATE FAMILY ARE
FREE WITH BADGE**

**We need volunteers to make
Fall fest happen! Please sign
up for a shift HERE! Thank you!**

INCLUDED WITH CARNIVAL TICKET:

**INTERACTIVE MAGIC SHOW, STUDENT TALENT SHOW, CHEER
PERFORMANCE, TALL CARNIVAL SLIDE, GIANT BUNGEE
TRAMPOLINES, BOUNCE HOUSES, STAFF DUNK TANK, PETTING ZOO,
FACE PAINTING + BALLOON ANIMALS WITH SPIDER MAN + MOANA,
CARNIVAL GAMES, TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL, REPTILES & MORE**

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:

**SHOPPING ON EDUPRIZE ALLEY, ANNUAL BASKET RAFFLE, FOOD
TRUCKS, PIZZA, POPCORN, SCHOOL MERCH, TOYS (SHOPPING
VENDORS NEEDED, APPLY HERE OR EMAIL US)**

Tickets on sale via website 9/25Eduprizegilbertptto.com

EDUPRIZE FALL FEST

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

CLICK HERE OR SCAN TO SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT

VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE FREE ENTRY!

**FALLFESTONLY HAPPENS WITH
VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!
THANK YOU!**



- **CLASSROOM RAFFLE BASKET
COORDINATORS NEEDED**

INQUIRE MORE INFO VIA TEACHER OR EMAIL PTO@EDUPRIZE.COM

- **SHOPPING VENDORS NEEDED**

CLICK HERE OR SCAN TO APPLY OR EMAIL PTO@EDUPRIZE.COM FOR MORE INFO





ANNUAL

Fall Fest



RAFFLE BASKETS

CLASSROOM PARENT COORDINATORS NEEDED

EVERY CLASS DONATES A BASKET TO FALL FEST
THAT IS RAFFLED OFF & PROCEEDS HELP FUND
FUTURE EVENTS & ENRICHMENT

- INFORM YOUR TEACHER AND PTO, YOU'D LIKE TO COORDINATE
- COORDINATOR CHOOSES THE THEME OF "BASKET" OR DISPLAY
- CREATE A SIGN UP GENIUS TO HAVE TEACHER EMAIL CLASS
- COLLECT ITEMS, ORGANIZE "BASKET" OR DISPLAY AND SET UP
- COORDINATORS RECEIVE FREE ENTRY TO FALL FEST, WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD & THEIR CLASSROOM WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN A FUN PIZZA PARTY! WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!

Email the PTO for more
info and how to
instructions:
pto@eduprize.com





EDUPRIZE Schools

WE'RE HIRING

Help a student find their *way* forward.

EDUPRIZE Schools is hiring a Special Education Paraprofessional at our Gilbert campus.

● Special Education Paraprofessional

GILBERT

- Provide **one-on-one and small-group support** toward students' IEP goals, alongside teachers and related service providers
- HS diploma or equivalent and willingness to obtain an AZ IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card
- A **patient, dependable** person who enjoys working closely with kids

Apply today at **EDUPRIZE.com**

Now hiring at our Gilbert campus

EDUPRIZE Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

WE'RE HIRING

COME AND JOIN OUR AIDE STAFF



Requirements :

- *21 years and older*
- *Must have IVP fingerprint card*
- *Part-time 19hrs per week*
- *Good with kids*

Shifts:

- *6:55am-8:05am*
- *10:20am-1:15pm*
- *2:40pm-3:15pm*



Flexible Schedules! Friendly Environment!

Apply Now!

janet.mecone@eduprize.com



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EDUPRIZE WANTS TO CONNECT WITH YOU

Stay connected and join our community for the latest updates, events, and educational insights! Follow us on our social media platforms:

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ECA TAX CREDIT

GET UP TO

\$400 BACK

ON YOUR 2026 TAX RETURN

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ECA TAX CREDIT DONATION

Do not miss the opportunity to direct your tax money and have a positive impact on EDUPRIZE Schools – Queen Creek/Gilbert. Each year, single-parent households are allowed to donate up to \$200 and two-parent households are allowed to donate up to \$400 in ECA money. Families are then allowed to take the ECA tax credit on their Arizona State taxes and get a dollar-for-dollar credit. This money goes to our extracurricular activities, which include sports, after-school support programs, and LIFE fund. Laws have been changed and you can now make an ECA donation any time before April 15, 2027, and still receive the credit on your 2026 Arizona State taxes.

Payments can be made through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal or the Public School Store.

PARENT PORTAL

PUBLIC SCHOOL
STORE



10%
OFF Purchase by
October 31

Hold on to your memories in this year's **EDUPRIZE SCHOOLS Gilbert** **yearbook!**

To purchase your yearbook, use
the QR code below or:

1. Go to treering.com/validate
2. Enter your school's passcode:
1015966447392290

Hardcover: **\$35.40**

Softcover: **\$30.28**

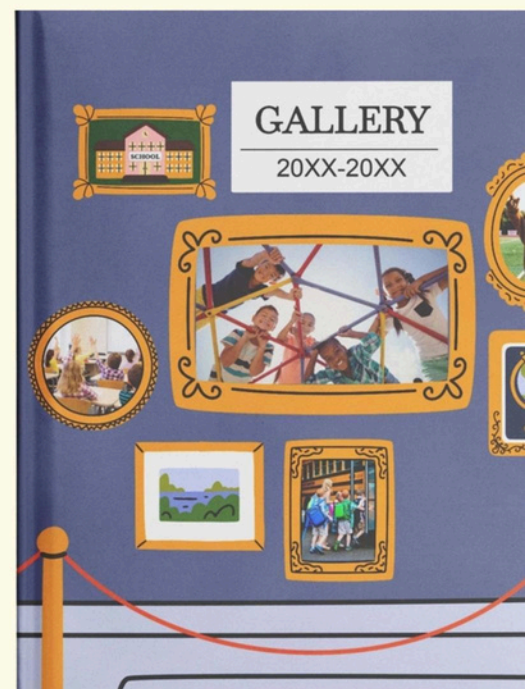
*Does not include sales tax, if applicable



 **Treering Yearbooks**

Yearbook cover contest

Students are invited to enter their hand-drawn art in our yearbook cover contest. The winner's artwork will be displayed on the front cover of the yearbook and that student will also win a FREE yearbook! The runners-up will be featured on the back of the book.



Tips for a good entry:

- Use lots of color, including the background. Don't leave a lot of uncolored white space.
- Mix up your medium, use crayons, watercolors, markers, pastels, etc.
- Do not add text too close to the edge of the page. Leave 1 inch of space around the edges, (no text) just color. This will avoid print issues when the art is applied to the cover.

*Must be hand-drawn. Digital artwork will not be accepted.

Submit art on:

- 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper
- Vertical orientation

All entries must include:

- Our school name: EDUPRIZE Schools Gilbert
- The school year: 2026-2027
- This year's theme: "Camp EDUPRIZE"

Entries due by: December 4, 2026

***Turn in to Building 2 front desk**

DID YOU KNOW...

Notice of Rights Concerning Information to Military Recruiters & College Recruiters

EDUPRIZE must release, upon request, high school juniors' and seniors' name, address and telephone number to military recruiters and colleges or universities unless directed otherwise. There is an opt out option that students and parents may use.

Student Custody Concerns

EDUPRIZE will follow the most recent court order on file with the school. The school does not want to be in the middle of custody disputes. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to provide the school with the most recent court order.

Open Enrollment

EDUPRIZE ensures that it complies with all open enrollment requirements per state law. EDUPRIZE uses a lottery system for filling openings; and no tuition is required.

Political Activities

EDUPRIZE ensures that it does not use its forum or student base to promote any political activities or position

Free and Reduced Lunch/Every Student Succeeds Act

EDUPRIZE does not participate in the official National School Lunch Program. A reduction of 10% is offered to parents who meet the Federal Income Guidelines at the Gilbert campus. Applications are available at the Front Desk of all buildings.

EL Information

Arizona is a very diverse state with many different cultures and languages. EDUPRIZE is no different, we have about 100 students that have a language other than English within the home. Any student that has another language, either spoken at home or by the student, must take a proficiency exam in English. Students who do not test proficient in English are called ELs (English Learners). These students qualify for extra help during the day to improve English fluency. EDUPRIZE uses 2 different models of instruction, both include SEI (Structured English Immersion) endorsed teachers using English Language Proficiency (ELP) standards. In K-6th grade, we have a 2 hour SEI model, where students remain in their classroom and the teacher uses SEI strategies to increase English language proficiency. This model will focus on Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking and Grammar standards that are incorporated within the classroom instruction and small group lessons. In the 7-12th grades, students are in a pull-out program with an SEI endorsed teacher that provides 50 minutes of focused English instruction to EL students. Both programs use ELD (English Language Development) as well as ELP standards that tie the English language objectives to content instruction. Students are monitored in their English fluency progression each quarter and then are reassessed in Quarter 3 through a state test called the AZELLA-Arizona English Language Learner Assessment.

DID YOU KNOW...

Children or Youth in Transition Policies

EDUPRIZE provides an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. EDUPRIZE recognizes its obligation to ensure that children and youth in transition have equal access to free, appropriate public education, comparable to that provided for any Arizona resident and consistent with Arizona's mandatory school attendance statutes. EDUPRIZE shall assist with enrollment and provide children or youths in transition access to education and other services necessary for these students to meet the same challenging performance standards as other students. Placement decisions shall be based on the student's best interest as defined in law and administrative regulations.

Child Find

EDUPRIZE will ensure that all children with disabilities attending EDUPRIZE, including children with disabilities who are children or youth in transition or wards of the State, and who are in need of special education and related services are identified, located and evaluated (§300.111).

Special Education Services, Policies and Procedures

EDUPRIZE School provides special education services to all students who qualify. EDUPRIZE School's Special Education Policies and Procedures are available for review. If you wish to review them, you may inquire at either front desk or speak with Maria Rosetti, Director of Special Education at the Gilbert campus, at 480-813-9537 ext. 2820

F.E.R.P.A.

Per The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (F.E.R.P.A) requirements, parents and students 18 years of age or older have rights to their student's records and files. Please contact the school with any questions or requests.

Special Education Procedural Safeguards

Special Education Procedural Safeguards may be read here - [English](#) OR [Spanish](#)

Destruction of Records: Public Notice - Retention of Special Education Records

In accordance with ARS §41-1351, the retention period is four (4) years for special education records. EDUPRIZE Schools LLC will destroy special education records of dismissed or withdrawn students after four (4) years. Prior to the destruction of records, you have the right to review the records and obtain copies of any information. To obtain records you must be the parent or the legal guardian of the student or the student (age 18 or older). Please indicate your request by contacting the Special Education Department of the campus the student attended before December 31. If you do not contact the Special Education Department on or before December 31, we will destroy all records four (4) years older than the current academic year. We store current records electronically. Contact the Special Education Department in Gilbert at 480-813-9537 ext 2810 to get a copy.

EDUPRIZE Schools, LLC shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every homeless student shall have access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This commitment to the educational rights of homeless children, youth, and unaccompanied youth, applies to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available.

McKinney-Vento Definition of Homeless:

The term “homeless children and youth”— means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence [\[42 U.S.C. § 11434a\(2\)\]](#).

A student may be considered eligible for services as a “Homeless Child or Youth” under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act if he or she is presently living in one of the following situations:

- sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason,
- living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations,
- living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals,
- have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings,
- living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings, or
- is a migratory child who qualifies as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described above.

To remove educational barriers for children and youths experiencing homelessness, the McKinney-Vento Act mandates the following: **Immediate Enrollment:** Documentation and immunization records cannot serve as a barrier to the enrollment in school [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C)].

School Selection and Maintained Enrollment: McKinney Vento eligible students have a right to select from the options outlined below. Students may remain enrolled in their selected schools for the duration of homelessness, and until the end of the academic year upon which they are permanently housed or enroll the child or youth in any public school that non-homeless students who live in the attendance area in which the child or youth is living are eligible to attend. [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(A), 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(B) and 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(I) (i)].

School of Origin	School of Residency
The school the student attended when permanently housed	The school in the attendance area in which the student currently resides
The school in which the student was last enrolled	

Transportation Services: McKinney-Vento eligible students attending their School of Origin have a right to transportation to and from the School of Origin [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(iii)].

Participation in Programs: McKinney-Vento eligible students are guaranteed the right to services comparable to services offered to other students in the school [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(4) & (6)(iii)].

Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness: McKinney-Vento eligible students are guaranteed the right to immediate enrollment without proof of guardianship [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(H)(iv)].

Access to Extracurricular Activities: Removal of barriers to accessing academic and extracurricular activities for homeless students who meet relevant eligibility criteria [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(F)(iii)].

Dispute Resolution: If you disagree with school officials about enrollment, transportation, or fair treatment of a homeless child or youth, you may file a complaint with the school district [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(E)].

Appointment of a Local Homeless Liaison: The McKinney-Vento Act mandates the appointment of a local Homeless Liaison in every school district or local education agency (LEA) to ensure that homeless children and youth are enrolled in and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in school [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(ii) and U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)].

For more information, refer to [Arizona Department of Education, Homeless Education, 42 USC CHAPTER 119, SUBCHAPTER VI, Part B: Education for Homeless Children and Youths, and the AZ State ESSA Plan](#). You may also contact:

LEA Homeless Liaison

EDUPRIZE Schools, LLC
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(480) 813-9537 x1030
natalie.brunk@eduprizeschools.net

State Homeless Education Program Coordinator

Arizona Department of Education
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Homeless@azed.gov

