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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Thanks for all of your support throughout the year. We are excited to continue to work with your child for 2012.

**HIGH SCHOOL AIMS TESTING**

In the state of Arizona students in high school must pass the AIMS assessments in reading, writing and math to graduate. Students begin taking these assessments in 10th grade. All 10th grade students will take AIMS Writing on Tuesday, February 28 and AIMS Reading on Wednesday, February 29. Make sure your child is to school on time for these tests.

**TUTORING**

This is available each Thursday after school from 3:30 - 4:30 PM. Tutoring is for reading and math for students who have not passed their AIMS assessments and need additional assistance for grades 1 -high school. Parents need to pick up students at the front of the school.

**READING HAS REWARDS**

Students need to turn in their reading journals on Wednesday for grades K-8 as part of their homework. Please help raise reading test scores by reading with your child nightly. Journals are available in the office. The cost is \$3.00. We will be using these journals for students to qualify for Pizza Hut rewards and Bookman's gift certificates. Students will be rewarded for the number of books they read.

**DRESS CODE REMINDERS**

Students need to wear solid black or brown shoes with black or brown shoelaces. Please remind your child to be in school dress code each day.

**BUS BEHAVIOR**

The bus is a continuation of the school day. Remind your child that is a privilege to ride the bus. Students must stay seated and talk quietly. They may do their homework on the bus.

**SCHOOL TRIPS**

Students need to be sure to continue to meet the requirements for school trips.

1. Homework turned in at 90% including their reading journal.
2. Not miss more than 3 days until February 1 if they started the first day of school. No absences for anyone who started after the first day.
3. No school suspensions.
4. Attend all school state testing in the spring.
5. Have a good attitude and be trustworthy.

**DROP OFF AND PICK UP**

Parents are doing a great job of having students exit and enter the cars quickly. Make sure you drive up to the curb or continue to park in the field for pick up and drop off. Please do not leave your car unattended if you are in the red zone. Parents of kindergarten students must park in the field if they are leaving their car unattended.

**ATTENDANCE**

As a reminder students ages 6 - 16 must be in school unless excused by a parent. Please call in by 8:30 AM daily if your child is absent. The school participates in the CUTS program. Parents and students may be cited if your child is not attending school. If a child misses a total of 18 school days either unexcused or excused parents and students may be cited for attendance. Notification will be sent to parents.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Cell phones, CD players, /iPods, /DS players and other electronic items are not allowed to be used on the bus or school. Students may bring cell phones to school but they must be checked in the office daily.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>January 16</b>	<b>No School /Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>
<b>January 25</b>	<b>Open Conferences 1:15-4:00, K-12</b>
<b>February 1</b>	<b>100th Day /2nd grading period/ semester ends</b>
<b>February 3</b>	<b>Report Cards Home Grades K-8 Grades Home Grades 9-12</b>