



SCHOOL NEWS

CANYON RIDGE SCHOOL

Dear Cougar Families,

April 2021

We are now into the last quarter of the school year. Time certainly is flying! Teachers remain focused on student achievement, closing learning gaps, and enriching academics to ensure growth. Grade level teams have dissected Math and Reading Benchmark results to design instruction that supports students with mastery of the standards they need to know before AzM2 assessments are taken in April and May and, of course, by the end of the school year.

Throughout the year, teachers have been diligent with implementing processes that allow all students to safely learn. Whether students are in person or iSchool, they are experiencing an extraordinary learning experience. As a reminder, all students in grades 3rd-8th are required to complete the AzM2 in person. The AzM2 testing schedule is posted on our school's website and teachers are sharing this information in their weekly e-blasts. Please mark your calendar with these testing days and avoid making any appointments that would require your child to be tardy or leave school early.

During the month of April we are focusing on **Habit 8: Find Your Voice**. The eighth habit leader has the mindset and the skill set to constantly look for the potential in people. This kind of leader communicates to people their own worth so clearly that they come to see it in themselves. Greatness involves transcending the negative ego, reducing comparison and competitiveness, and choosing to become the creative force in your life. All of us can choose greatness--we can cultivate a magnificent spirit in making a difference in the life of a child, being a catalyst inside an organization or contributing to a cause.

As the testing window approaches, attendance becomes even more critical. Consistent attendance is the best way to make sure students do their very best in school and on state assessments. Here are some helpful tips:

- Talk with your child about the importance of school
- Avoid scheduling a doctor's appointment during school hours
- Make sure your child is eating well, exercising and getting plenty of sleep (sharpening the saw)
- Make sure your child is on time for school
- Talk to your child about what they learned at school

Please continue to remain vigilant about safety practices. We have seen Covid cases drop, but it is vital that you don't send your child to school if they have symptoms or have been exposed to anyone with Covid-19.

April brings a month of events and activities: AzM2/Science assessments, girls basketball and football games, Principal Coffee Talk, and the Dysart STEM/Robotics Challenge. Please check the school calendar for specific dates and times.

As always, thank you all so much for your support and focus on extraordinary, YES!

Jill Hoppe,
Principal

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April 2 - NO SCHOOL Spring Holiday

April/May Is Testing Time

AzM2 testing will take place **April 7th to May 7th**. Please help your child do their best during testing time by getting a good night's rest and eating a healthy breakfast. Please make sure your child is on time and attends school if it is their testing day.

Coffee Talk with the Principal

April 13th, 8:30am

Chat with Mrs. Hoppe virtually and get updates on school happenings and coming events!

<https://meet.google.com/mue-duij-zeh?authuser=0&hs=122>

Apr. 14 Governing Board Meeting, 6:00pm

PTA Meeting and Canyon University

April 20th, 5:30pm

<https://meet.google.com/jwo-eeap-dpw?authuser=0&hs=122>

Dysart STEM Challenge and Robotics Competition

April 26th, 4:30 to 8:00pm

Penny Wars, April 26th to May 1st

Canyon Ridge will be having our annual Penny Wars fundraiser to benefit the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society.

Apr. 28 Governing Board Meeting, 6:00pm