



SCHOOL NEWS

CANYON RIDGE SCHOOL

Dear Cougar Families -

October 2020

It is with true excitement that we welcomed K-8 students back to in-person learning. We want to thank all families for your support as we started this school year with remote learning. With students back on campus, we are committed to implementing safety procedures and protocols. Masks are required throughout the school day with the exception of during rigorous PE activities, lunch/snack time, and recess. Students have adjusted well to wearing masks as well as hand washing and social distancing routines.

Canyon Ridge is focused on supporting the social-emotional well-being of all students. This month we have a focus on Habit 3: Put First Things First. To review, Habit 1 says, "You're in charge. You're the creator." Being proactive is about choice. Habit 2 is the first, or mental, creation. Beginning with the End in Mind is about vision. Habit 3 is the second creation, the physical creation. This habit is where Habits 1 and 2 come together. It happens day in and day out, moment-by-moment. It deals with time management, purpose, values, roles, and priorities. What are "first things?" First things are those things you personally find of most worth.

During the first quarter of the school year, teachers have introduced students to grade level priority standards and are in the process of creating individual learning plans to achieve mastery. Students have learned how to access Schoology and navigate Florida Virtual School. In April, students - both in person and iSchool in grades 3-8 are required to take the AzM2 ELA and Math Assessments. To ensure students are ready, teachers have completed a crosswalk between Florida Virtual and Arizona Standards. We want all students to master priority standards so that they grow a minimum of one year's academic growth.

District benchmarks will be taken during the months of December and February. Teachers will analyze data so that they can assess each student's strengths and gap areas. We will continue to use data to make meaningful instructional decisions. Our Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) outlines the goals we are working on achieving this school year. Each benchmark allows us to gauge how we are performing so that by the end of the year we can meet academic goals outlined in our Continuous Improvement Plan:

- SMART Goal #1: By May 2021, 77% of students in grades 3-8 will earn a proficient/highly proficient level as measured by AzM2 ELA assessment.
- SMART Goal #2: By May 2020, 73% of students in grades 3-8 will earn a proficient/highly proficient level as measured by AzM2 Math assessment.

We are a school with extraordinary students, staff and families and that is why #WeAreCanyonStrong!
Have a YES! kind of month,

Jill Hoppe,
Principal

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Report Cards

Report cards are available through the Parent Portal. If you'd like a paper copy, you can contact the school office to request one.

PTA Scholastic Book Fair

Our Book Fair is online October 2nd - 15th.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=canyonridgeschool1>

Cross Country

Friday, Oct. 2, 3:30-4:30pm

Virtual Parent Informational Meeting for all students participating in Cross Country

Join with Google Meet:

<https://zoom.us/j/95602048499?pwd=M0FuN1FRSmhCMzhJL3lRlBVejY2dz09>

Boys Soccer

Tryouts: Oct. 6th and 7th, 3:15-4:30pm.

Virtual Parent Meeting, Oct. 8th, 6:00-6:30pm Tryouts are open to all boys in grades 6th-8th. Please bring permission slip and covid release signed by a parent/guardian to first tryout. Permission slips are located on the Dysart website.

Girls Volleyball

Tryouts: Oct. 6th and 7th, 3:30-5:30pm

Virtual Parent Meeting, Oct. 8th, 6:30-7:00pm.

Tryouts are open to all girls in grades 6th-8th. Please bring permission slip and covid release signed by a parent/guardian to first tryout. Permission slips are located on the Dysart website.

Red Ribbon Spirit Week, Oct. 19-23

Monday - P.J. Day (wear your favorite pajamas, slippers not allowed)

Tuesday - Disney Day (dress as your favorite character)

Wednesday - Nerds vs. Jocks (wear your favorite sports jersey or video game t-shirt)

Thursday - Twin Day (try to match with a friend)

Friday - Meme or Canyon Spirit Day (wear a Canyon t-shirt or dress as your favorite meme)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 1 Picture Day (K-3rd Grade)

Oct. 2 Picture Day (4th-8th Grade)

Oct. 2-15 PTA Online Book Fair

Oct. 6 Handel's Fundraiser, 3-9pm

Oct. 8-9 EARLY RELEASE at 1:00pm
Parent Teacher Conferences (virtual)

Oct. 12-16 NO SCHOOL Fall Break

Oct. 19-23 Red Ribbon Spirit Week

Oct. 20 PTA General Meeting and Canyon University, 5:30-6:30pm (virtual)

Oct. 26 Chipotle Fundraiser, 4-8pm

Oct. 28 Governing Board Meeting, 6:00pm (virtual)

All Canyon Ridge Cross Country Meets, Soccer and Volleyball Game schedules can be found on the CRS Website.