October brings cooler weather and fun filled activities. We are busy with upcoming events including: baseball and softball playoffs, the Scholastic Book Fair, Parent-Teacher conferences, Fall Break, and Red Ribbon Spirit week. Participating in the events offered at school brings us together as a family.

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.

To ensure we are meeting the diverse needs of students, all teachers are using researched based instructional practices. Teachers are pairing their learning objectives with success criteria so that students know learning targets. Success criteria also help parents know learning expectations. Ask your student to share their success criteria with you!

The week of October 4th-8th, students in grades 3-8 will take Dysart benchmarks in ELA and Math. These assessments will be analyzed so that teachers know 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 CIP:

- By May 2022, a minimum of 75% of students in grades 3-8 will achieve a proficient/highly proficient level in ELA, Math, and Science as measured by AASA and AzSci State Assessments.
- By May 2022, 100% of K-8 Canyon Ridge students, through personalized learning, will demonstrate mastery of grade level priority standards as evidenced by identified key measures at every grade level (which may include: DIBELS, DRA, 95%, priority standards assessment tracking, HMH/FLVS/unit tests, and district benchmarks).
- Goal: By May 2022, 100% of teachers will follow Academic Conversation structures and routines as evidenced by students engaging in level 3 conversations aligned to DOK 2 and higher questions.

We are a school with extraordinary students, staff and families! Thank you for prioritizing your child’s education by ensuring they arrive at school by 8:10 a.m., have minimal absences, and complete all their work. I am honored to serve as your principal. If at any time you have ideas that will help us achieve our goals, please contact me.

Have a YES! kind of month,

Jill Hoppe, Principal
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Boo Grams
Boo Gram sales are October 5-14, in the Crimson Hallway. Hours are 7:55am-8:10am and 3:00-3:15pm. Cost is 50 cents each.

Cross Country (Grades 3-8)
Practices begin October 5th. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:15-7:50am on back fields.
Parent Meeting: October 12, 3:30pm in the Media Center

Girls Volleyball (Grades 6-8)
Tryouts: October 5th & 6th, 3:00-5:00pm in the Gym. Bring signed parent permission slip.
Parent Meeting: October 8th, 5:00pm in the Gym

Boys Soccer (Grades 6-8)
Tryouts: October 6th & 7th, 3:15-4:30pm on back fields. Bring signed parent permission slip.
Parent Meeting: October 12th, 5:00pm in the Media Center.

PTA Scholastic Book Fair - October 11-15
Monday 1:00 - 7:00pm
Tuesday 3:00 - 4:00pm
Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00pm
Thursday 1:00 - 7:00pm
Friday 1:00 - 2:00pm

Red Ribbon Spirit Week - Oct. 25 through 29
Monday- PJ Day (please no slippers)
Tuesday- Outer Space Day
Wednesday- Beach Day
Thursday- Hero Day (please no masks)
Friday- Sports/Spirit Wear Day

Honors Assemblies
October 26:
8:30am - 4th grade
9:00am - 5th grade
9:30am - 6th grade

October 28:
8:30am - 7th grade
9:00am - 8th grade

REMINDER
If you plan to have your student out of school for vacation, it must be approved by Mrs. Hoppe, the Principal, in order to be considered an excused absence.

Visit the Canyon Ridge website for Cross Country Meets, Soccer and Volleyball games. The season starts the week of October 25th. Come out and support the Canyon Ridge Cougars!