



SCHOOL NEWS

CANYON RIDGE SCHOOL

Greetings Cougar Families -

September 2020

Canyon Ridge is off to a successful start to a very unique school year. We are grateful to each of our families as we work together to support students during this challenging time. The partnership between home and school has never been more important. We appreciate the support from families so that students learn at the highest levels despite remote learning. Teachers have focused on setting expectations, building relationships, teaching technology, and creating engaging standards based lessons.

Supporting students with Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is a school wide focus. Teachers dedicate time each day to model mindfulness strategies so that students can identify their emotions and have appropriate responses to feelings such as anxiety or frustration. Also, we are focusing on Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind. Habit 2 is based on imagination--the ability to envision in the mind what we cannot at present see with our eyes. We are empowering students to begin each day, task, or project with a clear vision of a desired direction.

All grade levels are focused on helping students master priority standards. Professional Learning Communities are carefully tracking and analyzing student learning data to personalize instruction and meet the needs of all learners.

Canyon Ridge's Continuous Improvement Plan is focused on the following priority areas and goals:

- Academics -
SMART Goal #1: By May, 2021, 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 benchmark, and district benchmarks).
SMART Goal #2: By May 2021, 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 (quarterly walk through data will be gathered).
- Culture and Leadership -
SMART Goal #3 - By the end of May 2021, 100% of staff and students will build culturally responsive classrooms by identifying Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) as evidenced by utilizing Restorative Practices, Circles, Classroom Meetings, 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.
- Safety -
SMART Goal #4 - By the end of May 2021, 100% of students will engage in Social Emotional Learning as evidenced by teacher lessons, coping strategies, and reflections.

We are a school with extraordinary students, staff and families! 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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Morning Drop Off Locations

Doors open at **7:55am**

- **Kinder** - kindergarten gate
- **1st and 2nd grade** - door near library (close to flagpole)
- **3rd-8th grade** - crimson hallway doors
- Students who are entering school from the back may use the back gate and enter through the backdoor leading into the crimson hallway.

Afternoon Pick Up - Staggered Release Times

- **2:50pm**
Kindergarten (exit kinder gate)
3rd grade (exit out of crimson hallway doors)
4th grade (exit out of crimson hallway doors)
- **2:55pm**
1st grade (exit through doors near the library)
6th grade (exit out of crimson hallway doors)
8th grade (exit 7th/8th hallway and walk around the school)
- **3:00pm**
2nd grade (exit through doors near the library)
5th grade (exit out of crimson hallway door)
7th grade (exit out of the back doors of the crimson hallway and walk around the school)

Attendance

When in-person learning resumes normal attendance procedures will be followed (including all sign ins, sign outs and absences).

The attendance line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If your child will be absent, please call their absence into the attendance line at (623)523-8453.

Due to the remote learning start for this school year, Perfect Attendance will not be tracked and awarded.

A Message From Our School Social Worker:

September is Suicide Prevention Month. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among adolescents (National Institute of Mental Health 2019). The Arizona Attorney General's Office has a webinar on Suicide Prevention on 09/11/2020 at 10am. You can find more information at their website [Community Outreach](#)

Here are some more resources:

[Teen Life Line](#): 602-248-8336

[Maricopa County Crisis](#) 602-222-9444

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 7th NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

Sept. 9th Virtual Governing Board Meeting, 6pm

Sept. 14th
Grades K-4 return to in-person learning

Sept 15th Virtual PTA General Membership Meeting and Canyon University, 5:30-6:30pm

Sept. 21 **All students in grades 5-8 return to in-person learning**

Sept. 22 - Virtual Coffee Talk with the Principal, 8:30am

Sept. 23 - Virtual Governing Board Meeting, 6pm

FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL
Oct. 12-16