Greetings Cougar Families -

Canyon Ridge is off to a successful start. We are focused on not just a return to normal, but on making school better each day. We are grateful to each of our families as we work together to support the educational success of all students. The partnership between home and school has never been more important. Teachers have focused on establishing high expectations, consistent routines, building relationships, and creating engaging standards based lessons.

We are using mindfulness strategies so that students can identify their emotions and have appropriate responses to feelings. 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 establishing success criteria and then 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:

- 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.
- By May 2022, 100% of students and staff will have Social Emotional Health needs met as evidenced by the end of year staff and student survey.

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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The annual Canyon Ridge School campus-wide United States Constitution Day celebration will resume in person on Friday, September 17, 2021. Our program will include the Presentation of the Colors, colonial learning stations, and a scheduled "meet and greet" between students of all grade levels and costumed seventh grade Founders. Learners will be supported in this endeavor by Arizona SAR and Arizona DAR patriots. (8:15 am to 12:00 pm). A nationally acclaimed Gilder Lehrman Institute exhibit, The Many Faces of George Washington will be on display for the community with presenters from Veterans of Foreign Wars, West Valley Genealogical Society, Veterans Heritage Project, American Association of University Women, Arizona Questers Foundation and the Blue Star Moms of the Southwest Valley.

All guests will be able to park in the main parking lot, enter the northwest doors of our campus, by the flagpole, and will be checked in as guests. The entry path will be clearly marked and decorated. Guests will then be able to proceed to our Media Center where the exhibit, community presenters, and seventh grade Founding Fathers and Mothers will be waiting.

As parking may be limited due the popularity of this annual patriotic endeavor, we recommend car pooling if you are bringing additional guests. As stipulated by state and district policy, masks are recommended but not required in the public school setting.

Banner Thunderbird Hospital Activity Bag Fundraiser
Monday, September 20 - Friday, October 1
Canyon Ridge's NEHS is sponsoring our annual activity bag drive for the children of Banner Thunderbird Hospital. Please send any of the following in a clear gallon-sized ziplock bag:
Small toys, puzzles, games, books, anything small that would make a child's day brighter!
All items should be brand new (no used items) and suitable for children ages 5-13.
No food items please. Please bring filled bags to your child's homeroom teacher.

Birthdays and Gift Deliveries
All birthday celebrations must be scheduled 24 hours in advance with your student's teacher. If cupcakes or treats are approved, they must be store bought and sealed (NO cakes please). Deliveries are not permitted for students. This includes balloons, flowers, candy, stuffed animals, gifts. Etc.

Visit the Canyon Ridge website for Baseball and Softball game schedules. Come out and support the Canyon Ridge Cougars!