

Eagle News



Zuni Elementary Magnet School for Communication and Technology
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Principally Speaking...

Dear Zuni Families,

Happy November! With the beautiful fall weather and Thanksgiving right around the corner, it's a perfect time to take notice of the many things to be thankful for. Have you felt gratitude in your heart when your child reads to you? Have you been grateful when your child shows kindness to a sibling or friend, or shows you something new he learned? Take those moments with your child to be grateful for who s/he is today. They grow up too fast!

From creating a comic complete with text and graphics to internet safety, our focus on technology and communication permeates our school. Our students are working on amazing projects with our state of the art technology. Children are researching, learning, and communicating their knowledge in ways that are amazingly digitally creative. Teachers use Promethean interactive boards along with document cameras to enhance classroom instruction and remove visual barriers. Our students truly receive a quality of technology that is available only at Zuni.

I look forward to seeing our families at our November events. Science Night on the 5th, the Book Fair the 9th through the 13th, and our Thanksgiving lunch on the 19th will be wonderful opportunities to come together as a community. On that note, a special thanks to our amazing PFC, fantastic volunteers, and wonderful teachers for making Zuni's Fall Festival such a spectacular success!

I hope you have a wonderful month, and please remember to READ READ READ!

Mrs. Elder

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November 5th
Science Night

November
9th-10th
Book Fair

November 11th
Veterans' Day
No School

November
12th-13th
Book Fair

November
17th
Picture Retakes

November
25th-27th

Thanksgiving
Holiday
No School

December
3rd-4th
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
No School

Ek's tech Byte

We are in the final stage with our presentation for this year's Communication Celebration and looking forward to sharing this with our families and classes. As we continue with our Interview Projects, we will concentrate on using choice with our work: word choices used in the interview, word choices used in refining the data collected via graphic organizers, and choices made in creating presentations.

Our librarian from last year, Ms. Moulton, has written the following blog: She is in Turkey and is doing well. She would LOVE to hear from the students. To check out Ms. Moulton's site go to <http://moulton-turkey.blogspot.com/>. Soon, our Zuni Eagles and Ms. Moulton's students in Turkey will be able to participate in a cross continent project. Be on the lookout for more details!

Please keep collecting aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. All tabs are recycled and the proceeds go to providing paper goods for the house. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the community and show your student's how to be responsible citizens. Also, keep collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell soup labels. All proceeds from these collections benefit Zuni's technology and physical education programs.

Calling all crafters! It is time for our 2nd annual Zuni Craft Fair benefiting Zuni's Technology Program. If you would like to donate an auction item or know of someone who would like to donate an auction item, please contact Jennifer Ek at ek@aps.edu or Joey Wilson at jwzuni@yahoo.com. For information concerning getting a booth, please contact Joey Wilson at jwzuni@yahoo.com.

Need a website that stimulates learning while the kids have fun? Try going to the following sites:

<http://www.brianpcleary.com/> (reading and phonics activities for younger students)

<http://pbskids.org/> (reading and logic games for younger students)

<http://www.coolmath4kids.com> (spatial math games)

<http://www.refdesk.com/> (reference desk provides references when doing research)

Coach's Court

We have been studying the cardiovascular system in health and P.E.

All grades have learned how to measure pulse rate by counting the beats in a set period of time. K-1st are becoming more competent on finding and counting their pulse properly. 2nd-5th graders are consistent while pacing and staying in their target heart rate zone. 3rd-5th graders are also studying health/skill related fitness components, as well as aerobic and anaerobic activities. Students are learning the importance of exercising for a lifetime.

Remember to read, read, read and run, run, run!

Counseling Corner

Student Council is alive and well at Zuni Elementary. Fourth and Fifth grade representatives and alternates met on Friday, October 23rd for their first meeting. They discussed plans for the school year and the role of Student Council. It was decided that Student Council would take on more school and community service projects that include a Canned Food Drive for Roadrunner Food Bank and a new sock, underwear, hat and glove drive for the APS Clothing Bank.

Elections for the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary will be held on Friday, October 30th. Each student that runs for an office must deliver a speech stating their qualifications and plans for the school year for more service related projects. If you have any ideas or suggestions for our Student Council projects please email me at mackel_r@asp.edu.

Roberta Mackel, Counselor
Zuni Elementary School

FROM THE LIBRARY

Mark your calendars for November 9th, 10th, 12th & 13th for the BOOK FAIR.

Location: Zuni Library

Hours: 8:30-4:00

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-Please call 881-8313 if you could donate some of your time.

The library is in need of volunteers to help shelve books. If you could give an hour a week to help with this task it would be greatly appreciated. No experience necessary training is available. Just bring your smile and a willingness to help. Please call or stop by the library before or after school to arrange a time.

Thank you,

Cathy Harlow