## lews from DAGE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Sand Devil Family Member,

We've certainly had an exciting start to the second semester with a snow day happening and lots of Sand Devil athletic events. As we transition into February, I wanted to take a moment to highlight an event form January and a look ahead to February and beyond.

One of the most exciting events that took place during January was the unveiling of our new enrichment opportunities for students during the Sand Devil Block. Whether a student wanted to work on their basketball or archery skills in the gym or wanted to work with Mr. Sharp in the Auto Tech Shop, students were able to make good use of the time during the Sand Devil Block. In talking to teachers about how this new time is being used, nearly all of the teachers have found that they have been able to make great use of the time and have been able to provide students with opportunities they wouldn't ordinarily get. If you're curious about what your student is doing during the Sand Devil Block, please take the time to strike up a conversation about it with them.

Those of you who take the time to read my monthly newsletter article will know that we were supposed to receive our student growth results based on how students performed on last year's AZMERIT exam. As of right now, we have not received this data from the Arizona Department of Education but we hope to receive the results soon. What this data will show is how much students grew between their last AIMS test and taking the AzMERIT test. As soon as this information is provided by our state, we will make sure it is provided to parents and students. Also, while this may seem that it is a long ways off, this year's administration of the AzMERIT exams will take place on March 21st and will conclude on Thursday, April 28th. Please especially make sure your student is in school throughout this time so they can show what they know on the AzMERIT exam.

February marks the start of our pre-registration process for the 2016-2017 school year. Our goal this year is to get a pre-registration schedule into the hands of every student so that you and your student can review the courses selected for next school year. Upon reviewing your son or daughter's courses, please sign the pre-registration schedule and return it to Page High School. Here are a few important dates to make you aware of:

February 5<sup>th</sup>-2016-2017 Course Description Handbooks are handed out to students

February 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>-Teacher Recommendation Days

February 16<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>-High School Pre-Registration Occurs

February 29<sup>th</sup>-Pre-Registration Schedules are handed out to students

March 11<sup>th</sup>-Pre-Registration Schedules must be returned with a parent signature.

Please help us out by doing your part to review, sign, and return the schedules on time so our pre-registration data is accurate and we can build the best schedule for all of our students.

Finally, one of the biggest distractions our students face is the onslaught of text messages they receive each day. In the interest of the education of your students, I would like to ask that you not text your student during class time so they can focus on their primary responsibility which is learning. Recently, one of our teachers presented a YouTube clip to her class with some research on how the split focus on technology and learning is reducing the ability of students and adults alike to transfer what they have learned into long term memory. I would ask that you take a few minutes to review the clip at your convenience at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKaWJ72x1rI

Yours in Education,

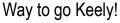
Paul Gagnon



Parents, in the upcoming months your student will be registering for next years classes. It is critical that you be involved in process of selecting classes with your student. Sit down with your child and find

out what classes he/she needs, and which ones he/she wants. Discuss how they are doing; what his/her goals or ambitions are. If you have questions call your student's counselor or make an appointment to visit the counselor. Make taking time with your student a priority and next year can be more successful than ever.

Keely Yazzie
has signed a
letter of intent to
play softball
with ChandlerGilbert
Community
College.









Our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program recognizes students meeting classroom and school wide expectations. As they collect PRIDE cards from teachers and staff, students can turn them into the student store for water and snacks. The PRIDE cards are then en-

tered into a drawing for larger prizes which occurs every two weeks. Currently this school year, over 13,000 PRIDE cards have been turned in by students for our PBIS prize drawings.

Thank you to Lake Powell Furniture for the donation of two Sand Devil red recliners which are used for student VIP seating at home basketball games. The winning name pulled during our PBIS drawing treats the winner and a friend to free entrance to a game, popcorn and drinks, along with the special VIP on-court seating. At the end of the school year, the two recliners will part of the Senior PBIS PRIDE drawing prior to graduation.

Thank you to the Indian Education Council (IEC) for their support of the Page High School PBIS program. The IEC granted Johnson O'Malley funds to purchase PBIS incentives for this semester. This financial assistance will help Page High School provide high interest incentives as part of the larger PRIDE card drawings occurring during assemblies.

## SAND DEVILAFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

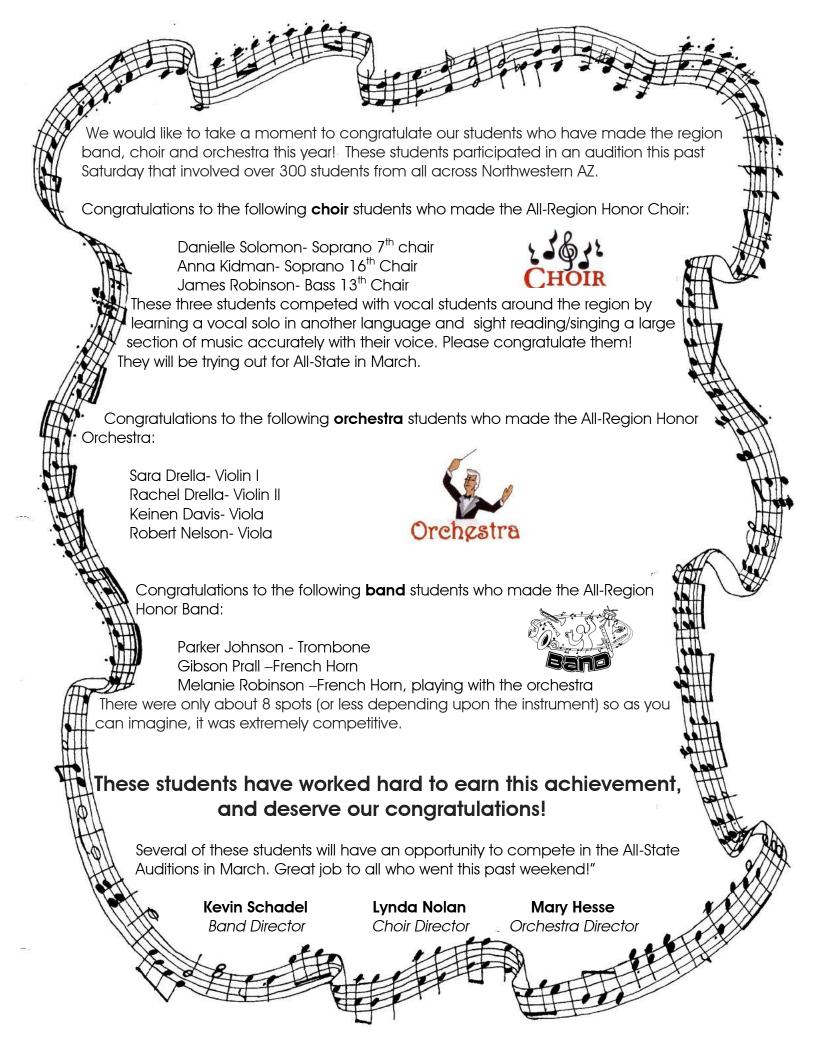
As the first month of the new semester is coming to a close, now is a great time to check the progress of your students grades. PowerSchool is a great program to use where you can easily check how your student is doing. On the PowerSchool website, you can see your students grades and any missing assignments that they might have. If you find that your student is struggling to pass, keep their passing grade, has missing assignments or is ineligible to play their sport, please encourage them to take advantage of the tutoring that we have after school.

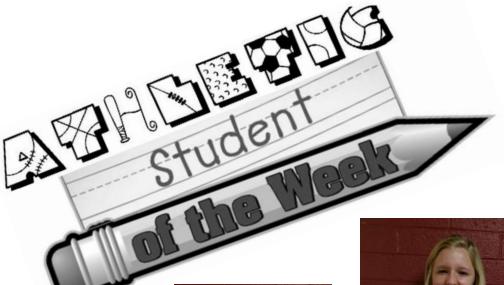
Math: Monday – Thursday Science: Monday & Wednesday English: Tuesday & Wednesday Credit Recapture: Monday – Thursday Athletic Tutoring: Monday - Thursday

https://ps.pageud.k12.az.us/public/home.html

Kristy Rivers, 21st Century Community Learning Center









Ariel Austin ~ GIRLS BASKETBALL~



Ashley Dempsey ~ GIRLS BASKETBALL~



Kate Wilson ~ GIRLS SOCCER~



Kamron Whitewater ~ WRESTLING~





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Patrick St.Germain ~ BOYS SOCCER~



Byron Slate ~ BOYS SOCCER~



Jacob Smallcanyon ~ BOYS BASKETBALL ~



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