

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Ranch Elementary School

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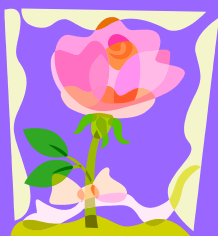
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 - 4:00

April 2017

APRIL

- 3/27 - 4/19 - AzMERIT testing
- 4 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 5 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 6 - Library Club Meeting 3:15pm
- 6 - Orchestra Club 3:15pm
- 7 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 10 - 14 - National Library Week
- 10 - Popcorn Delivery Pick Up
- 11 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 12 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 13 - Bunny Brunch for Kinderprep, POPS & Kindergarten
- 13 - 4th quarter Mid Term Ends
- 13 - Orchestra Club 3:15pm
- 14 - Spring Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- 17 - Review student progress in Jupiter
- 18 - Student Council meeting 3:15pm
- 18 - Orchestra Concert MPR 6:00pm
- 19 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 19 - Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser Event
- 20 - Library Club 3:15pm
- 20 - Orchestra Club 3:15pm
- 20 - PTO Meeting 5:00pm
- 20 - PTO Books for BINGO 6:00pm
- 21 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 21 - Principals Math Fact Test
- 25 - Pee Wee Spelling Bee K-3 1:15pm
- 25 - District Battle of the Books - CMS 6:00pm
- 26 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 26 - College Days (wear your favorite college attire)
- 27 - Library Club 3:15pm
- 27 - Orchestra Club 3:15pm
- 28 - Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 8:00am
- 28 - Lunch on Lawn



AzMERIT testing Information for Grades 3 - 6

AIMS Science 4th Grade

Testing begins at 8:30am SHARP

Please do not schedule any appointments that might have your child missing school.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Cash Anderson

Cash is a trustworthy student I can always rely on him to be doing what he should be doing. He completes his assignments on time and without having to be monitored. Cash is honest and always tells the truth, he is a good role model for other students. He is consistently well behaved and a good friend. Cash is kind and helps other. He is a good listener and often helps others to stay on task. I enjoy having Cash in my classroom.

Mrs. Luostari

Trustworthiness



RANCH STAFF APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3rd - Brenda Menendez - Program Specialist

10th - Lauren VanderWerf - O.T.

28th - Loretta Latta - 1st Grade Para



Kinder Prep



In April, our theme is "Make it Move". We will be learning all about the ways in which things move as well as about different forms of transportation. Our questions for this month are: What are the different ways things move? What can we do to make things move? How does the wind make things move? And How do machines help us move things? Our color for this month is blue, our shape is an octagon. Our concepts are slow and fast. The letters of the month are Xx, Qq, and Zz. We will be finishing up our numbers as well with 18, 19, and 20. Our word families are -ug and -ock. In math, we will be learning about capacity. Our book unit is the "Froggy" books. Our folktales for the month are "The Tortoise and the Hare" and "Three Billy Goats Gruff."

POPS



During the month of April the students in our POPS program will be learning about Transportation. We will be discussing and learning about various forms of transportation. We will be expanding our knowledge about the transportation through hands-on classroom activities. Throughout our day we will engage in activities where we will be discussing the color of the month; blue, shape: octagon, concepts: slow and fast and "s" blends.

Kindergarten



We had a great turn out at our student led conferences. Students were so excited to present their knowledge and did a wonderful job leading their meetings! In fourth quarter, we will be learning about sentence structure, practice writing sentences, and reading narrative fiction and informational books. Please model reading with expression to your child. We will also be adding more trick words. In math, we will continue working on creating math stories and polishing our fluency in math facts. Thank you for all you do to help your student be successful!

Functional Life Skills

March was such a fun month in our classroom. We learned about the letter 'K' and made kites to fly in the March Winds. Purple was our color, so we made lots of purple art activities. In April we will explore the Sky, Clouds, and Rainbows. Of course, spring also brings new little farm animals to learn all about. It is a fun time of year for learning!



First Grade

First Grade is springing into fourth quarter! We cannot believe the growth these students have made in 8 short months! Please remember to read nightly with your child and to review trick words. In Foundations students will be working on vowel teams, and the sounds the vowels make when paired together. They will also be learning about the suffixes -ed and -ing. In math, students will be finishing up measurement by learning about rulers and how to measure objects in inches. In Science, students will be learning about the lifecycle of a plant and will observe the growth of a plant. In Social Studies, students will learn about the importance and responsibility of community helpers. First grade is hopping along!



Second Grade



Spring has sprung, and the weather is changing! We cannot believe that we are starting the last quarter of the 2016-2017 school year. It has been pleasure. On April 4th, we will be attending a field trip to Skateland Chandler, where we will be learning and having a great time. During this last quarter, we will be reviewing all the English Language Arts and Mathematics standards that we learned throughout the year. We are preparing for our last Galileo assessment in May. Please make sure that your child is getting 10 hours of sleep each night, and eating a healthy breakfast each morning, we will be working hard!

Third Grade

Third grade is composing an informative piece of writing that explains why someone is a good student. This should be a perfect piece to begin before AzMerit. In math we have been working on geometry, the different types of shapes and how they are related to each other. In science we are still studying fossils and learning how scientists can study to see how old each is based on different variables. In social studies, we just started learning about the regions of the United States, starting with the northeast region. It has started to be an amazing 4th quarter already.



Fourth Grade

WOW! The final stretch we call 4th quarter is upon us. We are preparing for and taking the annual AzMerit tests during the month of April. Students are very excited to show all that they know! Fourth grade teachers are finalizing the details for the fourth grade field trip. We are excited to announce that our destination will be Goldfield Ghost Town! Students will get to experience what life was like in early Arizona. More information about this trip will be sent home, please be on the lookout for it. New AR goals are being set and we are hoping for a 100% achievement in this for ALL of our fourth graders.



Fifth Grade

Fifth graders have been working hard to prepare for AzMERIT in April! Please help from home by ensuring students are well rested, have a healthy breakfast, and get a good night's sleep before the tests! We will test on April 4th, 5th, 11th, and 12th! Thanks for your support from home! In April, we will also focus on hands-on learning experiences in math where students will further master Unit 7 & 8 concepts such as properties of quadrilaterals, order of operations, and more! When we return from the Spring Holiday, we will also delve into the study of a chosen country to prepare for Multi-Cultural Night! Stay tuned for more details.



Sixth Grade

6th Grade is diligently putting a new garden together as we replanted before Spring Break. Since Mrs. Cross dedicated her break to ensuring that the gardens were watered, all kinds of new things are popping up all over the campus! Junior Optimist International (JOI) Club also planted in the area of our picnic tables where students eat when it is lunch on the lawn. If you can depict the lettering, you should see it says RANCH. However, on the other side it will be a surprise if our garden grows!



Band

Congratulations to the District 6th Grade Honor Band! This group is made up of students from all 5 elementary schools. On March 23, they participated in the ABODA Area Concert Band Festival, where as the youngest band in attendance, they received a rating of "Excellent". Great work, kids! Participating students from Ranch Elementary School include Brayden Thompson, Aniya Thomatis, and Jezreel Cristobal.

Mark your calendars for May 4th, ALL band students from the district will arrive at Combs High School for the annual Mass Band Festival. The event will conclude with a concert open to everyone in the CHS gym, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come and see this spectacular concert event!

Social Work Corner



As you begin to think about finding something for your kids to do during the summer, check out www.tripbuzz.com/things-to-do-with-kids/san-tan-valley-az.

AzMerit testing begins Monday, March 27 and continues through mid-April. Please remind your kids that with 2 months of school left, it is important students get enough sleep, eat a nutritional diet and arrive at school on time and ready to learn. Homework, studying, and tests are still important. Following AzMerit testing, many grade levels still have projects and research papers to complete. Please encourage your kids to stay focused.

The Character pillar for the month of March was Responsibility. Students honored by their teachers for showing responsibility in their classes were invited to attend the Character Counts lunch on Thursday, March 21st and sit on the stage during their lunch time. The following students displayed Responsibility this month. Congratulations!

Casey Dahlman
Clinton Jensen
Cole Jensen
Derek Weible
Eden Mendoza

Isabel Frohwein
Jocelyn Covington
Jordan Morgan
Julian Braun
Kaiden Hurley

Lucy Sanfilippo
Peyton Burns
Savannah Moak
Sophia Threlkeld



SUPER HERO TIME!

Volunteer Breakfast Super Heroes at Ranch Elementary



Have you volunteered at Ranch Elementary?
If so, let us show you how much we appreciate you!!! You are invited to come have breakfast with us on Friday, April 28th from 8:00 - 9:00 am



LOST AND FOUND

Please make sure that you look at our lost and found items. There are a lot of lost coats, sweaters, hats & miscellaneous items. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the school year.



Ranch's Annual Multicultural Extravaganza Thursday, May 11th

Cultural tours in classrooms will open for family viewing from
5:00pm - 7:00pm

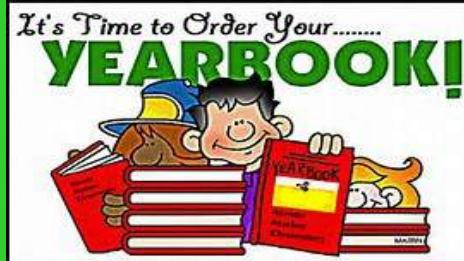
There will be a performance from the National Recognized Lehi
Boys and Girls Club Hoop Dancers in the multipurpose room

between 6:30pm and 7:00pm

Dewski's Fry Bread will also be available for purchase.



We look forward to seeing our Ranch families at this fun filled
family event!



There are still a few yearbooks available for
\$25!! You can pick up an order form at the
front desk.

Jump Rope for Heart



I would like to first thank every one of the kiddos that
completed our "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser. This
fundraiser is a fun and exciting activity for all age groups
to get involved and try to raise funds for those with Heart
problems. Thank you to those kiddos who raised funds to support
"Jump Rope for Heart" the American Heart Association and all of
Combs thanks you. A banner will be hanging from our gym wall in recog-
nition of those that raised and completed the fundraiser.

Employees of the Month For March

Cheryl Mireles



Cheryl is a team player; she works hard to insure that all of her students are making growth. She provides a safe environment for students to take risks in reading. She is very positive and always has a smile! Cheryl also has a great sense of humor and laughs easily!

Cassie Bates

Debbie Barger



Debbie is an outstanding Paraprofessional in our Title I reading program. Her love for reading has been a great example for our students and a big part of motivating them to read. Students respond to her well because they know she cares about them. She has also been a great assistant. She is trustworthy, responsible, and reliable. She has all the characteristics of a wonderful person and a good friend. And... she does it all with a smile!

Cheryl Mireles



Ranch Staff Acknowledgement Form

Has a Ranch staff member gone above and beyond for you or your child? We would love to hear about it! Please share your appreciation for a Ranch staff member and turn it in to the front office.

I would like to recognize _____
for _____

Third Quarter 2016-2017 Honor Awards

SCHOLAR OF DISTINCTION

Branson Moak
Reece Gunderson
Sydney Moak
Gavin Rosza
Aubrey Bowers
Kaila Solis
Jonathan Nye

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Abby Gunderson
Abigail Kivin
Adilee Hatch
Alejandro Gomez
Alessia Vezzosi
Alexia Vasquez
Alexis Mendoza
Alexis Vakasioula
Alina Gerasimova
Amery Calles
Anna Gilson
Ashlyn Angle
Ava Hess
Berkley Aston
Blake Fessler
Brayden Thompson
Bryant Martinez
Carley Palmer
Chance Damon
Cheyann Collins
Clinton Jensen
Cole Jensen
Cruz Hernandez
Danika Yoder
Denver Smith
Derek Weible
Draven Giomi

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Emily Thornes
Faith Hall
Gabryella Brown
Gracie Jenkins
Gunner Merkley
Hunter Swencki
Inara Hall
Isabella Zerbinos
Joshua Thornes
Kane Odell
Kate Thornes
Kaylee Hurley
Kendall Parker
Kylie Quan
Landon Merkley
Landon Sam
Lea Oiztman
Lilly Angle
Lily Nugent
Linnea Miller
Logan Champagne
Logan Parker
Lorene Chieu
Mason Cook
Matthew Rivera
Mya Palmer
Nathan Laniewski
Noel Brubaker
Paislee Hatch
Presli Oswald
Reagan Christensen
Reed Massera
Riley Smith
Roy Campa
Sarah Kirking
Savanah Apostol
Savannah Moak
Savannah St. George
Shaila Hernandez

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Sophia Miller
Talan Raper
Tanner DeSpain
Travis Purdy
Tristain Christophersen
Van Merkley
Vanessa Bailey
Vincent Vasquez
Wyatt Owens

HONOR ROLL

Aaron Dollar
Ada Sam
Aidan Lefebvre
Aiden Champagne
Aleena Apolarin
Aleena Corea
Ameerah Marigny
Amira Dahlman
Anabella Fessler
Analise Thomatis
Angel Fuentes
Angelina Aguiar
Aniya Thomatis
Autumn Allred
Ben Gardner
Bennett Angle
Betsy David
Bowen McKinnon
Brandon Garner
Brielle Muniz
Bryson Williams
Cassandra Lupio
Charli Ruiz
Chloe Pirtle
Chloe Raper
Cooper Wolfe



Third Quarter 2016-2017 Honor Awards

HONOR ROLL

Derian Pieniadz
 Devin Bradford
 Dominic Gabriel
 Dylan Clevenger
 Eden Mendoza
 Elijah Hinton
 Elias Stephens
 Elyda Resendez
 Emily Flores
 Ericka Luostari
 Ethan Stephens
 Evan Garrett
 Georgianna Mejia
 Hailey Vandersommen
 Hayden Atwell
 Hayley Martinez
 Isabel Frohwein
 Jackson Roth
 Jaxton McMeen
 Jordan Stephens
 Jude Odell
 Julian Braun
 Kael Todd
 Kaiden Hurley
 Kailen Atkinson
 Katherine Nevarez
 Kellyn Ahtone
 Kevin Martinez
 Kierre Haywood
 Lilah Jackson
 Lillian Fielding
 Lucy Sanfilippo
 Luke Jensen
 Madison Ashcraft
 Marissa Thomas
 Matthew John son
 Mattingly Weible
 Maverik Franks
 Max Ward
 Maxwell Sieg

HONOR ROLL

McKenna Richardson
 McKinley Nahrgang
 Nathen Girardot
 Nevaeyah Matus
 Nikole Zarate
 Noah Mejia
 Patrick Miller
 River Allred
 Rylan Rozell
 Sammi Ruiz
 Scyler Herrmann
 Sophia Threlkeld
 Tristan Dhalman
 Trinity Evans
 Tyler Jensen
 William Laufer

RACING ROADRUNNER

Abe Thornes
 Adriana Vaca
 Alexa Byaus
 Alexandria Zerbinos
 Anthoney Aguilar
 Anthony Manriquez
 Anthony Urzoa Colazo
 Arihanna Muniz
 Aubry Rozsa
 Avarra Atwell
 Brenden Champagne
 Camren Rader
 Christopher Solomon
 Cristian Estrada
 Dallin Thompson
 Davin Howard
 Derek Calles
 Evalynn Drew
 Grace Palfreyman

RACING ROADRUNNER

Gracie Solis
 Hannah Vandersommen
 Harper Hernandez
 Hyrum Moak
 Israel Sanchez
 Jared Ramirez
 Jason Alvarado
 Jocelyn Covington
 Jonathan Graciano
 Jordan Smith
 Karston Hatch
 Ryder Zevan-Smirke
 Kierre Haywood
 Kimberly Fairbanks
 Konnor Barreto
 Landin Lewis
 Lillianah St.George
 Margo Sam
 Mason Martinez
 Mateo Campa
 Matthew Troy
 Molly Oitzman
 Peyton Law
 Raiden Walker
 Samuel Phelps
 Sarah Nedrow
 Savannah Gaylord
 Sophia Threlkeld
 Stockton Reuther
 Wyatt Lehman
 Zoey Pablo



Third Quarter 2016-2017 Honor Awards



PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Abby Rutherford
Alina Gerasimova
Ayden Sanchez
Bennett Angle
Branson Moak
Brayden Thompson
Caedence Thornes
Carson Sanfilippo
Chance Damon
Cole Jensen
Dallin Thompson
Denver Smith
Drake Duckworth
Draven Giomi
Eddy Vasquez Sosa
Elias Stephens
Erik Zarate
Gunner Merkley
HaUgen Nguyen
Hyrum Moak
Inara Hall
Isabel Frohwein
Jasmine Giomi
Jeremiah Dahlman
Jezreel Cristobal
Jocelyn Covington
Jordan Fajardo
Jordan Smith
Jordan Stephens
Julian Braun
Kamber Turner
Kara Stains
Kaylee Hurley
Kaylee Swencki
Kevin Martinez
Konnor Barreto
Lilly Angle
Lily Nugent

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Logan Champagne
Luke Jensen
Mason Cook
Nathan Laniewski
Nickalus Harding
Olivia Sanfilippo
Reece Gunderson
Sammi Ruiz
Savannah Moak
Scyler Herrmann
Steven Vo
Stockton Reuther
Sydney Moak
Taylor Latta
Van Merkley
Vanessa Bailey
William Laufer

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Abby Gunderson
Abel Aguilar
Alexis Mendoza
Autumn Allred
Elias Stephens
Emerson McMeen
Gunner Merkley
Lindsey Hardie
Molly Oitzman
Nikole Zarate
Reagan Christensen
Savannah Nichols
Shaila Hernandez
Steven Vo
Sydney Moak

OUTSTANDING

ACCELERATED READER

Aniya Thomatis
Anthony Urzoa Colazo
Ashley Estrada
Aubrey Bowers
Audrey White
Autumn Allred
Avery Swencki
Bennett Angle
Branson Moak
Bryant Martinez
Bryson Williams
Carley Palmer
Carlos Rodriguez
Chance Damon
Cheyann Collins
Chloe Raper
Christopher Solomon
Clinton Jensen
Cole Jensen
Cruz Hernandez
Dallin Thompson
Davin Howard
Dominic Martin
Draven Giomi
Elias Stephens
Emma Ricks
Ericka Luostari
Ethan Gilson
Ethan Stephens
Evan Garrett
Ezekial Greene
Gracie Solis
Gwen Gray
Hailey Vandersommen
Hayden McKinnon
Hayley Skowron
Inara Hall
Isabel Frohwein
Israel Sanchez

Third Quarter 2016-2017 Honor Awards

ACCELERATED READERS

Joshua Thornes
 Jude Odell
 Julian Braun
 Kaiden Hurley
 Kane Odell
 Kate Oitzman
 Kate Thornes
 Kaylee Hurley
 Kaylee Swencki
 Kendall Parker
 Kevin Martinez
 Kierre Haywood
 Landon Merkley
 Lea Oitzman
 Lilah Jackson
 Lillian Fielding
 Lilly Angle
 Lily Nugent
 Linnea Miller
 Lorene Chieu
 Luke Jensen
 Marissa Thomas
 Mason Cook
 Matthew Rivera
 Max Orozco Perez
 Mya Palmer



ACCELERATED READER

Noel Brubaker
 Olivia Sanfilippo
 Oscar Orozco Perez
 Paislee Hatch
 Paul Curtis
 Payden Allred
 Payton Smith
 Presli Oswald
 Quincy Hammond
 Reagan Christensen
 Reece Gunderson
 Reed Massera
 River Allred
 Roy Campa
 Ryder Hendrix
 Samantha San Miguel
 Sammi Ruiz
 Savannah St. George
 Sophia Miller
 Steven Vo
 Sydney Moak
 Talan Raper
 Trinity Evans
 Tristain Christophersen
 Van Merkley
 Vincent Vasquez
 Vyvyen Chieu

DISTRICT NEWS

Combs Kidz Summer Camp is a fun and safe place for your students this summer. They will enjoy field trips, guest speakers, specialty classes, and much more! Check out the flyer for details.

The Combs Education Foundation was formed in July with the mission of providing scholarships to graduating Combs High School Seniors and mini-grant to Combs teachers. We are very excited to be awarding the first \$1000 scholarship to a senior at the May 16th Awards Night. Watch for future ways that you donate to the Combs Education Foundation and make a difference in students' lives.

Enrollment for the next school year is ongoing, and we need your help spreading the good news about our schools to your neighbors! Registration packets are expected at all schools until June 8th and then the district office until July 14th. Register early to help us in planning for the next school year. Check out the latest edition of the [J.O. Combs newspaper!](#)

If your student does not meet the August 31st birthday cut-off for Kindergarten registration, s/he may be eligible for early entry. Testing information can be found online at www.jocombs.org under the Community Education tab, Kinder Options link. Testing dates are April 26th, May 17th, June 14th, and July 19th.

J.O. Combs Unified Sports

J.O. Combs is excited to begin its 3rd season for Unified Basketball. Unified Sports are sponsored by Special Olympics and are AIA supported.

Unified basketball games are conducted in 8 minute quarters with a running clock. The team consists of "Athletes" and "Partners." Athletes are students with special needs specifically with intellectual delays. Partners are typically developing peers and can be students with IEPs without intellectual delays. The team practices at Combs High on Mondays and Thursday. The athletes are from both our middle and high school.

For 3 years consecutively our Co-Coaches have been Varsity Basketball Coach, Mr. Kirk Fauske, and Previous Varsity Girl's basketball co-coach, Ms. Jette Thompson. Mr. Fauske has been teacher special education at Combs since the fall of 2009 and Ms. Thompson is a Counselor at both the high school and Combs Traditional Academy and is in her 4th year at Combs.

The Unified Teams play 5 games and then have the opportunity to participate in a Saturday tournament held at Perry High School in Chandler. This season we play against Higley, Chandler, Queen Creek.

Away vs. Florence High 4-13 @ 6:00pm
 Home vs. Higley High 4-20 @ 6:00pm
 Home vs. Hamilton high 4-27 @ 6:00pm
 Home vs. Queen creek (Senor Night) 5-4 @ 6:00pm
 Away vs. Chandler High 5-11 @ 6:00pm



Food service is working to finalize all open balances. The last day for any meal charges to accounts without sufficient funds will be Friday April 28, 2017. Beginning on April 28, 2017 students without money on their account will be offered a courtesy meal.

Combs Kidz Summer Camp



At Ellsworth Elementary
Monday—Friday
May 24—Aug 1

Camp Hours

8:30 am—6:00 pm

Camp Rates

Registration Fee
\$25/student

Full Day

Daily Rate \$30.00
Weekly Rate \$130.00

Half Day

Daily Rate \$15.00
Weekly Rate \$70.00
(Half day is 8:30 -12:00 OR
Noon—6:00 No Exceptions)

All Field Trips \$7.00

Summer School Rate

Attend After Summer
School
\$100.00 / week

30% Sibling Discount
30% Employer Discount
DES approved



Questions?

Call 480-987-5000

SUMMER FUN AT COMBS

Weekly Themes

Field Trips to:

*Peter Piper Pizza, Harkins, Laser
Tag, Sea Life Aquarium, Bowling,
Swimming and many more to come*

Arts & Crafts

Ping Pong

Technology

Indoor & Outdoor Activities

Science Experiments

Wii Games

register online!

Look for the "Camp Programs" page under the "Community Education" tab on the www.jccombs.org website. If you already have a MyCare Works account, please log in to the existing account and use the "registration" tab.

Camp can be paid on a weekly basis. Choose and pay for camp days by 4:00 pm on Friday for the upcoming week.