

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

## **FEBRUARY**

- 3 - Video Club
- 3 - 6th Grade Field Trip
- 3 - Distribution of course material for 6th grade to go home
- 4 - Progress Reports to go home
- 4 - 5th Grade Field Trip
- 4 - Homework Club
- 5 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 5 - PTO Little Caesars Night
- 6 - Math Facts Test
- 6 - Library Club
- 6 - Tutoring
- 7 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 10 - Video Club
- 11 - Yearbook Club
- 11 - Homework Club
- 12 - Lunch on Lawn
- 13 - Library Club
- 13 - Tutoring
- 13 - Video Game Design Club
- 14 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 17 - NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS DAY
- 18 - Homework Club
- 19 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 19 - Home Town Heroes
- 19 - 3/5 - Galileo Testing
- 20 - Library Club
- 20 - Tutoring
- 20 - Bus Evacuation Drill
- 20 - PTO Meeting 5:00 Media Center
- 21 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 21 - 28 - Book Fair
- 21 - 6th Grd transition material due back to Mr. Smith
- 21 - Pinal County Spelling Bee
- 24 - 28 - I Love to Read Week
- 24 - Kindergarten Kick Off
- 24 - Video Club
- 25 - Yearbook Club
- 25 - Homework Club
- 26 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 26 - College Days
- 26 - Howdown 5-7pm MPR
- 27 - Video Game Design Club
- 27 - Library Club
- 27 - Tutoring
- 27 - Kindergarten Round Up 6 - 7pm
- 28 - Lunch on the Lawn



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February 2014

# Student Of The Month



## **Landon Merkley**



Landon exemplifies what it means to be respectful. He is always courteous to others whether it be a student or staff member. He is a leader in our class and leads by example. He consistently exhibits appropriate behavior and goes above and beyond to help others. Landon can often be found patiently explaining a new concept to another student, establishing rules to a game on the playground so that everyone is included, or quietly attending to the needs of the classroom without ever being asked. He has only kind words to say others and always give a supportive, "Landon is a wonderful role model for all of our students"

*Mrs. Tina Zecher*

**Respect**



## **RANCH STAFF FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 7 - Al Urso - Building Manager
- 8 - Karla Valenzuela - Food Server
- 13 - Christine Henderson - Parapro
- 15 - Vicki Partain - Parapro
- 23 - Aaron Allen - Technology Teacher
- 27 - Tom Poe - PE Teacher

## Kinder Prep



February will be a busy month in Kinderprep. In February, our class will be learning all about the "Earth and Sky." We will be answering the questions: "What happens when day changes to night?" "What happens when weather changes?" "What changes in

each season?" and "How can we take care of the Earth?" We will be having a Valentine's Day party this month. Academically this month, we will be working with the numbers 13-15. Our letters of the month are Vv, Ff, and Ww. We are starting to pick up middle sounds in words. Our color of the month is "Pink" and our shapes are "heart"

and "crescent". Our concepts of the month are "top" and "bottom." Our math concept of the month is "length." Our author of the month is Robert Munsch. Our fairy tale of the month is "The Nightingale." We are still working in our second set of sight words this month.

## Kinder Express

January was super busy as we practiced our spelling words, simple addition and subtraction and learning about habitats. During February we will continue with

our Kindergarten skills practice. We will also finish up our study on habitats, learn about the Presidents, refresh our memories about heart

health and will have a fun celebration for Valentine's Day.



## POPS

The POPS preschool classrooms will be learning all about our Earth and Sky! We will be learning about what happens when day changes to night and what changes in each season. Also

how we take care of our Earth. We also will be focusing on the color pink and the shapes crescent and heart. Our concepts are top and bottom and letter / sounds will be "S" blends. Help us

reinforce our theme and vocabulary at home by reading books about earth and sky.



## Functional Life Skills



January is almost gone. We loved learning about 'hot' and 'cold' and studying Snowmen. In fact, we have Snowmen all over our room. The students got

to feel what real snow feels like and they even made 'melted snowmen' with Ms. Kim, our Speech Therapist – vanilla pudding with raisins, YUMMY!. In February, we will be learning about the letter 'S'

and the concept of over/under, Hearts and the color Pink. Thank you to all the parents who sent in clothes for our fundraiser – we really appreciate all you do.

## Kindergarten

Wow, January just flew on by! Thank you to all of you who were able to join us for our Academic Parent Teacher Team meeting. This month in Foundations, students will be expected to decode words as well as spell them. We will

also continue to retell stories by identifying the characters, setting, and main events. Please refer to your Foundations packets for specific information about activities. In Math Expressions, students will identify both 5 groups and

ten groups. We will also talk about the partners of a number as we continue learning about simple addition and subtraction. As always, thank you for all you do to support your student's learning!



## First Grade

First Grade is so glad Mrs. Velasco back with us. We had so much fun on the 100<sup>th</sup> day. We raced to one hundred by counting on, read 100<sup>th</sup> day books

and popped 100 balloons. There were some great pictures captured. Please log into our Facebook page to see all the great action shots.



## Second Grade



Penguins, penguins, and more penguins! 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade has dove deep into studying penguins. Students have also created a special report about their specific penguin and they

will be displayed in the library! We have also began our book study on Mr. Popper's Penguins. The students are really enjoying the book and making connections between fiction and non-fiction facts. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers

would like to THANK YOU for the amazing amounts of textile donations! Mrs. Notch and Mrs. Gaylord came in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and their classes will be enjoying a pizza party!

## Third Grade

**Reading:** We will continue to read fables, folktales, and myths and discuss the differences and similarities between them. We will be reading many different biographies and writing about what we learn.

**Language Arts:** Our students will become literature critics by discussing what

makes a person famous and discussing how putting yourself in the role of a famous American can change your thinking.

**Math:** We will be moving in to multi-digit Addition and Subtraction.

**Social Studies:** We will be

learning about Greece and Italy today. We will also be discussing the Olympic games and monitoring the progress of the athletes for the U.S.A.

**Cursive:** We will be working on uppercase letters! Please encourage your child to practice at home.



## Fourth Grade



Happy February! We had a great turnout for the APTT meeting and enjoyed sharing new data and goals with parents. We are excited about the progress of our fourth graders and look forward to more growth during

this quarter. **READING-** Folktales, biographies and the TIME magazine subscription are being used to enhance our Daily 5 reading time. **MATH-** We have begun using Soar to Success to supplement our daily lessons and the students LOVE it. It is a great resource that can be accessed by students and parents

at home. **SCIENCE-** We are moving into animal classification and the study of the different groups of vertebrates and invertebrates. Parents continue to support your child at home by having them read at least 30 minutes every night and keep track of their grades through Jupiter.

## Fifth Grade

February is the month that we've all been waiting for! Our Biz Town field trip is on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, and the students are so looking forward to it! They have been studying the Biz Town curriculum and are learning so many real-world skills needed to manage their finances, understand

how market economies work, how to write checks, and much more! Thanks in advance to all chaperones and family members who volunteered to attend as chaperones! After our field trip, we will transition into Science and introduce a fun project that the kids will en-

joy! In math, we are focusing on division of multi-digit numbers and teaching a variety of novel ways to solve these problems! Thanks for all of your support from home!

happy  
valentines

## Sixth Grade

Parents remember to log on to Jupiter Grades: <https://jupitergrades.com>, at least once each week and review your child's progress in completing their work and progressing as they should. This will encourage the students to achieve closer to where they are capable of achieving and move forward in their learning.

**Biz Town-**We are learning about how a community operates. The students will go to Biz Town February 3rd,

2014 to operate a complete community. We need as many parent volunteers to assist with this as possible.

**Math-**We are covering expressions and equations. The students review mathematical concepts every day. **Language Arts-**We are reviewing language concepts daily. We will be covering more Six Traits of Writing. **Reading-**Independent reading is to be on the child's reading level for thirty-five minutes

every evening. We review skills each week as we read and analyze a story in the book. **Science-**We are learning the about famous inventors. We are stressing neatness and clarity in all of the children's work. Names, first, last and student number, along with the date are to be on every assignment in the upper left hand corner.



# First Quarter 2013-2014 Honor Awards

## SCHOLAR OF DISTINCTION

Alessia Vezzosi  
Alexis Vakasiuola  
Alyzzah Vakasiuola  
Braxton Foster  
Caroline Wu  
Elijah Banks  
Gracie Rendel  
Isabella Surico  
Jaeger Lawlor  
Landon Merkley  
Mallie Lawlor

## PRINCIPALS HONOR ROLL

Abby Henderson  
Addison Fearing  
Adilee Hatch  
Alexia BenitezTorres  
Alicia Werner  
Andre Winnegar Navarro  
Andrew Solomon  
Angelo Maiorana  
Arturo Campos  
Ashley Estrada  
Audrey Tesch  
Austin Pittman  
Avery Swencki  
Bailey Ayala  
Brayden Thompson  
Brook Furia  
Caleb Smith  
Cambri Elder  
Carson Parker  
Colin Anderson  
Connor Elder  
Deegan Arnold  
Denver Smith  
Eddy Vasquez Sosa  
Eliyas Matus  
Emily Flores  
Emily Solomon  
Emlyn Vezzosi  
Ericka Luostari

Ethan Buckner  
Ethyn Terhune  
Evan Buckner  
Evan Henderson  
Ezekiel Careaga  
Gabriella Taylor  
Heaven Villalpando  
Isabel Frohwein  
Jackson Miles  
Jacob Lynch  
Jacob Osborn  
Jacob Schwabenbauer  
Jahmaika Davis  
Jake Jensen  
Janae Benson  
Janessa Merrill  
Jared Espinoza  
Jarom Gardner  
Jasmine Giomi  
Jayden Lovell  
Joshua Ortiz  
Joshua Thomes  
Julian Braun  
Kaleb Heimburg  
Kambria Jensen  
Karli Nielsen  
Kate Oitzman  
Kaylee Swencki  
Keate Riggs  
Kendra Gonzalez  
Kevin Martinez  
Kiley Howard  
Leah Osborn  
Lorene Chieu  
Madalynn Tenge  
Madeleine Eckhoff  
Madison Guzman  
Marissa Thomas  
Matthew Rivera  
Maverik Franks  
McKenzie Moak  
Michael Fiermonti  
Michael Goodman  
Michael Ortiz  
Mya Palmer  
Nathan Ford  
Nathan Laniewski

Reagan Foster  
Ryker Lawlor  
Sammi Ruiz  
Savanah Apostol  
Savannah Moak  
Sophia Apostol  
Steven Vo  
Suzanne Marmolejo  
Talan Raper  
Tina Vo  
Trinity Muniz  
Vavaulahi Lutui  
William Laufer  
Xerianna Morfin  
Yarimar Mendivil-Tapia

## OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Alexia Vasquez  
Alexis Vakasiuola  
Berlyn Franks  
Colten Crosland  
Danika Smith  
Emma Ricks  
Gracie Rendel  
Heaven Villalpando  
Jaiden Jensen  
Jezreel Cristobal  
Kiley Howard  
Lizandro Rodriguez  
Marissa Thomas  
Morgan Dangerfield  
Nathan Laniewski  
Nathan Slingbaum  
Reagan Foster  
Ryker Lawlor  
Sarah Crosland  
Sheila Flores





# Second Quarter 2013-2014 Honor Awards

## HONOR ROLL

Ada Sam  
Ainslee Orth  
Alanah Bartlett  
Alessandra Manzo  
Amberlyn Smith  
Anaka Perea  
Anastasia Owens  
Aniya Thomatis  
Annalie Ojeda  
Audrey Merrill  
Ayana Thomatis  
Ben Gardner  
Brandon Chavarria  
Breanna Lewis  
Chad Moyes  
Chase Burgen  
Cheyann Collins  
Cheyanna Clay  
Clarissa Thompson  
Colten Crosland  
Danielle Cristobal  
Danika Smith  
Devin Fiedler  
Dominic Martin  
Dylan Clevenger  
Elijah Escaner  
Emily Laniewski  
Emma Ricks  
Ezekial Greene  
Francisco Muniz  
Gabhen Dorman  
Gage Davis  
Geneva Rodriguez  
Georgiana Mejia  
Grayson Ryan  
Hayley Skowron  
Isaiah Taylor  
Itzel Marmolejo-Emiliano  
Jacob Bassett  
Jaiden Jensen  
Jayden Figueroa  
Jordan Smith  
Juan Cera  
Julissa Espinoza-Diaz  
Kara Stains  
Kate Thomes

## HONOR ROLL

Kerri Cleveland  
Kierre Haywood  
Lacey Wallace  
Madelyn Oitzman  
Madison Luostari  
Madison Stracke  
Makayla Engelhardt  
Makayla Reagan  
Marissa Bassett  
Mason Black  
Noah Hendrix  
Preston Smith  
Rebecca Tucker  
Ryan Mendoza  
Rylyn Hernandez  
Stella Hutton  
Sydney McCowin  
Taylor Fiermonti  
Tyler Guzman  
Vincent Vasquez  
Vivian Chieu  
Wyatt Hendrix

## RACING ROADRUNNER

Abby Marchant  
Abigail Forrer  
Abigail Rutherford  
Aiden Kerley  
Alejandro Gomez  
Alexander Nunez  
Alexandria Massera  
Alexia Vasquez  
Alisha Kerley  
Alleah Blair  
Alyssa Link  
Analise Thomatis  
Anna Heiken  
Anthony Colazo-Urzua  
Arhianna Muniz  
Ariana Rodriguez  
Autumn Frentz  
Blake Judy  
Brandon Pruitt  
Branson Moak  
Sydney Gaylord

## RACING ROADRUNNER

Brenden Solomonson  
Bryant Martinez  
Caedence Thornes  
Christian Carino  
Christian Hughes  
Cole Jensen  
Cruz Hernandez  
Dallin Thompson  
Darby Al'Imari  
Dawson Krueger  
Demo Earven  
Destiny Boseck  
Draven Giomi  
Elizabeth Solomon  
Franco Silva  
Gracie Jenkins  
Haiden Seavey  
Hailey Vandersommen  
Isabella Hanna  
Jackson Ashcraft  
Jacob Skowron  
James Sukach  
Jenny Butts  
Julianna Salaiza  
Kane O'Dell  
Katherine Nevarez  
Kayden Cluff  
Killian Thompson  
Lucy Davis  
Luke Jensen  
Madison Labor  
Marrek Tenge  
Matthew Johnson  
Mia Jackowiak  
Misael Romero  
Nathan Slingbaum  
Navea Escobedo  
Paislee Hatch  
Paul Curtis  
Reagan Christensen  
Ridge Al'Imari  
Sara Payton  
Sarah Crosland  
Savannah St. George  
Sophia Hanna  
Spencer Ford



# Second Quarter 2013-2014 Honor Awards

## RACING ROAD RUNNER

Taylor McCowin  
Teigan Tapia  
Ty Fraker  
Van Merkley  
Victoria Tesch  
Wyatt Farenbaugh  
Zach Johnson

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Adilee Hatch  
Aiden Lefebvre  
Alanah Bartlett  
Alexia Vasquez  
Anna Calvert  
Arturo Campos  
Avery Swencki  
Bailey Ayala  
Blake Foster  
Branson Moak  
Brenden Solomonson  
Caroline Wu  
Cassidy Turville  
Dallin Thompson  
Daniela Contreras  
Danielle Cristobal  
Draven Giomi  
Eelias Matus  
Elizabeth Duff  
Elizabeth Solomon  
Emily Flores  
Ethan Jensen  
Gabriel Wymer  
Isabel Frohwein  
Isabelle Dillard  
Isaiah Taylor  
Jacob Ashcraft  
Jade Turville  
James Hardy  
Jasmine Giomi  
Jezreel Cristobal  
Jonathan Ortega



## PERFECT

Joseph Morales  
Kassy Rodriguez  
Katherine Nevarez  
Lacey Wallace  
Luke Jensen  
Madison Luostari  
Malcolm Latham  
Mason Labor  
McKala Wiltsie  
Megan Allred  
Meredith Pablin Moreno  
Michael Allred  
Miguel Cervantes  
Paislee Hatch  
Payden Allred  
Reagan Christensen  
Ryan Mendoza  
Sara Sandoval Valdovinos  
Savannah Moak  
Sheila Flores  
Talan Raper  
Tanner Marchant  
Teigan Tapia  
Tina Vo  
Ty Fraker  
Van Merkley  
Vincent Vasquez  
William Laufer  
Xavier Gonzalez  
Yarimar Mendivil-Tapia  
Zachary Farr

## ACCELERATED READER

Abby Henderson  
Aiden Kerley  
Alec Parker  
Alessia Vezzosi  
Alyzzah Vakasiuola  
Amberlyn Smith  
Anna Calvert  
Avery Swencki  
Ayana Thomatis

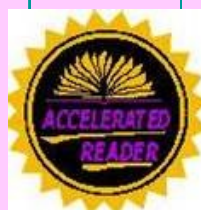
## ACCELERATED READER

Bailey Ayala  
Braxton Foster  
Breanna Lewis  
Caleb Smith  
Cambri Elder  
Carly Flores  
Caroline Wu  
Chase Burgen  
Cheyanna Clay  
Christian Laufer  
Clarissa Thompson  
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James Hardy  
Janae Benson  
Jarom Gardner  
Jarret Rutherford  
Jasmine Giomi  
Jayden Figueroa  
Jayden Lovell

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### ACCELERATED READER

Jaylin Acosta  
Joshua Thornes  
Julia Bassett  
Julian Braun  
Julianna Salaiza  
Julissa Espinoza-Diaz  
Kaitlyn Quick  
Kambria Jensen  
Kami Troutman  
Karli Nielsen  
Kate Oitzman  
Keate Riggs  
Kendra Gonzalez  
Kiley Howard  
Lacey Wallace  
Landon Merkley  
Leah Osborn  
Lehi Camargo  
Luis Rodriguez Frausto  
Madalynn Tenge  
Madeleine Eckhoff  
Madelyn Oitzman  
Madison Guzman  
Madison Luostari  
Madison Stracke  
Malcolm Latham  
Mallie Lawlor  
Marissa Bassett



### ACCELERATED READER

Marissa Thomas  
McKenzie Moak  
Meredith Pablin Moreno  
Michael Allred  
Michael Fiermonti  
Morgan Dangerfield  
Natalie Dean  
Nathan Slingbaum  
Porter Allen  
Preston Smith  
Reagan Foster  
River Williams  
Ryan Mendoza  
Sammi Ruiz  
Savannah Moak  
Sophia Apostol  
Terry Dodd  
Tina Vo  
Trinity Glandon  
Trinity Muniz  
Ty Fraker  
Tyler Guzman  
Vavaulahi Lutui  
Wesley Hendrix  
William Laufer  
William Rendel  
Wyatt Hendrix  
Zachary Farr



**SAVE THE DATE...**  
**RANCH HOEDOWN**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**  
**5-7PM**





## PRINCIPAL'S MATH FACT MEMBERS

Alex Garcia  
Alicia Werner  
Cameron Ricks  
Chad Moyes  
Cheyanna Clay  
Clayton Shibley  
Connor Elder  
Donavon Wilkins  
Eelias Matus  
Emily Laniewski

Ethan Jensen  
Gabriella Amaro  
Haley Schwabenbauer  
Jackson Miles  
Jacob Schwabenbauer  
Jaeger Lawlor  
Joey Jensen  
Kaleb Heimburg  
Keate Riggs  
Kiley Howard

Leah Osborn  
Madison Guzman  
Madison Luostari  
Marissa Bassett  
Mia Edgerton  
Michael Ortiz  
Reagan Foster  
Taniela Taunima  
Wyatt Hendrix  
Yerianna Morfin  
Zana Mitchell

## PRINCIPAL'S MATH FACT CLUB WINNERS FOR JANUARY 100% On Principal's Assessment

Alex Garcia  
Clayton Shibley  
Donavon Wilkins  
Ethan Jensen  
Emily Laniewski

Jaeger Lawlor  
Madison Luostari  
Taniela Taunima  
Yerianna Morfin  
Zana Mitchell

## RANCH SPELLING BEE WINNERS

1st Place – Caroline Wu – 6th Grade  
2nd Place – Michael Fiermonti – 3rd Grade  
3rd Place – Colin Anderson – 5th Grade  
4th Place – Ayana Thomatis – 6th Grade  
5th Place – Jada Rivera – 3rd Grade



*Caroline Wu participated in the J.O. Combs District spelling bee and took 2nd place. She now will be competing in the County Spelling Bee on Friday, February 21st at Coolidge High School.  
WAY TO GO CAROLINE!!!*



## RECYCLE CLOTHING AND TEXTILE DRIVE



We would like to thank everyone that participated in Ranch's first clothing and textile drive. We raised over 10,000 pounds of clothing and textiles! That was fantastic for our first time. The top 3 classes are receiving a pizza party. The winning classes are:

1st Place - Mrs. Notch's class with 1221 pounds

2nd Place - Mrs. Gaylord's class with 1175 pounds

3rd Place - Mrs. Flore's AM Kindergarten class with 1166 pounds



## VIDEO GAME DESIGN CLUB

The game we will be developing for the Video Club is Monster vs. Wizards. We will be using an actual game engine to develop the game. We need level designers and concepts artists (pencil and paper sketches of the characters). We also need a project leader. The project leader will organize duties, approve level designs and characters.



February 14<sup>th</sup> is Kids' Night Out! The Community Education Department will be hosting this fun evening for all K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Combs Traditional Academy. We'll enjoy a dance party, crafts, active games, Wii games, movie & popcorn from 6:30 – 10:30 pm. The cost is \$20/student before February 12 or \$25/student at the door. Register online! Check out the scrolling news box on the [www.jocombs.org](http://www.jocombs.org) website.

## Enrichment Classes

We have many after school enrichment opportunities starting soon!

**Project: Zoo Lab Species Survival** will meet on Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:30 beginning February 6<sup>th</sup>

**Chess Club** meets from Jan 29 – Apr 23 on Wednesdays from 1:40-2:40 pm.

**Cheerleading** will be hosted at Ranch on Thursdays afterschool until 4:10pm starting Jan. 30.

**AIT** will be offering Dodgeball & Kickball from Feb 6-May 15 on Thursdays.

**Mad Science** will present 6 different science topics on Tuesdays starting January 28<sup>th</sup>. For information regarding any of these exciting opportunities, see the "Enrichment Classes" page under the "Community Education" tab on the [www.jocombs.org](http://www.jocombs.org) website.