

Ranch Elementary School

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

October 2016

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

- 3 - Custodian Appreciation Day
- 7 - End of First Quarter
- 7 - Pink Out for Breast Cancer Awareness
- 10 - 17 - Fall Break NO SCHOOL
- 18 - School back in session
- 18 - Battle of the Books Study Session 3:15pm
- 18 - Student Council Meeting 3:15pm
- 19 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 19 - Preschool Screening 8:30
- 19 - 2nd Grade Hygiene assembly
- 20 - Character Counts luncheon
- 20 - PTO Meeting 5:00 Media Center
- 20 - Homecoming Parade 5:00pm
- 21 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 21 - Award Assembly 8:30 K-2/9:25 3rd & 4th/10:20 5th & 6th
- 21 - Report Cards go home
- 21 - Homecoming 7pm CHS
- 25 - Fall Photos
- 25 - PTO Spooktacular Event at Skate-Land 5:30 - 7:30pm
- 26 - College Days - wear your favorite college shirt
- 26 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 27 - Princess Bell's Story Time K&1
- 27 - Kindness Adventure Assembly 2-6
- 28 - Lunch on the Lawn
- 31 - Harvest Parade 1:45pm
- 31 - Classroom Celebrations 2:15pm



RANCH STAFF OCTOBER

- 6 - Cassie Bates
- 14 - Kara Flores
- 16 - Holly Hipps
- 27 - Josh Asunto
- 30 - Jackie Cross

Student Of The Month

Lilly Angle



Lilly is a prime example of a student who exemplifies the character trait of a trustworthy. She is frequently asked to run errands and do extra tasks, because she can be counted on to get the job done. She keeps her promises, is honest, reliable, and always on task in class. She consistently shows a commitment not only to herself, but to those around her as well. Lilly is definitely a pillar of honesty and displays what being student of the month is all about.

Mrs. Tabor

Trustworthiness



We would like to thank all the families that attended Parent Teacher Conferences. We had a 91% attendance rate!

congratulations

Jennie Swencki was the winner of the Frys Gift card for attending Parent Teacher Conferences.

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You can follow us on Twitter:

@Ranchroadrunner if you don't have a Twitter account, but would like to receive our updates via text message, follow these easy steps:

- ◇ Type 40404 (as the recipient)
- ◇ Type "follow @Ranchroadrunner" (in the message area)
- ◇ That's it! You will now begin to receive our Twitter updates, even without an account

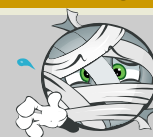
Life Skills

October is one of our favorite months in our class. There are so many fun activities. We will be learning about the color Orange and Triangles by making funny looking pumpkin faces. We will also learn about the letters 'T' and 'D'. This month we also learn about our community and the people who help and serve us. What fun ways to learn!



POPS

The POPS preschool classrooms will be learning all about our community and community helpers. We will be focusing on the color orange and the shape of a triangle. Our concepts are long/short and our letter/sounds will be T and D. Help us reinforce our theme and vocabulary at home by reading books about the community. Make sure you talk about all the places in our community when you are out and about!



First grade is working on digraphs and blending we will start glued sounds during the 2nd quarter. We are practicing nonsense words and are excited to start AR testing in the 2nd quarter. In Math we are being detectives by finding the missing addend while solving equations and word problems. Please remember to read with your child for 20 minutes every night and practice mixed Math addition/subtraction equations/vertical form.



"The weather and the seasons are changing, and our second-graders are growing and learning something new every day. October break is the 10th through the 18th, please make sure that your child continues to read during this time, it is also an excellent time to catch up on some of that unfinished work that he or she might have. When we return from break we will pick right back up where we left off. In Foundations we will be working on base words and how they interact with prefixes and suffixes. In Math we will continue our work with addition and subtraction word problems, and the strategies needed to solve them efficiently. Language Arts we will continue our work with the writing and editing process as we make our way to becoming amazing writers."



Thank you to all who attended parent-teacher conferences! It was wonderful to meet with you and discuss the wonderful things that your student is doing in Kindergarten. Please continue to help your child practice their letters and sounds using the weekly Foundations packets. We are also working on writing stories through our pictures. When "writing," help your child focus on adding details to their drawings. In Math Expressions, we will continue counting, writing numbers, and learning to say and show the 5-group pattern. Thank you for all of your support with your child's learning!



We are looking forward to a great October! In October, we will be learning about Community Helpers. The children will be answering questions like "What is in our community?" "What do workers in our community do?" "What can we do in our community?" and "What are the types of communities that people live in?" Our letters for the month of October are Ee, Dd, and Rr. Our numbers are 5 and 6. The math theme is "Counting and Numbers" this month. Our concept words are "in" and "out". The authors of the month are H.A. Rey and Margret Rey. They are the authors of the Curious George series. We will also be reading some folktales including The Town and Country Mouse and The Spider and the Beehive. If any parents have a community helpers in their family who would enjoy coming and talking to our preschoolers about their job, please let us know.



Third Grade News

This month in math the students will be reviewing concepts that have been taught to ensure they are understanding each part. We will be working on multiplication and division facts, the different properties and how they relate to multiplication, and area. Then, we will be ready to continue with two step word problems and finding the solution to multiplying with multiples of 10. In writing, we are finishing up our compare and contrast of two characters from Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library. While in reading we will be focusing on social issues and writing an opinion piece on it. So much fun to be had!



A fever is a warning sign that all is not right with the body. NO child with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher should be sent to school. Students have to be fever free for 24 hours without the use of any over-the-counter medications. If vomiting or diarrhea occurs, keep your child home until the vomiting and/or diarrhea has stopped for 24 hours without the assistance of over-the-counter medication. In October we will be continuing our Hearing & Vision screenings.

Ms. Holly

During the month of October the fifth grade students will

Grade 5

begin JA BizTown during Social Studies! The BizTown curriculum will allow students to understand work ethic, economics, leadership, and teamwork through creating business plans, calculating operation costs, designing marketing campaigns, and exploring career options. Students will be able to apply what they have learned in class during their field trip to BizTown, a small sized town built just for them! Field trip information will be coming home soon!



Title I Reading

Hello, and happy October from your Ranch Elementary Title 1 Reading staff. My name is Mrs. Mireles and I am the Reading Specialist. Working alongside of me is our Title 1 paraprofessional, Mrs. Barger. We have been working with Tier 3 reading groups in grades one through six for the past five weeks. In that time, students have been receiving instruction in phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Students in grades three through six have created data folders and are monitoring their progress toward their reading goals. Please read with your child every night for just 20 minutes and include a discussion about what you read. This will help to build their vocabulary and comprehension along with fluency. Have a wonderful Fall Break and don't forget to read!

4th Grade ROCKS

Fourth grade is steadily moving along. During language arts we are focusing on finding evidence in text and text structures. In math we are finishing our unit on Multiplication and then will be working on division. We have started changing classrooms for math and reading interventions. Students have been placed in small groups based on pre test scores and skills they need to continue to work on. In social studies we are continuing our student of Arizona focusing on Arizona's early people. In science we are finishing up our unit on animals.



hello sixth GRADE

We are out of the gates running full force with JA Biz Town now underway along with research knowledge being addressed in ELA on how to collect the facts and put them into our own words! We have been given a grant from DLR Builders in getting our garden boxes made. A team of builders along with our students and parents will get the opportunity to work together and create what we need to be successful in planting a garden and building from the ground up! We were just notified that one of our students has made it in the Top 10 of the Anti-Drug Free Poster Contest with the Pinal County Attorney's Office! Yeah!!!!!!



Ranch Student Council For 2016-2017

We would like to congratulate the following students on their newly elected positions.

President- Joshua Thornes

Vice President- Landon Merkley

Secretary- Kate Oitzman

Treasurer- Savannah Moak



The following students were selected by their teacher as being Students of Character, with a focus on Responsibility. They were recognized by having lunch on the stage with a friend of their choice on Thursday, September 22. Congratulations!

Aaron Dollar
Austyn Krause
Brooklyn Umberger
Carson Parker

Hailey Vandersommen
Harley Clevenger
Hayley Martinez
Marissa Thomas
Mia Caballero

Paislee Hatch
Savanah Apostol
Sophia Miller
Talan Raper

Students of the
Month for
September



Ranch would like to thank the Southwest District Kiwanis Club for donating dictionaries to all of our Third Grade students. We are sure they will use them for years to come!



Social Work Corner

Parents, did you know the JO Combs School District has a food and clothing bank available to families in the JO Combs School District? It is located at the JO Combs School District offices, next to the Head Start office. The bank is open on Tuesdays from 9-11 and 1-3:30. Other times are available if needed by contacting Elizabeth Kloehr at 480 987-5304. Hard to believe it is time, but the JO Combs School District is starting to prepare for the annual Thanksgiving food drive. Food donations may be made at Ranch Elementary from October 18 - November 21. Food items such as turkeys, stuffing, bags of potatoes, rolls, and pies as well as grocery store gift cards would be welcome additions. Currently, there is an adequate supply of vegetables.

If you are in need of help for Thanksgiving or for the Holidays, please contact the school social worker, Laurie McRae at 480-882-3530, Ext 1633.

Employees of the Month for September



Terry Pudenz



From the first day of school, Terry has stepped in to make sure that Mrs. Tabor's class has been well taught and well supervised as they wait for their teacher's return. Terry has attended meetings, has filled duties, attended Open House, has completed lessons, taken her class through Galileo, and has contacted parents for positive reasons and to discuss negative behaviors. And always with a warm and welcoming smile! She even contributed to the staff breakfast and pot luck lunch. She attended MTSS and going the extra mile, has completed the TAT paperwork packet for a specific student, including parent contact, ensuring the process can continue to move forward, even as her time in the 5th grade begins to come to a close. She is a team player, we have been very fortunate to have her as a part of the Ranch Team for the past several weeks.



Adrianna Nunez



WOW! What a heart you have!!! Thank you for your help with my friend. You truly went above and beyond and it means so much to me and that family.



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 _____

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

Congratulations to Iris Telfer, Ellsworth teacher, for receiving the Esperanza Latino Teacher Award from Chicanos Por La Causa! This annual award recognizes just four teachers across the state for their impact on future generations. We are proud of Mrs. Telfer and her dedication to Ellsworth students.

On October 17th, several colleges will be visiting Combs High School from 12:15pm - 1:15pm to share information with the community about advanced education degrees. If you are interested in learning more about Bachelors or Masters Education programs, please come visit with school representatives. As a bonus, food trucks will be on-site ready to serve you and your family a great lunch!

Mark your calendar for October 22nd and plan on attending Parent University from 9am - 12pm at Ranch Elementary. Parents can select from a wide-range of classes including STEAM in the Kitchen, Understanding the IEP process, Kindergarten Readiness, and Internet Safety just to name a few. We hope to see all our parents at this event!



Your Vote, Your Voice

Arizona 2016 Primary



August 19
Last day to request an early/mail ballot.



August 24
Last day to mail in ballot to ensure it's counted.



August 30
Primary polls open at 6 a.m. & close at 7 p.m.

Independents may select a partisan ballot at the polls Aug. 30.

2016 General Election



October 10
Registration deadline to vote



October 12
Early voting begins



October 28
Last day to request early/mail ballot



November 2
Last day to mail in ballot to ensure it's counted.



November 8
Election day polls open at 6 a.m. & close at 7 p.m.

Source: Center for the Future of Arizona's voter information



For more like this, go to AZEdNews.com

Keep your children active while school is out of session at Combs Kidz Fall Break Camp! Children ages 5 - 12 can spend time with friends, make new friends, and hang out in a safe environment. Campers can also go on field trips to the movies and bowling. Check out the Community Education tab at www.jocombs.org under Camp Programs for details and registration.

ARIZONA TAX CREDIT

How can I make a tax credit donation?

Take advantage of Arizona Tax Credit. Ranch front office has tax credit forms or you can go to our website at www.jocombs.org to print the tax credit form. When filling out the form please be sure to check the box for Ranch Elementary for any amount up to \$400 (joint filing) or \$200 (single filing) that will be used for extra curricular activities and you will be reimbursed when you file your Arizona taxes.



Fall Camp

There are great things happening at
Combs Kidz Fall Camp this year!

Students will enjoy science projects, arts &
crafts, technology, indoor & outdoor
activities, Wii games, and Field Trips!

Tues., Oct 11th ~ Harkins ~ Storks!

AM Showing ~ \$8.00

&

Thurs., Oct 13th ~ Bowling

12:30—2:30 pm ~ \$6.00

REGISTER TODAY!

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Fall Camp Fee Schedule

No Registration Fee!

Full Day	\$ 30
Weekly/Full Days	\$130 / 5 days
	\$160 / 6 days

Half Days	\$ 15
(6:30 am - 12:00 pm / 12:30—6:00 pm)	
Weekly/Half Days	\$ 70 / 5 days
	\$ 85 / 6 days

20% Sibling Discount

20% Employee Discount

DES Approved

Online registration is open until
Friday, October 7th.

Dates:

October 10-14 & October 17

6:30 am - 6:00 pm

Location:

Ellsworth Elementary
38454 N. Carolina Ave.
(Pecan Creek South)



Please contact the
Community Education Office
at 480-987-5310

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J.O. Combs Unified School District





Bond Frequently Asked Questions

The J.O. Combs Unified School District Governing Board has scheduled a special bond election for November 8, 2016 to address facility, transportation and technology needs. All registered voters living in the J.O. Combs School District boundaries are eligible to vote either through early ballots or voting at polling sites.

What is a bond?

A bond allows local voters to approve additional funding to use for capital items such as school buses, building repairs and renovations, new construction and technology. Bonds address the school district's capital needs.

Why is J.O. Combs requesting additional capital funds?

Over the past 7 years, J.O. Combs Unified School District has experienced a reduction of over \$7.6M in capital dollars. Because of the reduced state funding, school repairs have been deferred, older buses have remained in service, and technology has not been updated. Lack of acceptable facilities has impacted student programs and department efficiency. The increased capital funding will address the most immediate needs in these areas and will allow the district to plan for future growth.

How will the bond funds be spent?

The distribution of bond funds is as follows:

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| • School and building renovations and improvements | \$6.6M |
| • Technology | \$5.5M |
| • Student transportation (buses) | \$3M |
| • Auditorium with classrooms and athletic storage facility at Combs High School | \$8.6M |
| • Maintenance, transportation, and district service facility | \$13.1M |

What will be the cost of the proposed bond?

The estimated cost of the bond is \$7.23 per month on a \$100,000 home and would be funded by an estimated \$0.86 tax rate per \$100 of the net assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purpose.

How will the bond funds be distributed?

Funds raised through bonds go directly to the local school district, unlike state tax funds that are allocated to school districts throughout the state. Bonds offer local control to the community.

How can we be sure Combs will spend the money the way it was intended?

Each year, the school district administration proposes the annual budget, which is then reviewed, finalized, and approved by the community-elected governing board. The Combs District has received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the past six years.