



COMBS TRADITIONAL ACADEMY



November NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

November is always an exciting month and this year more so than normal, with the Presidential election on November 8th. It's not a coincidence that the character trait we focus on this month is Citizenship! We hope you all exercise your right to vote and have either already mailed in your ballot or will be heading to the polls on Election Day! Please take a moment with your child to discuss our democracy and the importance of our voice and the rights we have to choose who leads our country and represents our interests locally, statewide, and nationally.

Additionally, this month will see our first Battle of the Books for our 5th and 6th grade teams on November 4th, we will be recognizing our Veterans on November 10th, and giving thanks with the Thanksgiving Holiday on November 24th and 25th.

Our student clubs and community organizations are beginning to ramp up their efforts to help those in need this time of year as well. Please consider donating to J.O.

Combs Food and Clothing Bank and the Angel Tree. More information will be coming soon on both programs.

Additionally, this is a good time to volunteer your time as well. Please contact your child's teacher, PTO, or our front office and consider volunteering within the classroom or at a school event. We are successful as a school when we all collaborate together to help our students succeed!

Finally, I would like to share some of the positives we have received about the people that work with your children each day. Ms. Hrubec was recognized for stepping up to take on Kindergarten and doing an amazing job! Mrs. Galvan was recognized for being caring, compassionate, and kind. We love to have our staff acknowledged so please take a moment to fill out the staff acknowledgement and share it with our front office. Also, please leave us positive feedback on Great Schools and Facebook! Your feedback helps us to grow and share with everyone the great things we are trying to accomplish at Combs Traditional Academy.

Thank you!

Veteran's Day

Are you a veteran or do you know someone that is a veteran? We would like to recognize all of those in the Combs Traditional Academy community that are veterans at our Flag Ceremony at 8:30AM on Thursday, November 10th. Please invite them or have them contact our front office for more information!

Throughout the day, students will be reading about Veteran's Day and will be writing letters or informative narratives that will be delivered to our local VA Hospital to share with those that have served our nation.

Marcus Berkshire
Principal

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Important Dates:

11/1	PTO Quarterly Mtg, 6:00PM
11/4	Battle of the Books, 9:00am, Gym
11/9	Governing Board Mtg @ CMS, 6:00PM
11/10	Veteran's Day Flag Ceremony 8:30AM
11/11	No School-Veteran's Day
11/16	Picture Retakes
11/16	Little Caesars Night
11/24-25	No School- Thanksgiving Break

~PTO News~

Thank You to all who came out to Peter Piper Pizza Night for our Halloween Event!! Remember zip up hoodie pre orders are due on November 4th. This will give your child a school colored hoodie to wear inside and out during the colder months. Our General PTO Meeting is on November 1st at 6:00 P.M. so please attend and listen to what is going on in our school and around the district as well as help us be a voice for what you would love to see at CTA!!! FREE BABYSITTING is provided! We hope to see you there and if you have any questions let us know!

Thank you so much to all of our fabulous Rock star volunteers who have helped with passing out Cherrydale and Otis and for all who help with Art Masterpiece!! These events cannot be a success without the wonderful support of our parents! I also want to thank the staff who also help out at the events and lend their time and support as well as the PTO Board for all of their help and hard work. These events are a team effort and I am grateful for everyone. Please check out our upcoming events to continue to support and raise funds for our school.

11/1/16- PTO Quarterly Meeting (Free Babysitting Provide) 6pm-7pm

11/16/16- PTO Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser (All Day) Don't forget to save your Little Caesar's Pizza Proof of Purchase tabs. For every 100 tabs collected the school gets a free pizza party for 1 class.

12/9/16- Bingo Night and Silent Auction Baskets!! 100% of auction baskets goes back to the teachers!!

- *Keep up to date on PTO events by following us on Facebook at Combs Traditional Academy PTO!*



**Help support our
Students!
Participate in PTO**

~Cafeteria News~



REMINDER

Lunch prices have changed for the 2016-17 school year. Please take note of the prices below when paying on your student's account:

Breakfast:

\$1.25 (reduced \$0.40)

Lunch:

\$2.65 (reduced \$0.40)

Are you looking for a way to track and monitor your child's lunch account? Our Food Services department makes this process simple and easy by providing you with a website where you can do just that. Contact our Food Services Department at 480-987-5312 and they will walk you through setting up an account on www.ezschoollpay.com. Making payments online is easy to do and accounts are run every day at 10am. If you are sending payments to school with your child, please be sure to ask them to stop by the office prior to going to class.

Free & Reduced Lunch Applications

Please remember that these must be renewed yearly. More information can be found at www.combsnutrition.com. If you have any questions, you can contact our front office or our kitchen manager, Bianca Laguna at 480-987-5320 ext. 5325.



Lunch payments must be made **prior to 9am** to be added to your child's account the same day

Nurse's Corner

Hello from the CTA Health Office,

We wanted to take a minute to let you know of our OTC medication policy. If your child is needing to take an over the counter medication while in school we will need an adult to physically bring the medication into the health office. All medications must be in original packaging with labels and directions intact on the container. These medications will require an over the counter permission slip to be filled out and signed by the parent. You may do this when you bring the medication into the health office. Some examples of over the counter medications would be Ibuprofen, cough drops, Benadryl and topical ointments. These medications should not be brought in by the student. If you have questions please call the Health Office at: 480-987-5323.

Thank you to all those who have brought in clothing for the Health Office! We have a fully stocked closet. However....we need shoes!

SHOE DRIVE: We are in need of gently worn shoes, both girls and boys, all sizes. If you have some you would like to donate please bring them into the Health Office.

Stay Healthy!
Ms. Sam and Mrs. Keeli



Jupiter Grades

Mid-quarter progress reports will be available electronically on Jupiter. Paper copies *will not* be sent home with students. Contact the office or your child's teacher for login & password information. If you do not have internet access, please request a paper copy from the teacher.



Accelerated Reader Email Set-up

- *Go to www.combstraditional.jocombs.org and visit Parent Links, click on Accelerated Reader
 - *Type in student's user name and password
 - *View student's AR Quiz results and setup email messages (visit link at upper right-Email Setup)
 - *Enter all areas to receive emails and click "Add" (an email will be sent to the email address provided)
 - *Individual should receive email with the following information and click to accept invitation
 - *After accepting invitation, person should be taken to a link that shows it went through properly
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Orchestra Message

Dear Parents,

Beginning Orchestra Students: are learning to play "E and F#" on the "D String" while "Tunneling:" a technique that requires pressing fingers down to play "F#" at the same time while playing open "A String," "Tunneling" is a concept that is necessary for playing more difficult music. We are also learning to distinguish and play Eighth Notes in groups of "2" and in "4."

Advanced Orchestra Students: are learning to play "Tied Notes," "Slurs," "C#" and "C Natural," "Two Octave G Scale and Arpeggio," which requires: Viola, Cello and Bass to "Shift" while the Violins learn to play on their "High E String."

Sincerely,
Guido Lavorata
glavorata@jocombs.k12.az.us



Transportation Changes



If you need to make a change to your child's afternoon transportation, please be sure to contact our office prior to 1pm to give us adequate time to notify your child's teacher. If you must call after 1pm and are unable to get through, please be sure to leave a message. The end of the day has the tendency to become very busy; however, Ms. Lisa will always check the messages prior to the final bell of the day so she is able to contact teachers regarding changes in transportation. Thanks for your cooperation and assistance in this matter .



~Counselor Corner~

CTA students had classroom guidance lessons this past month focused on Trustworthiness. We identified trustworthy as being honest, reliable and doing the right thing. We had different activities at all grade levels. If 5th grade students tell you I wasn't trustworthy, there is some truth to that. They thought they were getting a Coca Cola to drink out of my Coca Cola case but instead of cokes, it was filled with water bottles!

In the month of November our focus will be on Citizenship. We define citizenship as doing your part for the common good and showing respect to authority. All classroom activities will involve students thinking about ideas, forming an opinion and then expressing that opinion. Yes, students will get the feeling of what voting is all about!

In support of our campus goal to show rigor, responsibility and respect every day, students who earn the behavior recognition of Squire or higher will get the opportunity to participate in a Luxury Recess on November 4th. Luxury recess involves jump roping, hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, football, basketballs, coloring books and origami paper.



Band News

As the 2nd quarter gets rolling, the band students are preparing for their first concert of the year! The CTA Band will be combining with Harmon Elementary for a concert on Tuesday, December 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. These two groups together will make an awesome group! The concert will take place at Harmon. Mark your calendars!

BAND PARENTS: Band students will need to arrive about an hour early, so the 2 groups can rehearse together before performing. Please plan for this well in advance.

We look forward to a great audience on December 13!

Karen Steele
ksteele@jocombs.org





~Congratulations Knights~



~Scholars of Distinction~

Jillian Barbeau
Jace Byrd
Cristian Garcia

Isabella Loyola
Sopheya Pina
Kaya Stewart

Lucy Tran
Uchechi Ubosi
Calista Wiley

~Principal's Honor Roll~

Micaela Amoako	Faith Erickson	Kyle Knopp	Easton Payne	Nevaeh Thompson
Thomas Andrew	Sophia Figueroa	Cole Lapham	Sophie Riley	Dario Turk
Katelynne Andrew	Joseph Flores	Andrew Lemus	Jaelynn Robinson	Krista Turk
Mackenzie Anthony	Nicholas Gandarilla	Kaden Lewis	Layla Robinson	Chisom Ubosi
Jacob Barbeau	Alexandra Garcia	Preston Lord	Ethan Rosenbaum	Chinonye Ubosi
Hailey Bean	Elijah Golden	Sherman Mabey	Lahna Rosenbaum	Jessica Valdez
McKenna Benfield	Elena Golden	Ashley Mabey	Kylie Ryan	Adrian Vasquez
Lyla Benjamin	Elijah Gonzales	Bam Miller	Ariana Sanchez	Dominic Vasquez
Mary Addie Benjamin	Trevor Hood	Haydin Miller	Landin Simpson	Isabella Villalvazo
Natalie Bonilla	Alyssa Hood	John Minson	Micah Smith	Shelby Walag
Jayden Boyle	Emmalee Hood	Fabian Moreno	Zane Spears	Bradley Watson
Piper Busch	Ady Howard	Rebecca Munoz	Kamari Stewart	Tristan Williams
Sophia Byrd	Ashtyn Hubbard	Alyssa Navarre	William Stinecipher	Ashley Williams
Malachi Chavira	Mylee Hubbard	Makayla Oberg	Carter Stinecipher	Avrianna Williams-Whitaker
Brenna Cox	Emery Huffaker	Pierina Palma	Danny Ta	Samantha Wolfe
Savannah Emerson	Peyton Humbert	Alana Patubo	Wilson Ta	Kolton Zahn
Steven Erickson	Kobe Kennedy	Azrielle Pava	Sophia Tapia	

~Honor Roll~

Logan Baber	Mia Darby	Ariana Kizier	Matteo Sanchez
Dominic Barthell	Brooklyne Davis	Jackson Knopp	Lucian Simpson
Ashley Bean	Willow Emerson	Autumn Lance	Violet Tanner
Samantha Bourland	Audrina Flores-Ramos	Ethyn Macias	Adan Torres
Ayden Budish	Alan Fontan-Juarez	Isabella Marines	Joseph Urso
Josiah Chavira	Arman Galang	Daesha Matthews	Alexis Vasquez
Julien Clark	Angelia Graham	Darlene Moreno	Christopher Wiley
Dayvon Clayton	Brylie Hartman	Kieara Parker	Andy Zavala
Dylan Cornell	Tachiinii Holmes	Christopher Pinckard	
Paige Culver	Nico Holmes	Nathan Pinckard	
Aeden Curtis	Shevonne Johnson	Dane Riley	

~Perfect Attendance~

Micaela Amoako	Lahna Rosenbaum	Carter Stinecipher	Sophia Byrd
Jace Byrd	Sophia Tapia	Lucy Tran	Isabella Loyola
Danny Ta	Christopher Allen	Arianna Washington	Ethan Rosenbaum
Uchechi Ubosi	Madilynn Bale	Matthew Howell	Chisom Ubosi
Calista Wiley	Hailey Brundage	Ethyn Macias	Alexander Darby
Mia Darby	Nicodemus Holmes	John Minson	Gabhen Dorman
Matteo Sanchez	Alyssa Hood	Angelia Graham	Elena Golden
William Stinecipher	Ashley Bean	Makayla Oberg	Daniel Herrick
Bradley Watson	Elijah Golden	Christopher Pinckard	Ashlyn Allen
Jillian Barbeau	Genesis Martinez Garcia	Kylie Ryan	Kenya Douglas
Dylan Cornell	Dane Riley	Wilson Ta	Daniel Martinez Garcia
Faith Erickson	Hailey Bean	Dominic Barthell	
Aydenn Galang	Sophie Riley	Haylee Herrick	
Tachiinii Holmes	Oscar Sanchez	Emmalee Hood	



Sparkle On!





DRIVE FOR TOYS

Benefit for ...
Combs Education Foundation

Saturday
NOVEMBER 12, 2016
COMBS HIGH SCHOOL*
2505 E. Germann Road,
San Tan Valley, Arizona
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

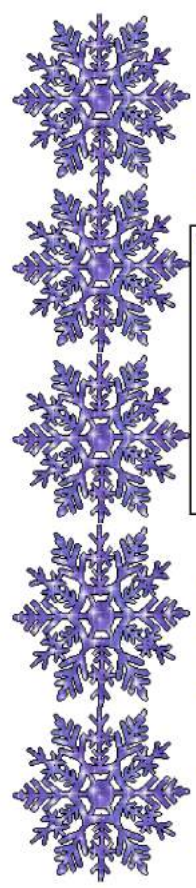


PLEASE BRING A NEW TOY SO THAT LESS FORTUNATE KIDS MAY ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS



The Combs Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports the students, teachers, and families of the J.O. Combs Unified School District. The main goal is to promote the academic success of students; however, we also provide support to families in the form of a food and clothing bank, school supplies, and holiday help. The toys will be distributed to J.O. Combs families who have been vetted by the school social workers and counselors as in need of extra assistance during the holidays.

If you are interested in Vendor space at the 2016 4th Annual C.O.P.'S Classics and Customs Car & Bike Show or want more info please contact Doug Horner at dhomer4589@gmail.com, 480-204-6201 or Jeffrey A. Kramer at marketingpro@cox.net, 480-250-4445.



Combs Kidz Winter Break Camp at Ellsworth Elementary

We look forward to a fun-filled Camp on the following dates:

- Wednesday, Dec. 21
- Thursday, Dec. 22
- Tuesday, Dec. 27
- Wednesday, Dec. 28
- Thursday, Dec. 29
- Friday, Dec. 30
- Tuesday, Jan. 3
- Wednesday, Jan. 4

- \$30/full day or \$15/half day.
- 20% Sibling & Employee discount.
- DES payments are accepted.
- Register online by Dec. 16.
- www.jocombs.org website, please choose the "Community Education" tab at the top.
- For more information contact Tracie at (480) 987-5310 in Community Ed

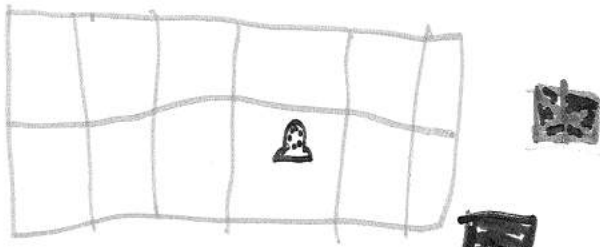
Combs Traditional Academy Staff Acknowledgement

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

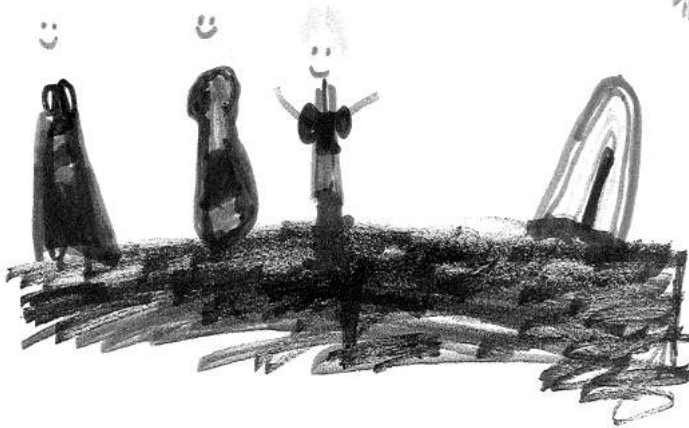
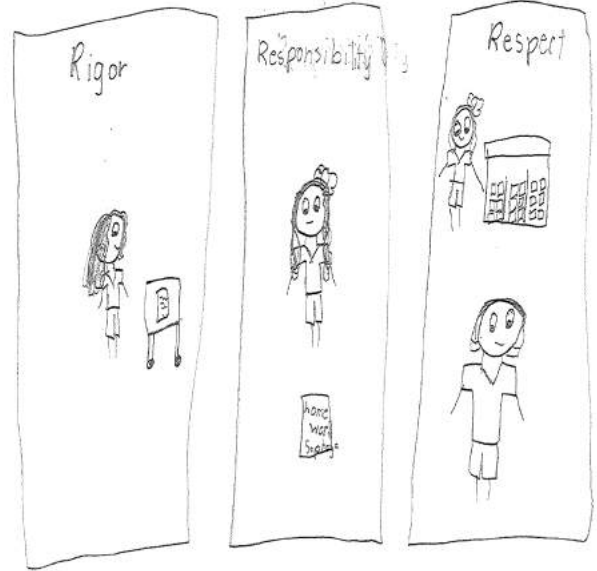
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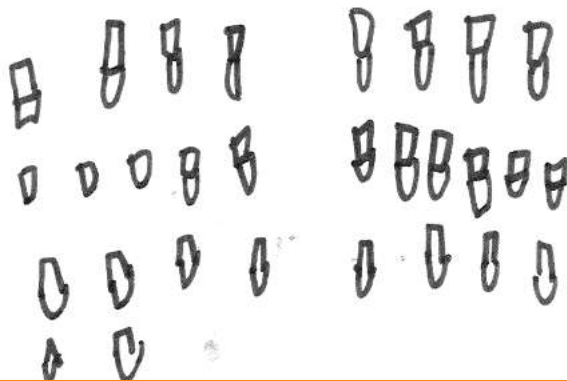
Artwork created by 1st graders Micaela, Sopheya, Azrielle, and Piper



Sopheya 13



CTA Knights





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***Rigor, Responsibility
& Respect***



Mission:
**To provide a rigorous academic
focus for all students in a collaborative
environment that emphasizes
responsibility and respect**



Vision:
**Students will develop the essential
skills to become higher level
thinkers that will empower them
to become respectful, self-
disciplined, conscientious, and self-
motivated leaders of society.**



November Birthdays

Students:

Lucy Tran
Ashley Bean
Hailey Bean
Lahna Rosenbaum
Janelle Wood
Atalie Aldama
Brenna Cox
Miles Annis
Violet Tanner
Oliver Monzon
Dario Turk

Faith Erickson
DeJore Willis
Dylan Klimek
Christopher Wiley
Bruno Cabezas Barros
Bradley Watson
Devin Wilson-Seymour
Jackson Knopp
Chisom Ubosi
Elijah Gonzalez
Azrielle Pava
Olivia Tew
Adrian Vasquez

Daniel Martinez Garcia

Brian Miller

Staff:

Autumn Lord
Amy Alexander



Happy Birthday!