



**GOOD NEWS UPDATE**

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## Collier Elementary



Collier held its annual eighth grade promotion parent meeting on Tuesday, March 7. We had a majority of our students and parents attend this important meeting. Thank you to the following staff for your help making this a successful event. *Ms. Amy Chapman, Ms. Sue Dallas, Ms. Linda Stallard, Mr. Biju Padmanabhan, Ms. Leticia Mattei, Mr. Adam Haller, Mr. Laniray Pomeroy.*



On Thursday, March 2, Collier celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with a literacy night for students and parents. Each grade level created a table and activity for students to participate in reading types of activities



The Collier book fair is back and is better than ever. Kudos to *Ms. Ruth Ann Lamberd* and the numerous student and adult volunteers who decorated the library with a campsite theme.







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DJ Cheetah and *Mr. Jeremy Mondragon* came to exercise with our K – 3 students while they lined up after recess. The move of the day was high

Congratulations to the fifth and sixth grade team from Collier who won first place in the district Math Challenge!



## Country Place Leadership Academy



Read Across America Day. Dr. Seuss was on the loose at Country Place Leadership Academy! On March 2nd, Read Across America Day, Country Place Leadership Academy celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday. During the morning, over a dozen Guest Readers came to Country Place to read to our students. We had district personnel, community leaders, our board president, military personnel, police detectives, members of the fire department, and other amazing leaders volunteer their time to come read, and encourage reading, to our students. Sixth-grade student ambassadors were there to greet our visitors, show them to their classrooms, and answer any questions they had. That afternoon after school, Country Place hosted a Family Fun Night. Every child who came received a free





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book of their choice thanks to our PTA and families who donated books for the event. Teachers planned fun, engaging activities at every grade level. Snacks in each classroom were provided by Fry's Food. We also had drawings for grand prizes and lots of coupons from local vendors such as Sonic, Texas Roadhouse, and Peter Piper. Again, our sixth-grade student leaders were there to help our staff run the event and greet all of the families who came. Everyone synergized to make this event a great success!



Project WET Water Festival. On March 14, The University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Cooperative Extension and the City of Avondale hosted the entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade in the Littleton School District at the Project WET Water Festival. Project WET is a partnership with the University of Arizona that teaches 4<sup>th</sup> graders about Water Conservation, the Water Cycle, Ground Water, Watersheds and other water related topics. Teachers participate in six hours of professional development put on by the University of Arizona. In addition to the Water Festival, students participate in lessons before and after the event. The Water Festival was sponsored by the City of Avondale Water Department. Thirty-seven

volunteers from around the Valley, including The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension and Master Gardeners, the City of Avondale Water Department, the city of Peoria, the City of Scottsdale, Angel's Diner, the Church at Litchfield and other community members helped make it a great day for all of our 4<sup>th</sup> graders! A special thanks to **Pam Justice** of the University of Arizona and **Esme Avila** of the City of Avondale for their coordination and support! Another special thanks to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers at County Place, **Robert Garcia**, **Astrid Garcia**, **Manuel Torres** and **Rocio Suarez-Ruiz** for making Project WET such a great learning experience for our Mustangs!





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Mustangs Sharpening the Saw and Synergize with Fuel Up to Play 60 and SFE! The Country Place Fuel Up to Play 60 Student Leadership Team partnered with our food service company SFE for a Gardening Adventure! Our student leaders led by 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher *Kristina Palacios* work with *Almarie Rivera*. The gardens are designed to illustrate the process of Farm to Table. The students participated in planting seeds, thinning, and pruning. While Ms. Rivera was setting up a group of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students came over to help her during their recess and will be the next group to have a Garden Adventure!