



MAY 2017  
 CALABASAS SCHOOL  
 "COUGARS" NEWSLETTER

**EDUCATE EVERYONE EVERY DAY**

**From The Principal's Office...**

Parents,

As the 2016-17 school year comes to a close I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of those who have had an impact on the professional learning community that we call Calabasas School. This year has had many successes. Among the successes that we have taken part in include:

- Celebrated the successes of our students, staff, and the stakeholders of Calabasas
- > Modified our Elementary master schedule, making it more conducive to student achievement, by purposely adding science and social studies into the schedule
- > Continued the READS program, matching up our 7th & 8th grade students with our 1st & 2nd grade students
- > Continued partnering with the Green Valley Tutors, allowing our 6th & 7th graders an opportunity to learn from and get to know the wonderful people from Green Valley.
- > Continued to modify the Middle School schedule to ensure a more focused REACH program
- > Successful partnership with: Green Valley Tutors, Arizona Sonora Museum, Strengthening Families, Arizona Cooperative Extension
- > Successful completion of AzMERIT, the Arizona Department of Education's state assessment
- > Began, with great success, our 21st Century after school program
- > Successfully completed our probationary period as part of the Southern Valley League athletic conference
- > One of our teachers (Yemille Peiro) was the 2016-17 ARSA Teacher of the Year Finalist
- > We were the recipients of the 2016 Healthy Families/Healthy Youth Grant
- > We had the 2017 District Spelling Bee Winner (Vanya Gupta)
- > Many of our students completed the John's Hopkins SAT assessment with incredible results

We are confident that the changes noted are considered "beat practice" and will continue to have a significant impact on students achievement. We will continue to make decisions which are in the best interest of safety, student achievement, and an effective learning environment.

Have a wonderful summer, and please ensure that your children continue to read, stay active, and immerse themselves in educationally related experiences during the summer.

Your partner in education  
 John Fanning

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**John Fanning,**

**Principal**

**Manuel Carrillo,**

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**Rebekah Cabrera,**

**Assistant Principal**

**Office Hours:**

**7:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M.**

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**MAY**

- 1-5 K-5th Book Fair
- 1 Site Council 1
- Track League Meet 4
- Student of the Month

**Breakfast**

- 5 Fiesta Mexicana
- 8 (E) STUCO Field Trip
- 8-12 Teacher Appreciation
- Week 9 & 23
- Board Meeting 9 & 11
- Parent Tech Night 11 & 12
- AAJHS STUCO Convention @ Phoenix 5th gd Field Trip 12
- 4th gd Field Trip
- 15-19 6th-8th Book Fair
- 15 5th gd Band Concert
- 16 2nd gd Field Trip
- 16 & 19 Yearbooks Signing Party 17 New 6th gd Students Orientation Night 18 (E) Library Hour 19 K-5th gd Field Day 19
- 6th-8th Band Awards Concert 25 LAST
- DAY OF SCHOOL!**

**First Line of Defense FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**

Summer break is only a few weeks away. There are a few things the health office will need for school year 2017-2018:

1. Please schedule an appointment for your child to see the doctor for an annual well visit or as recommended by your insurance provider.
2. Update your child's vaccines and provide the health office with a copy of immunizations received during the past year. All students entering grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> are required to have the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) and Meningococcal Vaccine if they are 11 years old. Please see our website for a complete list of required vaccines or call your child's doctor.
3. Have your doctor sign a current, annual medication administration form for prescribed or over the counter medications that your child will need to take at school. This form is on our website along with details explaining medication administration.
4. Please schedule an annual eye exam for students needing or wearing glasses or contacts.
5. Please schedule an annual dental appointment.

Please call the Calabasas health office if you have any questions or concerns.

**TRANSITION DATES**

- 18: 5th gd Stepping Up to Middle School 1:00pm-2:00pm
- 22: PS Skills Showcase 7:45am-10:00am
- 23: 5th gd Transition Party 1:00pm-2:00pm
- 24: Kinder Transition 10:30am-11:30am
- 24: 8th gd Transition Practice 9:00am
- 24: 8th gd Transition Celebration Dance 5:30pm-7:30pm
- 25: 8th gd Transition Ceremony @ RRHS 11:30am

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### From the Counselor's Office

Diane Chamberlain (520)375-8600 dchamberlain@scv35.org

The world is an exciting place and these are exciting times with endless career options ... Remember that the choices you make throughout your life will affect the lives of many people other than yourself. Therefore, you need to make the most responsible decisions possible." John Glenn

### From the Assistant Principal

Rebekah Cabrera (520-375-8600) rcabrera@scv35.org

Dear Parents, Guardians

Happy

May! As we move into the "final stretch" of the 2016-2017 school year, I have included a few tips to keep your child focused, attentive, and on track academically as this school year winds down. Please join us on May 9 or May 11 for our TECH OUT 2 event from 5:30-6:30 pm. During this meeting, we will discuss how Compass Learning can help your child stay on track during summer vacation. I have also included some summer ideas to help ensure summer learning gain rather than loss. "Final Stretch" Ideas: \* Stick to routine: Regular routines, including healthy snacks, helps to reinforce that although things may be a little bit more relaxed at school during this time of the year, teacher and parent expectations for behavior are still the same. \* take it outside: Try moving homework outside whenever possible-your kids will enjoy novelty. Try activities such as drawing math equations in chalk on the driveway, act out a history lesson, or curl up on the front porch to read aloud. Fresh air and the opportunity to be outside helps to make tackling any remaining after dinner homework and bed-time easier. \* Acknowledge Progress: Encourage your child to reflect on his/her school year and think about what they have learned, what was challenging, how they dealt with it and what they are proud of. \* Plan ahead: Get a head start on preparing your child to make the transition from one grade to another, and from in school learning to summer learning. Summer Fun Ideas: \* Read every day! Visit your local library to sign up for summer reading programs and summer activities, watch TV with the sound off and closed captions on, read the direction for how to play a game, have your students help with meals by writing up a grocery list, finding things in the grocery store, and reading recipes aloud for mom or dad during cooking times. \* Encourage Writing: Keep a nature journal, write letters to a friend and send it through the mail, share a recipe, or keep a adventures. \* Stay Active: Children are recommended to get at least 60 minutes of active play each day. Check out some of the Nogales Parks and Rec Youth Summer Programs. Visit NogalesAz.gov for more information. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to your child's education. Have a great rest of the school year and a wonderful summer!

**Kindest re-**

**gards, Rebekah Cabrera**

### From our Parent Liaison

Irma Vélez (520)-375-8600 ivelez@scv35.org

I want to thank everyone who gracefully helped our school through out the year. We are very fortunate to be part of a great community. I also want to thank my Parent Volunteers who have been a very important part of our school, our Teachers for doing a great job with our Students and of course our wonderful Staff for all they do! Have a great summer and enjoy your kids.

### A Note from the Front Office Staff

Dear parents,

When requesting a change in your child's transportation we ask that you call the office at least 30 minutes before the end of the school day. This will give us time to deliver the message to the child's classroom. Thank you!

### From the Band Director

Jason Taurins (520)375-8600 jtaurins@scv35.org

Hello again! As the year winds down, the bands have one more event to go. On Friday, May 19 we have our final awards concert. The students should be in the band room at 5:30pm for attendance and dressed in concert black, with their instrument and concert music. The concert will begin at approximately 6:15pm and end by 8:30pm.

### From the Athletic Director

Manuel Carrillo (520) 375-8600 mcarrillo@scv35.org

Dear parents and students,

The

school year is almost over. It has been a great year! During the 8<sup>th</sup> grade transition, we will be giving the awards for Male and Female Athlete of the year. The student athletes were nominated by their coaches. Good luck to all our athletes. We encourage our departing 8<sup>th</sup> graders to continue getting involved in sports at Rio Rico High School. It will be a great experience which you will remember all your life. Get involved!