



OCTOBER 2016
CALABASAS SCHOOL
“COUGARS” NEWSLETTER

EDUCATE EVERYONE EVERY DAY

From The Principal’s Office...

Calabasas parents,

We are already into the 7th week of school and there is much to be proud of. We have completed DIBELS testing in the lower elementary levels. We have also assessed our upper level elementary students, as well as, our middle school students using NWEA Measure of Academic Progress (MAP). Teachers have taken part in professional development related to the MAP results, and throughout the upcoming weeks, we will be using the data collected to make more informed decisions regarding our students' academic levels.

Our after school program, **Cougar Skills for Success**, began on Monday, September 19. We are excited to offer this program to all students. Our after school program offers one hour after school for direct Reading / Math instruction in grades kindergarten through 8th. During the second hour, our students will enjoy taking part in enrichment activities that are both fun and educationally based.

If your son or daughter was selected to take part in the program, I STRONGLY suggest that you ensure that they attend on a consistent basis.

Your Partner in Education,
 John Fanning, Principal

“Home of the Cougars”

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 Rio Rico, AZ 85648

John **Fanning**,

Principal

Manuel Carrillo,

Assistant Principal

Rebekah Cabrera,

Assistant Principal

Office Hours:

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

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**IMPORTANT
 OCTOBER DATES**

- 1 **Site Council /Title I Meeting**
- 6 Student of Month Breakfast
- 6 Fall Band Concert
- 6 READS Parent Info Night
- 7 End of 1st Qtr/Early Release
- 10-14 FALL BREAK/No Classes
- 18 Gifted Students Field Trip
- 18 Board Meeting
- 19 K-5th 1st Qtr Awards
- 20 Parent Teacher Conferences/
Early Release
- 21 Parent Teacher Conferences/
No Classes
- 26 6th-8th 1st Qtr. Awards
- 27 Picture Make Up Day
- 27 Fine Dining w/Admin
- 27 Library Hour
- 27 Pajama Movie Night

First Line of Defense FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Do you know the best thing you can do to prevent illness? Hand washing is like a “do-it-yourself” vaccine. Regular hand washing, especially before and after certain activities, is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of germs to others. It’s quick, it’s simple, and it can keep us all from getting sick.

Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to reduce the number of germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Hand sanitizers do NOT eliminate all types of germs. Hand sanitizers are not as effective when hands are visibly dirty or greasy.

Please teach our children to wash their hands: Before, during, and after preparing food; Before eating food; Before and after caring for someone who is sick; Before and after treating a cut or wound; After using the toilet; After changing diapers; After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing; After touching an animal, animal food or animal waste; After touching garbage.

Best of health to you and your family.

SPORTS

**2nd Quarter Sports
 will include:**

**Boys Basketball
 And
 Girl’s Soccer**

**More information to
 come**

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From the Counselor's Office

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

This month we will be discussing the pillar 'RESPECT'. Please remember to wear YELLOW on Wednesday, October 5th. Quote: "I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me.....All I ask is that you respect me as a human being." -Jackie Robinson

From the Assistant Principal

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

Parents and Guardians,

Calabasas is excited to announce the start of R.E.A.D.S. (Reading, Excelling, Achieving, Developing, and Succeeding). This program is geared for our first and second grade students who will benefit from additional reading assistance. These students will partner with our seventh and eighth grade students to practice and develop strong reading skills. Together the students will practice reading fluency, comprehension, and additional reading skills. The program will start on October 28 and continue throughout the year.

As we are getting ready to start our second year of this program, I am asking for gently used book donations (leveled pre-kinder to second grade) for our students. If you have any gently used books that you would like to donate to Calabasas' READS program, please bring them to the front office. There is a READS drop off box in the front office. I appreciate your support and partnership in creating life-long readers and learners!

Thank you!

Mrs. Rebekah Cabrera

From our Parent Liaison

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

Welcome Fall! We are looking forward to cooler weather and very busy months. Are you interested in helping you child's Teacher and or our School? Sign up for our Volunteer Program; we have many events in which you can participate. Contact Irma Velez for more information. We are happy to report that our English classes' spots have been filled! Classes begin Oct. 4th for Level 1 and October 6th for Level 2. We still have spots open for our G.E.D classes please call us for more information at [520-375-8549](tel:520-375-8549). Also don't forget our Strengthening Families Program will begin October 6th. If you did not have the opportunity to sign up for this program we will have another set of sessions in January don't miss out! Enjoy your Fall Break and don't forget when our Library hour on October 27th. We will also have Pajama Movie Night on the 27th featuring the Transylvania 2 movie at 5:00 pm. Please join us for an evening of fun! Have a wonderful month!

From the Band Director

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

an exciting and busy couple of months coming up! Join us for our concert on Thursday October 6th, attendance will be taken at 5:45pm and immediately following the concert. All students must wear concert black (no jeans, no tennis shoes) with no jewelry or nail polish. Band Day is scheduled for October 28th. Students must report to the Rio Rico High School band room for attendance. Details will be announced later. Finally, we have two events coming up in November: the Veteran's Day Parade on the 11th and the Mingus Jazz Festival on the 16th. Stay tuned for details about times and transportation. Thanks for your continued support!

From the Athletic Director

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

Dear parents and students

Second quarter sports are on their way! We will be having boys' basketball and girls' soccer. It is important to have the athletic packet completed if you want your child to participate in any athletic event. We will be having at least 6 games during the season with the possibility of participating in the league tournament. Check out the school website for the calendar of events. Come and support our school. Go Cougars

Six Pillars of Character Counts

	Trustworthiness	Respect	Responsibility	Fairness	Caring	Citizenship
	<p>Be honest, reliable, and mindful of your own good reputation.</p> <p>Have the courage to do the right thing.</p>	<p>Treat others with respect. Use good manners. Be considerate and tolerant of differences. Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements.</p>	<p>Do your best and do what you are supposed to do. Make wise choices and hold yourself accountable. Exercise self-discipline.</p>	<p>Be open-minded and listen to others. Play by the rules, take turns and share. Take advantage of no one and blame no one carelessly.</p>	<p>Be helpful, compassionate and kind. Express gratitude. Forgive others and yourself.</p>	<p>Come prepared. Participate and cooperate willingly. Be positive and honor the rules.</p>