

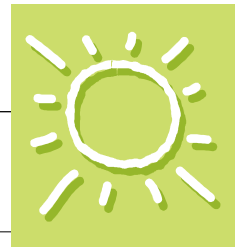


Scorpion News

Feb/March 2010



Are you ready for Spring?



We are over half way through our school year and things are buzzing. Students in grades 3-5 have just finished taking benchmark tests in Reading, Math and Language. These tests are a good check on how we are doing with our teaching and how students are doing with their learning. They are also a great practice for the upcoming ISAT tests. All classes are working hard to increase their reading fluency and comprehension. As a parent, you can help by simply reading to and with your child nightly. The more exposure and practice s/he receives the quicker the increases in reading occur. Between now and April is the prime time to make reading gains.

We have also just finished our IRI tests for grades K-3. We have such GREAT readers at Desert Springs. Please keep reading with your kids. To qualify as proficient readers by Spring students need to make the following scores:

- K- 30 letter sounds in 1 minute
- 1- 53 words read in 1 minute
- 2- 92 words read in 1 minute
- 3- 110 words read in 1 minute

Please keep practicing with your child. Practice helps students make HUGE gains!

We will have our annual Donuts for Dad coming up on Friday, Feb-26th, look for details to be sent home later this month. This is a great time for Dads to come check out our school and have a fun morning treat with the kids.

Upcoming Events:

- ♦ Student led conferences Feb 11 5-8 and Feb 12 1-4 and 5-8
- ♦ No school for kindergarteners Feb 11-16
- ♦ No school 1-5 Feb. 12-16
- ♦ February 26th Doughnuts for Dads 7:30-8:00 am Please RSVP
- ♦ 4th grade music program March 4th 1:45 and 6:00 pm
- ♦ Spring and class photos March 15 for M/W kindergarteners, March 16 for all other kids
- ♦ SPRING BREAK March 26-April 2
- ♦ April 9th -report cards come home
- ♦ April 19th Kindergarten Registration

Save those box tops!

Keep on saving those box tops! So far this year we have raised nearly \$600. This money goes to new playground equipment and other fun stuff for school. Thanks for helping out!!



EXCITING NEWS!!

Our first student council elections have been held! We are proud to announce our new officers:

- President- Tobey S.
- Vice President-Jacob E.
- Communications- Shanika V.
- Secretary- Yesenia D.



Lunch money?

Does your child have enough lunch money?

Please check with your child.

School Supplies are running low!

Please check with your child and see if s/he needs new school supplies. We have been working hard and things are running out!

