

# T.E.S. Express



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## From the Desk of the Principal:

As you can see from the calendar, we have a lot going on this last semester. It is extremely crucial that your kids be here as we prepare for and take state testing.

Also, the weather is warming up and kids are shedding those warm clothes. Please keep in mind that the **dress code** must be followed. Shorts, skirts and pants should NOT show exposed skin higher than five (5) inches above the knees (this includes, rips, tears, or shreds). Flip-flops should not be worn. Please see the TES Student Handbook on our website for further details.

We would like to announce that we will be changing to self-contained classrooms for 5th and 6th grade for the **22-23 school year**. Students will no longer be rotating classes for subject areas; they will remain in one homeroom class for the day. Coming out of the pandemic, we feel this is in the best interest of our students academically, socially and emotionally.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

*-Mrs. Michelle Ferrin*

## The Office:

If you sign your student out for **lunch**, they must be signed back in or will be considered absent.

**Students are NOT to be on campus earlier than 7:30 am** as there is no adult supervision until that time

If you have an after school message for your **student please call that information into the office before 12:00pm**.



## Nurse's Notes:



Spring is springing and so is **allergy season!** Remind your child(ren) to wash their hands frequently and to not rub their eyes after playing outside.



Also, with warm weather, help them to bring a water bottle to school each day to stay hydrated.

*Stay well! - Nurse Rikki*



## Mark your Calendar

### April 2022

- 5 3rd Grade AASA Writing Test  
4th Grade AASA Writing Test
- 6 5th Grade AASA Writing Test  
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- 7 Spring Pictures (Individual & Class) 
- 11 3rd Grade AASA Oral Reading Test
- 12 3rd Grade AASA ELA pt. 1/Math pt. 1  
4th Grade AASA ELA pt. 1/Math pt. 1
- 13 3rd Grade AASA ELA pt. 2/Math pt. 2  
4th Grade AASA ELA pt. 2/Math pt. 2
- 15-18 Easter Break, NO SCHOOL 
- 20 5th Grade AASA ELA pt. 1/Math pt. 1  
6th Grade AASA ELA pt. 1/Math pt. 1
- 21 5th Grade AASA ELA pt. 2/Math pt. 2  
6th Grade AASA ELA pt. 2/Math pt. 2
- 25 3rd Grade Field Day
- 26 4th Grade Field Day
- 27 6th Grade Field Day
- 28 5th Grade Field

### May 2022

- 2-6 Love of Reading Week (*details to come*) & *Teacher Appreciation Week*
- 4 After-School Choir Performance
- 5 6th Grade STEAM Day
- 9 3rd Grade Music Performance
- 10 4th Grade Music Performance  
5th/6th Grade Band Performance  
After-School Orchestra Performance
- 11 6th Grade Music Performance  
6th Grade Maturation Presentation  
Lego Club Expo
- 12 5th Grade Music Performance  
6th Grade Drug Coalition Presentation  
5th Grade Maturation Presentation
- 18 3rd Grade Thatcher Park Lunch/Water Fun
- 19 Last Day of School, Early Release 10:16 am

# 3rd

We have had a busy month, in Social Studies we have been learning about Arizona. In April, we will be busy preparing for and taking Arizona Academic Standards Assessment, AASA, it used to be AzMerit. **Our testing schedule will be: April 5—Writing test, April 11—Oral Fluency Test, April 12—Part 1 Math & Reading, April 13—Part 2 Math & Reading.**

**PARENTS:** Please do not make any appointments during the week of testing. Help your children remember to eat a good breakfast and get a good night's sleep. These tests are a good indicator of your child's progress this year. We want them to do their best!

April 25th 3rd graders will have a fun Field Day at the Middle School Track Field. The middle school will be in charge.

Parents, we appreciate all your help at home so your children will have a successful school year!

The 3rd Grade Team  
Mrs. Petersen, Ms. Romero, Miss Smith,  
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Boren, Mrs. Phillips

# 5th

Spring is in the air and the calendar is quickly filling up with end-of-the-year activities and testing. Watch for notifications about upcoming state testing. Your student can find review materials for the ELA test on Google Classroom. Additionally, the 5th-grade students have an opportunity to take a test on the states and capitals. If they pass it by April 12, they will get to attend a pizza party! Also, there is one more book report the students need to complete. It is due May 10. For this book report, they will need to write a one-page summary of the book they read and draw a picture of the cover page. If you have any questions about it please contact your child's ELA teacher. Thanks for making your student's education a priority! Also, remind your students to keep reading nightly for 20 minutes, and practice their math facts.

The 5th Grade Team  
Ms. Matthews, Mrs. Udall, Mrs. Hunt,  
Ms. Hirshouer, Mrs. Nagy, Mrs. Allred

## Field Day Schedule



April 25—3rd Grade  
April 26—4th Grade  
April 27—6th Grade  
April 28—5th Grade



(More details to come...)

# 4th

Whew! The year is flying by! We are continuing to learn more and more in each subject that is essential to student's success.

Remember that we still have several weeks of school left. With state testing coming up we will be reviewing a lot and working extremely hard to prepare for that. *Please have your kids at school unless they are sick.*

Now that the weather is warming up, please send a water bottle with a screw top lid. Please do not send cute decorative cups that spill and leak easily. Finally, please make sure your child showers or bathes daily, wears deodorant, and brushes their teeth. It gets very fragrant in our classrooms this time of year.

The 4th Grade Team  
Mrs. Yochum, Ms. Carter, Mrs. Hatch,  
Ms. Crandall, Ms. Lawson, Mrs. Hogan



## Thatcher PTO Updates

The PTO is excited to begin our 4th and 5th Grade **LEGO CLUB!** We have a change of schedule—the EXPO will be May 11th from 5:30—6:30 pm. This is when the students can bring their family and friends to check out their projects.

# 6th

The end of the year will be here before we even realize! That means your children will be moving on to middle school! **PLEASE** continue checking Parent and Student Vue for any missing assignments your child may have. Checking scores on *EACH INDIVIDUAL* assignment will clear up many questions dealing with your child's overall grade.

**Please make sure your student is at school and on-time for AASA (state) testing on the following dates: Writing—April 6, Reading & Math part1—April 20 & Reading & Math part 2—April 21.**

Many students think the last quarter (especially after testing) is just a time to goof around, but please speak with them about the importance of still coming to school prepared to work and follow the rules. With the nicer weather and it being the last quarter, it is not an excuse for some of the poor behavior we are seeing among some of the 6th grade students. Teachers may be assigning after-school detention to those who are not completing assignments or are misbehaving in a way that is distracting to other students in their class. It is possible they may miss out on fun end of the year activities.

Lastly, as the weather warms up, please continue to ensure that your child is showering regularly, using hygiene products and dressing in clean clothes daily.

The 6th Grade Team  
Mrs. Leavitt, Mr. Skinner, Mrs. Morris,  
Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Kincaid, Ms. Cochran



**ParentVUE**

[Download the app for easy access]

Please log on and verify your child's information.

- If you have changed your address within the past year, please provide us with a new proof of residency.
- If you need to make phone number changes, emergency contact changes, etc., that should also be updated or your child may not be released to certain individuals.
- Check grades, report absences, and more!

## Life Skills



### Let's talk about HYGIENE!

Along with the warm weather comes a lot of sweat! Please encourage and assist your child in cleaning up each day!

- Bathe or Shower Daily using soap and washing your hair with shampoo
- Brush and floss teeth morning and night
- Wash your hands after using the bathroom
- Wear clean clothes each day
- Brush or comb your hair each morning



<https://parenting.firstcry.com/articles/personal-hygiene-for-kids-best-habits-tips-to-keep-your-child-healthy/>

# A

## Art. Music. P.E. Technology

There is still time to sign up for Art Club.

# M

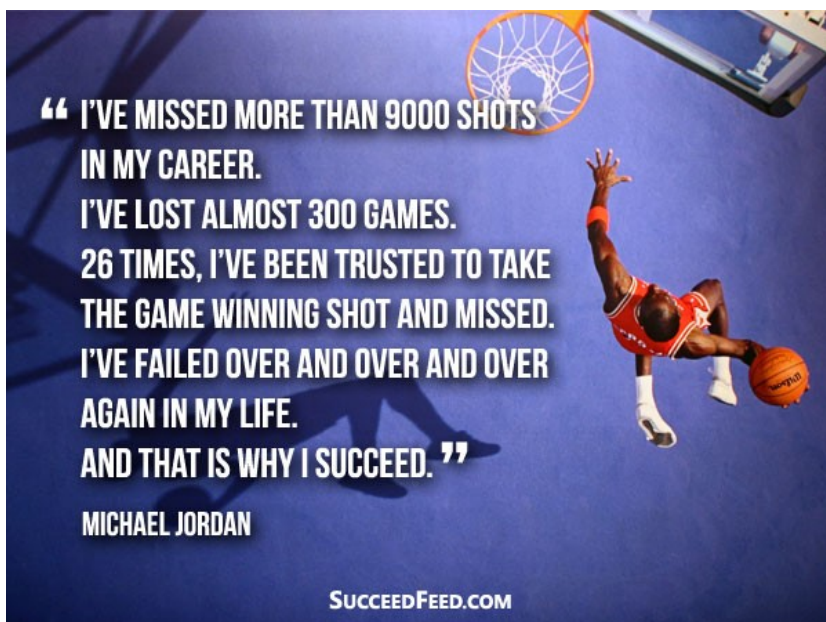
- April 1—Junk Art (8-11 am) **OR** April 8—Junk Art (8-11 am)

# P

- April 29—Roy Lichtenstein Comic Book Art

# T

To sign up, visit [tes.thatcherud.org](https://tes.thatcherud.org), click the right arrow under "School News" and click on the "Art Club" icon. Then select the document and select the date you would like to sign up for.

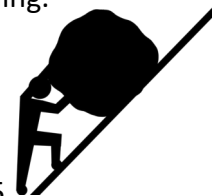


## Counselors Corner:

### **PERSEVERANCE**

is the ability to work through situations even when there are obstacles or challenges in the way.

People who persevere are those who know failure is just the beginning of new growth or learning.



### **Counselor Info:**

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