

Charger Chatter

CHOLLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Phil Garitson, Principal
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Principal Garitson's Guidance

Charger parents;

It is difficult to believe that we are approaching midterms for the third quarter. Our Parent/Teacher Conferences are next week, and midterm grades will be available during that time. When report card day approaches, some students proudly hand their grades over to mom and dad; while others tuck them away hoping their parents won't remember to ask for them. Like exams, report cards can be an intimidating part of the school year for both students and parents. The following tips will help you figure out what to do about grades before and after that slip of paper comes home:

Take report cards seriously. Whether pleased or disappointed, parents should use the report card as a point of discussion with their child and teacher if necessary.

Praise a good report card. If your child brings home a good report card, be sure to let him or her know that you are proud of his or her accomplishments.

Talk about a bad report card. Failure is terrifying for anyone. If your child doesn't perform as well as expected on his or her report card, talk openly about it and make reassurances that bad grades do not mean he or she is a failure. Attend parent conferences to meet with the teacher to discuss some strategies for improvement.

Look at your child's work. Report cards and progress reports come out only a few times a year, but students do work in the classroom every day. Parents should look at their children's projects and exams, and pay special attention to the grades and comments that go along with them.

Set aside time for homework. Poor report cards, particularly in the higher grades, can be as much a reflection of insufficient effort as a lack of knowledge or skill.

Be involved in school. Generally speaking, students who excel have parents who are actively involved in their child's education and their school. Show interest in what your child is learning by helping out with homework, volunteering in the classroom or getting involved in our Parent Teacher Organization. If your child sees you involved at school, he or she will know that you think school is important.

Again, we would like to thank all of you for taking an active part in the education of your child by attending conferences. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Sincerely,
Phil Garitson
Principal

"Working together to empower lifelong learners"

Assistant Principal Pallagi Positivity

Thank you to all of our parents who attended our quarter two Student Success Assembly in January! We thoroughly enjoyed you joining teachers in honoring our students and all of their achievements! Students were honored for excellent grades, having a growth mindset, perfect attendance and for demonstrating the characteristics of a Charger, which are: Collaborative, Honorable, Open-Minded, Leader, Learner and Achiever. We also acknowledged our students who participate in activities outside of the school day such as athletics, After School Academy and clubs. Our next Student Success Assembly is tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 29, which is the first Friday after we return from Spring Break.

Also in January, we had a school-wide lesson on bullying and cyber bullying. Students learned about what constitutes bullying and cyber bullying, what to do if happens to them or if they witness it and what the possible consequences are for engaging in this type of behavior. Please ask your child about their experiences from this lesson as a way to bridge the conversation from school to home. Bullying is never tolerated and instances of bullying should always be reported to the student center.

Sincerely,
Mindy Pallagi
Assistant Principal

IS IT BULLYING?

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it* even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset—that's **BULLYING.**

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, February 5, 2019,
From 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Translation Services available

And

Wednesday, February 6, 2019,
From 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

NO Translation Services available

All conferences will be held in the Cholla
Gymnasium.

Teachers will be available to answer any questions you may have about your student's grades.

We want to see you there!

Due to our Parent/Teacher Conference schedule, we will have early release on February 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Students will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m.

Lunches will be served all four days.



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Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

Professional Learning Community Wednesdays
Dismissal is at 1:45 p.m.

FEBRUARY
Dates To Remember

- 1 – Read Across America Day
- 5 - Parent/Teacher Conferences – 5 to 8 p.m. in gym
(Translation Available)
- 6 – Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
Parent/Teacher Conferences – 4 to 7 p.m. in gym
- 7 – 8 – Early release – 1:45 p.m.
- 11 – Girls Basketball – CH @ DF
Boys Soccer – DF @ CH
- 12 – Girls Basketball – MS @ CH
Boys Soccer – MS @ CH
- 13 – Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
Family Links Class – 4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 18 - NO SCHOOL – President’s Day
- 19 – Girls Basketball – CH @ PV
Boys Soccer – CH @ PV
- 20 - Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 21 - Family Links Class – 4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 26 – Girls Basketball – CH @ RP
Boys Soccer – CH @ RP
- 27 – Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 28 – Boys Soccer – CH @ MS



Read Across America 2019

It’s time to break out the infamous red-and-white-striped, stove-pipe hats and your favorite books because the annual Read Across America celebration is nearly here! Read Across America is celebrated every year on March 2, Theodor Geisel’s birthday – better known to millions as Dr. Seuss. This year, the celebration will take place Friday, March 1.

Now in its 22nd year, Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program sponsored by the National Education Association that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on or around Dr. Seuss's birthday. The event’s purpose is to motivate children to read and focus the country’s attention on the importance of reading.

This year’s theme is “Grab Your Hat and Read With the Cat.” To help us celebrate, the Washington Elementary School District is inviting parents, community leaders and neighborhood partners into the classroom to read to students.

If you love to read and enjoy children, then Read Across America is the volunteer opportunity for you. Whether you bring your favorite book or need a book provided for you, we invite you to share your love of reading with our students.

For more information, please contact the front office at: 602-896-5400

WESD Food Drive

Washington Elementary School District will be hosting the WESD Community Food Drive (#WESDCommunityFoodDrive2019) from Monday, Feb. 11 through Friday, Feb. 22 to benefit St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance. Right now, one in four children in Arizona is going to bed hungry. WESD can help change that. As a community leader and partner with St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance, WESD is asking every school to participate. Each student is asked to bring in canned food to donate during those two weeks. The school with the most donated food (as determined by the number of pounds per student) will receive bundtinis from Nothing Bundt Cake for the entire school and a trophy to recognize its efforts. Last year we collected nearly 76,000 pounds of food! Questions about getting involved may be directed to Pam Horton, WESD Communications and Public Engagement, 602-347-2694.

School Calendar Online

Keep informed on what’s happening at our school! Check the school calendar on our Web page. Just go to Cholla.wedschools.org. You’ll see “Cholla Calendar” in the left navigation list. Click there to see what’s happening!

Congratulations to our 2019 Teams

2019 Boys Soccer Team

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| Foad A. |  | David A. |
| Fernando B. | | Sam F. |
| Hayden F. | | Hugo H. |
| Jovanny J. | | Erick M. |
| Trinidad P. | | Victor P. |
| Alex R. | | Xavior S. |
| Joseph S. | | Joshua S. |
| Robert V. | | Aldhair V. |

Makai W.

2019 Girls Basketball Teams

7th Grade

- Gladis C.
- Jada J.
- Nadya G.
- Destiny Q.
- Angelina C.
- Shila D.
- Brielle S.
- Zariyah B.
- Hayleigh D.
- Tatiana W.
- Emese S.
- Alicia N.
- Isis G.
- Montrae J.



8th Grade

- Angelica H.
- Nasrin G.
- Kaitlyn T.
- Victory C.
- JaNiya F.
- Liberty I.
- Madeline M.
- Asia L.
- Eden A.
- Sondraya Z.
- Claudette H.
- Sarina R.