

Charger Chatter

CHOLLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Principal Garitson's Guidance

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter provides important state AzMERIT and AIMS assessment information to the Cholla Middle School community of parents and students. Please partner with us to support our students and encourage our students to perform at their highest level during these times. Our staff and students are currently busy on readiness for the state assessments March 28 – April 11, just after Spring Break. Our focus is to have students demonstrate growth in the areas of reading, writing, math, and science.

As parents, you can support your son/daughter by having family discussions about the importance of your son/daughter's education and doing his or her best on these assessments. Here are some things you can do to help your child be successful during this time of preparation:

1. Make sure your child attends school every day and is here on time. The tardy bell rings at 8:10 a.m.
2. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep each night.
3. Encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast either at home or at school.
4. Talk about the tests with your child and encourage your student to do his or her very best.
5. Remind him or her that high schools look at the results when placing students!

Attendance is critical for student success in school. It is exceptionally important that students are present on the days of the state tests and for the whole testing process. We need parents to know that we will not be able to interrupt the testing process for parents to sign students in late, or check them out during the testing sessions. If a student comes late, after testing has started, he or she will be assigned to a classroom until he or she can join the next testing process. Please have students here on time, and avoid checking students out during the testing schedule.

Our testing schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 28	7th/8th ELA-Writing
Wednesday, March 29	7th/8th ELA- Reading Part I (Early Release 1:45 p.m.)
Thursday, March 30	7th/8th ELA- Reading Part II
Friday, March 31	No Testing- ELA Make-Ups
Monday, April 3	7th Math Part I/8th Math Part II
Tuesday, April 4	7th Math Part II/8th Math Part I
Wednesday, April 5	No Testing- Math Make-Ups (Early Release 1:45 p.m.)
April 11	8th Science AIMS
April 12	8th Science AIMS Make-ups (Early Release 1:45 p.m.)

Thank you for your support in ensuring the administration of our state assessments is a positive experience for our students. Working together, we will continue to empower lifelong learners!

Sincerely,
Phil Garitson
Principal

"Working together to empower lifelong learners"

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AMBOS' WORDS OF ADVICE

Attendance is Mandatory

In order to be successful in school, you must be in attendance at school. Tardies, truancies and unexcused absences negatively affect a student's progress. You must call in your child's absence whenever he or she is not at school or late to school, or he or she will be considered unexcused. If there is a valid reason for the absence or tardy, you need to call 602-896-5422 to report that information to the attendance clerk. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for more inclusive details on the attendance policy. We need your support in making school a priority and encouraging attendance at school unless your child is sick and unable to attend. Tardies to school and to class are becoming more prevalent as the year goes on. If a student arrives late to school, he or she must check in with the attendance clerk prior to going to class. If your child is late to school or to class without a note or phone call, he or she will be given an after-school detention or in-school suspension based upon the number of tardies he or she has received. Please reiterate the importance of attendance with your son or daughter so we can have all of our students in attendance all of the time.

Will Ambos
Assistant Principal



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

NO SCHOOL
March 20 – 24
SPRING BREAK

School will resume on
Monday, March 27



Read Across America 2017

Barnes and Noble Book Fair:

In celebration of Read Across America, our library will be sponsoring a book fair at the Met-rocenter Barnes and Noble on March 11. Art students will showcase some of their work and our musicians will be performing live. Please mark your calendar and plan to support our students and our library. Part of the proceeds from any purchases made that day will go directly to purchasing books for our library. Be watching or further news. We hope to see you there! 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.

Congratulations to our 2017 Teams

2017 Boys Soccer Team

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| Carlos B. | Mustafa B. |
| Adam B. | Isaac C. |
| Zach D. | Andres D. |
| Xavier F. | Carlos F. |
| Pablo G. | Jesus G. |
| Chris G. | Derek H. |
| Bruce H. | Gabe R. |
| Alex R. | Meris S. |
| Andres T. | Gustavo V. |
| David Y. | Robert Z. |
| | Juan Z. |



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE	896-5422	STUDENT CENTER	896-5421
<small>(To report absences or tardies)</small>		<small>(For homework requests)</small>	
NURSE	896-5410	CAFETERIA	896-5417

Cholla is going to Disneyland

Just a friendly reminder; any students who are eligible to attend the Disneyland field trip scheduled for April 21, the final balance is due on Friday, March 10.

Please stop by the front office to make your final payment.
Thank you ☺

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!

Open Enrollment

If you are living outside of the Cholla attendance area, you will need to fill out a new Open Enrollment form for the 2017 – 2018 school year. These forms were sent home to all seventh grade students who do not live in the school attendance area on February 10. Please complete and return the forms by May 15. Thank you



MARCH

Dates To Remember

- 1 – Bus Evacuation Drill
Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 2 – Read Across America Day
AZ Renaissance Festival Fieldtrip
- 6 – Spring Grams Sales Starts
Girls Basketball Tournament – hosted by GUHSD
- 7 – Boys Soccer – CH @ DF
Girls Basketball Tournament – hosted by GUHSD
- 8 – PLC Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 9 – Girls Basketball Championship – hosted by GUHSD
Band & Orchestra Area Festival
- 10 – Final Disneyland Payment due
- 11 – Barnes & Noble Book Fair – 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 13 – FLEX Fieldtrip to State Capital
- 13 - 14 Boys Soccer Tournaments @ La Pradera Park
- 15 - PLC Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 16 – Spring Grams Sales Ends
Boys Soccer Championship @ La Pradera Park
- 17 – Spring Grams deliver during 7th hour
End of 3rd Qtr
- 20 – 24 – SPRING BREAK (No School)
- 27 – 4th Qtr Starts
- 28 –

AzMERIT Testing Starts