

# THE COYOTE HOWLER

May 2018

*CACTUS MIDDLE SCHOOL*

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

I would like to begin by thanking all of our parents, students, and staff for making our 2017-2018 school year a success. The end of the school year is coming fast and we look forward to end-of-the-year events to celebrate our students' successes.

The Casa Grande Public Library will be visiting during the first week of May to share summer reading programs at the city public library. The end of the year 8th Grade Awards Assembly will be Wednesday, May 23rd at 2:00 p.m. with our Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony on Thursday, May 24th at 9:00 a.m.

Casa Grande Elementary School District will host the Every Scholar Has A Teacher Awards on May 2nd at 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the Casa Grande Middle School Auditorium. The top students from each middle school will be recognized. Those top students will also be recognizing their most influential teachers. Congratulations to our top Cactus students: Delaney Dickey, Clara Munguia, Nuriah Perea, Alana Quintanar, Kayla Riggs, Hunter Scholes, Sophia Webb, and Jacob Villarreal.

We thank our teachers, paraprofessionals, and support staff for their dedication to our students each and every day. The final steps of students moving onto the next grade, reminds us of the valuable and irreplaceable role our educators play in preparing our students for their future. Once students leave the K-12 years, they take with them to college or career the knowledge, skills, and social responsibility they have developed in the classroom lessons and school experiences.

Thank you to the wonderful Cactus faculty, staff, students, and families for a rewarding year. I wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

We are Cactus!

Thank-you

Kendra Tate,  
Principal





A Big congratulation goes out to the students that represented Cactus Middle School in the District Chess Tournament held last Friday at CGMS. The Cactus Chess Team overwhelmed the other middle school competitors with a team score of 46 points over 2nd place CGMS's 20 team points, again taking the coveted TEAM TROPHY. Cactus won five of the six trophies.

1st place went to CGMS (Laine Martinez a Cactus Chess member last year)

2nd place: Hayden Cardita 7th grader

3rd place: Ever Rodriguez – 8th grader

4th place: Curtis Maroney – 6th grader

5th place: Damian Cervantes – 7th grader

6th place: Alex Gomez – 8th grader



Other students contributing to team points were: Benjamin Maroney, Jacob Villarreal (Club President), Gabriel Leon, Tyler Van Wagenen, & Summer Whitmer. Absent Members: Ethan Carrera & Ty Acuna. Ms. Hendrickson, Cactus Chess Club Sponsor and District Tournament Director.

### Staying Informed During Emergencies

Sometimes, emergencies can occur near a school, even when the emergency is unrelated to the school. There are also times when emergency responders come to a school at the request of school staff.

If parents see fire engines, an ambulance, or law enforcement vehicles on or near a school campus, their thoughts naturally turn to the safety of their children. Since a large number of parents calling a school at a time like this may only reach a busy signal, there are two ways that are more effective for immediate updates:

- Please check [www.cgesd.org](http://www.cgesd.org). If a school temporarily loses power or telephone service, or if an emergency situation exists, we do our best to keep parents up to date on our website.
- Please click on [www.cgesd.org](http://www.cgesd.org) and click on the link for your child's school. There, you can subscribe to receive updates on not only school news and calendar events, but also on emergency information.

We want parents to be as informed as possible, and these are two of the best ways to have up-to-date and accurate information.

Access Cactus Middle School on the web at [www.cgesd.org](http://www.cgesd.org) and "Click" on Cactus under the "Our Schools" tab. You will find our monthly calendar of school events.

# 2017-2018 ATHLETIC GUIDE

1st SEASON	2nd SEASON	3rd SEASON	4th SEASON
7/8 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	7/8 GIRLS SOCCER <b>Tryouts 10/9-10/12</b>	7/8 GIRLS BASKETBALL	7/8 GIRLS SOFTBALL
7/8 BOYS SOCCER	7/8 FLAG FOOTBALL <b>Tryouts 10/9-10/12</b>	6/7/8 WRESTLING	7/8 BOYS BASKETBALL
	6/7/8 CROSS COUNTRY <b>Practice starts 10/9</b>	7/8 BOYS BASEBALL	6/7/8 TRACK

## Track

**5/1 @ Villago**

**5/3 @Cactus**

**5/8 at Union H.S. Championship Meet**

## Boys Basketball

**May 9th Playoffs**

**May 14th Championships**

### SPORTS ELIGIBILITY

*All students wishing to participate in sports are required to have a physical **prior** to tryouts and maintain academic and behavioral eligibility. Students will be issued a slip when their physical form has been approved.*

*The slips must be presented to the coach in order to try out. Should a student become ineligible, the student is out of any extra-curricular activities for the next 3 (three) week grading period. However, weekly checks will be made to consider reinstatement should the student become eligible again.*

### NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATION

As required by Casa Grande Elementary District #4 Policy, and Arizona State Regulations, you are hereby being notified of the following pesticide applications:

Brand Name: MasterLine

Date and Time: Friday May 46th at 3:45 p.m.

Area: Kitchen, Cafeteria, 2nd Break Room

Brand Name: ROUND-UP & ROYZALIN

Concentration: .06%

Area: Fence lines and desert landscaping

Rate of Application: Perimeter Barrier Treatment

Concentration: 2% & 2%

Rate of Application: Spot Treat

*Additionally, there will be spraying of Round-Up in the retention basins on an as-needed basis.*

Dear Parents,

The Casa Grande Elementary School District is in the process of rolling out a new system that will allow us to better communicate with families. This system – called SchoolMessenger – will allow us to send voicemail, text alerts, and email messages to keep families updated in cases of an emergency. This system will also allow families to get attendance alerts for their children. In order to ensure that you receive these alerts, please make sure the school office has your updated email address, phone number(s), and address.

## New Brown Bag Lunch Guideline

Once a quarter, we would like to invite you to join your child for lunch in the media center! Bring a lunch for you and your child to enjoy together.

Lunches brought by parents should only be shared with their child. Should you want to purchase a school lunch, adult meals are \$3.50.

We ask that no lunches be left to be delivered to your child. Brown Bag Lunch is time for you and your child to spend together here at Cactus.

We look forward to you joining us!

## Notes from Nurse Dawn

Happy May! Along with the beautiful growing things we are getting hit with pollen of all kinds.

Many of us, staff, students, and parents are suffering from environmental allergies.

Our District does not provide allergy medication, so if your child needs allergy relief you can check with your doctor or pharmacist for guidance on how to treat allergies or a good over-the-counter allergy medication.

For school it is best if you pick a non-drowsy type for the daytime, so your child can be alert and ready to learn.

We also recommend that you have your child use sun screen daily as Arizona has a high rate of skin cancer.

It is also crucial that your child gets enough fluids during the day, please send them with a water container that they can refill. It makes quite a difference in how they succeed throughout the day and dehydration can really devastate the body.

At the end of the school year parents need to pick up any leftover medication for your child.

Medication that is not picked up will be destroyed.

We thank you for your help in these situations. Have a nice summer!

## **SLOW DOWN!**



All of our students are precious to us. Please be aware of the crosswalk in front of the school. Please obey the 15 mph speed limit and stop when children or staff are in the crosswalk. Help us keep your children safe. Also, any students that walk to school and come across Kortsen, must wait for the crossing guard before they cross the street before and after school.

**Parents who pick their child up, please only pick them up in the Parent-Loop. This will better assure your child's safety.**

## **Early Student Pick-Up and Dismissal Information:**

Students are not allowed to wait in the office for parent pick-up during class time. We want to ensure students are not missing valuable instructional time.

Once the parent comes to the office to sign out the student, they will then be called out of class. *Parents wishing to pick their child up early, must do so before 3:30.*

Please call the school **BEFORE** 3:00 p.m. (1:00 p.m. on early release days) to notify your student of a message such as a change in bus or pick-up information. We want to guarantee your child will receive the message.