



# Imagine Schools at West Gilbert West Gilbert Newsletter

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## The Principal Press



Dear Parents and Guardians:

When we return from Spring Break, students in grades 1 through 8 will begin taking the standardized test for their grade level, either the Terra Nova or AIMS. A test becomes standardized when it is administered to all students under the same conditions and scored in the same manner for all students. The main purpose for these tests is to allow reliable and valid comparisons to be made by the students taking the tests.

The Terra Nova and AIMS can be used to show areas of student achievement or learning gains during the school year. They also show how effective we are in the classroom, and our school's progress toward improving student achievement. Of course, these tests measure only a small fraction of what is learned in school.

The testing days will begin on April 1. Please make sure that your child/children get a good night's sleep, come to school well rested and have eaten a healthy breakfast. It is also very important for all students to arrive at school on time. Thank you in advance for helping us to educate your children.

On another note, please join us as we campaign against the budget cuts facing education in the state of Arizona. Many of you have attended rallies at the State Capital regarding these cuts that will affect our children. We can't make a difference if our voices are not heard. Please contact the state legislators for our districts and the Arizona State Board of Charters. We would like to thank you in advance for assisting us with this important concern.

Sincerely,

Linda Horner     Mary Lanigan

Principal         Assistant Principal

## Parent Reminders

\* We will assume that your child will not be attending West Gilbert if do not return the form. If you have any questions, please call our office at 480-855-2700. The staff and I look forward to our continued partnership in providing the best education for your child/children. There are great things happening here at Imagine Schools at West Gilbert.

\* Also, we encourage you to check out our new website, [www.imaginewestgilbert.com](http://www.imaginewestgilbert.com). Take a look at the Daily Page. Teachers will be updating classroom information. Other school information is also being added and updated.

## Donation Corner

We would like to say thank you to Modern Woodman Insurance Financial Group, Student Council, and P.A.W.S for donating funds to provide the students at West Gilbert sports equipment to play with during their recesses; along with storage cages for different grade levels. The students will be very excited to use these items after Spring Break!

### Dates to Remember:



- P.A.W.S. Meeting**     Tuesday,  
March 10th  
at 6:30p.m.
  
- S.S.C. Meeting**         Wednesday,  
March 11th  
at 5:30p.m.
  
- EARLY  
DISMISSAL at  
12:15p.m.**             **Friday,  
March  
13th**
  
- Spring Break**         March 16th-  
27th
  
- Kindergarten  
Round-up for  
future Kinder-  
garteners new  
to West Gil-  
bert**                     Thursday,  
April 9th  
from  
6:00p.m.-  
7:00p.m.
  
- AIMS Writing**         Wednesday,  
test Grades 3-8th     April 1,  
2009
  
- Parent/Teacher  
Conferences**         Thursday,  
April 2nd &  
**Early Dismissal**     Friday, April  
at 12:15p.m.         3rd
  
- AIMS Reading,  
Math and  
Science**             **April 7th,  
8th, 9th**  
**Grades 1st-8th**

### Joy at Work

by Dennis Bakke, co-founder of Imagine Schools

#### Quote of the month:

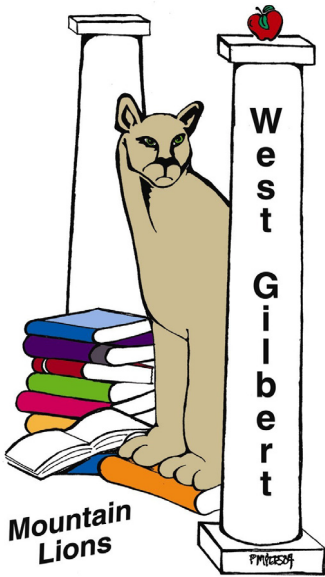
People I have met-regardless of class, income, nationally, and education level-want a chance to meet the needs of their families while doing something useful for society.



## Character Development

The Character Pillar we focused on during the month of February was Citizenship . The students needed to learn how important it is to be a caring citizen within their school community. The following students have received a certificate that represents them mastering the Caring Pillar throughout the month of February.

**Student of the Month:** Nathan Mulligan(McCall) Sterling Harris(Lambert) Ashlyn Froemming(Richards) Abigail Bertandt(Alcantara)Drew Martinez(Pusch) Betty Halliday (Yeagley) Presley Heijligers(Chapman) Sean Williams(Black) Eric Sugden(Petterson) Katina DeCossio(Bernal) Mona Sharaf(Rosado) Angeline Vargas(Jahnke)Tomas Romanous(S. Nelson) DeVaughn Stewart (Tofighi) Delaney O'Brien(Kyle) Faith Heslap(Hardy) Raven Jordan(Crockett) Alexa Zais(Ferris) Darnell Stephan(Onnen) Rebekah Chattin(Graham)Christopher Quigley(Kalina) Ethan Brownell(Maack) Lucas Hedman(T.Nelson) Matthew Venrick(Parrish) Jason Grogg(Schmitz) Jonah Nadeau(Dunn)



Mountain Lions

## P.E. Pivotal Points

As we all know the weather is quickly getting warmer as the days go on. So please send a water bottle to school with your child. It is important for the children to keep their bodies hydrated on a daily basis. The activities for the month of March are: Scoopball, Frisbee, and Dance Dance Revolution. If you think you can get your groove on and want to join us, please do! My classroom door is always open we look forward to all visitors! I also want to thank Mrs. Malik for jumping into Assistant Coach position and doing a fantastic job! You Rock Mrs. Malik! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via email @

[Denise.Geisler@imageschools.com](mailto:Denise.Geisler@imageschools.com)  
Enjoy your month!

## Musical Message

March brings a wrap to what we have been studying this quarter. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades have just completed their JAZZ GREATS presentations. Now it is our turn to apply syncopation!

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will complete their overview of Musical Eras. Each group will present their chosen timeframe sharing not only the composer and music, but fashion, important historical/ scientific events and famous people as well.

Chorus sang (and danced!) their hearts out to a truly appreciative audience at Desert Cove Senior Center. I am so proud of these students! Their character and compassion is outstanding. The residents were so overwhelmed, many spoke their affirmation publicly.

4<sup>th</sup> grade recorders are soaring! Ask your students what level they are on, it is hard to keep up with them!

## Sports Section

### Boys' Basketball

The boy's basketball team finished up their season with a record of 11-5!

Way to go boys!

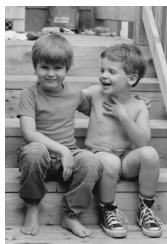


### Girls' Basketball

The Lady Mountain Lions participated in the Arizona Charter Athletic Association's State Tournament and their hardwork and dedication to the sport earned them a 2nd Place finish! Congratulations to Corbin Derks, Alexa Masini, and Sydney Bussell for being selected to play in the All-Star game. Stay tuned to hear which girls earn team honors!

"Good Friends are Good for your health."

- Irwin Sarason



## Office Info.

**ATTENTION PRESCHOOL PARENTS AND BEFORE AND AFTER CARE PARENTS:**

Your monthly payment is due on the **first of every month**. If it is not received by the 11th of the month your child will be unenrolled from the program. Thank You!

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We are hoping you all have an opportunity to participate in our Fall/Winter Enrollment incentive program. If you refer a family to Imagine Schools at West Gilbert and their children enroll you will receive a \$25 gift card. If you have any questions please contact the school office.



Student store will be open every Tues and Thurs from 9:45 – 10:45 am. Please help support your student council office holders and representatives by purchasing a WG

Mountain Lions Reusable water bottle for only \$5.00.



Cookie Dough orders are due by Friday March 6th! All orders will be ready for delivery in April. Please be sure to check your child's folder for a flyer on the where and when it can be picked up. Thanks for supporting your child's school. All efforts are greatly appreciated!

