

APRIL 2024



CHEATHAM NEWS

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 2nd-18th
AASA/AZSCI TESTING
3RD-8TH



April 5th
KINDER & 8TH GRADE
PICTURES



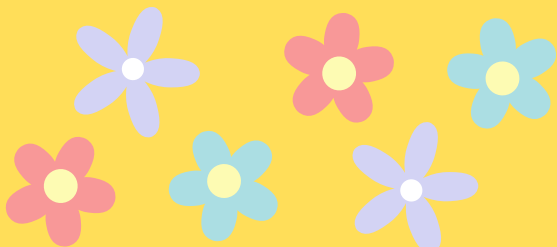
April 9th
KONA ICE



April 10th
HALF DAY

April 24th
HALF DAY

April 25th
STEM/FAMILY NIGHT
4:30-6:30PM



2nd Annual Color Run

CHEATHAM'S FAVORITE FUNDRAISER

Although the rain caused a small hiccup to our original scheduling, it ultimately could not keep us from hosting our annual color run. This is easily one of our Cheetahs' favorite days. Students work hard to raise money for school projects and earn the opportunity to get covered in colored powder by our specials teachers. During the day, older students challenged the teachers to a kickball game while the younger ones had a dance party. The run is one of our biggest fundraisers and we couldn't think of a better way to welcome students back from spring break. Thank you to everyone who participated, both near and far, in supporting our school.





Cheatham Garden Reopening

NEW ART, NEW BEDS, NEW DIRT, NEW VEGGIES

Thanks to our generous community partners, Cheatham's humble garden has received the upgrade it deserves. This beautiful area is now the highlight of our courtyard. Chasse Building Team donated the time and funds to construct the garden beds. Local Artist, Danny Dyster, provided the artwork. Arizona Worm Farm donated all the soil. And Ms. Jackson from Green Desert shared her knowledge and resources to replant. Together, they have created a learning space that will support our efforts in sustainability. We could not be more thankful.



Cheetahs Become Chefs

CREATE CALABASITAS TACOS FROM SCRATCH

In partnership with Blue Watermelon Project and Chef in the Garden, 4th grade students had the opportunity to sharpen their culinary skills and get their hands dirty in the garden. Chefs Charlene Badman and Ms. C helped students prepare delicious tacos using zucchini and fresh salsa. Everyone asked for seconds. Students also planted corn and released handfuls of friendly ladybugs into the garden. We are now patiently waiting for stalks to grow.



College basketball was not the only madness happening in March. Cheatham kicked off state testing with a March Madness theme to represent the last minute push to ensure we are fully prepared to rock the test. We held an assembly to review testing expectations, good testing strategies, and have a little fun. Students competed in small basketball skills tests to see which grade level would be crowned the champion. State testing will take place this month.



Interested in becoming a community partner?
Please contact Brittney Downs at
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CALABASITAS TACOS





AASA/AZSCI TESTING

IT'S TIME TO SHOW OUR GROWTH



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WHY STATE ASSESSMENTS?

Statewide Assessments show how well schools are teaching and how well students are learning. These assessments are aligned to Arizona's Academic Standards and are a time for students to show the amazing learning that has happened this year.



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WHEN ARE THE ASSESSMENTS?

Tuesday, April 2nd – Writing (3rd–8th Grades)

Wednesday, April 3rd – AzSCI Part 1 (5th and 8th Grades)

Thursday, April 4th – AzSCI Part 2 & 3 (5th and 8th Grades)

Tuesday, April 9th – AASA ELA Reading Part 1 (3rd – 8th grades)

Thursday, April 11th – AASA ELA Reading Part 2 (3rd – 8th grades)

Friday, April 12th – AASA Oral Reading Fluency (3rd grade)

Tuesday, April 16th – AASA Math Part 1 (3rd – 8th grades)

Thursday, April 18th – AASA Math Part 2 (3rd – 8th grades)

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HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT?

- **Attendance and timeliness is important**
Testing will start first thing in the morning.
- **Testing is exhausting**
A good night's rest and breakfast will help students stay focused.
- **Encouragement is helpful**
Testing can make students anxious, reassure your child to do his/her best!
- **Make Appointments before or after school.**
Tests are not timed, but must be completed within the school day.
Students picked up early will not be able to finish a test they started.



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WHAT DO THEY NEED?

All students will need headphones for these tests. While the school does provide them, students are permitted to bring their own. The headphones must be able to plug into the chromebook. Wireless OR bluetooth headphones are NOT permitted during any portion of the AASA, per the Arizona Department of Education guidelines.

For more information on state testing and examples of testing questions, please visit <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/aasa>



Title 1

Family Night

Thursday, April 25th
4:30-6:30pm

STEM Fair

Come vote for your favorite

Academic Goal Team

Set NWEA goals with your child
and their teacher

BOOK FAIR

Shop new books for
summer reading



Check out
the menu

