

# Cat Tracks for March

As we are all painfully aware, the economic condition in the United States of America is pretty tough right now. Unfortunately, the economy in the State of Arizona is even worse. We have a few choices as a school district: we could hang our heads down and feel sorry for ourselves or we can be creative, innovative, and make every effort to keep moving forward. We have a very smart and student centered administrative team that has helped us weather this financial crisis. This is not to say we haven't taken some devastating hits because we have and will continue to be severely impacted by this financial crisis. What I am stressing is that I am very proud of the approach we have taken in the face of this storm. We will continue to offer our students the very best educational opportunities we can!

A great example of this creativity is the pancake breakfast we conducted this past weekend at Mountain Vista School. Amazingly we had more than enough volunteer help, had a great time and made a good deal of money for our "snack shack" project. Our Booster Club and PTO combined forces to put on a first class event that could not have gone better.

The plan is to build a new snack bar complete with restrooms that is centrally located between all of the playing fields. The men's side will have a urinal and a stall and the women's side will have two stalls. For those of you (myself included) that have spent long weekends at the fields; nice, clean public restrooms will be an awesome addition to our athletic facilities. This Thursday we will be visiting several local facilities to gather ideas for our project. The basic plan is to construct a building that will survive the ages and serve the community. We will build the shell out of 8x8x16 blocks and use a metal roof. All fixtures will be stainless steel and we will use natural lighting as much as possible. As we get closer to "ground breaking" we will try to garner as much volunteer help and donation of building materials as possible. If you are interested, have ideas, can get us building supplies etc., it is certainly not too early in the project to email me with your thoughts and ideas.

Together we can continue to move forward and do great things for our community and the children.

Respectfully,

*Dennis Blauser*

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email: [dblouser@osd2.org](mailto:dblouser@osd2.org)

Principal Mountain Vista School "Cougar Pride"

# March Students of The Month



**Back Row Left to Right**

Jordan Robison, Chelsea Clark, Andreas Barrenche, Lino Velasquez, Dalia Nicholson, Rachel Colwell, Brianna Gonzales



**Second Row**

Ismael Tovar, Millie Mercer, Kimberly Santos, Kayla Sanchez, Baltazar Flores

**Third Row**

Marcus Peru, Hennassie Sanchez, Megan Buckler, Makayla Martinez, Reece Elmblad, Whisper Whitten, Maria Echeverria, Gillian Cole

# March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Early Release</i>	4	5	6
7	8	9 PTO Meeting Pot-Luck 6:00-8:00	10 <i>Early Release</i>	11 School Board Meeting 6:30	12 End of 3rd Quarter	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Early Release</i>	18	19	20
<i>Spring Break No School</i>						
21	22	23	24 <i>Early Release</i>	25 Spring Pictures 	26 Parent Teacher Conferences	27
<i>PTO Sponsored "Buy one get one" Book Fair</i>						
28	29	30 <i>Honors Breakfast:</i> 4th: 9:00 5th: 9:30 6th: 10:00	31 <i>Honors Breakfast:</i> 7th: 9:00 8th: 9:30 <i>Early Release</i>	1 <i>Honors Ceremony</i> 1st-3rd <i>"In Classrooms"</i>		

# SCHOOL NEWS

## EARLY DISMISSALS

As you know students are dismissed early on Wednesdays. Students in grades 1-6 are dismissed at **12:45** p.m. and students in grades 7-8 are dismissed at **1:45** p.m.. Lunch is served prior to dismissal.

## CONNECTIONS LEARNING CENTER

The Connections Learning Center will be open on every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Library **when school is in session**. This is open to students in grades 4 through 12. High school tutors will be available to assist in Reading, Writing, Math and Science. Please note that Connections Learning Center is **not** open when school is not in session. For more information you may contact: Connections Learning Center director: **Rick Benavidez @ 520-591-5941**.

## NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In order for absences relating to illness, doctor appointment, bereavement, family emergencies, or district approved family vacation to be counted as excused absences, the school must be notified of the absence prior to the absence or when the absence occurs by the parent or legal guardian who has custody of the student. This can be done by a phone call to the front office at 896-3000. Upon returning to school from an excused absence, the student shall submit a note stating the date and reason for the absence signed by the parent/guardian.



Monday thru Friday- The computer lab will be open from 7:30 to 8am for students to come in and work on assignments, check e-mail or just have some fun before school starts. This is for all grades 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades.



## COUGAR DAY

Don't forget that every **Friday** will be **COUGAR DAY!** We ask that all students and staff wear their Cougar T-shirts or blue T-shirts to school. Let's show our school spirit!!

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Mountain Vista students are doing a great job of collecting box tops, but we can never have too many box tops. Please remind friends and family to collect for our school. Check out the General Mills website @ [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for participating products. Thank you for your participation!

## BABY PICTURES

Time is running out!  
Mrs. Damron is collecting baby pictures of 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the slide show at the promotion ceremony. Please send 3-5 pictures of your 8<sup>th</sup> grader to Mrs. Damron as soon as possible. These pictures will be returned to you. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Damron @ 896-3000 or e-mail at [cdamron@osd2.org](mailto:cdamron@osd2.org)



## **CHILD FIND**

Child Find is a process to “find” children who may have a delay in development or a disability. Oracle School District can help children with disabilities from birth through 21 years of age. We provide special education services for eligible children. If you have concerns about your child’s development or progress in school, contact the Oracle School District Special Education Department @ 896-3052

## BUS PASSES AND YOUR CHILD’S SAFETY

A reminder to parents, students are required to bring a note to the office if they need a bus pass. For your child’s safety, phone calls will not be accepted.

It is extremely difficult and disrupting to the classroom when parents call with last minute changes. Please send a note with your child if he/she has any change in their regular drop off.

## **CHILD PICK UP**

Parents, if you need to pick up your child before the end of the day you always need to sign them out in the office. After you have signed them out one of the ladies in the office will call the classroom and request the child be sent to the office. This is for the safety of the child.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

A reminder to parents/students; there are *many* articles of clothing in the lost and found. Numerous jackets, sweaters, shirts, etc. have been turned in and are waiting to be claimed. Please feel free to come and look through it. Anything not claimed at the end of the school year will be donated to Goodwill.



## ATTENTION PARENTS

***Check out Mountain Vista's Website!  
You will find all kinds of great information, such as:  
Breakfast and lunch menus, calendars, special events,  
Sports information, game times, directions to the games.  
Go to [www.osd2.org](http://www.osd2.org) to see more!***

*To parents of students living in Eagle Crest or along Florence HWY who are interested in little league baseball,*

The current boundaries for the Coronado Little League transverse the Oracle School District. If you reside in Eagle Crest, West on Hwy 79 to Park Links Rd, or anywhere south of Willow Springs Rd. on Hwy 77 you technically are a part of the Coronado Little League and are eligible to play in that district (not school district, little league district). If you would like to register there please go on-line at [playball@coronadoll.org](mailto:playball@coronadoll.org) or call 520-888-4564, but be advised that their registration begins as early as Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> and the season begins in early March (much different than what you previously registered and played in Oracle).

If you prefer that your child play or remain in the Oracle Little League program it is possible to obtain a waiver from the Coronado Little League to the Oracle Little League. This requires a request letter and needs to be approved by the CLL board. Many Mt. Vista parents find its easier to have their child play in Oracle because practices are here after school, transportation, or other reasons/situations. Please contact Michele Gagnon @ 896-3023 or [mgagnon@osd2.org](mailto:mgagnon@osd2.org) for more specific information about how to request a waiver.

Coronado also has Junior Leagues for players age 13-15 and would readily accept players from OLL. Again, check out their website above or call Mrs. Gagnon.

Note: This does not affect Oracle's girls softball program (they do not abide by the same boundary regulations as Little League International).

On a personal note, the current boundaries for OLL are very small (the immediate town of Oracle only). We need as many boys or girls possible to make teams for all levels t-ball to majors. If you have any questions or would like to help out please give me a call.

Michele Gagnon  
OLL secretary/treasurer  
896-3023 work  
896-2942 home

# Physical Education in February

The 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades have been participating in the JUMP ROPE FOR HEART program this month. Each class worked out with jump shots, jump ropes, jumping jacks, hurdle jumping, hula hoops, scooter racing, and buzz activities. This is a great opportunity to learn about the keys to heart health including topics such as cholesterol, healthy eating, daily exercise, not smoking, keeping lean and relieving stress.

The American Heart Association provides really fun ideas for learning and fundraising in this popular physical education program. Any funds raised need to be turned in to Mrs. Gagnon by March 5<sup>th</sup>.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades are participating in selected Presidential Fitness modules. It's that time in the quarter for running the timed mile and comparing it to national standards and our own best efforts from the first 2 quarters of the year. We also complete the shuttle run and flexibility testing.

Central Junior High Athletic League  
2010 Baseball and Softball Schedule  
(Games play simultaneously at 4:00)



Wednesday March 3

Mt. Vista @ Ray  
Leave 2:30

Wednesday April 7

Mt. Vista @ Eloy  
Leave 2:00

Monday March 8

Eloy @ Mt. Vista

Wednesday April 14

Mt. Vista @ Hayden  
Leave 2:30

Wednesday March 24

Hayden @ Mt. Vista

Monday April 19

San Manuel @ Mt. Vista

Monday March 29

Mt. Vista @ San Manuel  
Leave 3:00

Wednesday April 21

CJHL Playoffs  
Game 1: 3S @ 2N  
Game 2: 3N @ 2S

Wed March 31

Ray @ Mt. Vista

Saturday April 24

1S and 1N straight to semi-finals  
Final 4 TBD

**MT. Vista Cougars  
CJHL Track Schedule 2010**



<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thurs. March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Oracle, San Manuel, Desert Wind	San Manuel	3:30
Thurs. March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Oracle, San Manuel, Globe, San Carlos, San Manuel	San Manuel	3:30
Thurs. March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Oracle, Globe, Eloy, San Carlos	<b>Globe</b>	3:30
Thurs. April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oracle, Globe, San Carlos San Manuel Maricopa, Desert Wind, San Manuel, Eloy		3:30
Thurs. April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Oracle, San Manuel, Eloy San Manuel San Carlos		3:30
Thurs. April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	CJHL Championship Meet San Manuel Oracle, Eloy, Globe, San Carlos, San Manuel		<b>3:00</b>



As many of you know flu is spreading easily from person to person and school-age children are among the groups most affected. We are taking steps to prevent the spread of flu in the Oracle School District. Currently, flu conditions in Pinal County are increasing. We want to keep the school open and functioning as normal for as long as possible. **We need your help to do this.**

We are working closely with the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Pinal County Health Department to monitor flu conditions and make decisions about the best steps to take.

Please visit our school's website for additional information [www.OSD2.org](http://www.OSD2.org)

*Get LOTS of rest,*

*drink lots of fluids,*

*wash your hands with soap often,*

*cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough.*



**Meal Prices:**

Mountain Vista Campus  
Breakfast.....\$1.00  
Lunch.....\$1.75

Oracle Ridge Campus  
Breakfast.....85cents  
Lunch.....\$1.50

Adult Breakfast.....\$1.25  
Adult Lunch.....\$2.50  
Ala Carte Milk: 35 cents

**Breakfast Includes:**

The daily special plus assorted cereals, juice and milk.

**Mon. and Wed.:** Cream of Wheat  
**Tues. and Fri.:** Oatmeal

**Offered Daily at Lunch:**

1% or Fat Free White Milk  
Fat Free Chocolate Milk  
1% Strawberry Milk

**Mon., Wed., and Fri:**

There will be an alternate choice of salad with assorted toppings and dressings.

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**Oracle Elementary District  
Breakfast Menu**

**March  
2010**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	14 Waffles w/syrup	21 Churros	28 Pop tarts	4 Cinnamon Rolls	5 Cheese Crisp	6
7	8 Bagels w/Cream Cheese	9 French Toast	10 Granola Bars	11 Apple or Cherry Strudel	12 Pigs in a Blanket	13
14	15 <b>SPRING</b>	16 <b>BREAK</b>		18 <b>SPRING</b>	19 <b>BREAK</b>	20
21	22 Breakfast Cookie	23 Egg & Cheese Burros	24 Yogurt	25 Cinnamon Rolls	26 Pancake w/ Syrup	27
28	29 Breakfast Bagels	30 French Stick	31 Vanilla Bars			

# Oracle Elementary

## District

### Lunch Menu



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	1 Corn Dog w/ Tater Tots	20 Crispos or Bean & Cheese Burp	3 Spaghetti w/ meat Sauce	4 Chicken Pory Sand Or Coney Burger	5 Deli w/ Lett, Tom, Pickle	6
7	8 Mac & Cheese Biscuit w/ Honey	9 Bisc Finger or French Dip	10 Hot Wings Rice	11 Ham Cheese Pies or Hot Dogs	12 Pizza	13
14	15 <b>SPRING</b>	16 <b>BREAK</b>	17  Hot Spring Potatoes	18 <b>SPRING</b>	19 <b>BREAK</b>	20
21	22 Mandarin Orange Chicken	23 Chix Fajita or Cheese Quesadilla	24 Grilled Cheese Sand w/	25 Grilled Chix or Sloppy Joes	26 Deli w/ Lett, Tom, Pickle Chip	27
28	29 Nachos, Jalapenos Ranch Beans	30 Chix Nugs w/ Ham & Cheddar	31 Oven Baked Chicken			