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Beaver Dam Elementary

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School Goals

English Language Arts (ELA) –

We will increase the percentage of students on or above grade level from 36% to 65%.

Math - We will increase the percentage of students on or above grade level from 44% to 70%

Student Behavior – TBD

Attendance – TBD

Upcoming Events

April 15-18

AZMerit Testing Continues (ELA)

April 22nd-26th

Book Fair

May 9th

Kindergarten & PreK Round-Up (9am-1pm)

May 10th

No School - Athletic Friday

Celebrations

~ Our 1st and 2nd grade Eagles had a fantastic time on their fieldtrip. A big thank you to all the parents who helped make the day extra fun and kept our kids safe!

~ Our 3rd-6th grade Eagles have completed the writing and reading AZMerit tests. We are very proud of them for the effort and focus they are bringing to these important tests. Thank you for making sure they come to school on time, fed, and well rested!

~ We had a very informative and helpful training on Friday. The focus was on how to implement Professional Learning Communities to ensure high levels of learning for all of our kids.

Important Information

~ Our 3rd-6th graders will take the AZMerit Math test this week. They will test Monday through Thursday. Please make sure your child is on time to school and ready to do their best on these important tests.

~ Our book fair is April 22nd -25th. It is a buy one, get one free fair. The kids will be able to browse during specials on April 22nd. They will be able to buy during specials the rest of the week. Families can shop on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00.

~ The date of our Spring Fling event has changed. Please watch for more details soon. We are excited to showcase our kids' talents. Don't forget to check out our Wall of Art when you come!

~ Our Kindergarten and PreK Round Up is on May 9th. Please watch for a flyer with details about what to bring when you come.

Teaching and Learning

We have been making adjustments to our Reach for Reading instruction due to the AZMerit testing schedule. Here is where each grade level is this week:

Grade	Unit/Week
Kindergarten	Unit 8, Week 2
First Grade	Unit 7, Week 3 (Second Half of Unit)
Second Grade	Unit 7, Week 4
Third – 6 th Grade	Unit 7, Week 3 (First Half of Unit)

Also, 3rd through 6th grade won't take the Reach for Reading weekly assessments this week because of their AZMerit testing. However, you can still follow along with what they are learning and check end-of-the-week assessment scores for first and second grade at www.myngconnect.com.

Our teachers have also been making adjustments to the EngageNY Math curriculum maps based on student assessment data and our work with the WestED math consultant. You can access the program materials at www.engageny.org. Please check with your child's teacher on what lessons they are working on each week.

Grade	Teacher Emails
PreK	SGonzales@lud9.com
Kindergarten	EReyes@lud9.com
First Grade	MMarsh@lud9.com KWright@lud9.com
Second Grade	KZuk@lud9.com
Third Grade	MAllen@lud9.com SRawlins@lud9.com
Fourth Grade	KTrenholm@lud9.com
Fifth Grade	RHoyt@lud9.com CStevens@lud9.com
Sixth Grade	RCowley@lud9.com

Status of Our School

Please be advised that both the LUSD elementary and secondary schools have been identified as Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) Schools by the state of Arizona for the next three years. We were assigned this status because of low proficiency levels for different subgroups of students on the 2018 AZMerit test.

Many of the requirements for TSI overlap with Title 1 requirements. As a result, the elementary school has many important things in place already. However, there is work to be done to insure high levels of learning for all of our students. This work will include the implementation of effective Professional Learning Communities, ongoing professional development, and continued targeted interventions for students. The consultants we are working with are providing invaluable support.

The exit criteria for TSI schools are:

- A minimum of two years of consecutive increased subgroup achievement; and
- Implementation of school improvement goals, strategies and action steps relative to subgroup achievement in state required Integrated Action Plan; and
- Subgroup achievement above bottom 5% of Title I schools