



# WAGGONER PAW

MAY 2026

## A NOTE FROM MRS. RODRIGUEZ

Dear Families,

As we wrap up the school year, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Waggoner families for your continued support and partnership. Together, we've celebrated growth, learning, and many memorable moments for our students.

I am incredibly proud of all that our Wildcats have accomplished and grateful for the dedication of our staff and families who make Waggoner such a special community. Thank you for trusting us with your children and being an essential part of our school.

Mrs. Margaret Rodriguez  
Principal



## DEAR AMERICA, LOVE ARIZONA

Congratulations to Ms. Nichols third grade class for being a part of the "Dear America, Love Arizona" campaign. They were featured in several local newspapers and received a personal visit from Arizona Secretary of State, and Chair of the Arizona America250 commission, Adrian Fontes. Please see the amazing articles featuring our students below.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DXaGE0-AFXR/>

<https://www.signalsaz.com/articles/thousands-of-arizona-students-join-historic-project/>

[https://www.myheraldreview.com/news/state/arizona-students-write-26-000-postcards-for-americas-250th-anniversary/article\\_3e3bda62-7df7-4735-82a9-78e7aa7df18e.html](https://www.myheraldreview.com/news/state/arizona-students-write-26-000-postcards-for-americas-250th-anniversary/article_3e3bda62-7df7-4735-82a9-78e7aa7df18e.html)

### Thousands of Arizona Students Join Historic Project

By Staff  
on April 12, 2026  
By the Arizona America250 Commission  
Text to Speech audio articles made possible on the CAST11.com podcast network by Fain Signature Group.



Late last week, Arizona Secretary of State, and Chair of the Arizona America250 commission, Adrian Fontes visited C.J. Waggoner Elementary School as the third-grade students took part in the Dear America, Love Arizona postcard project launched earlier this year. The Secretary took some time with the students to educate them on some American and Arizona history before the students wrote out their own 'letters' to America sharing what they love about Arizona and reading those aloud to the class.



# STAFF APPRECIATION

## STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK! WE ARE BLOOMING WITH GRATITUDE

Waggoner Elementary Staff Appreciation Week  
May 4th to 8th

Our PTO is excited to share with you what we have in store for our incredible Staff! We have delicious lunches, fun games, sweet treats and more planned throughout the week! See below for more details happening each day! We have also included ideas to share with your student to show the Waggoner Staff some love! Please see the list of ALL STAFF MEMBERS below as well as a QR code that will take you directly to the list of Favorite Things for each Staff!

### TREATING OUR STAFF

Monday - Lunch from Someburros  
Tuesday - Lady Java Truck Coffee & Treats  
Wednesday - Lunch from Feta Cowboy  
Thursday - Breakfast from Bagelnoh  
Friday - Lunch from Clockwork Pizza

### OTHER SURPRISES

We have a fun Scavenger Hunt planned with great prizes!

Shhhhhhh!!  
Friday we will be providing 15 minute Relaxing Massages!

### GARDEN OF GRATITUDE

Your student will have the opportunity each day next week to write a little note of appreciation to ANY Staff Member they choose. There will be parent volunteers visible during their lunch recess to help with crafting the sweet note!  
Please encourage them to write a few each day!!

### FLOWER POWER

Bring a flower from your home garden or draw one to give!!

### SHOW SOME LOVE

Give a big hug or a high five to your favorite staff members!

### TREAT TIME

Bring in a sweet treat or a healthy snack to make our staff feel special!

## STAFF DIRECTORY

| Kindergarten                                      | First Grade                                | Second Grade                               | Third Grade                                       | Fourth Grade                              | Fifth Grade                     |
|---|--|--|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Jenea Bailey<br>Hanna Dhaeniens<br>Lauren Walimaa | Kelsey Crans<br>Joella Hali<br>Laura Koley | All Arndt<br>Brianna McGrady<br>Kelly Robb | Leonor Carageta<br>Kayla Langston<br>Jill Nichols | Marissa Cox<br>Sarah Fahey<br>Erin Martin | Shelly Howard<br>Andrew Vigness |

### Specials

David Anspach - P.E.  
Matthew McArdle - P.E.  
Cait Sabato - Art  
Lisa Seiler - Music  
Tod Taylor - Music (LTS)  
Monique Martinez - Library

### Front Office

Terri Pintus - Secretary  
Raquel Harvey - Attendance Clerk  
Jennifer Robb - Health Office  
Leah Johnson - Health Office

### Administration

Margaret Rodriguez - Principal  
Jessey Johnson - AP

### Resource

Carly Christ  
Katie Rogers

### School Counselor

Kayla Coyne

### School Psychologist

Lebron Alexander

### Elementary Gifted

Any Dean - Gifted

### CCD

Stephany Garlid  
Alyana Kool

### Academic Interventionist

Chelsea Erousquin

### Speech

Ashley Cupples - SLP  
Katie Arnold - SLP  
Cynthia Love - KS

### Instructional Assistants

Micaela Favala  
Alma Flores  
Jamie Gamba-Fritz  
Cara Hildreth  
Anna Krosse  
Beth Ladley  
Vanessa Madriaga  
James Reinhardt  
Dinah Todacheny  
Dionna Vance

### Cafeteria & Lunch Asst.

Lori Anthony  
Lucy Gonzalez  
Jule Jarnan  
Melissa Enriquez Soberon  
Laura Gore  
Landon Neff

### PreSchool

Heather MacNair  
Trifane Austin

### Kids Club

Ava Villagomez

### Building Custodian

Bruce Yeh

### STAFF FAVORITE THINGS!

Scan the QR code to be directly sent to the Staff Favorite page on our website. Click visit <https://www.waggonerpta.com/> Check it out and see what everyone loves!



### HAVE QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

You can reach out to the PTO directly by emailing [ptowaggoner@gmail.com](mailto:ptowaggoner@gmail.com) or message us on Instagram @waggonerpta

# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE



C.I. WAGGONER

PRESENTS TO YOU

# 5th Grade EOY PERFORMANCE

04 MAY  
2026

5:00PM



WAGGONER MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM



# 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE STATE FLOAT PARADE

# KINDERGARTEN END OF YEAR

## PERFORMANCE



★ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ★  
**STATE FLOAT PARADE VIEWING**  
C.I. Waggoner Elementary  
**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**  
**8:15AM – 8:45AM**  
**Waggoner Multi-Purpose Room**

Join us as our 5<sup>th</sup> graders proudly showcase their State Float Projects!  
Each student has created a float representing a U.S. State—  
come celebrate their creativity, hard work and learning!



**Families are welcome!**  
*Come support our students and enjoy this special event together.*

**C.I. Waggoner Elementary**  
*Inspiring every learner to rise, belong, and achieve.*



C.I. Waggoner Presents

**KINDERGARTEN  
PERFORMANCE**

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 1:15-1:45pm**

**Waggoner MPR**  
doors will open at 1:00 PM and the  
performance will start promptly at 1:15PM.

We will be singing and sharing our  
favorite parts of the year!

**ALL ARE INVITED!**

# 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE RESTAURANTS



A colorful poster for a 4th grade restaurant event. At the top, there are four food items: a cupcake, a donut, a cookie, and a hamburger. Below them, the text reads "4th Grade Restaurants!" in large pink letters. Underneath, it says "Taste a variety of sweets and treats provided by 4th graders!" in a smaller font. The date "May 20, 2026" and time "7:45 - 8:45 am" are listed on either side of a chef's hat illustration. At the bottom, it says "All students and families welcome!" and features illustrations of a pizza, a plate, an ice cream cone, and a taco.

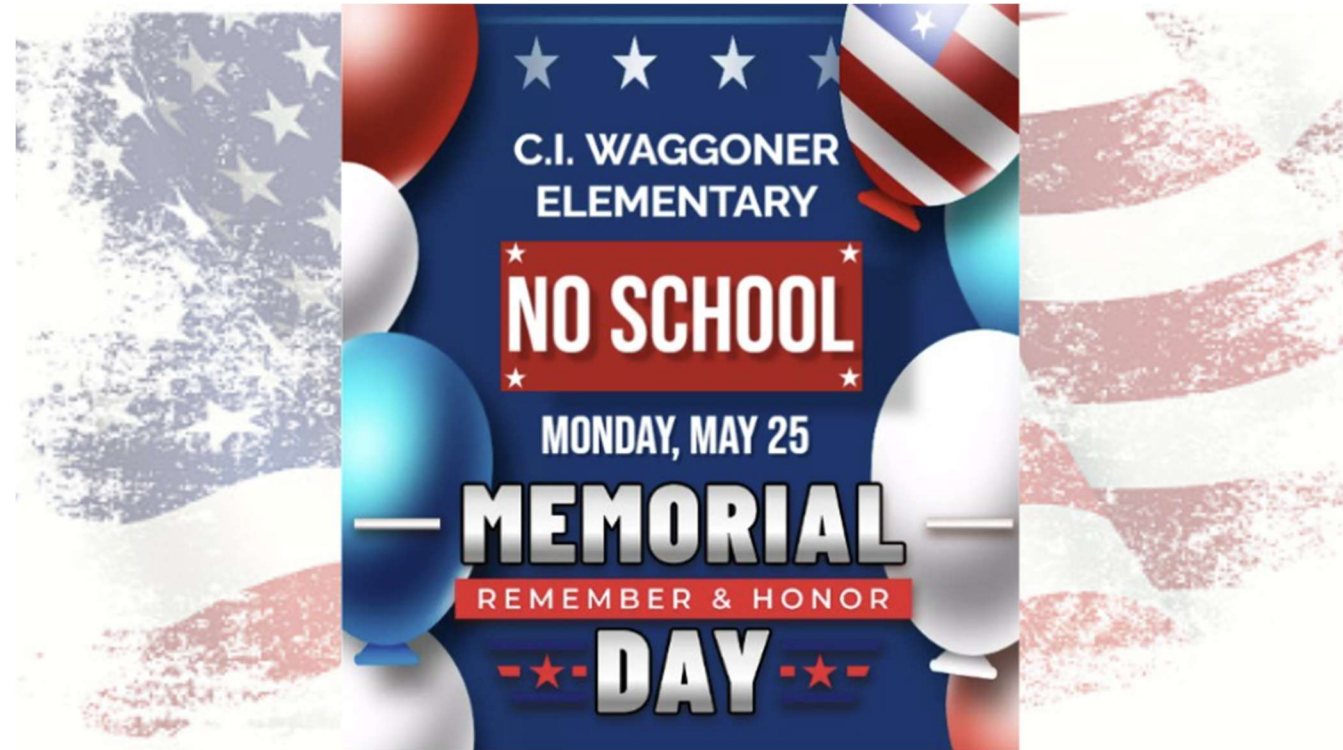
**4th Grade Restaurants!**

*Taste a variety of sweets and treats provided by 4th graders!*

May 20, 2026 7:45 - 8:45 am

All students and families welcome!

# NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY



A patriotic poster for Memorial Day. It features a dark blue background with white stars and red and white stripes. At the top, it says "C.I. WAGGONER ELEMENTARY". Below that, "NO SCHOOL" is written in large white letters on a red background. Underneath, it says "MONDAY, MAY 25" and "MEMORIAL DAY" in large white letters. At the bottom, it says "REMEMBER & HONOR" and "DAY" in large white letters. The poster is decorated with balloons and an American flag.

C.I. WAGGONER  
ELEMENTARY

**NO SCHOOL**

MONDAY, MAY 25

**MEMORIAL DAY**

REMEMBER & HONOR

# LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE



A reminder poster for the last week of school. It has a yellow background with a blue border and paw print patterns. The word "Reminder" is written in a large, stylized font at the top. Below it, it says "LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL". The schedule is presented in a grid format with calendar icons for each day.

**Reminder**

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

|   |  |
|---|--|
| MONDAY<br>MAY 25<br>NO SCHOOL<br>MEMORIAL DAY                           | TUESDAY<br>MAY 26<br>SCHOOL RELEASES<br>AT 2:15PM  |
| WEDNESDAY<br>MAY 27<br>NO EARLY RELEASE<br>SCHOOL RELEASES<br>AT 2:15PM | THURSDAY<br>MAY 28<br>EARLY RELEASE<br>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL<br>SCHOOL RELEASES<br>AT 12:15PM |

# WAGGONER ANNUAL KICKBALL GAME

# 2026-2027 WAGGONER CALENDAR

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**WAGGONER ANNUAL**

**KICKBALL GAME**

**5TH GRADE STUDENTS VS STAFF & PARENTS**

**MAY 26TH, 2026 @ 7:45AM**

**WAGGONER BASEBALL FIELDS**

*Please dress appropriately and bring lots of water*

Made with PosterMyWall.com

### JULY

7/20  
MEET THE TEACHER

7/22  
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
(NO EARLY RELEASE)

### AUGUST

8/14  
EXTRA EARLY RELEASE

8/17  
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY -  
NO SCHOOL

### SEPTEMBER

9/7  
LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL

9/9-9/11  
CONFERENCES - EARLY  
RELEASE DAYS

9/25  
LAST DAY OF QTR 1

9/28 - 9/30  
FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL

### OCTOBER

10/1-10/9  
FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL

10/12  
TEACHER DAY - NO SCHOOL

10/13  
QTR 2 BEGINS

### NOVEMBER

11/11  
VETERANS' DAY -  
NO SCHOOL

11/25-11/27  
THANKSGIVING BREAK -  
NO SCHOOL

### DECEMBER

12/18  
LAST DAY OF QTR 2

12/21-12/31  
WINTER BREAK -  
NO SCHOOL

### JANUARY

1/1  
WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL

1/4  
TEACHER DAY - NO SCHOOL

1/5  
QTR 3 BEGINS

1/18  
MLK DAY - NO SCHOOL

### FEBRUARY

2/3-2/5  
CONFERENCES- EARLY  
RELEASE

2/15  
PRESIDENTS' DAY -  
NO SCHOOL

### MARCH

3/5  
LAST DAY OF QTR 3

3/8-3/19  
SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

3/22  
TEACHER DAY - NO SCHOOL

3/23  
QTR 4 BEGINS

3/26  
EARLY RELEASE

### APRIL



### MAY

5/26  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

SUMMER BREAK

### EARLY RELEASE

JULY 29

AUG. 5,12,14,19,26

SEPT. 2,9,10,11,16,23

OCT. 14,21,28

NOV. 4,18

DEC. 2,9,16

JAN. 6,13,20,27

FEB. 3,4,5,10,17,24

MARCH 4,24,26

APRIL 7,14,21,28

MAY 5,12,19,26

5<sup>th</sup> GRADE CLAP OUT / GRAD WALK



You're Invited!

C.I. WAGGONER ELEMENTARY

**FIFTH GRADE**

*Clap Out*

Thursday  
May **28** 11:45 AM

Family & Friends - Once our 5th graders have walked the halls of Waggoner one last time, they will exit the school through the Ramada gates. At this time the celebration of students can continue at the Waggoner Park.



You're Invited! 2026

**WAGGONER**  
*GRAD WALK*

Thursday  
May **28** 11:45 AM

Seniors should check-in at the Front Office by 11:40AM.

Please wear your cap and gown to inspire young wildcats as you walk the halls of your elementary school!

Graduates will exit the school through the Ramada gates. At this time the celebration of students can continue at the Waggoner Park.

# HELLO & GOODBYE

## Staff Updates

# 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR



### Welcome TO OUR TEAM!

#### INCOMING STAFF

We're excited to welcome the following staff members to our school community:

- **Courtney Conradi – Preschool (Integrated)**
- **Ronny Hoopes – CCD 3-5**
- **Steph Kosakowski – P.E.**
- **Elijah Martinez – Resource IA/Lunch Duty**
- **Jimmy Reinhardt – Resource**
- **Sarah Romine – CCD K-2**
- **Brandon Spinner – Resource IA/Lunch Duty**



### Wishing Them ALL THE BEST!

#### OUTGOING STAFF

We thank these staff members for their dedication and wish them continued success:

- **David Anspach – P.E.**
- **Mica Favela – IA CCD**
- **Stephany Garlid – CCD 3-5**
- **Laura Gore – Lunch Duty**
- **Leah Johnson – Health Office**
- **Aviana Kooi – CCD K-2**
- **Matthew McArdle – P.E.**
- **Landon Neff – Resource IA/Lunch Duty/Crossing Guard**
- **Katie Rogers – Resource**
- **Tod Taylor – Music – Long Term Substitute**
- **Dionna Vance – IA CCD**



Thank you for being part of our school community!



# Follow Us On SOCIAL MEDIA



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@ CIWaggoner

**Too sick for school?** Regular attendance is important for your child's well-being and learning. This guide can help you determine when to keep your child home and when to send them to school.



### Send me to school if...

- I have a runny nose or mild cough, but **no** other symptoms.
- I have a mild rash but no other symptoms.
- I have only a mild stomachache.
- I have eye drainage but no fever, eye pain or redness.
- I haven't had a fever or taken any fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours.
- I haven't thrown up or had diarrhea for 24 hours.



### Keep me at home if...

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees.
- I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.
- My eyes are pink and crusty.



### Call the doctor if...

- I've had a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees for 2+ days or a fever combined with: *ear pain, sore throat, rash, cough, stomachache or headache.*
- I've been throwing up or have had diarrhea for more than two days.
- I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.
- I have any uncommon symptoms such as eye swelling or a rash with blisters.



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## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

### MAY 2026

**MAY 4:** 5<sup>th</sup> grade EOY performance 5:00pm

**MAY 6:** PTO Meeting 7:15am

**MAY 7:** CCD Field Trip

**MAY 19:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade State Float Parade 8:15AM

**MAY 19:** KG EOY performance 1:00pm

**MAY 20:** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Restaurants 7:45AM

**MAY 21:** Movin' On Up! 7:55AM

**MAY 22:** Quarterly Awards

**MAY 25:** NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

**MAY 26:** Teacher V. Kids Kickball 7:45am

**MAY 27:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade EOY Party

**MAY 27:** NO EARLY RELEASE

**MAY 28:** 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Clap out/ Grad Walk 11:45am

**MAY 28:** EARLY RELEASE 12:15pm

**MAY 28:** LAST DAY OF 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR

## CONTACT US

### C.I. Waggoner

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**School Hours:** 7:30am – 2:15pm

**Early Dismissal** Wednesdays 12:15pm

**Office Hours:** 7:00am – 3:30pm

**Wednesday:** 7:00am – 1:30pm