



THE BLAZER

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One School

One Staff

One Goal

"To make all students the best they can be!"

FOCUS GROUP

The Scottsdale Unified School District is seeking participation from the entire



school community to help set the direction the district will take to ensure the academic future of all students. We are looking for participants willing to be part of a focus group providing input to the Governing Board and district administration. During the focus group meeting participants will be asked to give their thoughts on a series of questions. That information and a short questionnaire to be completed by each participant will be used for developing a strategic plan for the future. The questions will directly address the priorities, beliefs and values that our community has for the Scottsdale Unified District and our school. The information from the focus groups will then be analyzed by the Governing Board and district administration and used for developing a new vision and mission statement. These statements will provide the framework for future planning efforts and guide the Board in its decision making.

We would like our focus group to have representatives from current parents, empty nesters, senior citizens, community members, and parents from parochial, private and charter schools. Our group will meet on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 5:45 p.m. until approximately 8:00 p.m. If you would like to be a part of our focus group, please contact Fay in the Copper Ridge office at 480-484-1403, or email fliechty@susd.org.

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

**JAM THE JARS
ENDS TODAY**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

NO SCHOOL

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Check out the CRPTO website: www.crpto.org

"JAM THE JARS"

Please support this annual holiday coin drive, benefiting families in need in the Copper Ridge community. Please send your kids to school with all the change you can spare! The top three, Pre-K thru 5th grade classes bringing in the most money, win a PIZZA PARTY (Pizza delivered in the cafeteria during lunch.)

Upper Grades 6th through 8th will "Jam the Jars" in the cafeteria during lunchtime in support of the teacher or administrator they would most like to see with a PIE in the FACE! ...The most *JAMMED* jar wins! **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB NEWS



Thank you to the students and families who attended our Birthday Book Club party Wednesday, November 4th. We raised \$805 in books for the library! We really appreciate everyone's help in continuing to support the Birthday Book Club and the library. None of this would be possible without the Copper Ridge families and our volunteers.

Special thank you to Allison Heron, Kate David, Kelly Yardley, Kim Bar-kosky, Kim Gauthier, Lisa James, Mary Pickett, Michele Schwanz, Toni Yarwood, Traci Cavendish and Vicki Rosier who contributed their time and energy for this event!

For parents and students who aren't familiar with the Birthday Book Club, it is a quarterly event we hold for the students whose birthdays fall in those months. We hold a small celebration during the lunch hour where the students have a snack of cookies, fruit roll-ups, popcorn and juice. Then they get to choose a book from a display and attach a sticker on the inside with their name on it that states they donated the book through the Birthday Book Club. They check out the book for 2 weeks and return it to the library, but the sticker stays in the book permanently with their name in it. The kids really have a good time with their friends at the party - of course parents are always welcome too - and they really seem to particularly enjoy selecting a book! This fundraiser has been a huge success in building our library, but definitely needs our constant support! With many different books to choose from in our library the better likelihood your child can find books he/she enjoys !

We would love to see all of you whose birthdays fall in the months of January, February and March, (or who may have missed either of the first two parties), at our celebration on February 24th. Look for invitations in your Friday folders coming out two weeks prior to that event!

If you would like to volunteer for this event or if you have any questions regarding Birthday Book Club please contact Jenny Gregg at jgregg48@cox.net.