

EAGLES EDITION



Principal's Message



Robin Yeargain

Dear EDUPRIZE Families,

EDUPRIZE started in 1995, as the first charter school in Arizona. Dr. Lynn Robershotte and JoAnna Curtis had a dream to open a school that would tailor instruction to meet the needs of all children. Almost 30 years later, the EDUPRIZE that started with 128 students has grown to over 3000 students across two campuses, and the dream is still alive. Other charter schools have come and gone but EDUPRIZE still leads the state in meeting the needs of all children. Dr. Robershotte and JoAnna Curtis have been visionaries in the education world and mentors to all of us that have been able to serve under their leadership and be a part of this amazing school. As Dr. Robershotte prepares to retire and pass on her torch of leadership, I am so very excited to introduce you to Dr. Michael Gordon-Smith, our new CEO and Superintendent. He will be joining us starting in October. Soon we will share details about a meet and greet event where you can hear about his heart and see his vision for leading EDUPRIZE in its next chapter.

Dr. Michael Gordon-Smith is an accomplished educational leader with over 15 years of experience in K-12 education, higher education, and school administration. He has served as the Executive Director for Charter One schools and most recently oversaw the operational, financial, and academic functions of a 2,000-student charter school in South Carolina. In this capacity he successfully reached enrollment caps and ensured the school's financial viability with his proven track record in curriculum development, commitment to institutional vision and mission, and community engagement. Dr. Gordon-Smith has led schools through start-up phases and substantial growth while building strong school communities and staying true to institutional values.

With a wide breadth of experience, a Ph.D. from Emory University and educational leadership training from Harvard and Northwestern, Dr. Gordon-Smith combines a deep understanding of educational pedagogy with strategic leadership, making him an ideal candidate to lead EDUPRIZE Schools into its next iteration of growth and innovation as its new Superintendent.



Kindly,
Robin

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CALENDAR

This Month

SEPTEMBER

23rd-27th: Spirit Week

24th: Cottage Fair (5:00-6:30pm)
K-3 Regular Day & K-6 PM TOPS

24th: Mrs. Arnold' Cottage Fair
Room 38 5:00-6:30pm

25th: Cottage Fair (5:00-6:30 p.m.)
4-6 Regular Day & K-6 AM TOPS

25th: 5th & 6th Grade Band Concert
4:30pm B4 Stage

25th: 5th & 6th Grade Orchestra Concert
4:30pm B3 Theater

27th: Quarter 1 Assembly
Grades 1st-6th at 10:45am in B4 Gym

27th: Last Day of Quarter

9/30-10/14 No School
Fall Break

Next Month

OCTOBER

9/30 - 10/14 No School
Fall Break

15th: First Day of Quarter 2

25th: Fall Festival

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SEL CORNER

(SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING)

Dear EDUPRIZE families,

Psychology today says, "Experiencing a sense of belonging is vital for our psychological well-being. Being a part of a healthy community can help us feel connected to others, as well as feel we're part of something larger than ourselves."



Heather Vehon
Dean of Students K-6th

Each letter in EDUPRIZE stands for something that supports our mission and vision. The U in EDUPRIZE stands for Unified Community. We hope that your child feels a deep sense of belonging and community here at our school. Next week is a great time to strengthen that by participating in Spirit Week (see the flyer in this newsletter), Cottage Fairs, and the special celebrations of learning that your child's teacher has planned.



Sincerely,
Heather Vehon
Dean of Students
Eduprize Schools
Gilbert Campus

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Proud Sponsor of
Eduprize athletics



SPORTS INFORMATION 9/23 - 9/27

JV Volleyball Schedule

Monday: AWAY Game @ Desert Lily
(2061 E Rittenhouse Rd, QC) @ 4:30 PM
Tuesday: HOME Game Vs Thunderbird
At 4 PM in B4 Gym
Wednesday: Practice 3:00 - 5:30 - B4 Gym
Thursday: HOME Game Vs Imagine Prep
At 5:30 PM in B4 Gym

All game schedules can be found on
AZCAAPREPS.com

***Girls JR High Softball will have tryouts on
September 24, 25, & 26 from 3:15 - 5:00 PM on
the field. Bring water, your glove, and your
paperwork to participate in tryouts.*** .

Junior High A Schedule

Monday: AWAY Game @ Champion Chandler
(250 S McQueen Rd) @ 4:30 PM
Wednesday: HOME Game Vs ALA
At 4:30 PM in B3 Gym
Thursday: HOME Game Vs ASU Prep
At 4:30 PM in B4

**There was a lack of interest in Jr High Girls'
Flag Football or Jr High Boys' Volleyball, so we
cannot offer them this year.**

Varsity Boys Flag Football Schedule

NO PRACTICE REST OF WEEK
Monday: AWAY Game VS Estrella High
At Friendship Park
Fld 1 (12325 W Mcdowell Rd, Avondale)
Games at 4:00 & 5:00

****EARLY RELEASE @ 2 PM from B4**

Junior High B Schedule

Monday: PRACTICE 3:15 - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: AWAY Game @ San Tan Charter(
3232 S Power Rd) @ 5 PM
Wednesday: HOME Game Vs ALA @ 5:30 in B3

COED JH Soccer Schedule

Monday: HOME Game Vs Heritage Maricopa
At Eagle Sports Complex
(828 E Broadway Rd) @ 4:30 PM
Tuesday: AWAY Game @ Tri City Christian
Academy (2211 W Germann Rd) @ 4:30 PM

Elementary Volleyball Schedule

Monday: PRACTICE 3:15 - 5:15 in B3
Wednesday: AWAY Game @ Pathfinder
Academy (2906 N. Boulder Canyon, Mesa) @
4:30 & 5:30

JH Cheer Practice

Tuesday & Thursday 3:00 - 5:00 - B3 Gym

Be sure to bring water to your practices!
Questions, please email the Athletic Director
Clint.ambos@eduprizeschools.net

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LIMITED EDITION BASKETBALL SHIRTS

**BUY NOW AND SUPPORT YOUR
SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BUYING NEW EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

SHIRTS WILL BE WORN ON “BLACK OUT” HOME GAMES



BUY HERE

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SPIRIT WEEK

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23-27

SEP 23

MOODY MONDAY

**DRESS LIKE YOUR FAVORITE
INSIDE OUT CHARACTER!**

SEP 24

TOO TIRED TUESDAY

WEAR YOUR BEST PJS

SEP 25

**WORKOUT
WEDNESDAY**

**WEAR YOUR BEST SCHOOL
APPROPRIATE WORKOUT GEAR!**

SEP 26

TEAM THURSDAY

**LET'S SEE YOUR FAVORITE
SPORTS TEAM GEAR!**

SEP 27

FLAG FRIDAY

**DRESS UP LIKE YOUR CLASS
COUNTRY!**



ENROLLMENT

2025-2026

Do you have an incoming *Kindergartner, Pre-Kindergartner, or 1st-12th grade sibling* to enroll for next school year?

NOW is the time to submit your enrollment interest form for the 2025-26 school year!

Here is the [link](#) to complete the form today

Please do not delay!

Siblings receive priority registration, but every year we have families who miss the priority window and the opportunity to secure their preferred program/schedule.

Additional details regarding registration will be distributed at a later date to families who have completed the interest form.

**Please contact the enrollment office with any questions:
gilbertenrollment@eduprizeschools.net or (480) 813-9537 x1030.**

PTO

SEPTEMBER 2024

NEWSLETTER

PTO Calendar

[Click here to see volunteer opportunities and view the PTO calendar.](#)

TEACHER & STAFF FAVORITES

[Click here to see the list!](#)

[Can be used for bdays, holidays or appreciation](#)

PTO NEWS

Teachers are in need of classroom coordinators for their class Fall fest raffle basket! Please see the flyer [HERE](#) for all the details or ask your teacher how you can help!

We raised \$286 at our ATL wings fundraiser, thank you!

We also raised \$100 for the Robeks fundraiser and we've decided to partner with them. Stay tuned!

Have a 7th or 8th grader? JH Stucco is looking to add members! Stucco and PTO work together to make all the fun stuff happen. Dances, glow bingo, holiday activities and more!

UPCOMING

-Cottage Fair Nights K-6 Tuesday and Wednesday 9/24 & 9/25. Be sure to check out the new PTO banners and little free library table to grab a book!

-Parkour Academy Fall Break Kick Off Fun + Fundraiser Event Friday, Sept 27th \$2 off for Eduprize families 40% back to school PTO! *See flyer

-The KISS THE PIG fundraiser will begin after Fall break! Bring spare cash or change donations to class from 10/14-10/25. Principals and Teachers will kiss the pig at Fall fest as a thank you for your donations! Kick off begins at 5:30 on the talent show stage! Funds will help pay for new learning games for several classrooms in need.

We can't say thank you enough for your continued support!

FALL FESTIVAL

When: Friday, October 25th 5-9pm

Where: Eduprize Gilbert, B3 Gate Entrance

Tickets on Sale Now!

Click [HERE](#) & Also [See Flyer](#) for Details!

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer at the festival!!

Class Basket Coordinators Needed! Click [here](#) for Info



Don't have the time to volunteer or attend a fundraiser but want to make a monetary donation?

[Click Here](#)

We appreciate you!

Follow Us

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[PTO Facebook Group](#)

GILBERT EDUPRIZE FALL FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, OCT 25TH 5-9PM

Eduprize Gilbert • 580 W Melody Ave • B3 Gate Entrance



Tickets on Sale Now

Click [Here](#) to Buy Tickets on PTO Website

\$8 Online Pre-Sale
\$10 at Door

or Zelle pto@eduprizeschools.net, no fees to us or you!

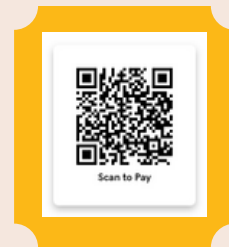
Must list full names for each wristband!

See details on information page or website

Immediate Families of 5 or more \$40 max online pre-sale

*Eduprize enrolled Only, 2 & Under are Free

*Teachers and staff please see staff newsletter/flyer



ANNUAL BASKET RAFFLE

\$5/Ticket or 5/\$20

Pre-Sale Tickets on Website or [Click Here](#)

HAUNTED HOUSE

Presented by Eduprize Basketball Boosters

\$2 Entry, Side of B3

Bounce Houses

Parkour Course

Petting Zoo

Live Reptiles

Talent Show

Spider Man and Elsa

Face Paint + Games

Pumpkin Contest [Enter Here](#)

Shopping + Fall Photos

Food Trucks

Principal + Teachers

Will Kiss the Pig

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FALL FESTIVAL

DETAILED INFORMATION

Location: Eduprize Gilbert • 580 W Melody Ave • Gate 3 Entrance

Admission Includes:

5 Bounce Houses, Parkour Academy Course, Petting Zoo, Live Reptiles, Fall Themed Games with Prizes, Corn Hole Games, Talent Show Entertainment, Music, Spider Man and Elsa, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Board Games, Pumpkin Carving & Decocorating Contest, Fall Photo Areas, Dance Performance, See Admin+Teachers Kiss the Pig and more!

The Extras:

Eduprize Annual Basket Raffle \$5 Raffle Tickets or 5 for \$20
Basketball Boosters Haunted House \$2 • Food Trucks (Corn Dog Co, Sushi, Hawaiian Shaved Ice, Dole Whip, Cotton Candy, Waffle Love)
Pizza and Snacks • Vendor Booth Shopping

Ticket Prices:

Online pre-purchase price \$8 or \$10 at the festival. Pre-sale ends 10/23!
Immediate families of 5 or more \$40 max pre-sale (Eduprize enrolled students only) \$50 max at door. Children under 2 are Free, Purchase tickets via Zelle with our NEW PTO email address pto@eduprizeschools.net or buy on our website. Please be sure to read details about pricing first before sending Zelle or purchasing tickets. You must list full names of each wristband you are purchasing in purchase memo on the website or with Zelle. Failing to do so may void discounts /wristbands. Please have proof of purchase to pick up wristbands at door. Thank you!

-Talent Show Auditions Sept 16-18th, See Website or click [HERE](#)

-Vendor Spaces Available \$30 10x10 Space [Email PTO](#)

-Fall Festival Volunteers Needed & Recieve Free Entry/Discoutned Family Tickets

-Parent Volunteers Needed as Class Raffle Basket Coordinators [Click Here](#), FREE Raffle TICKETS

-Enter the Pumpkin carving or decoarting contest [HERE](#)

pto@eduprizeschools.net eduprizegilbertpto.com

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FALL FESTIVAL

Basket Raffle



Basket Coordinators Needed!

Fall Fest is October 25th, 5-9pm

Coordinators do not have to volunteer during the festival.



WHAT COORDINATORS DO:



- Come up with a basket theme (games, movie night or bigger)!
- Set up an email to all parents in class, let them know about basket and kindly ask for donations. A sign up genius can be made for physical items or you can ask for monetary donations. The raffle is an annual tradition.
- Ask if parents have a business that can donate (tax deductible) or if they know businesses who can donate items or make a monetary donation
- Check in with local businesses yourself. Get creative and look up ideas online!
- Keep in touch with the PTO to let us know what your class basket theme will be. We are here to help! Once we receive your information from your teacher, we will send you a helpful checklist with a tax donation receipt and donation request letter for anyone to use.
- Classes that have a basket are entered to win a pizza party with a movie or games!
- Receive free raffle tickets just for being a basket coordinator!

**BASKET COORDINATING INFO WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL • PTO CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS
LET YOUR TEACHER KNOW RIGHT AWAY IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP YOUR CLASS!**



EMAIL: PTO@EDUPRIZESCHOOLS.NET

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Please create account on their website or click [HERE](#) to save time on signing the waiver at event!

GILBERT

EDUPRIZE PTO

and

PARKOUR ACADEMY

FALL BREAK KICK OFF

FUN + FUNDRAISER EVENT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

STARTS AFTER SCHOOL 12-3PM PRE-K-6

6-9PM 7TH + UP OR ALL GRADES K-12

MUST BE AGE 4+

1830 E. BASELINE RD MESA 85204

\$2 OFF TICKETS (\$10/HR TOTAL)

40% DONATED BACK TO PTO

Invite friends!



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EDUPRIZE SCHOOLS

24-45 Q2 Lunch Menu



Prices and purchasing will be available on Infinite Campus starting 9/16/24

Online orders will close on 9/27/24 at 4:00 pm

LUNCH START DATE WILL BE 10/15/24

MONDAY



2 CHICKEN FINGERS W/ FRIES

TUESDAY



CHEESE PIZZA

WEDNESDAY



ORANGE CHICKEN BOWL

THURSDAY



**BEAN AND CHEESE BURRITO
W/ RICE**

The lunch program is for regular day students and AM TOPS STEAM program only!
Hot lunch is NOT for PM TOPS. Lunches are purchased every quarter.

For questions please contact Tym at tym.britton@eduprizeschools.net

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6th Grade Students

Arizona Department of Health requires 2 vaccinations for ALL 6th grade students.

Your child **MUST** have these 2 vaccinations in order to stay in school.

You may opt to sign an exemption waiver if needed, otherwise, the vaccinations or the waiver must be turned in by Friday, October 18th.

1. Meningococcal
2. Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)

Please send a copy of the record to Elise.Pati@eduprizeschools.net or you can submit a copy to the nurse in building 1 or in building 3.

If you have any questions, please email nurse@eduprizeschools.net or call Elise Pati at 480-813-9537 *3340

[Personal Belief Exemption](#)



EDUPRIZE
Battle of the
Books

GET READY TO BATTLE!

Teams of 3-4

Grades 4-6

4 BOOKS TO READ

Holes, Number the Stars, Wild Robot,
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

Dec. 11, 2024 • 3:45 PM to 5:00 PM-ish
Media Center, Building 1

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LIFE IS FULL OF DRAMA

Eduprize Drama Club 2024

- Students will learn the basic acting skills and build on character development for December performances
- Club fee of \$100 will include a t-shirt to wear to drama club & the performance!
- 4th-6th Grade ONLY
- Every Tuesday
- Starting September 10th-December 17th

The stage will be yours! Prepare to dazzle us!

AM TOPS

Every Tuesday (12:15-1:15 PM)

Sign-up [HERE](#)

Regular Day

Every Tuesday (3:00-4:00 PM)

Sign-up [HERE](#)

If you have any questions, contact Cecilia
cecilia.youkhana@eduprizeschools.net

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Health Office Updates



IMPORTANT HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION

As illness or health situations occur throughout the school year, it may be necessary for medication to be administered at school. All prescribed AND over the counter medication (i.e. Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Benadryl, etc.) will need to be checked into the Health Office, along with a [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) form which requires a doctor's signature. These forms can be found on our website www.eduprizeschools.net under the Parent & Student Resources>Health Office Forms, or you can just click on any of the links provided in light blue.

- **HEALTH ACTION PLAN:** Please be aware that children who have asthma, diabetes, or seizures will need an action plan provided by their health care provider, **ALONG** with the signed [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) form .
- **ASTHMA:** If your child has asthma, an asthma action plan will need to be provided by your doctor **ALONG** with a signed [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) form .
- **ALLERGIES:** Allergies that require an EpiPen will need an [Anaphylaxis Management Packet](#) filled out and signed by a doctor along with the [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) form .
- **MEDICATION:** As a reminder, **ALL** medications need to be checked in at the Health Office. Students are not allowed to carry any medication in their backpack unless the parent and Dr have signed a self carry medication consent in addition to the medication consent form. A [Prescription and Non-prescription Medication Consent](#) form will also need to be filled out for any medications, prescription or non prescription.

We cannot accept ANY medications without these forms.

Any questions can be directed to the Health Office staff at (480) 813-9537 option 7

Medication Authorization

If you would like your student to be able to access medication at school, please complete the authorization [FORM](#) and return to the health office.



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NOW HIRING
SUBSTITUTES

We offer:

Competitive pay - \$20.75/hour (teacher certified)
\$19.50/hour (sub certified)
\$17/hour (no certification)

Flexible Schedules - Traditional day and AM/PM TOPS

Range of Classes - Grades PreK-12th grade and specialty classes like dance, PE, computers, and much more.

Incredible Community - Our staff, students, and parents are a welcoming and loving community you will enjoy being apart of.

IF INTERESTED PLEASE EMAIL

emily.yeamen@eduprizeschools.net

WE'RE HIRING!!

COME AND JOIN OUR AIDE STAFF!
LOOKING FOR HARD WORKING PEOPLE WHO LOVE SAFETY AND WORKING WITH KIDS!



TIMES NEEDED ARE:

7:00-8:05 A.M.

10:20 A.M.-1:10 P.M.

2:30-3:40 P.M.

-GREAT FOR STAY AT HOME PARENTS, RETIREES AND COLLEGE STUDENTS OVER 21 YEARS OR OLDER.

- WE ARE VERY FLEXIBLE WITH SCHEDULES.

- FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

JOB TYPE: PART-TIME 19HRS A WEEK

IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT:

TYM BRITTON

AIDE SUPERVISOR

CAR LANE COORDINATOR

LUNCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR

EDUPRIZE GILBERT

PHONE: (480) 813-9537 EXT.1270

EMAIL: TYM.BRITTON@EDUPRIZESCHOOLS.NET

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