

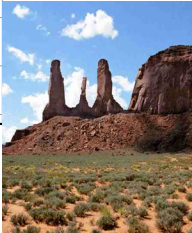
Arizona International Academy Newsletter



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★ **“Encouraging the freedom of individual thought and responsible action.”** ★

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Navajo Land



Our Science trip to the upper northeastern corner of Arizona was a fun-filled learning adventure. We saw picturesque scenery with towering natural skyscrapers revealing layers of flood-carved sediment; a reminder of the awesomeness of God. We scaled mountainsides, and trekked down to ancient ruins, taking quiet time to absorb the sounds of nature. We met the 90 year old woman who still hikes up and down to her home at the bottom of the canyon everyday. We sang with the children at two mission schools, teaching them our songs and learning some of their language and song. We learned of the health ministries in the dental, orthodontic, nutrition and diabetes areas. Their culture is rich in its own way yet we were touched with compassion for many of the less fortunate. Our hearts and minds are more open as we consider God's abundance of life, grace and beauty.

Bursey's Bits

We had a great trip to Navajo Land. Very little complaining, and willingness to try almost everything on the "journey menu". This land is truly God's land. This is our first science trip that we didn't have parents with us.

- A special thanks to Cindy Cooper for bottled water and extra treats she sent with us.
- A special thanks to Cindy Doles for juice and applesauce.
- A special thanks to Doug and Anna for coming and driving on the trip
- A special thanks to Doug and Anna for providing a breakfast and water for all.
- A special thanks to the parents that picked up their children on time Tuesday evening
- A special thanks to Jaden and Catherine for visiting our school
- A special thanks to Teri for planning and coming with our speaker Carol Denny from "Helping Mothers and Babies", a health ministry in developing countries.
- A special thanks to Carol Denny for her presentation.
- A special thanks to the Filipino assisted-living workers for providing refreshments on Thursday.
- A special thanks to Nick for doing so well on his Africa test.
- A special thanks to the Dole family, Prinke family and the Howk family for driving so many miles to school each day. It is always amazing that the people that drive the greatest distance have the best attendance record.

Please try to have your children to school on time particularly on Tuesday and Friday for these are the days when Ken Albertsen comes first period in the morning. His classes are half-hour classes twice a week.

On Monday Dr. John Webster will be teaching Anatomy and Physiology. We will adjust our schedule to meet his. He will be teaching first period Monday morning. Students who are late to school will miss important class information.

Arizona International Academy Assignments for September 20—26

Monday 9/21

Bible - Make up a Bible quiz over Daniel, Jonah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Amos. Five questions and answers for each book. Answers on a separate sheet.
Due Wednesday 9/23

Anatomy & Physiology - Turn in your notes from Dr. John's class. I will return them to you tomorrow.

Vocabulary - Words for this week **puncture, nefarious, quintessential, venerate, expletive**, obtuse, euphemism, pejorative, malapropism, acrid, canard, exoteric, grovel, iconoclast, recalcitrant, impugn, maverick, mercurial, nemesis, paradox, ephemeral, probity, vivacious, rapacious, sanguine, ludicrous, spurious, trenchant, frivolous, impeccable, extrapolate, enigma, specious, effervescent, echelon, ubiquitous

Math assignments for everyone. Due tomorrow.

Tuesday 9/22

Reading & Math Day - Have you math completed by class time.

Wednesday 9/23

Bible - Review for test on Friday over the six prophets.

Analogies - Work in class.

Social Studies - You are to sit down with your parents and discuss 5 issues that you think are important in today's world. Bring the list to class on Thursday.

Geography - Need to know all African countries and ten European countries. (returning students will need to know 5 rivers in Europe as well)

Thursday 9/24

Vocabulary - Test over all the words

Friday 9/25

Bible - Quiz over Daniel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jonah, Amos, Ezekiel

Geography - Tests over Africa and Europe

Algebra students should have passed at least 3 Algebra tests this year in order to have a passing grade.

Please remember to read 150 pages a week. Some have been doing an excellent job in this area.

Science Fair and School Picnic



Can you believe it's already been a month since school started? Wow, time flies! Soon it will be time for our first school family get together! We have the School Picnic and Science Fair scheduled for Sunday, October 11th at 6:00 PM. We will have a potluck-style meal and would appreciate it if each family will provide a couple of different items to share. These can be entrees, salads, side dishes, or desserts. We generally have a good mix of yummys that come in so we don't usually assign items. Bring your favorite Mexican/Mediterranean dishes and remember to bring enough to feed your family and a few others. We will provide the tableware and drinks. Gracias!

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO PROTECT THEIR CHILD AND FAMILY FROM THE FLU THIS YEAR



The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend four main ways you and you family may keep from getting sick with the flu at school and at home:

Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder; not into your hands.

Be sure to eat nutritious foods, get plenty of sleep and exercise regularly.

Stay home if you or your child is sick for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine. Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others. Start planning now for the possibility that your child may get sick. Establish possible care givers if your child needs to stay home, and work with your employer about the possibility of taking time off to stay home with your sick child.

Get your family vaccinated for seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 flu when vaccines are available.

-Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

HOW TO CARE FOR THE FLU AT HOME

Most people with influenza recover without medication. The following information can help you provide safer care at home for sick persons during a flu outbreak or flu pandemic.

Get plenty of rest.

Drink clear fluids to keep from being dehydrated.

Check with your health care provider about any special care that you might need if you are pregnant or have a health condition such as diabetes, heart disease, asthma or emphysema. Your doctor may want to prescribe antiviral medications for you.

Be watchful for warning signs that might indicate that you need to seek medical attention.*

*Warning signs include: Children – fast or troubled breathing, bluish or gray skin color, not drinking enough fluids, severe or persistent vomiting, not waking up or interacting, irritability and not wanting to be held, flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever or worse cough. Adults – difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen, sudden dizziness, confusion, severe or persistent vomiting, flu-like symptoms that improve but return with fever or worse cough.

- Maricopa County Department of Public Health

Just for Fun

Teacher: I hope I didn't see you looking at Fred's test paper.

Pupil: I hope you didn't see me either !

Teacher: You copied from Fred's exam paper didn't you ?

Pupil: How did you know ?

Teacher: Fred's paper says "I don't know" and you have put "Me, neither"!

Great news; teacher says we have a test today come rain or shine.

So what's so great about that ?

It's snowing outside !

Father: What did the teacher think of your idea?

Son: She took it like a lamb.

Father: Really ? What did she say?

Son: Baa!

Father: How were the exam questions ?

Son: Easy.

Father: Then why look so unhappy ?

Son: The questions didn't give me any trouble, but the answers did !



New Labels to Save

Just want to remind you to keep sending in your labels and if you like to shop online you may register and shop at www.boxtops4education.com and we will earn a little more toward our goal. Avery office products have joined in this school fundraiser so look for the Box Tops for Education label on some of their products.

Garage Sale

We are scheduling our first garage sale for October 15. Start looking through your closets and your friends closets (only if they let you) for anything you might want to donate. We give tax-deductible receipts if you want one.

*Train up a child in the way
he should go and when he is
old he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6

Educational Philosophy

We believe that a personal relationship with God is the single most important part of our educational process. We believe that Christian service and sharing the Good News with our fellow human beings is essential in the development of the whole person.

AIA believes that learning must be an active adventure, integrating the spiritual, mental, physical, cultural, and social aspects of life.

AIA believes that parents are the primary teachers in a child's life. We want our students' parents to be actively involved in the learning process that takes place in our classroom. Parental involvement is required.

The AIA learning environment encourages the freedom of individual thought yet at the same time requires the student to take responsibility for his actions.