

Penguin's Post

3rd Quarter 2014-2015

Director's Note

Welcome back for 3rd quarter at Primavera! I hope your holidays were wonderful. This quarter should be a lot of fun as we hibernate on cold days and play outside in the crisp Prescott winter air on warmer days. It's not too late to make a tax donation to Primavera School for next year. Please do so by April 15. It's time to make your choice of where to send your children for school next year. We hope you will stay with our Primavera family and continue to experience the Primavera Difference!

Upcoming Special Events

- 4th grade Living History Museum—March 24
- 3rd grade Greek Agora—March 26
- 3rd/4th grade Catalina Island Field Trip— April 20-24

Calendar of Events

January 25-January 31:

National School Choice Week

January 30: Open House for K-6 grades

February 2: Open Enrollment

February 9-February 23: Pasta for Pennies fundraiser for the Leukemia and

Lymphoma Society

February 10: Music Memory Concert, 9:30 a.m., Yavapai College (3-5 grades)

February 16: President's day holiday. No school

February 27: Art Walk fundraiser for Primavera, 5-8p.m.; Thumb Butte Distillery

March 9-13: Spring Break

March 16: 4th Quarter begins

Re-Enrollment

Re-enrollment started on January 15. Deposits are \$100 to hold your child's space for next year. You will be refunded the \$100 on your August tuition statement. Open enrollment for all other community members starts on February 2.

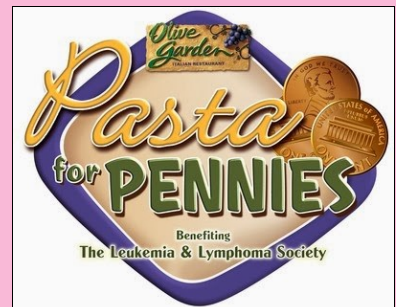
National School Choice Week

January 25-31

Please attend our Open House on Friday, January 30 from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Take a tour of all of the classrooms at Primavera. Please invite friends to come along and see what Primavera has to offer.

Pasta for Pennies

Each year, Primavera participates in raising money for research for therapies used in the treatment of lymphoma and leukemia. Between February 9-23, we ask that students, parents and staff collect and donate any spare change you have. There will be specially-marked donation "banks" in the classrooms throughout the school. We would love to try and raise \$500 for this cause and the classroom with the most donation money will win a pasta lunch from Olive Garden. Change, checks and cash are all welcome. Checks should be made out to "The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society." Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



Thumb Butte Distillery

Art Walk Fundraiser

Thumb Butte Distillery is one stop on the Art Walk, which takes place the 4th Friday of each month. In February, Primavera will have a fundraiser at this location. The event will be held from 5-8p.m. on February 27. There will be live music, tastings, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, children's art and a raffle. Twenty-five percent of sales of any liquor product will go to Primavera. So, please stop by and enjoy the fun and festivities while also supporting Primavera School!

Just a Reminder...

Please don't forget the tax credit deadline is April 15, 2015. You can still contribute to earn your dollar-for-dollar credit. We would like to be able to increase the number of donors to be able to fund the demands per each student for next school year. Thanks for your contribution!

NAEYC Visit

Our Preschool through Kindergarten grades are NAEYC-accredited, which means that we are a school that meets the standards of: promoting positive relationships; effective teaching approaches; on-going assessments; and have a comprehensive curriculum. Five years ago we were accredited by NAEYC and now is the time for re-accreditation. The teachers have been working hard to make sure we are looking good and ready for another five years of high standards.

Teacher Feature

Preschool's Ms. Joell

Ms. Joell is an Arizona native from Phoenix. She and her husband, Sean, married in 2001 and they moved to Chino Valley in 2008, where she has a lot of extended family. Sean works in San Francisco as an electrical lineman and she and her two kids, McKenna and Caden, travel there for Spring and Summer breaks to be closer to Sean.

Ms. Joell sings with the local band, The Gurley Girls, and they are releasing their second cd this April. She has been a singer since she was two years old and she says that "singing feeds my soul." She also had the amazing experience of singing at Carnegie Hall with the soprano solo in Shubert's Mass in G and performed it again at St. Gregory's Cathedral in New York City.

She received her teaching degree in 2001, and has worked in early childhood education since she was 16. She has her reading certification and early childhood endorsement and has previously taught K-5 for 10 years and preschool for 15 years. Ms. Joell loves teaching at Primavera and feels blessed to be part of such a "wonderful family of devoted teachers and parents". She loves her students' unfiltered honesty and the way children see the world. She loves the how "deeply and completely they feel every emotion."

Ms. Joell's favorite food is Mexican and her Lebanese grandparents, who owned a Mexican restaurant in Mesa for many years, made the best Mexican food in the world.

Thank you, Ms. Joell, for your undying energy and love for our youngest Primavera Penguins. We feel so blessed to have you in our family!

