



# Country Place Elementary



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## Principal's Newsletter for April 2011

### Important Dates

**April 1** - 9:15am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>; 10:30 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>; 11:45 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Math Challenge competitions at the District Office

**April 1** - PTA Casual Friday & Mustang Munchies

**April 6** - PTA Fundraiser orders delivered to Country Place (Please pick up your orders this day)

**April 11** - 3:00pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade promotion committee meeting in the conference room

**April 11 through 20** - AIMS & SAT10 Testing dates

**April 12** - 6:00pm Governing School Board meeting at the District Office

**April 16** - 10:00am to 2:00pm Spring Carnival

**April 18** - 4:45pm PTA Officers' meeting in the conference room

**April 20** - 4:00pm Site Council meeting in the conference room

**April 21** - Midterm progress reports go home

**April 22** - Holiday - No School

**April 25 through 29** - Student Council Spirit week (A separate notice will go home with further details)

**April 26** - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip

**April 26** - 6:30pm PTA meeting in the library

**April 27** - Administrative Professionals Day

**April 28** - 8:00 to 10:00am Kindergarten AM, 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>; 12:45 to 2:45pm Kindergarten PM, 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Field Day

**April 28** - 4:30 to 7:00pm McTeacher Night at 99<sup>th</sup> & Lower Buckeye restaurant (Volunteers arrive at 4:00pm)

**April 29** - 9:00am Parent Advisory Committee meeting at the District Office

**April 29** - 1:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>; 1:35pm 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>; 2:10pm 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Character Counts/Students of the Month assemblies

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your participation in our spring conferences last month. These are very beneficial in helping to keep the lines of communication open as we work together for the success of our students.

We also had a huge turnout for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Talent Show. The performers equaled or exceeded last year's acts. It was a very fun night for everyone. Congratulations to Mrs. Amber Hann and her amazing committee who worked so diligently to organize this nice event for our community.

Nineteen Country Place 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have been accepted into the University High School college preparatory program in the Tolleson Union High School District for the 2011-2012 school year! This is a phenomenal accomplishment. This represents their largest group of incoming freshmen from any single school. Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers deserve recognition for motivating their students to attain this prestigious achievement.

I wish to recognize Kohl's volunteers for joining in to help read to our students on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for our Read Across America event to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. We also appreciate their pledge to donate \$500.00 to Country Place to promote literacy efforts. Nice job to Mrs. Lynda Lloyd and her committee who made this all come together.

### Notes & Reminders

**After-school Sports** - Please visit our school calendar, available on the website, for information on upcoming games.

**Kindergarten Enrollment** - We want to encourage kindergarten registration now for the 2011-12 school year. Registration services are available every day during regular business hours at our Littleton School District Office located at 1600 S. 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Please help us get the word out to your friends and neighbors.

**Promotion** - Planning for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade 2011 promotion has begun. Teachers, staff members, students and parents will help plan for this important event. If you are interested in being part of the planning team, please contact Mr. Stinnett by e-mail or phone.

**Safety Reminder** - Country Place School has a Safety Committee that meets monthly to discuss safety matters involving our school. Our goal is to ensure that our students are educated in an environment that is safe and conducive to learning. For further information on being part of this committee, please contact our front office for details on upcoming meetings.

**Testing Reminder** - We are required to test all students in grades 2-8 on the mandated state assessments starting April 11 and ending April 20. It is critical that we get your support to make this happen. Please do not schedule any vacations, doctor's appointments, etc during testing dates. Students are to be here no later than 7:40am each day and are not to be pulled early for any reason until after testing is completed. Thank you for your understanding and help with this process.

Please feel free to call the office if you have any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful month!  
Mr. Stinnett, Principal