



COMBS TRADITIONAL ACADEMY



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

November is one of my favorite months of the year. The temperature is finally where it is cold in the morning and beautiful during the day. The fall colors are in full swing. And the holidays that are focused on family and gratitude and caring are upon us.

We have much to be grateful for here at Combs Traditional Academy. We have a wonderful, caring staff from our custodian, our Paraprofessionals, our office staff, to all of our teachers. I am grateful every day for the opportunity to work with all of them and I know your children are in good hands with them. We have supportive parents and community, with a giving and engaged PTO at the forefront, to which we all say thank you for all that you do to make Combs Traditional Academy the highly rated school it is today. And finally, we have incredible students, who challenge themselves every day to learn and be engaged as well as challenging us to become better people. They are why we are here every day!

We want to invite you to become more connected to Combs Traditional Academy. Please make sure our office has the correct email for you. You should receive a weekly email update from us. If you don't, then we want to make sure that you do. For some of you, it may be that your email settings block our messages and for others, it may be that we do not have accurate information. Our website, www.combstraditional.jocombs.org, has contact information as well as calendar information that you can use to help plan your year. We try to keep it up to date as well with our Newsletters and important information throughout the year. We are on Facebook as well, www.facebook.com/CombsTraditionalAcademy, and we post regular updates on there as well as on our **Twitter feed, @CTAKnights**, to keep you up to date on daily news. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and let your friends know about us, too!

Vision:

Students will develop the essential skills to become higher level

thinkers that will empower them to become respectful, self-disciplined, conscientious, and self-motivated

Mission:

To provide a rigorous academic focus for all students in an environment that emphasizes responsibility and respect.

Rigor, Responsibility & Respect



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Parent Reminders:

- ♦ Nov 7th Battle of the Books @ 8:30am
- ♦ Nov 7th PTO Bingo Night @ 6-8pm
- ♦ Nov. 10th @ 8:30am Veteran's Day Flag Ceremony
- ♦ Nov. 11th- Veteran's Day- **No School**
- ♦ Nov. 12th District Governing Board Mtg @ CMS, 6pm
- ♦ Nov. 13th Hometown Heroes, @ 8:30am
- ♦ Nov. 13th Site Council Mtg @ 3:30pm
- ♦ Nov 18th -PTO Mtg, @ 6pm
- ♦ Nov. 26th Fundraiser Reward Dress Down Day & Activity Day for Students
- ♦ Nov. 27th & Nov.28th- Thanksgiving- **No School**
- ♦ Dec. 5th PTO Dinner with Santa

PTO News

The **PTO** would like to thank everyone for attending our Donuts with Dad event! We enjoyed meeting all of the Dads, Uncles, and Grandpa's!!!

The Peter Piper BOO Bash was a great success! Thank you to everybody that came out to support the school and congratulations to Mrs. Briggs PM Kinder class!!! They were the winners of the class pizza party!

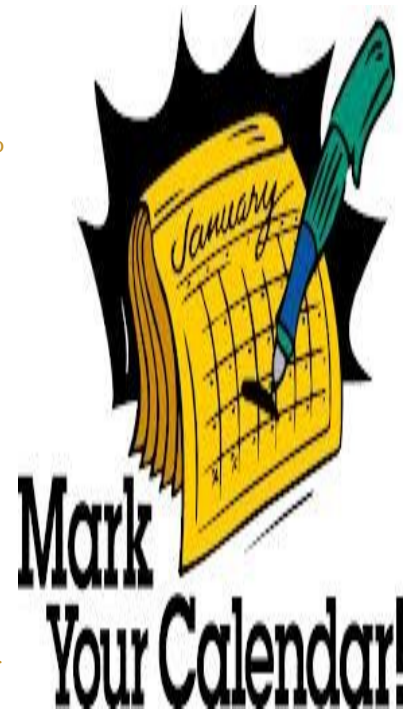
Bingo Night will be held Friday November 7th. Doors will open at 6pm. We have so many great prizes this year and we hope to see everyone there!!!!

Pizza and Bingo card pre-order forms went home last week. Please have your pre-order forms turned into your student's teacher by Tuesday November 4th. We will not be accepting order forms after that day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BINGO NIGHT- PTO is always looking for volunteers to help with our events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact PTO and keep an eye out for our Signup genius e-mails. Thank you for your support!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our Breakfast with Santa event Friday December 5th. Don't miss your chance to have your picture taken with Santa!!

Please contact PTO at combstraditionalpto@gmail.com with any questions, comments, or concerns. We appreciate all the feedback we get!



Orchestra Concert

Dear CTA Parents,

Please mark your calendars to attend our Orchestra Concert. Please make a note that our concert will be Hosted in the Cafetorium at Harmon Elementary School Located at 39315 North Cortona Dr. San Tan Valley, AZ on December 9 at 6:00 pm. I am very proud of the progress our orchestra students have been making, and I would love for you to attend to help cheer these wonderful deserving students on. See you there!!

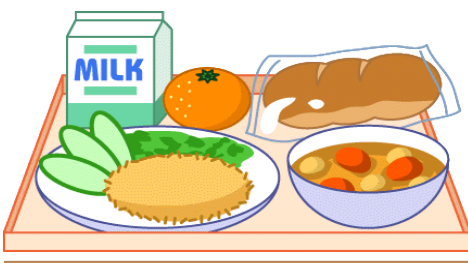
Mr. Guido Lavorata

EZSchoolPay.com

Lunch payments must be made **prior to 9am** to be added to your child's account the same day

Food Services Message

Did you know that our department has a web page at <http://combsnutrition.com>? Parents and students can view menus, nutritional information, allergen information and contact information for our district food service leadership? Feedback and suggestions are welcome and encouraged from our students, parents and community



Transportation Changes

If you need to make a change to your child's afternoon transportation, please be sure to contact our office prior to 12pm to give us adequate time to notify your child's teacher. If you must call after 12pm and are unable to get through, please be sure to leave a message. The end of the day has the tendency to become very busy; however, Ms. Mary will always check the messages prior to the final bell of the day so she is able to contact teachers regarding changes in transportation. Thanks for your cooperation and assistance in this matter



Jackets & Lunch Boxes

Please make sure your child's jackets and lunch boxes are labeled with his or her name. This is the time of year when student's have a tendency to forget these items at school and we need your help in making sure that they can be returned. Thank you for your assistance.

Paraprofessional Testing

If you are interested in taking the test to become a Paraprofessional with the JO Combs District please contact Diane Posa at: 480-987-5300, testing will be taking place sometime in November.

Combs Traditional Academy Staff Acknowledgement

Has a Combs Traditional staff member gone above and beyond for you or your child? We would love to hear about it! Please share your appreciation for a Combs Traditional staff member and turn it in to the front office.

I would like to recognize _____ for _____

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Students:

Bean, Ashley N
Bean, Hailey M
Rosenbaum, Lahna M
Schmaltz, Corbyn B
Aldama, Atalie R
Cox, Brenna M
Annis, Miles A
Tanner, Violet E
Huffines, Mason C
Turk, Dario

Erickson, Faith
Brown, Dalton M
Keesler, Austin R
Foster, Luke K
Knopp, Jackson D
Grant, Tillman J
Litviak, Brylee M
Ubosi, Chisom C
Rembert, Aiden L
Graham, Kade

Gonzalez, Elijah D
Tucker, Dallas P
Fouse, Haley S
Vasquez, Adrian L

Staff:

Dr Jane Rupard
Tyseea Briggs
Autumn Lord
Katie Slater
Amber Sutton



Student Council News

"JO Combs Thanksgiving Food Drive"

JO Combs School District is asking you to open your hearts and share a little this holiday season by hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive.

We will collect items from **November 3rd –21st.**

Please bring your donated items to the front office. Below you will find a list of acceptable donations. All items are being donated to the J.O. Combs Food Bank and will assist families who live in our district boundaries.

- Turkey or Ham
- Cans of corn
- Cans of green beans
- Dinner rolls
- Stuffing mix
- Potatoes
- Brown gravy mix
- Cranberry sauce
- Sweet potatoes or Yams
- Desserts

Our food bank is accepting canned/boxes donations year round. Please contact Elizabeth Kloehr at 480-987-5304- ekloehr@jocombs.k12.az.us

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

We are reaching that season once again where flu and other respiratory illnesses are common. Due to the return of this season and the severity of Enterovirus D68 in the national health news, we would like to take a moment to remind you of the best ways to help decrease the spread of disease.

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your cough or sneeze with the inside of your elbow or a tissue, never your hands
- Stay home when you are ill
- Clean commonly touched surfaces
- Stay current on vaccinations including your seasonal flu shot

There have been no reports of Ebola in Arizona and the risk in the school setting is extremely low, however the ADHS has updated its Ebola preparedness website to provide news to schools and the community to stay up to date on this issue. www.azdhs.gov/phs/oids/ebola/



**Happy
Thanksgiving!**



Substitute Teachers

J.O. Combs is seeking enthusiastic, caring people interested in substitute teaching. Substitutes may work a flexible schedule, choosing which days of the week to work and which schools to substitute. To submit an application for Substitute Teacher, you must have a valid Arizona Teaching or Substitute Certificate. If you have a Bachelor's degree you can apply for an Arizona Substitute Certificate. The Arizona Department of Education requires a Fingerprint Clearance Card, official transcripts (Bachelor's degree) and an application to issue a Substitute Certificate. Contact them at 602-542-4367 or visit their website at <http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/certificate-requirement/teaching-certificate/> to download the application or for more information.

To obtain information regarding a Fingerprint Clearance Card call the Department of Public Safety (DPS) at 602-223-2279. Once you receive a fingerprint clearance packet from DPS, you may get your fingerprints rolled at our district office. Please call Diane Posa at 480-987-5300 to set up an appointment to get your fingerprints rolled.

J.O. Combs Application Process

J.O. Combs accepts Substitute Teacher applications year round. Applications will be accepted online at <https://jocombs.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>. The requirements needed are as follows.

Valid AZ DPS Fingerprint Clearance Card

Valid AZ Dept. of Education Teaching or Substitute Certificate

Resume

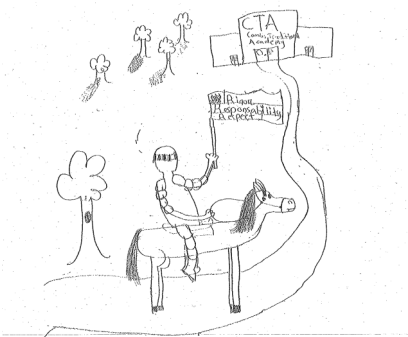
Three letters of reference (these may not be from family members)

Two forms of ID

All employees born on or after January 1, 1957 must provide proof of an MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine or documentation of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella.

For more information, please call MaryAnn Cannella at 480-987-5305.

Thank you Bella Piriz for this
Months wonderful Drawing!



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HONOR ROLL

Honor Roll

A;amoe Fontan-Juarez	Lucy Donaldson	Ashley Mabey
Aberu Anthony	Luke Foster	Atalie Aldama
Aeden Curtis	Melanie Gross	Ayden Budish
Alexa Gross	Michael Morales	Bella Piriz
Arielle Galang	Parker Bell	Ben Sanders
Ashtyn Hubbard	Peyton Turner	Breanna Litviak
Austin Keesler	Shelby Walag	Brendon Cisneros
Bianca Valediez	Sylvia Sterling	Brenna Cox
Brandon Cox	Taylor Walag	Cara Fajardo
Camren Tapia	Thomas Andrew	Carissa Ochoa
Carlos Rodriguez		Carter Stinecipher
Chisom Ubosi	Principal's Honor Roll	Cassidy Lewis
Connor Mault	Aaliyah Howard	Christopher Mault
Cooper Tolar	Abbie Septer	Dalton Brown
Dallas Tucker	Abigail Brokaw	Delaney Macias
Daniel Herrick	Adan Torres	Elena Golden
Derel Cisneros	Addie Benjamin	Elijah Golden
Emily Lustgraaf	Adrian Vasquez	Emily Marviglia
Ethyn Macias	Aiyanah Scism	Ethan Rosenbaum
Genesis Martinez Garcia	Alana Patubo	Evie Hutson
Gracie Briggs	Alani Rhodes	Ezra Kelley
Haydin Miller	Alauna Poole	Fabrizio (Kenrick) Steven
Haylee Herrick	Alexis Vasquez	Gracie Pierson
Jaydon Pief	Alfredo Bonilla	Hailey Bean
Jessica Valdez	Alyssa Jensen	Hunter Clare
Josiah Chavira	Andrew Vasquez	Isabella Loyola
Kane Young	Anissa Deel	Isabella Marines
Kingston Young	Anjali Kok	Isabella Quinata
Lilyanna Pruett	Anna Gardner	Jackson Knopp
Londyn Walker	Ariana Kizier	Jacob Barbeau
	Arianna Washington	Jade Keesler
	Ashley Bean	Jaden Correll

Principal's Honor Roll

Wilson Ta

Zane Spears

Scholar of Distinction

Alexandra Garcia	Fajardo, Cara D	Mault, Christopher W	Williams Whitaker, Avrianna E
Amaya Poole	Fouse, Jordan R	Michell, Kiera N	Williams, Tristan T
Amaya Poole	Galang, Aydenn Art P	Milem, Sedona M	Williams, Tristan, T
Brooklyn Jensen	Gardner, Anna E	Minson, Olivia L	Yang, Kyla
Christopher Jimenez	Golden, Elena R	Navaeh Thompson	Yost, Victoria R
Justice Engle	Golden, Elijah L	Newton, Aniya N	Young, Kane K
Mackenzie Anthony	Gonzalez, Elijah D	Newton, Logan A	Young, Kingston K
Preston Lord	Graham, Kade	Paterno, Kemper M	
Tristan Williams	Gross, Alexa M	Paterno, Savannah R	
	Gross, Melanie R	Paterno, Willow L	
	Hasty, Aiden W	Patubo, Alana L	
	Holmes, Nicodemus B	Pief, Jaydon D	
	Holmes, Tachiinii R	Poole, Alauna R	
	Hubbard, Ashtyn C	Porter, Madeleine J	
	Irwin, Lisa N	Pruett, Lilyanna J	
	Jensen, Brooklyn M	Rodgers, Tennysen M	
	Jimenez, Christopher A	Rosado, Ella	
	Keesler, Austin R	Rosenbaum, Ethan	
	Keesler, Jade L	Rosenbaum, Lahna M	
	Kizier, Ariana M	Scism, Aiyanah L	
	Knopp, Jackson D	Seckman, Keegan T	
	Lamoreaux, Joshua J	Smith, Trevor A	
	Lewis, Cassidy R	Steven, Kenrick F	
	Lewis, Kaden A	Ta, Kelvin C	
	Litviak, Breanna K	Tanner, Violet E	
	Lord, Preston W	Torres, Adan K	
	Loyola, Isabella M	Turner, Peyton L	
	Macias, Delaney R	Vasquez, Andrew M	
	Macias, Ethyn A	Vasquez, Arthur G	
	Marines, Isabella A	Vasquez, Audrey I	
	Martinez Garcia, Genesis	Walag, Shelby L	
	Marviglia, Samantha R	Walker, Holly F	

Perfect Attendance

Amaya Poole	Fajardo, Cara D	Mault, Christopher W	Williams Whitaker, Avrianna E
Andrew, Thomas J	Fouse, Jordan R	Michell, Kiera N	Williams, Tristan T
Barbeau, Jacob N	Galang, Aydenn Art P	Milem, Sedona M	Williams, Tristan, T
Bean, Ashley N	Gardner, Anna E	Minson, Olivia L	Yang, Kyla
Bean, Hailey M	Golden, Elena R	Navaeh Thompson	Yost, Victoria R
Benjamin, Lyla J	Golden, Elijah L	Newton, Aniya N	Young, Kane K
Briggs, Gracie N	Gonzalez, Elijah D	Newton, Logan A	Young, Kingston K
Brokaw, Abigail D	Graham, Kade	Paterno, Kemper M	
Budish, Ayden	Gross, Alexa M	Paterno, Savannah R	
Cisneros, Brendon	Gross, Melanie R	Paterno, Willow L	
Clark, Julien M	Hasty, Aiden W	Patubo, Alana L	
Cox, Brandon M	Holmes, Nicodemus B	Pief, Jaydon D	
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