

# COYOTE BULLETIN

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The month of  
**April**



## IMPORTANT DATES



- April 1-5: Spring Break
- April 3: Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
- April 4: School Librarian Appreciation Day
- April 8: School Resumes  
Last Day to Order Yearbooks
- April 9: Last Day for Harkins Summer Movie Pass Sales
- April 8-12: March Reading Logs Due
- April 11: Spring Pictures
- April 19: Purple Up Day-Wear purple for the Month of the Military Child  
Kona Ice
- April 24: Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day
- April 25: Cap and Gown Pictures (Kindergarten & 5th grade only)
- April 29-May 3: Book Fair
- April 30: First Grade Field Trip to Children's Museum & Movie Theater

## AASA Testing

AASA is the statewide achievement test for Arizona students in Grades 3-8. All Arizona public school students in grades 3-8 will take the grade level AASA assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Fifth and eighth grade students will take an additional assessment in science. Students in third grade take an additional oral reading fluency test.

Student attendance is vital during our testing windows. We have provided the testing times below and request that your student is at school on these days. If possible, we ask that you do not schedule appointments that will require them to leave school early. If you must make an appointment on the days below, please inform the classroom teacher.

Once tests are opened they must be completed that school day. Students are not able to open a test, leave school and return to finish.

### 3rd Grade

- April 9-Writing
- April 16-ELA (Reading) 1
- April 17-ELA (Reading) 2
- April 18-Math 1
- April 19-Math 2
- April 15-19 Oral Reading Fluency

### 4th Grade

- April 10-Writing
- April 16-ELA (Reading) 1
- April 17-ELA (Reading) 2
- April 18-Math 1
- April 19-Math 2

### 5th Grade

- April 9: Writing
  - All of 5th Grade
- April 16
  - Lachcik Homeroom ELA 1 & 2
  - Heredia Homeroom Math 1 & 2
- April 17
  - Melanson Homeroom ELA 1 & 2
  - Vega Homeroom Math 1 & 2
- April 18
  - Munoz Homeroom ELA 1 & 2
  - Lachcik Homeroom Math 1 & 2
- April 19
  - Heredia Homeroom ELA 1 & 2
  - Melanson Homeroom Math 1 & 2
- April 23
  - Vega Homeroom ELA 1 & 2
  - Munoz Homeroom Math 1 & 2

## MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community. Sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.

The Month of the Military Child is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. He established the Defense Department commemoration in 1986.

Purple indicates that all branches of the military are supported. Air Force blue, Army green, Navy blue, Marine red, and Coast Guard blue all are thought to combine together as a single color, purple.

Otondo is excited to celebrate the Month of the Military Child on April 19th as we Purple Up. To celebrate on April 19th, please wear purple!

## HEADPHONES

Parents/Guardians,

It is a requirement by the state that students taking the AASA test have access to headphones. Students in grade THREE, FOUR and FIVE take this test. We ask that you check with your students and/or their teacher to determine if they have a working pair of headphones!

Headphones for AASA should be "old school" and plug into the ipad, if you need specifics about what the plug looks like please check with your child's teacher.

If replacing headphones provides a hardship to your family, please reach out to the front office and we are happy to discuss options for support!

