

A Message From Your Principal

Dear Parents,

The recent release of AZMerit scores has helped us begin goal setting to improve our school letter grade. In addition to academics, student attendance is used to calculate school letter grades. Our 2016-17 score was only 4 points shy of a B letter grade. Unfortunately our overall school attendance played a huge factor in our results. Excessive absences and tardies negatively impact us in numerous ways. Absences and tardies can have a negative impact on students and their academics. Teachers maximize the effective use of every minute of instructional time. Additionally, consistent and punctual attendance reinforces the character development of responsibility and work ethic.

We want to begin by taking a positive approach to improve student attendance here at Saddleback. Beginning this month, the class with the best attendance percentage will be given a popcorn party with the principal on a non PTO popcorn Friday. Arriving to school late, leaving early, and days absent will all count against a class's monthly percentage. The classroom that wins will be announced at the beginning of the following month. We will announce November's winner on Friday, December 1st. At the end of the school year, the class who wins "Popcorn with the Principal" the most will have "Pizza with the Principal" before Summer Break. Our hope is that the popcorn and pizza incentives will help motivate students to be on and time and come to school every day. We sincerely thank you so much for your continued support in your child(ren)'s education!

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Williams, Saddleback Elementary Principal

Saddleback Elementary School

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Be sure to check out the school
and district websites frequently:

<http://esj.maricopausd.org/>
<http://www.maricopausd.org/>

Mark Your Calendar

November 9th

Character Assembly
8:20-8:50 am
(enter thru the MPR)

November 10th

Veteran's Day Observed
No School

November 13th

Progress Reports Go Home

November 14th

Breakfast For Dinner
with Santa
6:00-7:30
(enter thru the MPR)

November 15th

PTO Meeting
6:00-7:30 in the MPR

November 17th

Popcorn Friday
&
Fun Friday

November 20th

Running Club Begins
&
5th Grade Field Trip

November 20th-21st

Turkey Trot
(during P.E. time)

November 22nd-24th

Thanksgiving Break
No School

November 30th

Play with the Principal
(by invitation)

December 1

Popcorn Friday

December 5th

4th/5th Grade Field Trip