



MARCH 2023 – 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

March is here! We are ready for the last quarter of the school year and our kiddos have made fabulous progress throughout the school year thus far. The first week of April, Ford students will take their mandatory state test. **Attendance is especially important!** Childhood research indicates children who are absent often, even in kindergarten, may have academic difficulty in later school years. It is sometimes more stressful on children to take “make-up” tests rather than when administered with their classroom teacher. And did you know absenteeism may lower our schools letter grade issued from the Arizona Department of Education? Please, if you child is **not** sick, prioritize being at school and on time. Thank you.

PTA has planned a Family Bingo Event. **Thursday, March 7th from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM.** The PTA will host afterschool Bingo games and have snack items for sale (please, cash only) in the cafeteria. A parent must be present for students to attend.

The Ford PTA is seeking new members. It takes participation for parents and volunteers to organize unique events. Please consider becoming an active PTA member.

Kindergarten Registration! Children who turn five years old before September 1, 2024, are eligible to enroll in our kindergarten program this fall. If you have or know of a friend or relative who have a child that they wish to enroll in full-day kindergarten, please have them contact the Ford office to learn about our Kindergarten Fair.

CONGRATULATIONS PARENTS! And a big pat-on-the-back from the Ford office staff to all of parents. Thank you everyone who completed registration for next fall 2024-2025. Having children registered for next school year supports the number of teachers needed for next school year. Thank you for all your support enrolling your children at Ford Elementary School..

Mark your calendar for upcoming events:

<i>Monday, March 4th</i>	<i>Dr. Seuss Birthday! Students may wear a Dr. Seuss hat or his famous stripes.</i>
<i>Thursday, March 7th</i>	<i>BINGO! Family Bingo at 4:00PM. Food and Fun, please cash only.</i>
<i>Friday, March 8th</i>	<i>Teacher Planning Day – No school</i>

March 11th – March 15th TUSD Spring Break

<i>Wednesday, March 20th</i>	<i>TUSD Professional Development Day – No school</i>
<i>Friday, March 29th</i>	<i>Spring Holiday, No school</i>

<i>**Monday, April 1st</i>	<i>Mandatory Arizona State Testing Begins – Attendance is Important!!!!</i>
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I wish you and your family a fabulous Spring Break!
Sincerely,

Ms. Johnston,
Principal

“Every day is a great day to learn something.”