

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The month of April, Ford students will take their mandatory state tests. 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.

Thank you to those parents that were able to attend the Ford PTA BINGO event. Please look for our next PTA event schedule coming in May. 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.

Scholastic Book Fair! April 22nd through April 26th the Scholastic Book Fair will be available to students, parents, and grandparents in the Ford library. It is a Buy One Get One free offer (BOGO).

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.

Mark your calendar for upcoming events:

**Monday, April 1st

Mandatory Arizona State Testing Begins Attendance is Important!!!!

Wednesday, April 17th April 22nd through April 26th Ford Site Council Meeting 3:00 PM Scholastic Book Fair; Buy One Get One!

Sincerely,

Ms. Johnston, Principal

"Every day is a great day to learn something."