

## **DECEMBER 2023 - 2024**

Dear Parents and Guardians.

ARIZONA TAX CREDITS - Arizona will allow you to give Ford Elementary School your tax credit and you may be able to subtract the total deduction from your Arizona State income tax. Submit online: tusd1.org. Our Reading Seed, Garden Club, Fine Arts and Sport programs depend upon Tax Credit contributions.

**Breakfast!** Take advantage of our breakfast program. Ford students receive FREE Breakfast and Lunch. You do not need to fill out any paperwork. Students choosing to have breakfast should go to the cafeteria at 7:15 AM. The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas.

We do need your help in several areas to make our school safe. The parking lot flows well for student drop off and pick up. You can pull in, follow the loop around and drop off or pick up your student. Please **do not stop along Stella Road to drop off or pick up your child**. If you need to park, please use the marked parking spaces, and never park along the curb.

Thank you, to our Inez Ford PTA! Our **Scholastic Book Fair** week was fabulous. This event took place with the cooperation of our Ford families. Also, thank you to all the families who attended the McDonald's and Inez Ford PTA night on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. McDonald's will donate over \$500.00 profit from our parent night. Parents and grandparents, you are appreciated!

The Math and Science Night in November was really a success. Parents and students interacted with math games, did some cool science experiments, and had a nice evening. Thank you for those who were able to attend.

Water Bottles! It is recommended that your child brings a water bottle every day. The water refill stations are open, and water bottles are encouraged. We do not have drinking fountains only refill stations.

**Jackets, sweatshirts, and lunchboxes** - Is your child missing his/her jacket, sweatshirt, or lunchbox? Please help us to get these found items back to their owners by writing your child's name on them.

<u>Registration is now open on ParentVue for the 2024-2025 school year!</u> Yearly registration confirms that Ford has the most up-to-date information for your child. Parents must **register** for the upcoming school year! Please use your ParentVue account and enroll! You will need to provide a yearly proof of residency.

Have a wonderful winter break with your family and friends.

Please mark your calendar for upcoming events:

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>
Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>
Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>
December 25<sup>th</sup> – January 5, 2024
Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

TUSD Ford Elementary Site Council 3:00 PM Band/Orchestra Concert 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM End of Quarter 2 – Grading Day – No School Winter Break and Happy New Year! Begin Spring Semester

Sincerely,

Ms. Johnston, Principal

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