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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

This school year continues to move along at a fast pace! Spring Break is just around the corner, and when we return, our teachers and staff will be gearing up for state testing! As you have seen, one of our priorities this year is to improve our student arrival time! I would like to thank our parents who have responded to this challenge. We have seen continual improvements in our students being here on time and ready to learn when school starts at 7:45 AM.

Another area our school continues to focus on is our attendance rates. For our students to grow academically and increase student achievement performance, regular attendance at school is not only crucial, but also paramount. Studies show a significant correlation between attendance rates and student achievement. Students who miss even just 2 days of school per month can begin to develop learning gaps, are at a higher risk of falling behind peers, which can lead to tremendous challenges as they move into higher grades. I urge families to do everything possible to avoid missing school days as it ultimately is a disservice to the children and their education.

Registration is open on ParentVue for the 2025-2026 school year! Yearly registration confirms that Ford has the most up-to-date information for your child. All 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. Having children registered for the **2025-2026** school year supports the number of teachers needed for next fall. Thank you for your commitment to being part of the Ford Community. If you have not already completed the **School Quality Survey** that was sent out by TUSD, please check your email and take a few minutes to complete it. I value the voices and opinions of our families and would love nothing more than to brag to my fellow principals about how involved our parent community is!

It is starting to get warm and we want to remind families to send your child with his/her own water bottle. Be sure to write your child's name on it. There are water bottle refilling areas throughout the school. Help us make sure that children are hydrated throughout the day.

Please mark your calendar for our March events:

Friday, March 7th	TUSD Grading Day, No School for Students
March 10th – March 14th	TUSD Spring Break
March 17th – March 19th	AzSCI 5th grade science state testing
Thursday, March 20th	Tucson Electric Power Presentation to Fifth Grade
Wednesday, March 26th	TUSD Professional Development Day, No School for Students
Friday, March 28th	Family Bingo Night
Monday March 31st	AASA state testing begins

Sincerely,

Vince Kelly, Principal