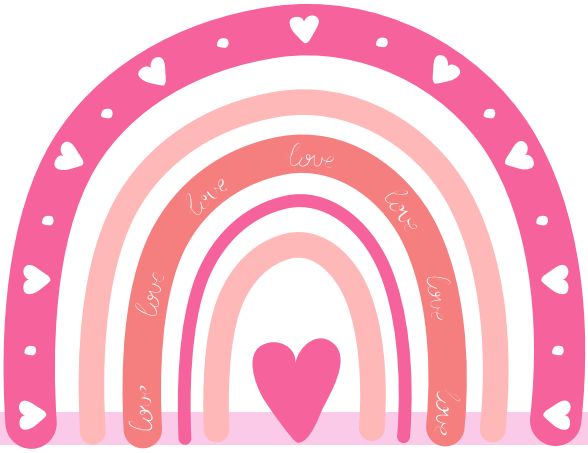
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Math Facts

FRANKLIN SCHOOLS

Established 1978

- ☑ **Vision:** Known nationally as the premier school in academic excellence.
- ☑ **Mission:** To educate students in a positive learning environment with high expectations and an accelerated curriculum

W.O.W. -- Word of the Week

Week of February 2 - **forthright**
Week of February 9 – **random**
Week of February 16 – **heed**

February Skill of the Month
Critical Thinking

Registration

REMINDER

Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 school year.

All students must be registered online, including incoming Kindergartners.

Go to your Parent Portal to complete the registration.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 5
- Club pictures

Friday, February 6
- Student Coucil Mtg - 7:30 am - Library

Tuesday, February 10
- Firebird Store

Friday, February 13 **Early Release at 12:45 pm**
- End of 4th Grading Period
- Valentine Class Parties 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Monday, February 16
- President's Day - **NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday, February 17
- President's Day Assembly - 8:15 am

Friday, February 20
- Student Council Mtg - 7:30 am - Library
- FPO Meeting - 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm

Saturday, February 28
- Franklin Festival - 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Battle of the Books #2

On January 28th, we held the second Battle of the Books battle. **We we are very proud of each of the teams and all of their hard work!**

The Battle #2 Book Titles were:

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
The Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

The winner of Battle #2 was Team 4:

Levi Phillips
Jackie LeSueur
Tanner Merrill



Congratulations!

The scores from each of the three battles are added together to determine which team will move on to compete in the district competition.

The top three cumulative scores so far are as follows:

Team 3: 130 points
Samil Baez Estavez, Saya Miele, Emmery Gershkowitz

Team 5: 120 points
Lily Gadd, Amy Hill, Evan Mackey

Team 4 107 points
Levi Phillips, Jackie LeSueur, and Tanner Merrill

The scores are close and anyone could win the final battle! We look forward for Battle #3 on April 1st to see which team will represent our school.

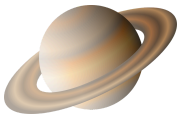
Keep reading!



JOKE OF THE WEEK



How does NASA throw a party?



They planet!

Submitted by
Nash Hunt
Mrs. Griner's class

Why was the kindergarten teacher always so optimistic?

Because every day she made the little things count!

Submitted by
Taylor Standage
Mrs. Qualls' class



Cafeteria Champions

Each week a grade level earns the right to be the Cafeteria Champion. This is earned by students being respectful, sitting quietly, and keeping their area clean. Champions are announced each Friday and the grade level that earns this right is allowed to sit with whomever they choose for the following week.

Congratulations to
5th Grade - January 23rd - 29th



Western Day

Skip - the horse - came to visit !







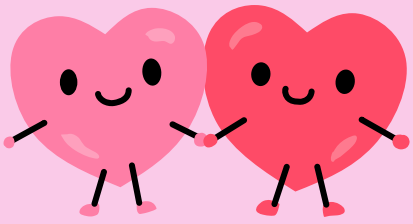












Save the Date

Come Celebrate With us to Welcome Back our

FRANKLIN FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 28, 2026

3:00pm to 6:00pm

A Day for Friends, Family, & Community Fun!

Clear Bag Policy

Face painting

Silent Auciton

Petting Zoo

Concession and Music

Games & so much more!!

Bounce Houses



Food Trucks



Pony Rides



More Info to Come Soon!

FRANKLIN FESTIVAL

WRISTBANDS AND TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Silent Auction Baskets will use bidding.
Raffle Baskets will use tickets.





Cash or checks will be accepted in the front office. Place in an envelope and write the number of tickets/wristbands desired, along with student's full name and classroom number.

Games: 1 ticket per game
Raffle Baskets: 1 ticket per entry
Inflatables: 2 tickets each
Pirate Ride: 3 tickets
Highland Cow: 5 tickets for 5 minutes of snuggles ♥

Soda/Water: 1 ticket
Snow Cones: 2 tickets
Popcorn: 2 tickets
Cotton Candy: 3 tickets
Face Painting: 2 tickets
Petting Zoo: 2 tickets
Pony Ride: 5 tickets

TICKET PRICE: $1/TICKET, $20/25 TICKETS
WRISTBAND: $15 PRESALE, $20 AT THE DOOR

Wristbands provide unlimited access to pirate ride, inflatables, and petting zoo

Presale ends at 12:00 PM February 20th. Any prepurchased tickets and wristbands will be sent home with students the following week.

SCAN TO PURCHASE



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Mesa Unified School District#4 • Operations Department
555 South Lewis Street, Mesa, AZ 85210

Date: **January 2026**

To: **Parents, Guardians and Employees of Mesa Unified School District #4**
From: **Keith Bonkoski – Maintenance Supervisor/Asbestos Coordinator**
Subject: **Asbestos Awareness and Management Plan**

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires all private and public elementary and secondary schools to inspect for asbestos containing materials in school buildings. The AHERA protocol also states that the Local Education Agency (LEA) perform a three-year inspection, and every six months a site surveillance inspection, and to provide notification to all parties concerned of any changes or updates. Parent and employee notifications must be made on a yearly basis. During the school year there may be asbestos removed from this site if a response action is required or if there are renovations.
The Mesa Public Schools Management Plans are available for review at the Operations Building located at 555 South Lewis Street in Mesa. Your site specific Management Plan is located at each school/site Administration Office.
Although some material containing asbestos might be found at your site, it presents no health hazard to students or staff. This material is inspected every six months, as stated.
If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 480-472-6014.
Thank you,

Keith Bonkoski
kabonkoski@mpsaz.org

Mesa Unified School District #4 • Operations Department
555 South Lewis Street, Mesa, AZ 85210

Para: **Padres, tutores y empleados del Distrito Escolar Unificado No. 4 de Mesa**

De: **Keith Bonkoski - Supervisor de mantenimiento/Coordinador de asbestos**

Asunto: **Conocimiento de Asbestos y Plan de Gestión**

La Ley de Respuesta a una Emergencia de Asbestos (AHERA-*por sus siglas en inglés*, *Asbestos Hazard Emergency Reponse Act*), requiere que todas las escuelas privadas y públicas de primaria y secundaria sean inspeccionadas por materiales conteniendo asbestos en los edificios escolares y de entregar un informe (plan de gestión), al Estado de Arizona. El protocolo AHERA también establece que la Agencia Local de Educación, (LEA-*por sus siglas en inglés, Local Education Agency*), ejecute una inspección de tres años y cada seis meses una inspección de vigilancia en el lugar y notificar a todas las partes interesadas de cualquier cambio o actualización. Los avisos a los padres y empleados deben llevarse acabo anualmente. Durante el año escolar puede que ocurra una eliminación de asbestos de esta localidad si se requiere una acción de respuesta y/o remodelación.

Los Planes de Gestión de las Escuelas Públicas de Mesa están disponibles para su revisión en el edificio de Operaciones localizado en 555 South Lewis St., Mesa, AZ. 85210. Su Plan de Gestión específico está ubicado en la oficina administrativa de cada escuela.

Aun cuando algún material conteniendo cantidades pequeñas de asbestos puede ser identificado en su instalación, esto no representa riesgo alguno para la salud del personal o los alumnos. Estos materiales son inspeccionados cada seis meses como se ha estipulado.

Si tienealguna pregunta respecto a esto, por favor llámeme al 480-472-6014.

Gracias,

Keith Bonkoski
kabonkoski@mpsaz.org

WORD OF THE WEEK

Week of February 2

forthright

forth right

DEFINITION:

Forthright is an adjective that means outspoken and honest.

SENTENCE:

I appreciate your forthright explanation of the situation.

Related words - forthrightness, forthrightly

WORD OF THE WEEK

Week of February 9

random

ran dom

DEFINITION:

Random is an adjective that means without a plan, purpose, or aim; haphazard.

SENTENCE:

The computer generated a list of random numbers and then chose a winner.

Related words - randomly, randomness, randomize

WORD OF THE WEEK

Week of February 16

heed

heed

DEFINITION:

Heed is a verb that means to pay attention to or take notice of something.

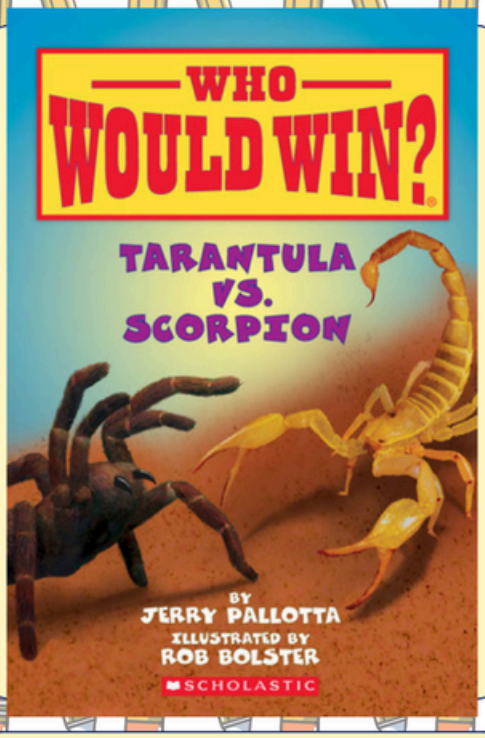
SENTENCE:

You must heed your parents warning to look both ways before you cross the street because they are trying to keep you safe.

Related words - heedfully, heeded, heeding, heeds, heeder, heedfulness

BOOK REVIEW

By: Wyatt Burns



ABOUT THE BOOK

TITLE: Tarantula vs. Scorpian

AUTHOR: Jerry Pallotta

 # OF PAGES : 32 pages

CALL NUMBER: 595.44 Pal

GENRE: Animals, Science

RATING

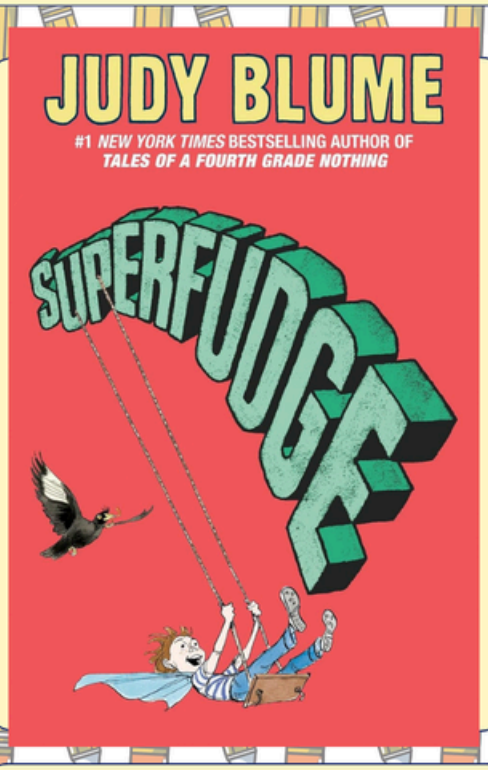
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

REVIEW

I liked this book because it is interesting!

BOOK REVIEW

By: ViviAnne Sheridan



ABOUT THE BOOK

TITLE: Superfudge

AUTHOR: Judy Blume

 # OF PAGES : 192 pages

CALL NUMBER: FIC Blu

GENRE: Humor

RATING

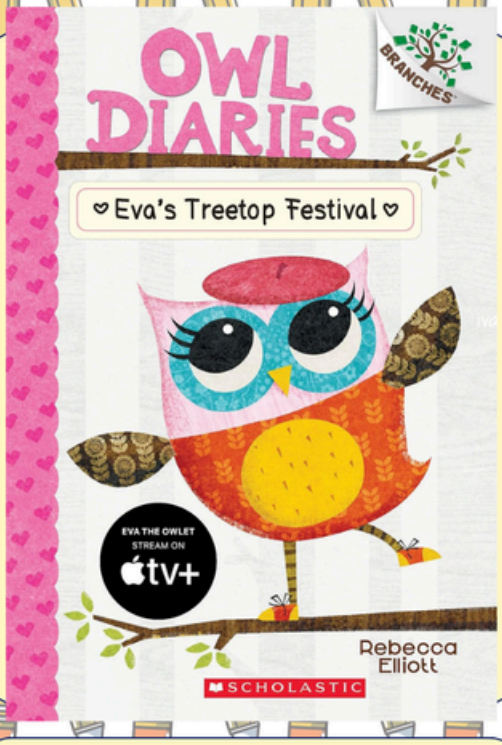
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

REVIEW

I like this book because the main character has a sibling that is silly. I have 5 siblings so I can relate. I don't have 2 siblings, like the story, though.

BOOK REVIEW

By: Eliza Cook



ABOUT THE BOOK

TITLE: Owl Diary Series

AUTHOR: Rebecca Elliot

 # OF PAGES : 71 pages

CALL NUMBER: EASY Ell

GENRE: Animals, Fiction

RATING

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

REVIEW

I like this book because it is funny. The books are great! I like them because the owls are cute.