

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we embark on the final quarter of our academic year, with just seven weeks left, I am eager to keep you informed of the latest developments and celebrate our achievements from a remarkable March.

- Congratulations to our March Colts with CLASS winners: Vivian James, Tayleanna McCrae, Jacob Leyva, and Mariana Olivas.
- Junior, Abigail Barrita Mendoza is to be commended for winning second place at the GUHSD art show for her beautiful ink drawing called "Reverance".
- Excellence continues at Cortez as the Governing Board honored our Achievement Above All recipients: teacher, Jim Piazza; student, Mert Isik; student group, the football program; support staff, Raymond Mkandama; and volunteer, Ginger Hansen.
- A special thank you to Student Council for putting together a wonderful PRIDE week and assembly. The Arizona Educational Foundation presented Cortez High School with their prestigious A+ School of Excellence Award during the assembly.

As we move into April, I would like to highlight some important updates:

- **State Testing:** We are entering an important period of state testing next week. Our schedule is as follows ([CLICK HERE](#) for the testing schedule).
- **Spring Sports:** Our spring sports season is in full swing, showcasing the talents and dedication of our student-athletes. I encourage you to visit our websites calendar for a comprehensive list of upcoming sporting events. Your support means the world to our teams.
- **Free Sports Physicals:** To support our student-athletes' health and readiness for next school year, we are pleased to offer free sports physicals through TOPS (Team of Physicians for Students). This opportunity is scheduled for April 27 at Sunnyslope High School. Additional information will be forthcoming from our Athletic Director Brian Galbreath.
- **Summer School:** For students needing to retake classes for credit or wishing to improve their grades, summer school is an invaluable opportunity. Details will become available in April, and our counselors are here to assist with any inquiries.
- **Mandatory Senior Meeting:** All graduating seniors must attend a mandatory meeting on April 24, starting at 8:00AM, located in the auditorium. This is where your senior student will receive detailed information about the end of the school year as well as the graduation ceremony.
- **Senior Graduation:** The culmination of our seniors' hard work is fast approaching. Please save the date for the graduation ceremony at Desert Diamond Arena on May 20th at 12:30 pm.

Your involvement and commitment to your teenager's education and our school community are deeply appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards,
Principal Parsons