



JANUARY 2017

Dear Parents:

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to all the new experiences, adventures and happenings in 2017. We have survived many challenges in 2016 so it is hopeful we will do more than survive but thrive and grow in 2017.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WITH EXCITING NEWS

Our patience has been rewarded. We have been accepted in the Quality First Program. There will be many steps in getting accepted, being assessed and of course being rewarded for completing the requirements. The Quality First Program has been a very effective way of enriching and expanding learning opportunities for children and their families as well as educational opportunities for staff growth. As soon as we get the details you will be the first to hear. It is exciting to know we are accepted.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY YOUNG EXPLORERS

YES! turns 46 years old this month. We will host our birthday party on Thursday, January 26th from 5:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m. YES! will provide the pizza, salads, drinks and of course birthday cake. Reservations would be appreciated by Tuesday 24th. Invite former students and their families if you know them about the momentous event. We do have parents attending now who were here as children too. Let's Party!

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS ORDER

Our January book order will be mailed in on January 20th. If you are interested in getting books for Valentine's Day I would recommend ordering in January. Thanks to your orders our school library has benefited with new books and educational materials.

LIONS CLUB VISION SCREENING

Last year our school was invited to participate in vision screening for our children. We are scheduling a visit soon. We will be sending out the permission slips and also more information regarding the program. This is a great opportunity for your family to be aware of the vision needs of your child. Last year one child was discovered to need glasses. This is a great opportunity for your family.

HELP!

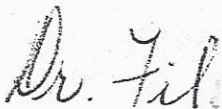
Please call in when:

- Your child is ill and will not be attending. This is important for us to know the latest "bug".
- Your child will be late for school. This means they will miss breakfast or lunch. If your child is coming after the designated meal times it would be helpful to know by 9:00 a.m. when we are doing the meal counts and having the necessary quantities.
- If your child has been to their doctors and has recent immunizations we need to get a copy of updated immunization forms. This would be extremely important in keeping our records current for the Pima County Health Department.
- We need correct and current addresses, phone numbers, and people designated for authorized pick up. We often discover when children become ill that the contact numbers are not in service. We must be able to reach someone in a reasonable amount of time. When children are ill they need to be removed from the center within ½ hour at the most. This is important since many children tend to react to fevers and other symptoms quickly. Many parents want to be able to get their children to medical attention before their regular doctor's offices close.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING RATE INCREASES & ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

At Young Explorers School, we know that you value the care that our dedicated staff members provide every day for your child. Being a part of your child's early learning is both an honor and a responsibility- one we take very seriously. In the 46 years that we have been teaching Tucson's children we've have strived to keep our care affordable for all families while providing for our teachers. To continue to attract and retain the high quality of teachers for all of our children as well provide quality meals, learning opportunities and tools, YES! is introducing a new Enrollment Agreement of services along with a new rate schedule. This has been prompted by the changes from the state minimum wage law passed last November which became effective January 1. Our rates will be effective Monday, Feb. 27th. A printed copy of the effective rates and your Enrollment Agreement will be ready this week.

Remember to sign up for our 46th Birthday Party.



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