



Superintendent's View

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your superintendent-Dr. Perkins

October 2015

Homecoming Kick Off



Homecoming 2015 got off to a great start on Monday, October 5th. Many students, parents, and community members participated in a variety of activities. The activities included a pep assembly, fire truck and ambulance rides down Pima Street, and concluded with a bon fire on campus. By the way, the senior class won the Spirit Stick but barely, the 10th graders gave them a good battle. Friday, October 9th will wrap up Homecoming week with a parade (call school for time), Homecoming Football game at 7:00 p.m. v. NFL Yet, and a Homecoming Dance at 9:30 p.m. Come on out and join the fun.



JAG (Jobs for Arizona Graduates) student, Edmundo Gonzalez, gave an inspiring speech during the I-N-I (Installation and Initiation) JAG program on October 5th. The mission of the JAG program is to help students acquire academic, personal leadership, and vocational skills that they will need to be successful for graduation and their future. The JAG program is led by Ms. Victoria Young. Currently the JAG program is for students in grades 8/9.



Communication is the KEY

Gila Bend Unified School District communicates on many forms of media. Please check us out on:

- Facebook (type in Gila Bend Unified School District)
- Our district/school web-site www.qbusd.org
- Superintendent's video message (on the web-site)
- Gila Bend Sun newspaper
- School District marquee (on Pima Road/Martin Avenue)
- One-call system (mass messaging for parents/students)
- In your Gila Bend water bill (Superintendent's View)
- YouTube (type in Gila Bend Unified School District)

GBUSD October Events

10/07 - Governing Board meeting - 6:30 p.m. in Library Building

10/09 - End of First Grading/Half day/Homecoming Events-call for details

10/12 - 10/16 - Fall Break

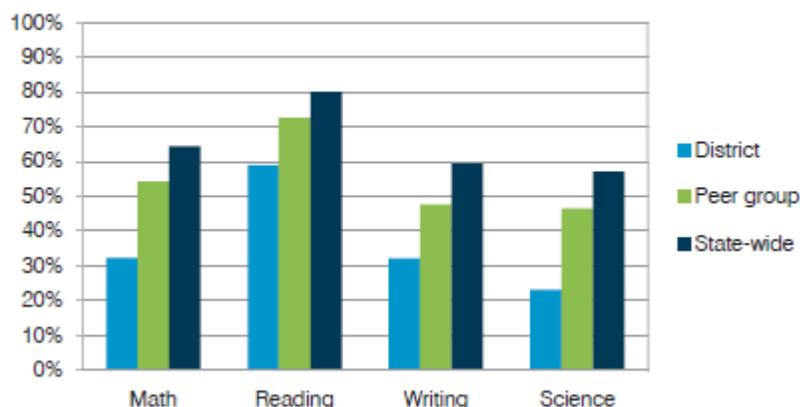
10/20 - 10/21 - Parent Teacher Conferences (half days)/Report Cards available

Let's be CHAMPIONS for *OUR* Kids

Our students are great kids and it is our job as adult role models to get them to the next stages of their lives. Currently, our students are struggling academically. Please review the chart below. We are not proud of the numbers below and have created an action plan to increase academic success. Here is the framework implemented:

- Teachers meet with administration weekly to review student data. After analysis, a plan is put in place to reteach and enrich.
- Teachers must include Learning Stations into their lessons weekly. Learning stations allow students to practice what was taught. Studies prove that students retain more if they are able to practice (i.e., apply, analysis, evaluate, and create) the information in the lesson.
- Administration and teachers ensure the essential standards are taught weekly and then an assessment is given to check for mastery.
- Academic rigor has been increased in our after-school 21st Century program.
- Tutoring is available after-school.
- Our Preschool program is a 4-star rated program. We are going after the final 5th star.
- New technology is being phased in to help enhance our teaching and learning.

Students who met state standards (AIMS)



Thank you parents and community for all you do.