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*Soaring higher.....*

## STUDENT CARD

2017-2018

**ACCELERATED READER:** AR is a neat program where children read books on their current reading level then take a short comprehension test on the computer. These tests are fun and provide immediate reinforcement for the child. Points are awarded based on the size and difficulty of the book. Students earn prizes every month as their reading numbers stack up.

**ACCIDENTS:** If an accident happens at school, staff will attend to the child. Parents will be notified of the incident and a report will be completed. If necessary, parents will be called to pick up their child. Make sure the school has a phone number where you can be reached!

**AzMerit:** AzMerit is the state's test for measuring student learning which is used to keep schools accountable. These tests are given during April. Third through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students take AzMerit. Be sure your child is in school during this test.

**ACTIVITIES:** Activities at our school include: Back to School Water Splash (Aug.), Halloween Parade and Carnival (Oct.), Pop Run (Nov.), Holiday Program (Dec.), Winter Relays (Jan.), Learning is Fun Night (Feb.), BDES Has Talent (Mar.), Reading week and Assembly (Apr.), Bowling (May)... Other activities include: Back to School Night, monthly Mystery Door Drawing for perfect attendance, Taco Night, Spring Fling dance performance, and AR prizes.

**AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING:** Move On When Reading is a federally funded program which allows for tutoring during our school day. In the past, this program focused primarily on third graders due to the mandatory 3<sup>rd</sup> grade retention law in Arizona. The Waterford Reading program (on computer) was used for part of this after school program.

**ATTENDANCE:** Learning can only happen if your child is in school. Please be sure your child attends school. If your child must be absent – a phone call or note must be received at the school from the parent excusing that child. **Students missing excessive days of school will be issued a citation which will mandate that the student and parent appear in front of the North Canyon Consolidated Court in Colorado City, AZ. The student could also be at risk of retention in their current grade level.** See office Manager for more detail.

### **AWARDS and RECOGNITION:**

Accelerated Reader Parties: Party or activity held 3 times a year for students reaching their independent reading goal.

Straight "A" Pure Awesomeness Award: Recognition for students earning straight "A's" at the end of each trimester.

Student of the Month: Student from each class recognized for exemplary citizenship traits such as respect, responsibility...

Hard Hat Kids: Students are recognized monthly for working hard to be successful with school work and in the classroom.

Top Banana: Once month recognition of a staff member who contributes greatly to our school's success.

Birthday Lunch Bunch: Birthday students honored monthly with a special place in the lunchroom and a sack of goodies.

AcKidemic Spotlight: 5<sup>th</sup> grade student who excels academically is honored and rewarded at the school.

Mystery Door Drawing: Students with 100% attendance for participate in a monthly drawing for "cool stuff."

End of Year Celebration: Students recognized for attendance, effort, straight "A's", along with reading and math Performance.

**BACKPACKS:** It is helpful if your child has a backpack to bring assignments back and forth from school to home. Please write your child's name with marker on his/her backpack.

**BUS:** Riding the bus is a privilege. Students are expected to stay in their assigned seats; keep hands, feet, and objects to themselves; and talk quietly. No food is to be eaten on the bus. Students can be denied transportation for inappropriate behavior.

**CELL PHONES:** Cell phones cannot be used during the instructional day. Cell phones interrupting learning may be taken from the student and given to the office for parents to pick up after school.

**CLASS PARTIES:** Students hold class parties the last hour of the day for holidays such as Halloween and Valentines. Teachers may ask parents for help with classroom parties.

**COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS:** Teachers want to hear from you. If you have concerns, suggestions, (or compliments) please write a note. Teachers can't interrupt instruction to take phone calls but will return calls after school to parents who leave a message with the front office or on teacher's phone lines. Please feel welcomed to discuss your child with the teacher any time.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SCHOOL:** Your child will bring home a monthly newsletter called the “Eagle News” along with a monthly calendar of activities. Please watch for notes coming home from your child on other days of the week as well. Most teachers send home a folder on a daily basis with homework and communication for parents. Help your child be responsible about sharing school information by asking questions. You are also encouraged to visit us at [LUSD9.com](http://LUSD9.com) for upcoming events.

**DISCIPLINE:** Classroom management is a teacher responsibility. Your child is expected to follow classroom procedures and rules. Students that interrupt learning or the safety of other children are sent to “Time Out” at the back of the class or possibly in another classroom to write about the incident and ways to better solve the problem. Sometimes incident reports are sent home for the parent to sign. Students who misbehave at recess are requested to “sit on the wall” as a “time out.” Teachers are encouraged to send students to the principal’s office for recognition of exceptional performance and deeds. Suspension of students is rarely used, but can result if a child needs to be removed from the school or situation while plans are made and put in place to assist that child.

**DRESS:** Students are expected to come to school in clothing that is clean, neat, and safe. Be sure your child wears a jacket or coat on cold days. Clothing which depicts alcohol, drugs, tobacco, obscenities, or immodestly exposes certain parts of the body, or interrupts the learning of others is not permissible. Hats, bandanas, and sunglasses are not to be worn in the school building. Skirt and short lengths must be longer than fingertip length. Sagging pants and chains attached to pants are not permitted. Tank tops without a covering garment or t-shirt underneath are not permissible.

**FIELDTRIPS:** If your student’s class is planning a field trip – it will be necessary for you to sign a permission slip. Students without parent permission will stay at school in another classroom for that day. Field trips can be an important and fun resource for classroom learning.

**FLAG CEREMONY:** Every morning our entire school meets together for Flag Ceremony. Students conduct this event with a welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, 30 seconds of silence, school chant and 3 B’s, then sing a patriotic song. Announcements are made, if necessary and on Fridays we recognize students for specific accomplishments or have drawings for prizes.

**FRIDAY OUT DAYS:** A 168 day calendar has been approved for our district this year. Please watch calendars coming home. There are generally two Fridays a month when students will not be in school. These are to support scheduling and sports events at the high school.

**HANDS ON THE WALL:** At the end of the school year, students who have met reading goals earn the honor of having their handprint placed on the school wall and then participate in a parade through the classrooms to collect goodies or trinkets from teachers.

**HOMEWORK:** Homework supports classroom learning and reinforces previously taught concepts. Students are expected to complete homework and return it neatly the next day. With the exception of reading, homework is not sent home on weekends or holidays. If you have questions regarding classroom homework policies, be sure to contact your child’s teacher.

**ILLNESS:** If a child becomes ill at school, the office will contact parents to pick them up. Please be sure your correct phone number is on file with the school. If your child is to be administered medications at school, the medication must be brought to the office by a parent along with written permission and directions for its use.

**IMMUNIZATIONS:** The following immunizations are required before admission into school: #1 DtaP/DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertusis), or DT (Diphtheria & Tetanus.) #2 IPV/POV (polio vaccine.) #3 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella. #4 Hep B (Hepatitis B.) All students MUST have vaccinations complete before allowed to attend school. Sixth graders are required to have the Meningococcal immunization.

**LEVELED LIBRARY:** Reading makes better readers. Students at our school are given small books (at their current reading level) in a plastic bag to take home and read each night. These books are to be returned the next day. Be sure your child reads these books and takes good care of them. There is a fee for lost books. We appreciate the volunteers at our school who run the Leveled Library.

**LOST and FOUND:** There is a wooden box in the front entry way of the school where lost and found items are located. Please be sure to write your child’s name on clothing, lunch bags, backpacks, etc.

**LUNCH:** Mrs. Susan Burch is our lunch manager. Lunch prices are set by the state and currently are \$2.70 for lunch and \$1.70 for breakfast. Breakfast is served from 7:55 – 8:20 every morning. Children are permitted to bring a sack lunch. Pop is not allowed in the lunchroom. Be sure to contact Mrs. Burch about lunch payments, free and reduced lunch, or other concerns.

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Parent/Teacher conferences are held in November and March of each year for discussing your child's progress and success. Students attend school for ½ a day when we have conferences. You may bring your child to this meeting so they can be part of the planning and discussion that takes place. We are grateful for your support of student learning.

**PTO:** We love our PTO People. They plan the Halloween Carnival, fund raisers, and other school activities. PTO meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:15 pm.

**REGISTRATION and WITHDRAWALS:** Please come to the front office of the school for a registration packet to enroll your child. Registration includes proof of residency, shot record, and birth certificate. Families who will be withdrawing students from school should notify the school office at least one full day before moving and fill out a withdrawal form. Be sure all library books, textbooks, and other school materials are returned. School records will be forwarded to the new school upon their request.

**REPORT CARDS:** Report cards are distributed at the end of each trimester. Please review this document with your child and note success and discuss ways to improve. Any grade less than a "C" should have been preceded with an unsatisfactory notice to keep you informed of your child's performance. Monthly calendars sent home will indicate when report cards are to be distributed.

**SAFETY: ALL VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL MUST CHECK IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE.** We need to know who is in our building at all times in order to keep our children safe. Please don't be offended if we ask for ID or require you to wait while your child is called to the office. You are not to go directly to your child's classroom to pick up a student. We appreciate your support in this safety issue. Safety plans and procedures are in place should any other emergency crisis ever occur at our school.

**SCHOOL HOURS and PHONE #'s:** Office hours: 7:30am – 3:30 pm School Day: 8:20 am – 2:50 pm  
Phone #: 1-928-347-5796 (Salud Martinez, Office Manager)

**SCHOOL RULES:** #1) Show respect to all other people. #2) Keep hands feet, objects, and unkind words to yourself. #3) Complete assignments and follow directions. #4) Always do your best.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Materials and supplies for your student to complete school work will be provided by the school. However, donating a box of tissues, Clorox disinfecting wipes or other supplies to the classroom is helpful.

**SMOKE FREE and DRUG FREE ENVIRONMENT:** Littlefield Unified School District designates all school buildings and grounds as smoke and drug free environments. No smoking, alcohol, or drugs are permitted at any time on school grounds.

**TECHNOLOGY USE PERMIT:** Students using computers at school must have a parent signature on the Network User Agreement permission form which is kept on file in the office.

**UNSAT NOTICES:** Parents should be informed and keep communication regarding their child's academic progress. If your child is earning a failing grade – you will receive an "unsatisfactory notice" from the teacher at least three weeks prior to the end of the quarter. Please work with teachers in helping your child to be academically successful.

**VALUABLES and TOYS AT SCHOOL:** Please keep toys or valuable items at home. They get lost, broken, or disrupt learning. The school is not responsible for lost or broken personal items.

**VISITORS and VOLUNTEERS:** We welcome visitors and volunteers to our school and hope you enjoy your time with us. **ALL VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL MUST CHECK IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE.**

## WELCOME TO A GREAT YEAR AT A GREAT SCHOOL



This is OUR time. It's always time for kids at Beaver Dam Elementary School.  
WE LOVE KIDS. WE LOVE LEARNING. WE LOVE OUR SCHOOL.