



# THE PAW PRINT

WELCOME TO THE LAST EDITION OF THE PAW PRINT FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR!

May is going to be a BUSY month! Here's what's up:

- 8th—Spring Carnival 5 p.m.
- 8th—NJHS trip to Knott's Berry Farm
- 11th—7/8th Grade Drama Presentation
- 12th—9th Grade Yearbook Distribution Party
- 12th—Choir Concert
- 13th—Dance Class Recital & Show
- 15th—Pancake Breakfast 6-8 a.m. Come and eat breakfast with your students!
- 15th—Awards Ceremony for 7th & 8th (period 5), and 9th (period 6)
- 15th—8th Grade Promotion Dance
- 19th—Orchestra Concert
- 22nd—8th Grade Promotion at CHS Football Field— 8 a.m.
- 22nd—Last Day of School!

**Congratulations to the Advanced Band for earning a "Superior with Distinction" rating at the Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association Spring Festival at Desert Ridge High School on April 30, 2009. YOU ROCK!**

This is a friendly reminder that ipods and other electronic devices are NOT ALLOWED on campus, and cell phones need to be turned off and put away during school hours. Also, as the weather gets warmer, please remember that we do have a dress code; please wear appropriate apparel to school. Thank you!

J.O. Combs Unified School District

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## Coming up....

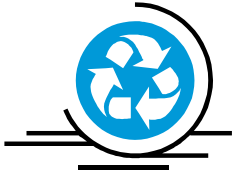
### May

- 5 Dance & Drama 7:00
- 8 NJHS trip
- 8 Spring Carnival
- 11 7/8th Drama 6:00
- 12 Choir Concert
- 13 Dance Recital
- 13 Board Meeting 5:30
- 19 Orchestra Concert
- 22 Eighth Grade Promotion  
8:00 a.m. at CMS
- 22 Last Day of School!



FYI...J. O. Combs School District has a \$35 fee for all returned checks!

Congratulations to Mrs. Cook's second hour Science class. They brought in almost 1,500 recycled plastic bags for their Recycle Challenge. Thank you to all of the students that participated in this challenge. All together you brought in over 4,000 bags!



### **R & R Pizza Supports our Schools!**

Bring an R & R flyer in on any Tuesday and purchase an extra large pizza for only \$12.00 (regular price \$16.49). R & R will donate \$4 from each sale to our schools! Make sure to drop by! You can get a discounted dinner and support your school!



9<sup>TH</sup> Grade Yearbook will have a texting booth at the carnival with the grand prize: a yearbook

Also, we are having a distribution party on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May with nachos, popcorn, and snow cones, as well as music and signing tables. Anyone who buys a yearbook gets in free and receives one free order of each of the three foods. Their second order is half price. Cover charge for everyone else is \$3 which includes on order of each food. (in the gym)



### **JAMBA JUICE IS HERE!**

NJHS is selling Jamba Juice during lunch on Wednesdays! For just \$2, you get 8 oz. of delicious, nutritious fruit smoothie!

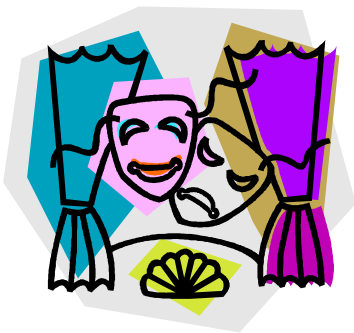
All proceeds go to NJHS.

**Next Dates: May 6, 13, 20**

## **Counseling Corner**

We are coming to the end of another school year and summer will soon be upon us. Summer should be a time for rejuvenation and reflection. However, the summer months can also be a difficult time especially in the present economy. Families have been losing their jobs and homes. This means moving school districts and leaving friends behind, which can cause dejection and despair. Please just be aware of the emotions and feelings your child may be having. Communication is key for all of you. For teens, summer is the season to get footloose, fancy-free and into trouble. Underage drinking can be a real problem, and parents have to be very clear with their teens that drinking is not acceptable. The fact is most teens get their alcohol from friends and family. Virtual fun can become hazardous in real life when teens interact with strangers. You can't take away computers, but you can monitor the sites and time your teenagers are on the computer. We would like to see your students back to school happy and healthy. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

The Eighth Grade Promotion Dance will take place on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, in the cafeteria. This year's theme is "Masquerade Ball." Join us for dinner from Panda Express. Please dress nicely and come with a mask to wear. Doors open at 6pm- don't be late!



**Watch for the auditions  
for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade play  
"The Ever After" in May.**

***The Art Club is working on a design for the new High School's mural to be painted in the cafeteria. Anyone interested in participating in this project is more than welcome! Please see Mr. Wolff for details.***

If you have a change in employment status, especially if there is a loss of a job, please request an application to see if you qualify to receive free or reduced pricing on school meals.

For requests or questions call J.O. Combs Food Service Department at 480-987-5312.

***VIEW THE ONLINE STUDENT ART GALLERY AT:***

**<http://www.artsonia.com/museum/gallery.asp?exhibit=137870&index=0>**

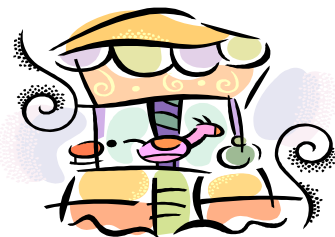
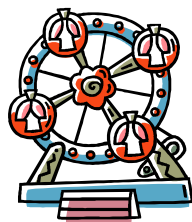
The Bookstore has many lost and found items and we would like to find the owners before the end of the year. There are lots of jackets, some jewelry (i.e. earrings), and lunch boxes or bags. I will be putting some of these items out for the students to find and pick up. Please have your students come to the bookstore to look for their lost items. Parents are welcome to come and look also. If you have any questions, please call the school at 480-882-3510 and ask for Cindy McElprang. All unclaimed items will be donated.

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A special thanks to all of the Middle School Student Council members from Mrs. Cook. I have been very lucky this year to have such a hard working group of students. You will all be missed very much! I hope you are able to continue to do wonderful things for your school. Thanks again for an awesome year!



Don't forget to check out the carnival on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The fun begins at 5pm. Join us for food and fun. There will be a raffle, water tag, a dunk tank (dunk a teacher!), water slide, a rock wall, boxing, and bungee basketball. Come check out all of the carnival booths hosted by your fellow classmates.



The Middle School Yearbooks will be here soon!  
Order yours today for just \$25!  
Contact Mrs. Romero at [kromero@jocombs.k12.az.us](mailto:kromero@jocombs.k12.az.us)  
or Cindy McElprang at 480-882-3510. Quantities are limited!



**COMBS MIDDLE SCHOOL/COMBS HIGH SCHOOL  
SUMMER SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM**

Combs Middle School  
37511 N. Pecan Creek Drive



For More Info, Please Contact Wendi Anderson  
480-882-3510 Ext. 1460

Do you need to make up a semester in one of your core academic classes? If so, we welcome you to join us for:

**COMBS SUMMER SCHOOL 2009**

COMBS MIDDLE SCHOOL	COMBS HIGH SCHOOL
Session 1 (June 1-June 25): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language Arts</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Social Studies</li> </ul>	Session 1 (June 1-June 25): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 09 English, 1<sup>st</sup> semester</li> <li>• Algebra I, 1<sup>st</sup> semester</li> <li>Algebra I, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester</li> </ul>

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**Classes will run 8:00 a.m. to 12:00, Monday through Thursday each week.**

**REGISTRATION LOCATION, DATES, AND FEES:**

Tuesday, May 5 - Combs & Gantzel Multipurpose Room:

37327 N. Gantzel Rd., 4:00-6:00 PM

Thursday, May 14 - Combs High School:

2505 E. Germann Rd., 6:00-8:00 PM

**Fees: \$150 per credit (middle school)**

**\$150 per  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit (high school)**

**\$25 transportation fee (per family and campus)**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: J.O. COMBS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fees are due at the time of registration and are non-refundable