



# THE PAW PRINT

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

Fall is into full swing and we have many accomplishments this quarter to be proud of: the production of The Lip Sync Contest, the induction of 42 members into NJHS, the successes of our student athletes, participation of students in clubs and their many activities, our award-winning Journalist students, and our teachers who work hard every day to prepare your students for their futures. I am proud of every student who accepts the challenge of our mission, which is to be motivated learners every day, and our teachers and counselors who help them to accomplish it.

Our fall sports seasons will be coming to a close and in November our winter teams will be beginning. Make sure your athletes get their physicals and get cleared before the season begins. Things to look forward to are The House Bunny (our first school play), the Winter Extravaganza (a combination dance and drama production), and Winter Band, Choir & Orchestra concerts. Encourage your students to get involved. Students who are involved find much greater academic success in school.

The challenge this year is, as always, for students to take advantage of all we have to offer and get involved. Active students are successful students. We want every student to participate in at least one activity on our campus. We guarantee that student achievement is tied to student involvement. Motivated students find success. Encourage your student to get involved.

I leave you with this: "Setting goals is not the main thing. It is deciding how you will go about achieving them, and then staying with that plan." Tom Landry

Best Regards,  
Brenda Mayberry  
Principal

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## Coming up.....

### November

- 11 Veterans' Day  
NO SCHOOL
- 12 Board Meeting 5:30
- 20 Bus Evacuation Drill
- 26 Early Release
- 27-28 NO SCHOOL
- 27 Turkey Waddle benefit  
at Harmon

### December

- 12 Board Meeting 5:30
- 19 Early Release
- 22-1/2—Winter Break

### January

- 5 Prof. Development  
NO SCHOOL
- 12 Board Meeting 5:30
- 19 MLK Day  
NO SCHOOL

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

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!!!**

Our school collects Box Tops for Education (the little pink tickets that can be found on brands such as Ziploc, Betty Crocker, General Mills, Yoplait, Pillsbury, & Old El Paso) to redeem for cash to be used for supplies, materials, and equipment. Please cut or tear out your box tops and send them to Mrs. Romero with your student. Thanks for supporting CMS!

**We also recycle**

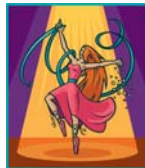
**ink cartridges and cell phones!**



Coyote Crusader Theatre are proud to announce our first performance December 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be presenting scenes in conjunction with our school's Dance Department. Each scene compliments the dances being performed. Tickets are \$3.00 at the door. We need several people willing to sew costumes for the show. Hope to see you there!

Colleen Brown

Theatre Director



### **CRITICS WANTED!**

Have you read a good book lately? Want to share your opinion about it? See Mrs. Romero in the library for your Book Review form. Every person who completes the form will be entered into a drawing for a free book!



We are in need of ANY pictures from the Lip Sync Contest! Please e-mail those to:

[kromero@jocombs.k12.az.us](mailto:kromero@jocombs.k12.az.us)

-OR-

[cbrown@jocombs.k12.az.us](mailto:cbrown@jocombs.k12.az.us)

Thanks!



The counseling department has a new Career and Counseling Center. We are asking for donations to help us furnish it. We need a 6x8 area rug, large coffee and end tables, table and floor lamps, comfy chairs, bean bags and large cushions. If you have any items that you wish to donate to the Career center please call Susan Chamberlain at 480-882- 3511.

Thank you!



### **YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST!**

Would you like to see your artwork on the cover of the next Combs Middle School Yearbook? See Mrs. Romero in the library for more information!

Combs MS/HS

Fall Chess Tournament

will be held

November 17-20

after school.

Please see Mr. Canfield

for details!

Trophies, Medals, and Prizes will be awarded!

In addition to collecting **Box Tops** for Education, we are expanding our collections to **Campbell's soup** labels, **Tyson's Project A+** labels, and **Fast Classics Home Team Rewards**. Please take a minute to look at your grocery packaging before throwing it away. If it has a label on it that may benefit our school, please send it in! We will also be recycling paper goods and ink cartridges. It's not just good for our school—it's good for our planet!

**Thank you!**



**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 in! You can get a discounted dinner and support your school!



**JAMBA JUICE IS COMING!**

NJHS will be selling Jamba Juice during lunch on alternating Wednesdays beginning November 12th! For just \$2, you will get 8 oz. of delicious, nutritious fruit smoothies!

All proceeds will go to NJHS.

**Congratulations to Ms. Stacey Berklan, who was awarded The Kiwanis Teacher of the Month! Way to go, Ms. B!**



**Combs Middle School**

**National Junior Honor Society Inductees:**

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Catrina Adams      | Nina Heithaus     |
| Nathen Amestoy     | Emily Helferstay  |
| Paige Annunziato   | Marly Johnson     |
| Selena Arandia     | Deidre LaBorde    |
| Jenny Baek         | Amanda Lee        |
| Deanna Bencomo     | Randy Lunde       |
| Vivianna Bustillos | Kessa Merrill     |
| Ashlee Caldwell    | Bryce Oakes       |
| Jonathan Cammack   | Hayden Porter     |
| Halee Cisneros     | MyKayla Rogers    |
| Courtney Clarke    | Katie Rohrer      |
| Kali Dahlman       | Irene Ruan        |
| Patricia DePeralta | Justin Sanchez    |
| Alondra Diaz       | Kylie Shull       |
| McKenzie Durtschi  | Sterling Smith    |
| Codi Garcia        | Jonathan Snyder   |
| Mariah Gardner     | Raenell Stradling |
| Jace Gray          | Nick Versteeg     |
| Nichole Gray       | Allison Whitby    |



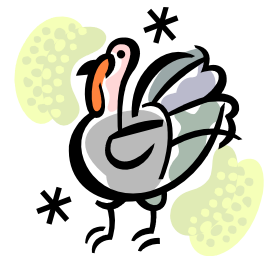
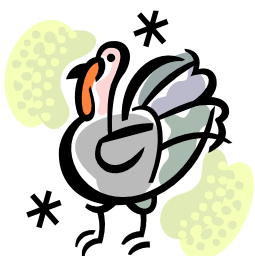


## **SUPPORT THE SAMUELS FAMILY!**

The Annual Turkey Waddle, held in Pecan Creek, will benefit the family of Eric Samuels, principal at Ranch Elementary and former principal of Combs Middle School.

The 5K walk/run will take place on Thursday, November 27th (Thanksgiving Day) beginning at Harmon Elementary.

Please go to [turkeywaddle.com](http://turkeywaddle.com) for more information and to register for this worthy cause.



## J O COMBS STUDENT COUNCIL:

\*Our Food Drive has begun and will continue through December 19<sup>th</sup>. All non-perishable food items are welcome, and will assist families in our community.



\*We will also be collecting pies the week of Thanksgiving. Students need to bring the pies to their 1st hour class. The 1<sup>st</sup> hour class that brings in the most pies will receive juice and donuts for breakfast provided by CMS StuCo.



\*Thank you to all of you that wore your Halloween costume on October 31<sup>st</sup>. We are excited to have raised over \$200.00 for the Samuels family!! Those that participated in this event, look for your picture in the yearbook.

\*Our next school dance will be on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>!



\*Thank You To All Of You That Participated In Red Ribbon Week October 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. It was great to see everyone's support! Those of you that wore red on Thursday, make sure to look for your picture in the yearbook.



NJHS is selling **ENJOY THE CITY** coupon books, which contain hundreds of dollars in savings for entertainment, restaurants, and services all over The Valley for just \$15! See any NJHS member, or contact Mrs. Romero or Ms. Berklan get yours. Limited amount available! What a perfect gift!

**IF YOU HAVE PICTURES OF ANY MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL EVENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE YEARBOOKS, PLEASE E-MAIL THEM TO KROMERO@JOCOMBS.K12.AZ.US. THANK YOU!**

# J.O. Combs Middle/High School

2008-2009

## Vision

Cultivating creative, caring, contributing, champions in the community, one person at a time.

## Mission

Combs creates motivated life long learners and socially responsible individuals.

## Values

**Trustworthiness**-“We demonstrate courage, honesty and loyalty to support family, friends and school.”

**Respect**-“We recognize the dignity and worth of each individual with acceptance of diverse cultures, talents and skills that each individual brings to our community.”

**Responsibility**-“We acknowledge, accept and meet our obligations in an environment dedicated to life-long-learning, accountability and perseverance.”

**Fairness**-“We treat people equally without prejudice or favoritism.”

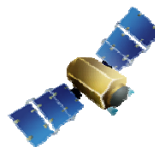
**Caring**-“We demonstrate concern for others, showing empathy and compassion for all individuals.”

**Citizenship**-“We work for the common good by volunteering, protecting and participating in our community, while respecting authority and the law.”

## School Goal

Students will improve their performance in reading, writing and mathematics with the support of all subject areas.

**Mrs. Cook's Advanced Science class** has been working very diligently on their Aerospace Projects. Their assignment is to create an International Space Station that can hold 100 crew members for 2 years. They are getting very excited to present their projects on December 1<sup>st</sup> to the judges at the ASU West Campus.



**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Classes** are finishing up their Space Unit. Students have learned about seasons and tides as well as the phases of the moon and eclipses. We have also focused on constellations.



**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!** The Paw Print is no longer mailed to each family. You will still be able to view the Paw Print on the school website—[www.jocombs.org](http://www.jocombs.org). If you would like to receive the Paw Print in the mail, please fill out the slip below and have your student return it to Mrs. Romero in the library. Thank you!

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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