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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 lifelong-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.

JO Combs Middle School
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Queen Creek, AZ 85240

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Coming up....

December

- 5 Middle School Dance
- 9 Winter Fest
- 10 Orchestra Concert 6:30
- 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
- 20 100th Day of school

February

- 16 Presidents' Day

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

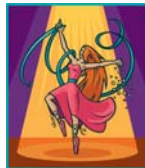
ink cartridges and cell phones!



Coyote Crusader Theatre are proud to announce our first performance December 9th. 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!



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!

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

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!



We are in need of ANY pictures from the Lip Sync Contest! Please e-mail those to:
kromero@jcombs.k12.az.us -OR- cbrown@jcombs.k12.az.us

Thanks!

VIEW THE ONLINE STUDENT ART GALLERY AT:

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

Chess Tournament Winners!

5th place (3-way tie):

Ty Diggs, Randy Lunde, Gabby Wells

4th place (2-way tie)

Josh Salas, Julien Lemieux

3rd place (2-way tie)

Keano Vang, Andrew Blahak

2nd place:

Zach Wilbur

1st place:

Scott Parent

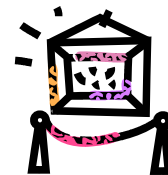


Congratulations to all!

JAMBA JUICE IS COMING!

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

All proceeds will go to NJHS.



Combs Middle School & Combs High School Band Students & Parents,

As announced in previous band classes, the Advanced Band will have their Winter Concert on Thursday December 11, at 7:00PM in the Combs Middle School Multipurpose Room.

Advanced Band students are currently rehearsing several pieces of level 1.5 □2.5 literature for the performance, and will have the next four weeks to prepare. The concert will include the National Anthem, and up to five additional pieces of music. The students are making great strides in their practice; I'm sure the band will be ready to impress on December 11th!

To help me plan for the concert in terms of providing adequate audience seating, sufficient copies of programs etc., please indicate on the form below how many family members will attend the concert. Further, I understand that there may be some students with legitimate schedule conflicts who will be unable to attend the Winter Concert. Please indicate on the form below whether the student will attend the concert so that I may assign a make up assignment (term paper) in lieu of performance. On the reverse of this letter are additional concert details that performing students and their parents will want to know. Thank you for supporting your student's participation in the band programs at Combs Middle School & Combs High School!

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Ms. Smyth's 7th grade science class has completed their journey through the solar system, trailing comets, exploring galaxies, tracking the life-cycle of stars, and pondering the immensity of the universe. Phew! That's a lot of work! Project #5 was turned in on November 21st. Now we are applying our scientific skills and attitudes toward the construction of water bottle rockets which will be launched in December. Working in teams of four, students will operate a business performing individual duties as project manager, administrator, designer/drafter, or production coordinator. To kick off the project, students watched and evaluated scientific processes used in the movie *October Sky*. They have submitted job applications and, once teams are formed, will file a business license and commence the hard work of managing a with a one million dollar budget, procuring materials, designing, reporting, building, and testing their rocket. Look for information on launch days as the competition among classes begins.

J O COMBS STUDENT COUNCIL:

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



Do you have old cell phones, iPods, or laptop computers collecting dust at your house or office? Don't just throw them in the trash. If not disposed of properly, the chemicals in a *single* cell phone could pollute 158,200 gallons of water! These old electronics are being collected as a fundraiser for Combs Middle/High School. Not only will you be supporting your school (we get money for each device donated), but you are helping the environment at the same time! Please bring all donations to Room 318!

Thank you for your support!



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](mailto:kromero@jocombs.k12.az.us). THANK YOU!

