Principal’s Message

November is one of my favorite months of the year. The temperature is finally where it is cold in the morning and beautiful during the day. The fall colors are in full swing. And the holidays that are focused on family and gratitude and caring are upon us.

We have much to be grateful for here at Combs Traditional Academy. We have a wonderful, caring staff from our custodian, our Paraprofessionals, our office staff, to all of our teachers. I am grateful every day for the opportunity to work with all of them and I know your children are in good hands with them. We have supportive parents and community, with a giving and engaged PTO at the forefront, to which we all say thank you for all that you do to make Combs Traditional Academy the highly rated school it is today. And finally, we have incredible students, who challenge themselves every day to learn and be engaged as well as challenging us to become better people. They are why we are here every day!

We want to invite you to become more connected to Combs Traditional Academy. Please make sure our office has the correct email for you. You should receive a weekly email update from us. If you don’t, then we want to make sure that you do. For some of you, it may be that your email settings block our messages and for others, it may be that we do not have accurate information. Our website, www.combstraditional.jocombs.org, has contact information as well as calendar information that you can use to help plan your year. We try to keep it up to date as well with our Newsletters and important information throughout the year. We are on Facebook as well, www.facebook.com/CombsTraditionalAcademy, and we post regular updates on there as well as on our Twitter feed, @CTAKnights, to keep you up to date on daily news. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and let your friends know about us, too!

Vision:
Students will develop the essential skills to become higher level thinkers that will empower them to become respectful, self-disciplined, conscientious, and self-motivated

Mission:
To provide a rigorous academic focus for all students in an environment that emphasizes responsibility and respect.

Rigor, Responsibility & Respect
**PTO News**

The **PTO** would like to thank everyone for attending our Donuts with Dad event! We enjoyed meeting all of the Dads, Uncles, and Grandpa’s!!!

The Peter Piper BOO Bash was a great success! Thank you to everybody that came out to support the school and congratulations to Mrs. Briggs PM Kinder class!!! They were the winners of the class pizza party!

**Bingo Night will be held Friday November 7th.** Doors will open at 6pm. We have so many great prizes this year and we hope to see everyone there!!!!

Pizza and Bingo card pre-order forms went home last week. Please have your pre-order forms turned into your student’s teacher by Tuesday November 4th. We will not be accepting order forms after that day.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BINGO NIGHT** - **PTO** is always looking for volunteers to help with our events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact PTO and keep an eye out for our Signup genius e-mails. Thank you for your support!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for our Breakfast with Santa event Friday December 5th. Don’t miss your chance to have your picture taken with Santa!!

Please contact PTO at combstraditionalpto@gmail.com with any questions, comments, or concerns. We appreciate all the feedback we get!

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**Orchestra Concert**

Dear CTA Parents,

Please mark your calendars to attend our Orchestra Concert. Please make a note that our concert will be Hosted in the Cafetorium at Harmon Elementary School Located at 39315 North Cortona Dr. San Tan Valley, AZ on December 9 at 6:00 pm. I am very proud of the progress our orchestra students have been making, and I would love for you to attend to help cheer these wonderful deserving students on. See you there!!

Mr. Guido Lavorata

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**Food Services Message**

Did you know that our department has a web page at [http://combsnutrition.com](http://combsnutrition.com)? Parents and students can view menus, nutritional information, allergen information and contact information for our district food service leadership? Feedback and suggestions are welcome and encouraged from our students, parents and community.

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**Transportation Changes**

If you need to make a change to your child’s afternoon transportation, please be sure to contact our office prior to 12pm to give us adequate time to notify your child’s teacher. If you must call after 12pm and are unable to get through, please be sure to leave a message. The end of the day has the tendency to become very busy; however, Ms. Mary will always check the messages prior to the final bell of the day so she is able to contact teachers regarding changes in transportation. Thanks for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

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**Jackets & Lunch Boxes**

Please make sure your child’s jackets and lunch boxes are labeled with his or her name. This is the time of year when student’s have a tendency to forget these items at school and we need your help in making sure that they can be returned. Thank you for your assistance.

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**Paraprofessional Testing**

If you are interested in taking the test to become a Paraprofessional with the JO Combs District please contact Diane Posa at: 480-987-5300, testing will be taking place sometime in November.

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**EZSchoolPay.com**

Lunch payments must be made **prior to 9am** to be added to your child’s account the same day.
Combs Traditional Academy Staff Acknowledgement

Has a Combs Traditional staff member gone above and beyond for you or your child? We would love to hear about it! Please share your appreciation for a Combs Traditional staff member and turn it in to the front office.

I would like to recognize ____________________________________________ for __________________________________________________________________________________________

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Students:
- Bean, Ashley N
- Bean, Hailey M
- Rosenbaum, Lahna M
- Schmalitz, Corbyn B
- Aldama, Atalie R
- Cox, Brenna M
- Annis, Miles A
- Tanner, Violet E
- Huffines, Mason C
- Turk, Dario
- Erickson, Faith
- Brown, Dalton M
- Keesler, Austin R
- Foster, Luke K
- Knopp, Jackson D
- Grant, Tillman J
- Litviak, Brylee M
- Ubosi, Chisom C
- Rembert, Aiden L
- Graham, Kade
- Gonzalez, Elijah D
- Tucker, Dallas P
- Fouse, Haley S
- Vasquez, Adrian L

Staff:
- Dr Jane Rupard
- Tyseea Briggs
- Autumn Lord
- Katie Slater
- Amber Sutton

Student Council News

"JO Combs Thanksgiving Food Drive"

JO Combs School District is asking you to open your hearts and share a little this holiday season by hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive.

We will collect items from November 3rd – 21st.
Please bring your donated items to the front office. Below you will find a list of acceptable donations. All items are being donated to the J.O. Combs Food Bank and will assist families who live in our district boundaries.

- Turkey or Ham
- Cans of corn
- Cans of green beans
- Dinner rolls
- Stuffing mix
- Potatoes
- Brown gravy mix
- Cranberry sauce
- Sweet potatoes or Yams
- Desserts

Our food bank is accepting canned/boxes donations year round. Please contact Elizabeth Kloehr at 480-987-5304 - ekloehr@jocombs.k12.az.us
FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

We are reaching that season once again where flu and other respiratory illnesses are common. Due to the return of this season and the severity of Enterovirus D68 in the national health news, we would like to take a moment to remind you of the best ways to help decrease the spread of disease.

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your cough or sneeze with the inside of your elbow or a tissue, never your hands
- Stay home when you are ill
- Clean commonly touched surfaces
- Stay current on vaccinations including your seasonal flu shot

There have been no reports of Ebola in Arizona and the risk in the school setting is extremely low, however the ADHS has updated its Ebola preparedness website to provide news to schools and the community to stay up to date on this issue. [www.azdhs.gov/phs/oids/ebola/](http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oids/ebola/)

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

J.O. Combs is seeking enthusiastic, caring people interested in substitute teaching. Substitutes may work a flexible schedule, choosing which days of the week to work and which schools to substitute. To submit an application for Substitute Teacher, you must have a valid Arizona Teaching or Substitute Certificate. If you have a Bachelor’s degree you can apply for an Arizona Substitute Certificate. The Arizona Department of Education requires a Fingerprint Clearance Card, official transcripts (Bachelor’s degree) and an application to issue a Substitute Certificate. Contact them at 602-542-4367 or visit their website at [http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/certificate-requirement/teaching-certificate/](http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/certificate-requirement/teaching-certificate/) to download the application or for more information.

To obtain information regarding a Fingerprint Clearance Card call the Department of Public Safety (DPS) at 602-223-2279. Once you receive a fingerprint clearance packet from DPS, you may get your fingerprints rolled at our district office. Please call Diane Posa at 480-987-5300 to set up an appointment to get your fingerprints rolled.

**J.O. Combs Application Process**

J.O. Combs accepts Substitute Teacher applications year round. Applications will be accepted online at [https://jocombs.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx](https://jocombs.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx). The requirements needed are as follows.

- Valid AZ DPS Fingerprint Clearance Card
- Valid AZ Dept. of Education Teaching or Substitute Certificate
- Resume
- Three letters of reference (these may not be from family members)
- Two forms of ID
- All employees born on or after January 1, 1957 must provide proof of an MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine or documentation of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella.

For more information, please call MaryAnn Cannella at 480-987-5305.
Thank you Bella Piriz for this Months wonderful Drawing!

HONOR ROLL

Principal's Honor Roll

Lucy Donaldson
Luke Foster
Melanie Gross
Michael Morales
Parker Bell
Peyton Turner
Shelby Walag
Sylvia Sterling
Taylor Walag
Thomas Andrew

Honor Roll

Aamoe Fontan-Juarez
Abreu Anthony
Aeden Curtis
Alexa Gross
Arielle Galang
Ashlyn Hubbard
Austin Keeler
Blanca Valezdez
Brandon Cox
Camren Tapia
Carlos Rodriguez
Chisom Obi
Connor Mauld
Cooper Tolar
Dallas Tucker
Daniel Herrick
Derek Cisneros
Emily Lustgraaf
Ethyn Macias
Genesis Martinez Garcia
Gracie Briggs
Haydn Miller
Haylee Herrick
Jaydon Pief
Jessica Valdez
Joshi Chavira
Kane Young
Kingston Young
Lilyanna Pruett
Londyn Walker
Ashley Babey
Atzale Aldama
Ayden Budish
Bella Piriz
Ben Sanders
Brendan Cisneros
Brenna Cox
Cara Fajardo
Carissa Ochoa
Carson Stinecipher
Cassidy Lewis
Christopher Mault
Dalton Brown
Delaney Macias
Elektra Golden
Elizabeth Golden
Emily Marviglia
Ethan Rosenbaum
Evie Hutson
Ezra Kelley
Fabricio (Kenrick) Steven
Gracie Pierson
Hailey Bean
Hunter Clare
Isabella Loyola
Isabella Marines
Isabella Quinata
Jackson Knopp
Jacob Barbeau
Jade Keesler
Jaden Correll
Jadyn Brian
Jayden Cama
Jon Urso
John Minson
Julien Clark
Kade Graham
Kamryn Kramer
Kateland Williams
Kemper Paterno
Kenli Clare
Kenede Pina
Kole Brian
Kyle Tur
Kya Hanan
Lilly Hatc
Michaela Bell
Milana Brian
Natalie Bonilla
Neveah Thompson
Noah Sedillo
Noel Irwin
Paris Pierson
Roman Fin
Rylee Culver
Samantha Jimenez
Samantha Moylan
Sami Marviglia
Sophia Byrd
Tatum Lord
Thomas Hanan
Ubosi, Chinonye
Willow Paterno

Scholar of Distinction

Alexandra Garcia
Amaya Poole
Amaya Poole
Brooklyn Jensen
Christopher Jimenez
Justice Engle
Mackenzie Anthony
Preston Ford
Tristan Foster
Tristan Williams

Perfect Attendance

Amaya Poole
Andrew, Thomas
Barbeau, Jacob N
Bean, Ashley N
Bean, Hailey M
Benjamin, Lyla
Briggs, Grace
Brokaw, Abigail
Budish, Ayden
Cisneros, Brendan
Clark, Julien
Cox, Brandon
Darby, Alexander
Deel, Waylon
Engle, Justice
S
Fajardo, Cara
Fouse, Jordan
Galang, Ayden
Gardner, Anna E
Goldenberg, Elena R
Goldman, Elijah
Gonzalez, Elijah
Graham, Kade
Gross, Alexa
Gross, Melanie
Hast, Alden
Holmes, N olduğemuz
Holmes, Tachiini
Hubbard, Ashlyn C
Irwin, Lisa
Jensen, Brooklyn
Jimenez, Christopher
Justice Engle
Keesler, Austin R
Keesler, Jade L
Kizier, Ariana M
Knopp, Jackson D
Lamoreaux, Joshua J
Lewis, Cassidy
Lewis, Kaden
Litzisk, Breanna K
Lord, Preston
Loyola, Isabella M
Mackay, Delaney
Macias, Ethan
Marines, Isabella A
Martinez Garcia, Genesis
Marviglia, Samantha
Mautz, Christopher W
Michelli, Kiera
Milem, Sedona M
Minson, Olivia
Naveah Thompson
Newton, Aniya
Newton, Logan A
Paterno, Kemper M
Paterno, Savannah R
Paterno, Willow L
Patubo, Alana
Pief, Jaydon D
Poole, Alania R
Porter, Madeleine J
Pruett, Lilyanna
Rodgers, Tennyson M
Rosado, Ella
Rosenbaum, Ethan
Rosenbaum, Lahana M
Scism, Ayana
Seckman, Keegan
Smith, Trevor A
Steven, Kenrick F
Ta, Kelvin C
Tanner, Violet E
Torr, Adam K
Turner, Peyton
Vaasquez, Andrew
Vaasquez, Arthur
Vasquez, Audrey J
Walag, Shelby L
Walker, Holly

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