

# The Innovator

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## A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DAVID DIOKNO

Welcome to the second edition of the 2008-2009 Scales Technology Academy Innovator! So much is going on and we are happy that you have been so involved in the educational process! We appreciate all of your ongoing support. In order for us to continue to succeed, we will all need to put in a lot of hard work and effort. For parents, we ask that you are vigilant in following up with your children on their work at home.

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**Thanks  
Parents!**  
**Our School Carnival  
Raised over  
\$2,000.00**

## A \$50,000.00 Challenge!

Did you know that you can make a contribution to our school through the Tax Credit program and receive 100% of your dollars back when you file your taxes and claim a state tax credit? You can reduce your tax liability by up to \$400 (\$200 for single or \$400 for a married couple filing jointly) or claim an additional refund up to \$400. Check with your tax consultant to see if you are also eligible for a deduction on your federal taxes to the Internal Revenue Service.

What will Scales do with these extra dollars? **We enhance the learning for all of our students through extra-curricular activities.** This year, our tax credit contributions have helped fund: 1) Mallet Madness, 2) Drama Club, 3) MAC-Ro Math Club, 4) Saturday Technology Camp, 5) Guardians of the Garden Club, 6) Yearbook Club, 7) Fitness Club, and several different trips and activities. These dollars are essential to help us provide as many extra opportunities for learning as possible for each child.

**I have challenged our school to raise \$50,000 through the Tax Credit program.** *With your help, we can do it!* You may pick up Tax Credit applications at the school. Be sure that your application names Scales School as the beneficiary of your contribution. Take as many forms as you like and share them with friends, family, and co-workers, as many people aren't even aware of how they can help, and that ***it won't cost them a dime...*** The Tempe Schools Credit Union (Mill Ave. and Alameda Dr) will lend you the money at no interest to take advantage of this opportunity. **Call today to find out how you can contribute to Scales School by taking advantage of the interest free loan (480)967-9475. HELP US EXCEL!**

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- 1) Maintain an open line of communication with teachers and the school, and feel free to ask questions or seek help when needed.
- 2) Make sure your children eat balanced meals, get plenty of rest, and come to school on time everyday. A healthy mind and rested body lead to successful learning.
- 3) Limit the amount of television (non-educational programs) and video games. Instead, encourage reading and other academic activities
- 4) Show an interest in your child's learning, and ask them about their school day. Studies have shown that parents who show an active interest in what their children are learning help set the stage for a great educational experience.

As we head into the holiday season, it is so important that we are there for our family, show support and encouragement, and continue to stress the importance of education. At school, the students use the **NED Principles, which you can talk to them about and adopt at home.** NED stand for: 1) Never Give up, 2) Encourage Others, 3) Do Your Best. These are great principles to reiterate and live by.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Please consider supporting our school with your tax credit dollars... see the Tax Credit challenge!

## A Note from Mrs. Lueck

Just a reminder ---Don't forget to read with your child(ren) every day. When kids are young, they love to be read to. As they grow older, have them read aloud to you. By grades 4 or 5 they may no longer be interested in reading aloud, but keep encouraging them to read on their own. Always have plenty of books around, and make regular trips to the library. Make it a family ritual to sit around reading in the evening—with the television off. **Give books and magazine subscriptions for presents!** Happy Reading,  
Verna Lueck, Scales Assistant Principal

## Changing Hands Bookstore



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## Music in the Air

**We have several musical performances in December.**

**Don't miss out!!**

**Thursday, Dec. 4 9:00 a.m.**

**Mallet Madness will perform for the National Conference of the Association of Educational Service Agencies. The performance will be at the J. W. Marriott Resort at Desert Ridge. What a great opportunity for these fine musicians!!!**

**Thursday, Dec. 11 - 2:00 & 6:30**

**Scales 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir and Mallet Madness Winter Concert  
Scales in the Gym**

**Tuesday, Dec. 16 -**

**Scales Band & Orchestra**

**Winter Concert**

**9:00a.m. and 6:30p.m.**

**Thursday, Dec. 18 -**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes Present Santa.Claus**

**2:00p.m. and 6:30p.m.**

**This is a delightful musical about Santa's website and a problem that will perhaps result in the worst Christmas ever! We will have a special guest performer so you won't want to miss this one!!!**



## Turkey Trot





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## At the Farm

By Monet from Ms. Higgins

On Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, all the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders went on a field trip to Mac-Ag Farm to learn about plants. I hope we have fun.

Then we learned how to grind corn and we learned about corn, all kinds of corn. The Indians found a cave in Mexico that was full of corn 5,000 years ago. There were beautiful colors of ears from corn. When we grind corn you have to get a big thin rock and put corn on it and rub another rock on top of the corn.

After that we learned about foods made from corn. We made some flat round Johnnycakes. We made them with corn flour, sugar, salt, milk and hot water! They cooked so quickly that you could not even speak. We could eat them with sticky syrup or sweet honey.

Then we ate lunch. I ate some delicious carrots and a red ripe apple. After that we played on some enormous cool tractors, and I played with a water dispenser.

Next, we made bracelets. We made them with a white thin pipe cleaner. There were seven kinds of lovely beads: dark brown for soil, a white shiny bead for seeds, a clear blue for water, radiant yellow for the sun, a glowing clear bead for air, a dazzling red for love and a bright, bright, green for plants all we needed in the world.

I think that it was a good trip. We learned a lot about corn and we had a lot of fun. When we got back I felt happy that I went on that trip because we learned a lot.



Henry and friends grind corn.



Shelby, Serenity, Kameron and Leon show off their bracelets.

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## A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

**FLU season is coming. A flu shot is recommended for your child.**

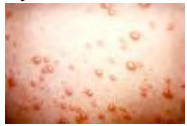
### 10 REASONS FOR KEEPING YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL and/or TAKING TO DOCTOR:

- 1) FEVER OVER 100.F
- 2) PERSISTENT COUGH (more than 1 week)
- 3) VOMITING or DIARRHEA AT HOME DURING THE NIGHT OR BEFORE SCHOOL
- 4) EAR INFECTION, DRAINAGE
- 5) SERIOUS HEAD INJURY
- 6)



**PINK EYE (Conjunctivitis)** Very contagious! Itchy, teary, red eyes, sometimes with discharge out of corner of the eye or stuck to lashes. Before returning to school must be: on antibiotic drops for at least 24 hours, be without eye drainage and be cleared by nurse.

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**CHICKEN POX (Varicella)** Contagious. Let school know. Nurse must report outbreak to the State! Most kids are vaccinated, but some get a mild case.

Starts as fluid-filled, red blisters, then turns to scabs. Must be without any blisters and cleared by nurse before return to school.

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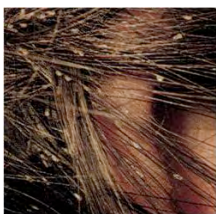
**IMPETIGO (Contagious)** Bacterial infection with red bumps, with yellow oozy, crusty discharge, usually around the mouth. Needs antibiotic ointment and/or oral medication. Must be treated and kept covered while in school. Report to nurse.

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**RINGWORM (Contagious)** A fungal infection with red, round patches, itchy on the skin or scalp. Must be covered in school until all gone. Can get from pets: cats, dogs, or other children. Treated with antifungal creams, then with an oral antifungal if does not clear within a week or two. Report to nurse.

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**HEAD LICE (Pediculosis) (Contagious)** Very itchy head. Will have to be sent home and treated. Takes up to 2 weeks to clear. Must be seen by nurse before school every day until cleared..