



Imagine Rosefield  
12050 North Bullard Ave  
Surprise, Arizona 85379

## Upcoming Events

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- 07/26-08/03 ~ PTO Uniform Resale  
07/26 ~ KG Meet the Teacher Night @ 6:30pm  
07/27 ~ 3rd Grade Meet the Teacher Night @ 6:30pm  
07/28 ~ 2nd Grade Meet the Teacher Night @ 6:30pm  
07/29 ~ 6th Grade Meet the Teacher Night @ 6:30pm  
07/30 ~ 4th Grade Meet the Teacher Night @ 6:30pm  
08/02 ~ 5th Grade Meet the Teacher Night @ 6:30  
08/03 ~ 1st Grade Meet the Teacher Night @ 6:30pm  
08/04 ~ KG 1st Day of School (9am-11am)  
08/04 ~ PTO Meeting @ 3:30pm  
08/05 ~ 1st Day of School (All Grades)  
08/05 ~ PTO Spirit Shirt Order Day  
08/06 ~ PTO Movie Night @ 6:30pm
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Have a  
**GREAT**  
summer!!

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## Principal's Notes: Friday, May 21 2010

Dear Parents,

The oldie goldie rocker, Alice Cooper sang the words... "school's out for the summer!" Indeed it is and from our teachers' standpoint, it was a very successful year complete with wonderful learning and positive student growth and development! We celebrate having the privilege to work with an outstanding group of young students who are always eager to learn new things and ready to demonstrate positive character throughout the school day. Thank you for selecting and trusting Imagine Rosefield to be your school of choice and we look forward to another fabulous school year in 2010-2011!!! Lily Tomlin, American entertainer, once said, as she played the child character, Edith Ann: "I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about...besides homework!" Likewise, we too hope that teachers were able to stir creativity, ignite special critical thinking insights, to send students on "mind travels" of a hundred journeys as they read quality literature and excite the intrinsic desire of students to be life-long learners! Certainly, learning is much more than homework!

There are too many highlights of the school year to recount here in this newsletter, but I would like to recognize a recent and very special event that occurred in the Imagine Rosefield Performing Arts Center this month. Alice in Wonderland was a phenomenal success this month and we give special kudos to the staff and students who provided a quality presentation for our school community! Another celebration was the outcome of the Advanced Reading Challenge for grades 3-6. Our amazing task force reported that 32 students read the 25 challenge books to earn the \$100 savings bond provided by Imagine Schools co-founders, Dennis and Eileen Bakke. Imagine Rosefield had the most winners of any Imagine School that competed in the Advanced Reading Challenge. Additionally, 192 students participated in the Advance Reading Challenge and the total number of classic books read by all of our students numbered 1,650! Kudos to the efforts of the students and the supportive encouragement of parents and teachers! We are also so proud of our Imagine Rosefield Outstanding Character Student of the Year, Megan Walker. She is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student in Mrs. Roger's classroom and was invited to the West Region luncheon to celebrate this honor with the other students in our West Region Imagine schools! Congratulations Megan!

As a result of the "yes" vote on the 1 cent sales tax election on Tuesday, we balanced next year's budget by a combination of revenue generating and cost cutting measures. The state cut funding earlier this school year and will cut additional per student funding in 2010-11. Along with these per student funding cuts, the kindergarten program was cut to half-day funding amounts. In order to replace the reduction in state funding, we will need to increase student enrollment slightly in each classroom (approximately 1-3 students); charge a \$100 per family (grades 1-6) registration fee; and assess an extended educational enrichment fee of \$600 per kindergarten student in order to fund a full day kindergarten program. The Spanish enrichment specialist teaching position will be eliminated but all other specials will be fully funded (art, music, physical education). We plan at this point in time to fully fund our classroom instructional assistants (K-2) but will look at possible ways to reduce some supervision hours. We fully understand the nature of the economy in Arizona and present this plan with a heavy heart realizing the hardship it will cause families. We appreciate the 190 families who responded to the budget survey several weeks ago and to the kinder families who attended the Kinder Town Hall meeting on April 5, 2010. The advice and suggestions we received were very helpful in developing the budget for next year. We tried to use a combination of options in order to put together a financially sustainable budget document. Additional information will be provided this summer about the process that will be used for payment/collection.

Thank you for being an Imagine Family member this year! I wish you a restful and enjoyable summer and look with great expectations for a fabulous school year next year! Remember to encourage your child to do summer reading! Here's a thought for your summer contemplation:

"Good character is more to be praised than outstanding talent. Most talents are to some extent a gift. Good character, by contrast, is not given to us. We have to build it piece by piece by thought, choice, courage and determination." John Luther

Best Wishes, Bruce Hanna