

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear Dobson Academy families,

I hope you all enjoyed your three day weekend. The weather was amazing. Today we are back to our normal routines. AzMerit (Writing, Reading and Math) and AIMS (Science) state assessments are underway and continue for our school throughout the month. Grades 3-8 will be taking the AzMERIT Writing, Reading, and Math to demonstrate their learning. In addition, grade 4 and 8 will be taking the AIMS Science assessment. We want your child to show us what they know, and boy, do they know a lot! They all have worked so hard mastering grade level standards. Their participation is required in their grade level assessments, please see your child in attendance and on time. We start promptly at 8:45 on testing days. For your student to be at their best, have your child get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast.



FROM THE FRONT OFFICE:

April is standardized testing month. Attendance and punctuality are extremely important as we begin the AZ Merit process. Adequate sleep, lowered stress levels, and positive reinforcement are especially beneficial to students at this time. As always, please call the attendance line if your child will be absent or you anticipate arriving late to school. Thank you.



SPORTS!

Co-ed Soccer

4/03 - @ Legacy – Chandler - 4:00 pm
4/04 - Basis – Ahwatukee - 4:30 pm
4/10 - @ Val Vista Academy - 4:30 pm
4/11 - Champion – Chandler - 4:30 pm
4/18 - Sequoia Charter - 4:30 pm
4/19 - @ Basis – Ahwatukee - 4:30 pm

Girls Basketball

4/4 - Summit – Ahwatukee - 4:30 pm
4/9 - Champion - Chandler - 4:30 pm
4/11 - Val Vista Academy - 4:30 pm
4/17 - @ EVAC - 5:30 pm
4/19 - @ Basis – Chandler - 4:30 pm



VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to our Top Volunteers in March!

Swati Shah, Donna Hammack, Alison Griffith,
Kelly Bennett, Emily Wilson, and Rachael Mulligan



DATES TO REMEMBER!

4/6 - Arizona Science Center Night ~ 5:00-7:00 pm
4/12 - 8th Grade Promotion Pictures
4/18 - Someburros Fundraiser Night (Chandler Location - Frye and 101)
4/23 - 1st Grade Field Trip
4/23 - Zoner & Drip Show - Kinder and 1st Grade
4/25 - Dollar Dre\$\$ Day! \$1 for Top, \$1 for Bottom
4/25 - Early Release ~ K-8: 1:00 pm, Kinder Prep: 1:30 pm
4/27 - Flagpole Assembly
4/27 - 4th Grade Living History Museum ~ 9:30 am
4/30 - Site Council Meeting
4/30 - PTO Meeting - Sozo Coffee ~ 5:30 pm



REFERRALS!

The highest compliment our parents can pay us is the referral of family or friends to our school. The trust and confidence that you place in us each and every day means a great deal. In appreciation of that trust and confidence, you can receive your choice of:

- Free tuition for a month in our B/A Care (for one child)
- Free club or athletic scholarship (for one child)
- 20% off one month tuition for Kinder Prep (for one child)



If you need a new referral card, stop by the front office or send Dr. Winn an email at dwin@ballcharterschool.org

FROM THE NUTRITION COORDINATOR:

As we approach the last day of school, I am sending home negative account balance notices. Parents: please check your students' accounts and be sure they are not negative. You can also set up easy payments through me or the front office and you can still apply for free or reduced meals through the end of the school year! As always, you can find the current menu on our website along with the pre-order form! Thank you!



EMPLOYEE BIOS!

My name is **Paul Hawkins**. I have been at Dobson for 2 years this July. My job is maintenance, meaning I try to keep our campus safe, functional, and clean. My job is great because I get to do different things all the time, and I get to interact with everyone on campus. I have been doing maintenance for a combined 16 plus years. I have been married for 14 years, and I have 3 kids. My wife, LoriAnne is a breast cancer survivor. My kids are Colin 20, Charity 12, and Eli 9. I love being creative. My time is often spent working on projects, making art, recording and or playing music, and just playing games with the family. Recently my family and I decided to start giving back, so we started making backpacks for the homeless. The backpacks are filled with things like toiletries, stable foods, small medicine kits, a pocket size Bible, and gift cards to grocery stores. Just a small quick way to help brighten someone's day.

My name is **Carla Terrian**. I have worked for Ball Charter Schools for over 5 years, I started with Val Vista since it opened in 2012 as lunch server/coordinator and Bookkeeper; after 3 years I had the opportunity to work in the Central Office and be part of Dobson and Val Vista as Business Specialist, Love it!!! In my free time I like to do Pilates, which I'm training to become a Pilates instructor. Some of my hobbies are to go camping and travel with my family. My family consist of my husband Robert, 3 children Carlos, Alexander, Isabella, and my fury one Sofi.



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