

SEPTEMBER 2025

NEWSLETTER

For the first time we realized that the young child has powers which are lost as it grows older. It is a matter of the evolution of each life individually.

-Maria Montessori, The 1946 London Lectures

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 1: School closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 19: Wear your favorite color!
- Sept. 26: Wear your favorite sport jersey/ team!
- Sept. 30: Picture day
- Oct 3: Dress as your favorite storybook character
- Oct. 13: School closed for parent teacher conference
- Oct. 29: Fall Festival

Mid-Autumn/Moon Festival– Oct. 6, 2025

The festival celebrates three fundamental concepts that are closely connected:

- **Gathering**, such as family and friends coming together, or harvesting crops for the festival. It is said the moon is the brightest and roundest on this day which means family reunion. Consequently, this is the main reason why the festival is thought to be important.
- **Thanksgiving**, to give thanks for the harvest, or for harmonious unions
- Praying (asking for conceptual or material satisfaction), such as for babies, a spouse, beauty, longevity, or for a good future

Traditions and myths surrounding the festival are formed around these concepts. Although traditions have changed over time due to changes in technology, science, economy, culture, and religion, it's always been about being together.

We will celebrate at school by sampling moon cakes, doing a Moon Festival craft, and learn the story of the Mid-Autumn Festival.

Wear red or your cultural costume.

Excerpted from Pima County Library



Bring healthy foods

Do not send candy, donuts, fruit punch, or sweetened milk. Per our Handbook, chocolates, candies, and soft drinks are not allowed.



Please drop your child/ren off prior to 9:00 am. Drop-offs during instruction time (9:00-11:30) are very disruptive and distracting to teachers and students already engaged in their work. If your child will arrive after 9:00 due to an appointment or unexpected delay please message the office. Drop-offs are not allowed during our rest period of 12:00-2:30 pm. Please make arrangements to drop off before or after those hours. If your child will be absent please message the office by 9:00 am.

Save the Date!

This year's Tianyi Cup Children's Chinese Classics Recitation Competition will be held on Saturday, 11/15. Click for more [details](#). If your business would like to be a sponsor, please contact the office.

Happy Birthday!



Leyli
Michael
Jasper



Have you seen our Little Free Library book exchange? We invite all of our school families and community members to stop by, share a favorite book, and pick up something new to enjoy. Ms. Linda has added lots of Chinese books. It's a great way to encourage a love of reading at home and connect with others in our school community—one book at a time!

After Schoolers:

If you will not need pick-up, please notify the office by 2pm either by email, phone call, or Childpilot message. (Do not leave voicemail.) A no-show fee of \$5 will be charged if you do not notify us of your child's absence.