

# Cougar Connections Newsletter #1

AOTMS Back to School 2019



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear AOTMS families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I hope you enjoyed a summer vacation filled with fun and exciting memories with your loved ones. The 2019-2020 school year will begin on Thursday, August 1, which is quickly approaching and we have spent a great deal of time preparing for your arrival and are thrilled to welcome all of you back to a new school year of learning and growing! I am grateful to begin this journey with you as your principal and look forward to building a strong relationship with all of you in the upcoming year.

The power of our partnership is essential for the support, growth, and learning of our children. With this in mind, if you would like to set up a conference with me or your child's teacher, please contact the office to do so. We also encourage you to watch for further information regarding the school year on the AOTMS web site, AOTMS Facebook page, and in our Cougar Connections email Newsletters.

Enjoy your remaining summer time and I look forward to working with you this year and meeting you all.

Mrs. Goodson  
Principal  
Academy of Tucson: Middle School

# Suggestions to help ensure a successful school year for your child.

- Provide a study environment conducive to learning at home. Establish a regular homework time and have a quiet place for the child to study;
- Talk every day about the progress he/she is making in each class. When your child knows that you think school is important, he or she will take it more seriously;
- Discuss with your child how learning in school helps in everyday life;
- Be a good example yourself that learning is a lifelong process;
- Reinforce learning at home, in the community, and on vacations;
- Notice when your child completes homework and provide encouragement;
- Help your child stay calm and confident on test days;
- Teach your child to set goals;
- Read together at least once a week;
- Be realistic in your expectations;
- Encourage your child to talk to teachers if he/she does not understand an assignment;
- Make every effort to be actively involved in the child's education and school;
- Recognize the teacher as an important partner in your child's education and future; and,
- **Remember that each parent and teacher share the same goal -- to help children love learning and to be successful!**

Please note the first day of school is Thursday, August 1 and is a half day (8:15am-12:15 pm)



## Schedules

Thank you for your patience with the distribution of schedules. We will have them ready on the first day of school. Staff and National Junior Honor Society members will be available to help and support all students on the first day.

## Character Theme of the Month

Our Theme of the month is Responsibility. Staff will support students this month by talking about and sharing what it means to be a responsible student and responsible citizen. We welcome your support at home by talking about ways your child can show responsibility.

## Boot Camp Wednesday July 31

Welcome all new AOTMS students. All new AOTMS student are invited to Boot Camp Wednesday!






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