



### Principal's Corner



Many students at WCMS have gotten used to hearing the phrase, "Justify and Tell Me Why". This phrase is one of our instructional strategies that our teachers use. Students are asked to look at a concept, problem or statement and then they work through their answer by citing evidence, showing their reasoning, etc. Even through our virtual learning, students are still asked to justify their work which can be very powerful. When students are able to justify their answers, they show that they understand the concept or what the teacher is looking for. I wanted to share this with our parents as well because it is important for everyone to know part of our learning process.

This month we will have Valentine's Day. I know it won't be celebrated in the way that we traditionally have in the past but I hope that you are able to celebrate in a way that is safe. Our second round of parent teacher conferences will be set for later this month or early March before spring break. We also have a new award for some of our students. It is the Golden Eagle award which will be given out monthly. We are looking at students who are hard working or have made significant improvements in their work. Please continue to stay safe Eagles!

Frank Gilvin  
WCMS Principal

### Get To Meet Your WCMS Teacher



Hi Eagles,

My name is Lizette Andrade-Valle and I would like to share a little about me:

I was born and raised in Nogales, AZ. I am a proud mother of two children. Growing up, I enjoyed playing lots of sports like soccer, tennis, and track. I even played football at City Hall with a lot of my friends from school. By the time I

was in High School, I was very eager to drive and get my first job. My first job was working at Pizza Hut, and it was a great learning experience. After graduating, I pursued a business career and later graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Bachelors in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting.

Before I became an English teacher, I was working in sales and as an accountant for Nogales International Newspaper. I have met many interesting people in my life, however, there is nothing like meeting new students every year. Young minds are beautiful, and I sincerely love listening to my students every day.

### SPELLING BEE WINNERS!!



The District Spelling Bee was on January 28th, 2021 which was on Scripps Online Testing Platform due to the World Wide Pandemic. Fourteen students from the district participated. Congratulations to both of our winners Felix Ibarra and Omar Navarro. Congratulations to Felix who will be competing tentatively on Wednesday, February 10th, 2021 at the County. A big "Thank You" to Mrs. Bracamonte for making everything look easy under pressure!



Felix Ibarra

Omar Navarro



### 2020-2021 WCMS Career Day

This year Career Day was very different from previous years due to the pandemic. On January 27th, 28th & 29th, 2021 WCMS Career Day went viral. We had some amazing participants who recorded short segments of what their job consisted of and offered an insight on why they chose their profession. If you haven't had the opportunity to view these wonderful videos please take a few minutes and go to: <https://counselorscare.wixsite.com/schoolcounseling/virtual-career-fair>.

A special "thank you" goes out to our vivacious WCMS Counselors Mrs. Miriam Mendez and Mrs. Karina Tapia who designed a terrific friendly user website and were able to assemble the following fantastic participants: Tony Waechter-Technical Consultant -Advaera Technologies, Domingo Bermudez & Martin Hernandez- Army National Guard, John Silva Granite Installer Construction Trade- Construction Trade, Zarina Hernandez Health/Nutrition Specialist -Head Start, Richard K. Campas Owner/Administrator, Joy McCrary Office Manager -Hollywood Barber College, Patty Molina Senior Director of Community Health Service, Alexa Lopez Staff-Mariposa Community Health Center, Officer R. Lechuga & Officer Oscar Mesta -Nogales Police Department, Guadalupe Ortega -Nurse Practitioner, Missy Blair M. Ed., Advanced Program Manager-Certified MSF RiderCoach & Traffic Survival School Instructor Center for Transportation Training - Pima Community College, Dale Bohnet, Jennifer Watters, Jonathan Schore, Virginia Pizano - Pima Community College, Daniel Mendez, Kenneth M. Welch -Prescott College, Oscar Guerrero -Ret. Sergeant from US Air Force, Melissa Corella- Santa Cruz County Gear Up Team, Melissa Peralta-Supervisory CBP Officer and Teresa Small Supervisory CBP Officer-US Customs & Border Protection, Melissa Bracamonte -Teacher, Gabriela Guglielmo -Principal Clerk, Newsletter, Website, Frank Gilvin-Principal, Dan Sullivan-Head Custodian, Claudia Loranca-Attendance Clerk at Wade Carpenter Middle School, Suzette Cota-Graphic Designer, Lizelle Peraza-Chef, Silvia Merino -Caregiver, Loren Cota-Realtor **BIG THANK YOU OF APPRECIATION TO ALL OF YOU!!** ❤️

# February 2021

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri                      | Sat |
|--|--|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|-----|
|  | 1  | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5<br>Eagles of the Month | 6   |
| 7  | 8  | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12                       | 13  |
| <b>AZELLA TESTING THIS WEEK</b>  |  |     |     |     |                          |     |
| 14<br>Valentines Day<br> | 15 No School<br>observance of President Day<br> | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19                       | 20  |
| 21   | 22<br>Governing Board Meeting at the District<br>4:00 pm- 5:30 pm  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26                       | 27  |
| 28   |    |     |     |     |                          |     |

## A note from Mrs. Silva



Eagles of the Month

## February 2021 Eagles Of The Month



**Top Row:** Rachel Alvarez, Angel Andrade, Monica Barraza, Regina Carrillo

**Middle Row:** Amerikah Castellanos, Orlando Garcia, Abdiel Hernandez, Alexa Navarro, Julian Ramos **Bottom Row:** Ilan Rodriguez, Mia Romero, Carlos Saavedra, Sophia Sandoval, Marco Tabanico **Not Shown:** Julio Monreal

## Snow in Nogales

Nogalians woke up to 5-6 inches of snow on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Nogales looked so picturesque with the snowed surrounding mountains which stirred a craving of a delicious cup of hot coffee, cozy warm pajamas, a pet curled up to you as your body drifts into a comfy chair next to warm fire place.



Or you can be like Kassie's (Claudia's niece) dog Fluffy, who escaped the confinements of her home to play outside by dodging snowballs and making snow angels with her tail.

Times like these everyone should let their little rascal Fluffy side come out.



## Character Counts By Lisa Putnam & Alba Irastorza



February is "Choose Love Awareness Month." As many of you remember from last year, our Character Counts classes focused on the Choose Love curriculum. For anyone not familiar with it, the Choose Love Movement was inspired by 6-year-old Jesse Lewis, his final acts of love, and his mother's path of forgiveness after Jesse was killed in a school shooting. Jesse's mom developed a formula that can be used by anyone, at any time, anywhere in the world to manage their response to any situation. The Choose Love Formula™ is: Courage + Gratitude + Forgiveness + Compassion in Action = Choosing Love. One way we can put this into action is to make a choice every day to turn one angry thought into a loving thought. What are some other ways that you can think of to Choose Love?

"Love is the most powerful force in the universe, a want and need that connects every human being on the planet." - Scarlett Lewis (Jesse's