

ÉCOLE PHOENIX MIDDLE SCHOOL



Monday, April 12th, 2025

Tuesday Canteen: Sushi \$6.00

- Trivia Challenge starts today and will continue forward until it is over for both the grade 6/7 and grade 8 lunch break. This means that starting TODAY the library will only be open at lunch to the trivia participants, quiet spectators and those who just want to read quietly. There will be NO GAMES or COMPUTERS until the challenge is completed. Stay tuned to the announcements next week to find out if you are participating that day!
- No Mt. Bike club this Wednesday. We resume April 24th.
- Grade 6-8 Track and Field practice today and Thursday from 3:00pm-4:00pm. Please meet in the gym after the bell with your running shoes and water bottle!
- Bullying Boxes: There are two "bullying boxes" in Ms. Jaime/Ms. Hope's room and in the counselling room, to anonymously (or not) report any instances of bullying that you may experience or witness. Thanks for keeping our school safe!
- 🌱 **Garden Club is Back!** 🌱

Join us **this Thursday, April 10 at lunch** in the **Woodshop (Room 214)** for our first Garden Club meeting of the season!

Everyone is welcome—whether you're interested in learning about plants and food, helping build things for the garden, or just want to get your hands dirty and make something awesome.

😊 We're especially looking for **artists** to help with mural work and **students who like to build** to help bring new garden ideas to life. If that sounds like you, or you're just curious, come check it out! See you Thursday at lunch!

- **Woodworking Projects Pick-Up Reminder**

If you have completed a woodworking project, please make sure to pick it up by **Friday**. Any

unclaimed projects will be **recycled** after that.
If you still need time to finish your project, come talk to me!

- **Poetry Contest**
April 2025

The theme for this year's poetry contest is Family.

You may enter any of these contests throughout April. The deadline for **ALL** submissions is **Wednesday, April 30th**. There will be prizes for the best poem in each category.

All poems must be submitted to Mrs. Parkinson in the LLC. Please fill in an entry form for every poem you are submitting. Typed poems are preferred over handwritten (except for Blackout Poetry).

Contest 1:

Family Snapshot Poem Contest 📷

- **Challenge:** Write a poem that describes a family moment as if it were a photograph. It could be a real memory or an imagined scene. **Judging Criteria:** Vivid imagery, emotion, and creativity.

Contest 2:

Blackout Poetry: Words from the Past

- **Challenge:** Use old book pages or newspapers (both of which Mrs. Parkinson has) to create blackout poetry about family. Students must highlight words to form a poem and black out the rest.
- Judging Criteria:** Creativity, originality, and how well the poem connects to family.

Contest 3:

Found Family: Poetry About More Than Blood

- **Challenge:** Write a poem about chosen family—friends, mentors, or pets that feel like family.
- Judging Criteria:** Creativity and personal connection.

Contest 4:

Acrostic Family Poetry 🎨

- **Challenge:** Write an acrostic poem using the word “FAMILY” (or another related word like “MEMORIES” or “TOGETHER”... see the bulletin board just inside the LLC doors for more word options- they are inside the speech bubbles).

Example:

Finding warmth in laughter’s glow
Always there, through highs and lows
Memories woven tight and strong
In every hug, where I belong
Love that never fades away
Yesterday, today, and always stay
Judging Criteria: Creativity and depth.

Contest 5:

Reverse Poetry: Two Sides of Family 🌀

- **Challenge:** Write a poem that can be read two ways—top to bottom and bottom to top, revealing different perspectives on family.

Example Topic:

- A sibling rivalry that turns into love.
- A tough family moment that teaches a lesson.
- Here is a great website to reference: [Reverse Poetry](#)

Judging Criteria: Creativity and skill in writing a reversible poem.

Contest 6:

“Dear Future Me” Family Poem ⌚ —

- **Challenge:** Write a poem as a letter to your future self about what family means to you right now.

Judging Criteria: Thoughtfulness and emotional depth.

Contest 7:

Sensory Poetry: A Family Memory 👂 👁 👋 👅

- **Challenge:** Write a poem about a family moment using all five senses.

Example:

- The smell of Sunday pancakes
- The sound of Dad’s old rock music
- The warmth of Grandma’s hug

Judging Criteria: Use of sensory language and vivid descriptions.