

# Trailside Point School

## April Newsletter

The end of the year is upon us. This time of year is always exciting, as the students get to demonstrate how much they have learned. AzMERIT testing is April 9-19th. Please ensure your students are properly fed and rested so they are able to do their personal best on these assessments.

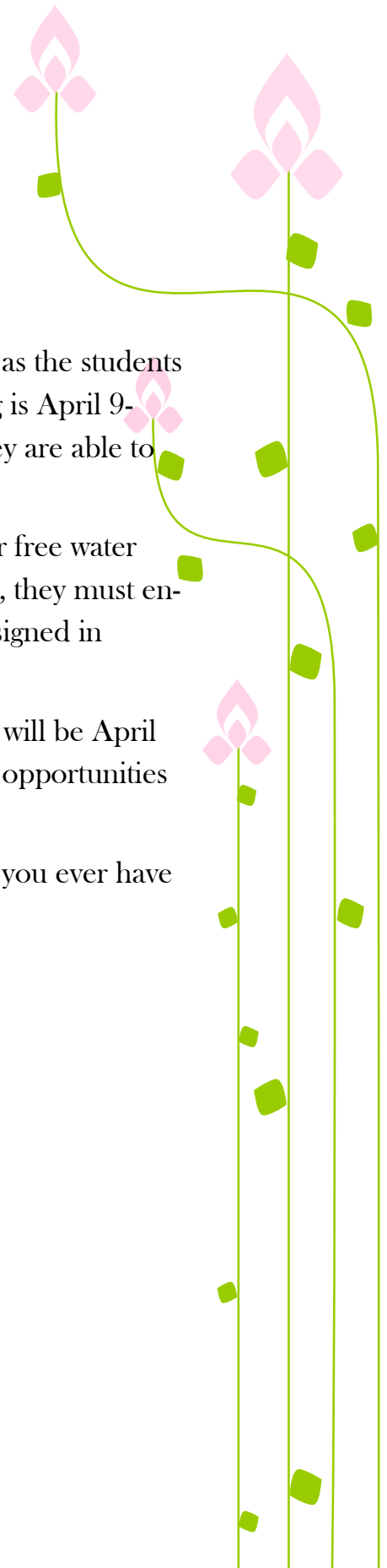
We anticipate being able to have over 800 students participate in our free water day here on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. In order for students to earn this free event, they must ensure they have met all criteria set forth in the grade level agreement signed in March.

Looking to get involved? Our final PTA meeting of the school year will be April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the library. New officers will be elected and new opportunities available for you to get involved in your child's education next year.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Mrs. Zembruski



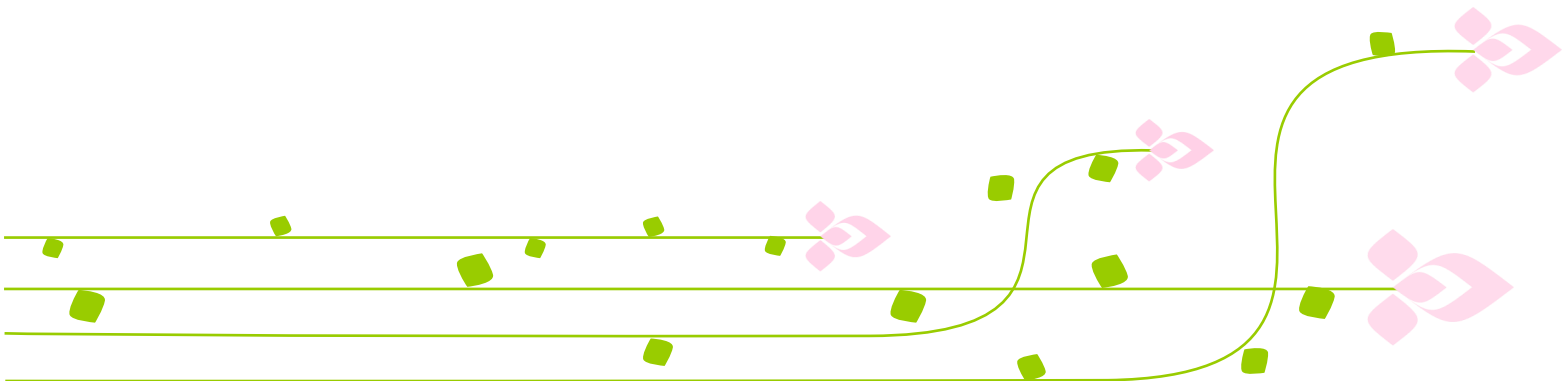
## 3rd Grade

The third grade students are gearing up for AzMERIT! Students have been working hard using higher level thinking skills as we are reviewing major concepts taught throughout this year!

It is imperative that your child is at school each day, arrives on time, and does not have any early release days during AzMERIT testing.

The third grade team greatly appreciates your support in the academic success of your child!

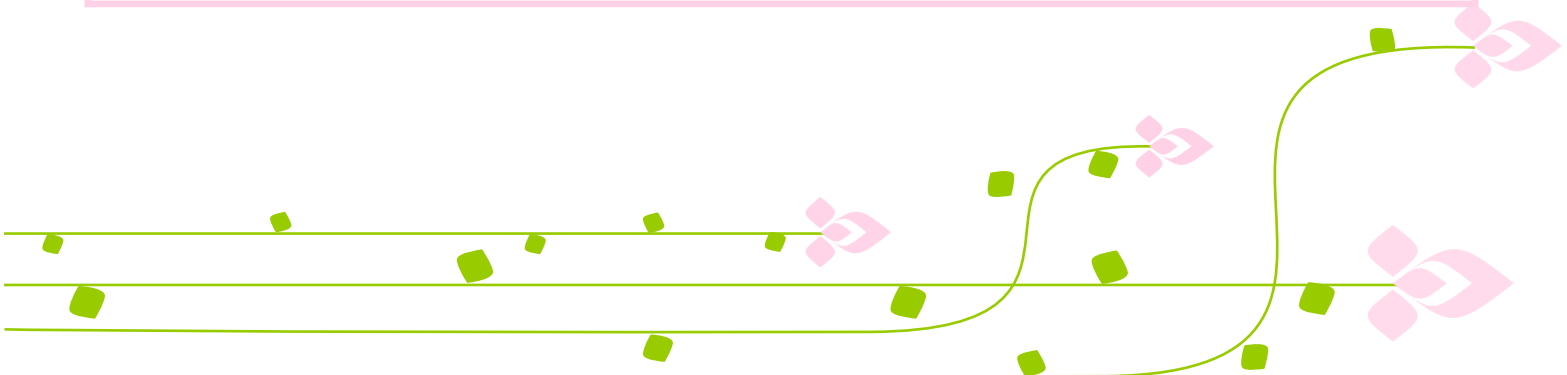
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AZ-Merit Writing	Monday, April 9th
AIMS Science	Tuesday, April 10th
AZ-Merit ELA Part 1	Monday, April 16th
AZ-Merit ELA Part 2	Tuesday, April 17th
AZ-Merit Math Part 1	Wednesday, April 18th
AZ-Merit Math Part 2	Thursday, April 19th



## 4th Grade

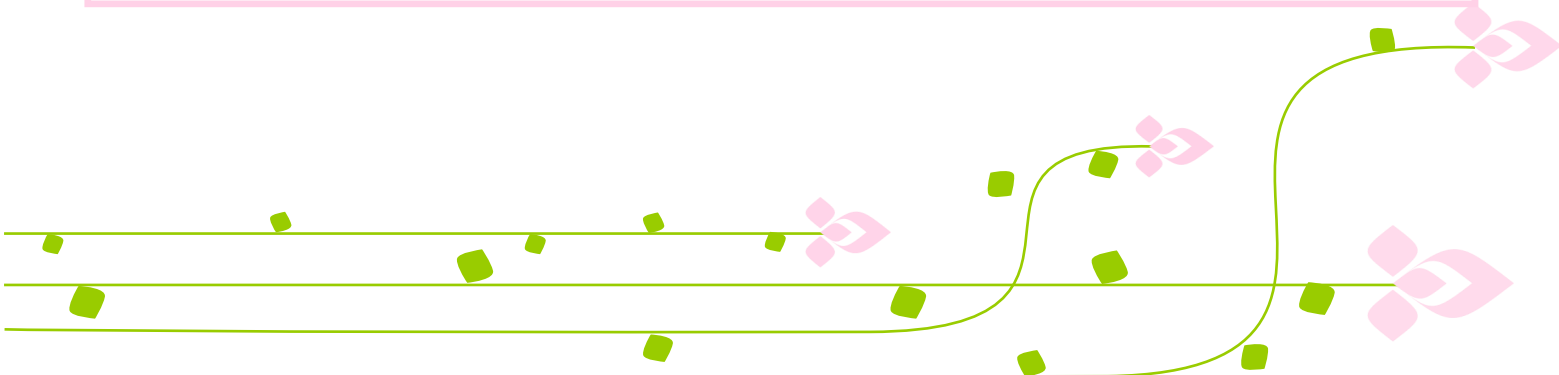
As we are quickly approaching the end of the school year, we want to thank all parents for the support you have given and continue to give. Please ensure that your child is arriving to school on time and attends every day. We are maximizing every instructional minute so your child feels successful when taking the tests. They are working hard and citing evidence to prove their answers so they can increase their scores. The upcoming testing dates are as follows:

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## 5th Grade

Welcome to the fourth quarter parents! Everyone is excited to be nearing the finish line. However, we are not quite there yet. There are many more exciting opportunities ahead of us to reward all the hard work we have accomplished this year. Just last month we were able to take a trip to the MIM (Musical Instrument Museum) in Scottsdale, and the students loved it! We are looking forward to our field trip next month to ASU as well. Also, Friday April 20th, we will be having an ice cream social to celebrate the commencement of the AZ Merit testing period, and acknowledge all of the hard work your child has put forth this year. Please look for a permission slip from your child's teacher with further details on this event. Speaking of AZMerit, please ensure that your student is at school and on time everyday, not only during the testing period, but the days leading up to it as well. We are reviewing key subject material that is pertinent for all students, to ensure success on the AZMerit tests. For fifth grade, the testing schedule is below. Thank you for all that you do as parents. We wouldn't have made it to testing season without your help!



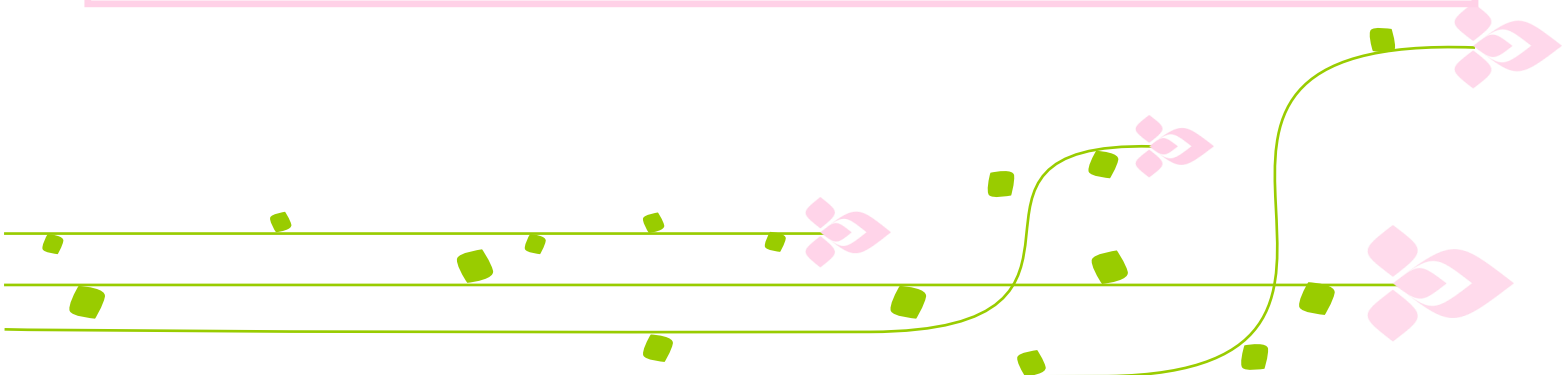
# 6th Grade

Welcome back. We are excited for this fourth quarter as it is a busy but exciting time of year. In order for us to achieve the level of mastery we are aiming for, it is imperative that you are in attendance and on time daily to perform at their highest potential.

We have an incentive that will run from March 19th - April 19th. Please be on the lookout for the permission slip. Friday April 20th we will be having a movie and snacks social to celebrate the end of AZMerit testing.

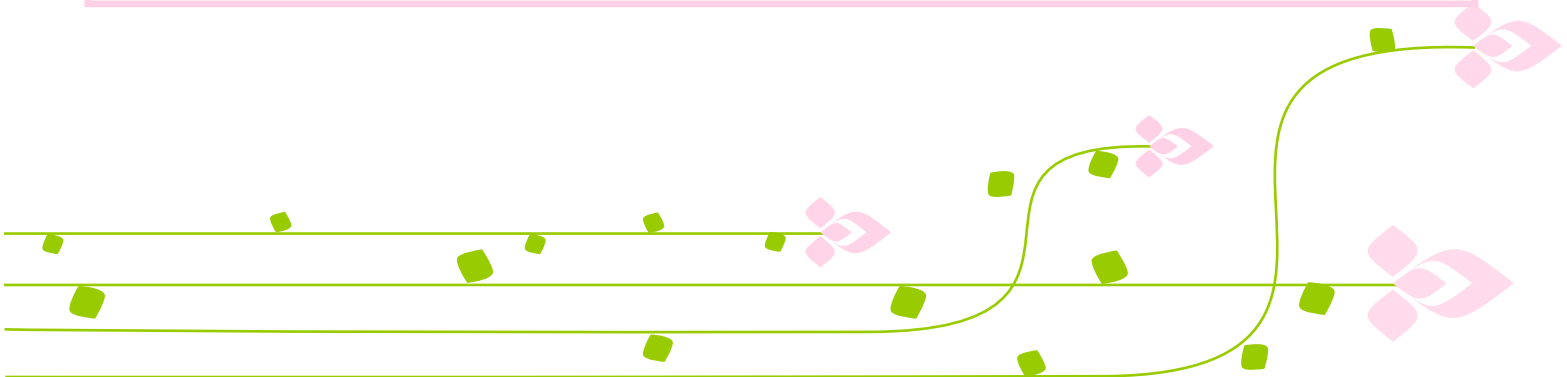
We have AZMerit this month please make sure your child is at school on time for the full day on all testing days. The days are listed below.

Day	Test
Monday, April 9	AzMERIT Writing 3rd-8th
Monday, April 16	AzMerit ELA Part 1 (3rd-8th)
Tuesday, April 17	AzMerit ELA Part 2 (3rd-8th)
Wednesday, April 18	AzMerit MATH Part 1 (3rd-8th)
Thursday, April 19	AzMerit MATH Part 2 (3rd-8th)



## 7th Grade

Spring is often considered the time of new growth. Middle school students often need encouraging on maintaining their growth mindset and avoiding ‘spring fever.’ Students should be using Moby Max, no red ink, links within our google classroom and their textbook (McGraw Hill, Discovery Ed, and Pearson) to keep themselves challenged as we get closer to Merit and end of year testing. For those unable or unwilling to do review online, each content area is also doing some paper versions that the students can review at their own pace.

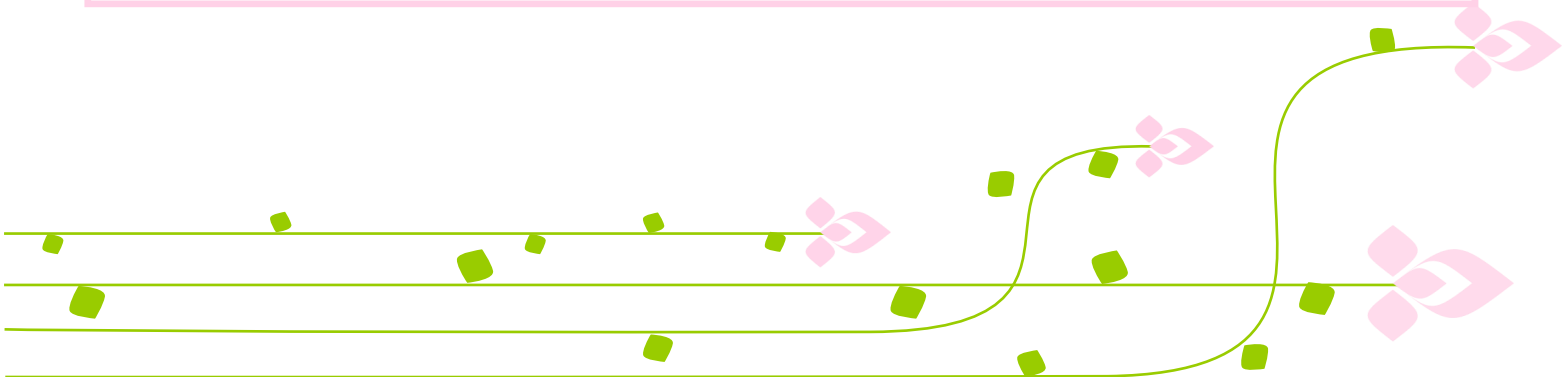


## 8th Grade

With the end of the year quickly approaching, please encourage your student to continue to follow the Panther PACT and to consistently put forth effort. Failure to do so may exclude them from some of the 8th grade festivities including a trip to Main Event.

These privileges are earned and are not just given. The goal is to finish the school year strong to ease the transition to high school.

Summer school information and links were emailed home in our Week 30 Parent Update.

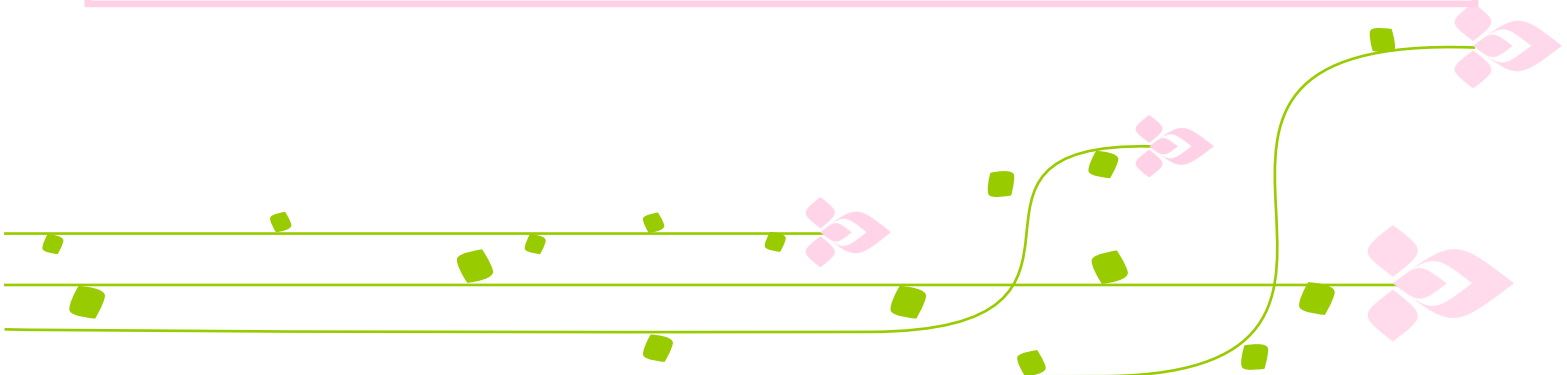


# Gifted Education

The Gifted Team provided a Spring Orientation meeting for all of the newly qualified gifted students' parents on Monday, March 26th in the Vista Gym. Parents learned about the gifted identification process and even took a short visual spatial assessment. Welcome to our 38 new students. There are currently 564 identified gifted students in the District.

## What an Amazing Experience!

The Grady Gammage School to Work program provides the opportunity for middle and high school students to explore possible career paths within the performing arts field. During this interactive workshop led by ASU Gammage staff, 7th & 8th grade students worked with the ASU Gammage departments to solve real-world scenarios. The departments include Programming & Engagement, Development, Marketing, Operations, Audience Services, and Business Services. Students also give final department reports on the tasks they accomplished. The experience also included a tour of ASU Gammage and concluded with a special Q&A session from the Managers of the current touring Broadway production (*The King and I*).





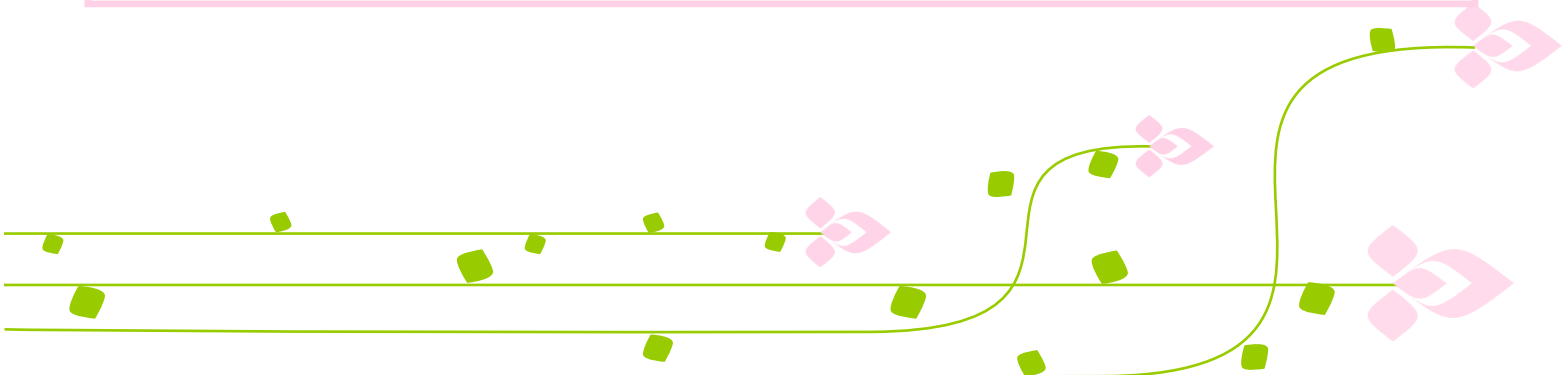
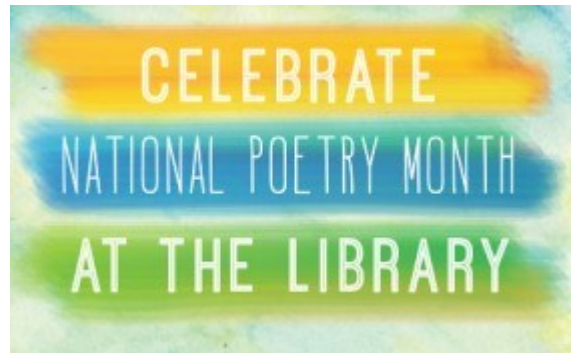
# Trailside Point School Library News

Let's celebrate National Library Week 2018! The celebration will take place April 8-14 and will mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first event, sponsored in 1958. It is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. In addition, Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> is a National Library workers Day to recognize the valuable contribution made by all library workers.

April is dedicated to poetry! Plant the seeds and help grow a love for poetry in your kids this April and all year long. Another holiday to remember is Holocaust Remembrance which takes place April 12. The TSP library has a good collection about this topic thanks to Mrs. Ehret.

Here are some April birthday authors worth reading: B. Park, B. Cleary, Patricia Giff, Hans Andersen.

Huge congratulations to our Principal Sarah Zemruski for being selected Exemplary Principal!



# Performing Arts News

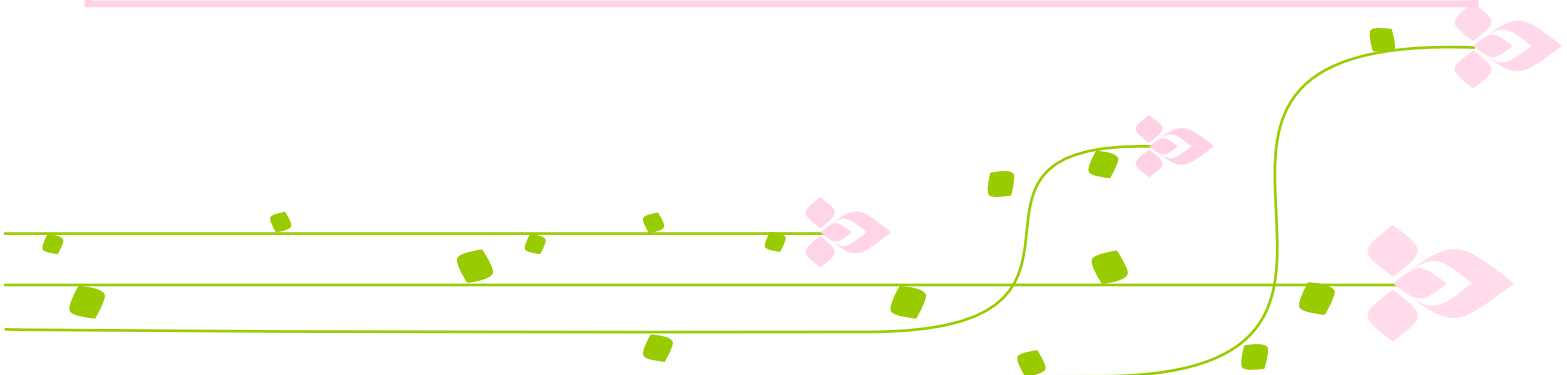
## The 2018 LSD Spring Arts Festival

**The TSP Symphony Orchestra will perform on Friday April 6th at 7:00pm in Laveen District office Board Room. Performance pieces will include;**

- **'Sorry' by Justin Bieber**
- **'La Raspa'**
- **'Theme from Game of Thrones'**
- **'Rolling in the Deep' by Adele**

## The 2018 LSD Retiree Celebration

**The TSP Symphony Orchestra will perform on Thursday April 12th at 5:00pm in the Laveen District breezeway.**



# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 KG & 8th Grade Portraits	6 Student of the Month Breakfast. Spring Festival 4-8 p.m.	7
8	9	10	11	12 Board Meeting @ 6p.m. LEC	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 PTA Meeting 6:00p.m.	25 Early Release at 11:30 a.m.	26	27	28
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