



KNOX KNIGHTLY NEWS

School Office: 812-6100 Attendance: 812-6103

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Dear Knox Families:

Have you read a menu lately? Checked an airline schedule? Consulted a recipe to make a scrumptious new dish? Noticed the mileage traveling between home and Tucson? If you did were you aware that you were efficiently using **functional text**?

In life understanding **functional text** is a vital skill. In the school setting understanding **functional text** is included in the Reading Standards for every grade K-6. This knowledge allows students to follow directions, solve problems, perform procedures and answer questions. All of our standardized testing includes questions based on understanding, interpreting and analyzing **functional text**.

It is such an integral part of our world that most of us take it for granted. Yet the familiarity of **functional text** is what makes it so easy for parents to enhance their children's proficiency in mastering this concept. As you and your children drive around Chandler, work, eat and play in your homes, and shop in supermarkets and malls, we encourage you to find opportunities to identify and discuss the **functional text** that surrounds you. It will help your children to become better readers, increase their analytical skills, and probably provide plenty of lively conversation.

Here are some examples that you might see and read:

- directions and maps
- schedules and timetables
- directories in malls and supermarkets
- highway signs
- rules for board games
- recipes
- menus
- advertisements
- graphs and charts
- logos
- food boxes and cans

Have fun! Happy reading!

Sincerely,

Ruth K. Michalscheck
Principal

Check out our website! ww2.chandler.k12.az.us/knox-elementary



Friday, February 17th 7:30-8:45am

PTO Corner

Hello Knox Families!

We hope you've had a good start to the year and wish you a very happy and prosperous 2012! We'd like to remind you that we are collecting labels for education, box tops and juice pouches. Please send them to your classroom teacher. Don't forget that Friday is Knox Spirit Day, and all kids get to wear our Knox T-shirt. We look forward to seeing you at the next PTO meeting on Tuesday, February 21st at 6pm in the Library. Please mark your calendar and participate. We will be hosting Donuts for Dads on Friday, February 17th from 7:30am to 8:45am in the quadrangle. You can always contact the PTO via email at delci.marisa@chandler.k12.az.us. Thank you everyone for supporting our Knights. We cannot make it without you!

ATTENDANCE LINE

Thank you for calling

812-6103

to report your child's absence.

(This line is available
24 hours a day,
7 days a week.)

***In your message
please include:***

1. Child's name and grade
2. Teacher's name
3. Reason for absence
(cold, doctor appointment,
personal, etc.)

***Happy
Presidents'
Day***