



# *Cortina School*

## **An Excelling K-8 Community School**

Our cohesive school community at Cortina is built through strong relationships among students, parents and the entire staff to ensure each and every child reaches his or her full potential and is inspired to become a responsible citizen of our global community. Our rigorous and relevant learning environment and curriculum focus on academic excellence and drive us to maintain our EXCELLING profile, as defined by the Arizona Department of Education, through differentiated, personalized and flexible instruction.



“Cortina has provided my children with an “excelling” education as well as many of the other qualities families look for in a neighborhood school such as promoting a safe learning environment, creating a sense of community in our neighborhood and providing educational enhancing technology. Every time I walk on campus, I am reminded of the amazing leadership dedicated to make Cortina better every year and the even more gifted teachers who give their all every day. We love Cortina!”

Mrs. Amy Kaylor  
Cortina Parent,  
1st & 3rd Grades

## Welcome

### A Message from Our Principal

At Cortina School, we take great pride in the fact that our campus is the central part of our community, where parents, students and the community unite to promote the education and future of our youth. With over three hundred volunteers, there is a place for each and every parent volunteer to participate. I welcome and encourage you to join the Cortina community.

There are numerous effective programs at Cortina, but one I would like to highlight for you is PRIDE. It stands for “personal responsibility in daily effort” and is focused primarily on the upper grades but has a positive effect on all students and reflects our philosophy of taking accountability and responsibility for our actions.

And, our safe and learning friendly campus is filled with technology tools to enhance, support and promote learning. We have state-of-the-art technology with Smart and Promethean Boards, laptops and all the associated learning activities and more.

As a parent of four young children, I understand the trust and faith you place on us as educators to provide your children the best learning experience. At Cortina, we take great honor in making sure we earn your trust. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Cortina community.

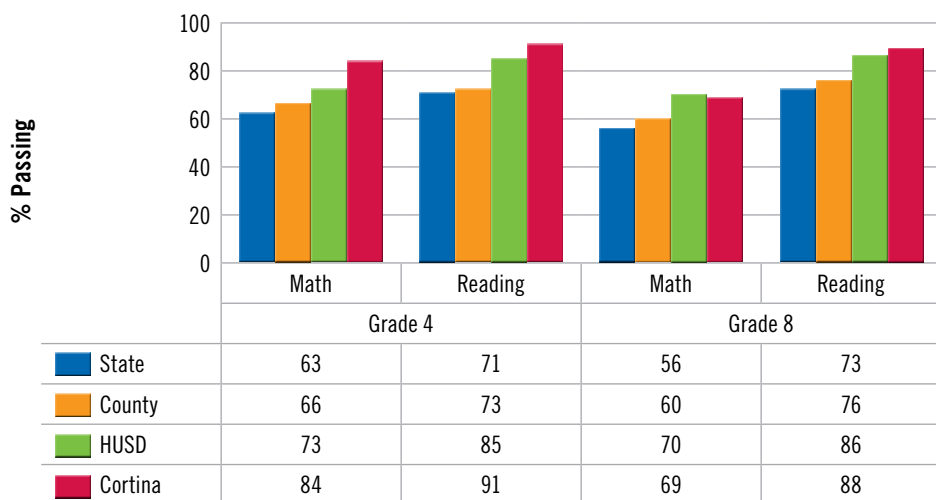
Mr. Cort Monroe  
Principal, Cortina School



## Performance

Cortina is an EXCELLING school. That means our students are performing at the highest academic level as defined by the Arizona Department of Education. We are extremely proud of our Excelling label and work hard to maintain it each and every day.

### Spring 2010 Grades 4th & 8th AIMS % Passing



## Parent Involvement

With over three hundred parent volunteers on our campus, there are numerous opportunities to get involved at Cortina. We have an active Parent Teacher Organization, an effective Site Council and have parents serving on the Superintendent's Advisory & Parent Leadership Council which is actively engaged in budget planning and prioritizing across the District. We communicate with our parents daily through email listserve communications as needed, weekly through our calendar of events, and our teachers also post classroom websites and blogs in addition to our school and District websites.

## Extra Curricular Programs

To ensure our students have the opportunity to broaden their horizons and experience a holistic education through a variety of programs, we offer numerous extra curricular programs throughout the grade levels including:

- Student Council
- Year Book Club
- National Junior Honor Society
- Go Green Club
- Color Guard - An Award Winning Program
- Intramural Sports for Boys & Girls
- Band, Music, Orchestra



“Cortina School is a fun and safe learning environment. Students are given the opportunity to shine, grow and achieve. The involvement and support of the community helps ensure success for students and staff. I am so proud to be a teacher at Cortina!”

Mrs. Sophia Patterson,  
1st Grade Teacher



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## Top Ten Reasons To Be A Cortina Tiger

- #1 Differentiated, Personalized & Flexible Instruction to Meet the Unique Needs of Each Student
- #2 State-of-the-Art Technology Tools for Learning
- #3 Strong Parent Involvement
- #4 Highly Qualified Teachers
- #5 Boys & Girls Intra Mural Sports



- #6 Excellent Extra Curricular Programs
- #7 Rigorous & Relevant Curriculum
- #8 Caring & Supportive Leadership & Staff
- #9 A Friendly, Safe Learning Environment
- #10 A North Central Conference Accredited School

*We care about every child!*



### Cortina School

A K-8 Excelling School

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