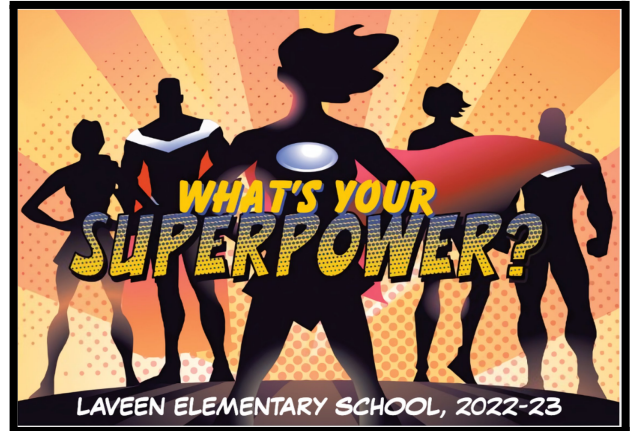


THE HAWK

PARENT NEWSLETTER OF LAVEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • AUGUST, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to welcome you to the 2022-23 school year! We remain totally dedicated to the success of your children and look forward to your continued support this year. We are an award-winning school that puts safety first. In addition to an instructional program that was recognized by the Arizona Department of Education as “exemplary” in 2020, Laveen Elementary has also been named a 2022 A+ School of Excellence by the Arizona Educational Foundation and a 2022 School of Distinction by the Association for Middle Level Education. We are proud of our students and staff that work so hard each day!



Laveen Elementary School is a “mindful school.” Mindfulness is about developing mental and emotional strength in children. As our students become more mindful, they develop the knowledge and attitudes needed to thrive in a world of increasing complexity, uncertainty, and exponential change. Our mindful school program was recognized as the “Program of the Year” in 2018 by winning the Arizona School Board Association’s Golden Bell Award.

Our 2022-23 theme is “What’s Your Superpower?” Each and every Laveen Hawk has special talents and abilities and we look forward to highlighting students and staff this year that go above and beyond in their pursuit of excellence.

Parents are encouraged to monitor student progress by logging into our online gradebook through the parent portal on our district website at www.laveeneld.org. If you are new to ParentVUE, your activation code will be/was provided to you at Meet the Teacher Night on August 4 or you can visit our front office if you have misplaced it.

All students will be given a new ID badge, plastic holder, and lanyard on the first days of school. Students are expected to wear their ID each day as part of their school uniform. An ID is required to enter onto campus, eat lunch in the cafeteria, ride the bus, and check-out library books.

In regards to student attendance, please remember that students are expected to be at school each day, unless they are ill. We also ask that you schedule all appointments outside of the school day, to avoid classroom disruptions and missed instruction.

Thank you for your continued support of your child’s education and please contact me or our front office at (602) 237-9110 if we can ever be of any assistance. **Go Hawks!**

With continued gratitude for your support,

Dr. Robert Caplinger, Principal

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Please take a moment to “like” us on Facebook for reminders, announcements, videos, links, and event pictures. <https://www.facebook.com/laveenelementary>



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

August 4	Meet the Teacher Night (5:00-7:00PM)	August 24	\$1.00 Dress Down Day
August 8	First Day of School (8:30AM - 3:30PM)	August 26	3-8 NWEA Assessments End
August 10	PreK Meet the Teacher (1:00 - 4:00PM)	August 29	K-2 AimsWeb Assessments Begin
August 11	Governing Board Meeting (5:30PM)	September 2	K-2 AimsWeb Assessments End
August 18	K-8 School Picture Day	September 5	Labor Day - No School
August 19	PreK & SpEd School Picture Day	September 14	Early Release Day (12:30PM)
August 22	3-8 NWEA Assessments Begin	September 14	\$1.00 Dress Down Day
August 24	Early Release Day (12:30PM)	September 14	Q1 Progress Reports

If you have questions about events or activities, please call our main office at (602) 237-9110, M-F 8:00AM - 4:00PM

FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS

If you shop at Fry's Foods Grocery store, please link your Fry's V.I.P. card to **Laveen Elementary School (Laveen Hawks PTO) organization number: AK833**. The Fry's Community Rewards program will automatically donate to our school on your behalf from each of your purchases! This will happen automatically and there is nothing else you ever need to do! **Please visit:** frysfood.com/i/community/community-rewards



2022 ARIZONA CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT

Arizona allows taxpayers to dedicate dollars to education while reducing the amount you owe on your 2022 taxes through the tax credit program. For every dollar you donate, the amount you owe on your Arizona taxes will be that much less. If you do not owe taxes, the amount you donate may be carried forward for up to five years to offset future tax liabilities. You can make your donation [online](#) or download the form [here](#).



PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

There are a lot of useful things on our [school](#) and [district](#) websites. Please bookmark them both. On our school website you will find a link to our [2022-23 Parent and Student Handbook](#). Please take a moment to review this entire handbook with your student(s). **Thank you!**

2022-23 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

Updated school supply lists for each grade level are now available on our [school website](#) under the “General Information” tab. Please print the list for your child’s grade and take advantage of the summer sales on school supplies! You are encouraged to bring your supplies to Meet the Teacher Night on August 4, but may also bring them on the first day of school. If you need financial assistance with school supplies, including new backpacks for your children, please contact the main office for assistance at (602) 237-9110. **We are happy to help!**

LAVEEN SPIRIT WEAR

Visit laveenspiritwear.com for all your spirit wear needs! We have some great new designs available for the 2022-23 school year. Remember, all students are welcome to wear spirit wear to school each week on “Spirit Wear Friday!” Order spirit wear now and be ready for the start of the year! Show your school spirit! **Free Shipping Now Through August 12!**



MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT



“What’s Your Superpower?” That is the 2022-23 schoolwide theme at Laveen Elementary School! On **Thursday, August 4**, students and their families will have the opportunity to meet our amazing staff of real superheroes! Your family may drop-in between **5:00PM and 7:00PM** to collect important information for the new school year and receive teacher assignments. Our teacher superheroes will have their classrooms open to meet you! **All families should report directly to the gym upon arrival.** See you there!

SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION

If you plan to have your child(ren) ride a school bus to or from Laveen Elementary, please register them for a school bus route. [Please complete this form](#) prior to the start of school to ensure a bus route is assigned by the first day of school. Would you like to know where the bus stops are? Our school’s [bus routes can be found here](#). **Do you have questions regarding transportation?** Please call them at (602) 237-9107 or send them an [email](#). **Thank you!**



READ, READ, & READ!

Reading at home has many benefits for your child. (So does reading to them if they haven’t started reading on their own yet.) About 15 to 20 minutes of reading (or reading to them) at home at least three days a week is a good place to begin. If you need books to add to your own home libraries, please let us know and we will gladly send some home with your child. **Thank you for your continued support of your child’s education.**

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS (PBIS)

We are excited to announce that our school uses PBIS Rewards to help us with our PBIS program. At Laveen Elementary, we are **Safe, Organized, Accountable, and Respectful (SOAR)**. PBIS Rewards is a technology-based PBIS Management System that helps us with our behavior incentive program. You can learn about PBIS Rewards on their website (www.pbisrewards.com).



Our students can earn rewards throughout the day by meeting our behavior expectations. These rewards are in the form of electronic points also known as "Hawk Coins." They can redeem these points for privileges, tangible items, access to events, and other similar things. Our expectation is that we will see all students SOARing throughout the school!

PBIS Rewards has a Parent App that will give you some insight into how your child is doing with respect to our PBIS program. The Parent App will run on most smart devices, including smartphones and tablets. You can find it in the iPhone/iPad App Store, Google Play, and the Amazon App Store. Just search for "PBIS Rewards Parent". In the not too distant future, you will receive a personalized letter with a QR code which will give you access to your child's PBIS Rewards account.

LAVEEN S.O.A.R.

Safe
Organized
Accountable
Respectful



We encourage you to talk with your child/children about what they can do to be Safe, Organized, Accountable, and Respectful at school and at home. Let's have an awesome 2022-23 school year collaborating together!

COUNSELING SERVICES

Laveen Elementary is a mindful school. Mindfulness practices help to enable effective responses that improve attention, learning, resilience, emotional regulation, empathy, and conflict resolution skills. We are so excited to welcome back all of our students and work on these skills and strategies, so that our students can become more capable, self-aware, and be the best version of themselves!

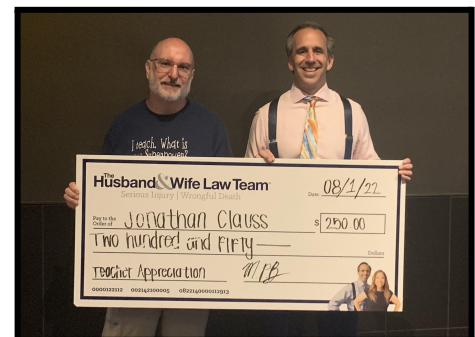
Best wishes from your counselors, [Monica Romero](#) & [Anthony Murray](#).



CONGRATULATIONS, MR. JONATHAN!

Phoenix personal injury attorneys Mark and Alexis Breyer, of The Husband & Wife Law Team, have selected **Jonathan Clauss, preschool teacher**, as their "Educator of the Month" for going above and beyond the call of duty and making sure that Laveen's Little Hawks get the best education possible.

Mr. Jonathan was recognized with a cash award in front of the entire staff on our first day back, August 1st! **Congratulations, Mr, Jonathan!**



WELCOME TO LAVEEN ELEMENTARY!

We are excited to welcome some great new teachers to the Laveen family! We hire the best teachers and staff to support our students and these new Laveen Hawks are ready to welcome students to the new school year!



(Back Row, Left to Right) James Carrethers, 4th Grade; David Morrison, Band; Beatriz Gonzalez, Kindergarten; Jennifer Veney, Special Education; Christian Villa, 7th & 8th Grade Social Studies.

(Front Row, Left to Right) Anthony Murray, Counselor; Jessica Krantz, Special Education; Jessica Bornhorst, 2nd Grade; Rachel Ruiz-Rivera, 5th Grade; Salma Sapien, ELA Interventionist.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please review the Laveen School District's uniform policy with your child(ren).

Shirts/Tops: Short-sleeves or long-sleeves in solid white, navy blue or light blue. Polo-style, blouses, or button down with collars. No logos. No t-shirts.

Pants/Skirts/Bottoms: Pants or shorts in solid black, navy blue or khaki. Dresses, jumpers, or skirts in solid black, navy blue or khaki. No jeans. No sweatpants. No leggings.

Outerwear/Jackets: Jackets, sweatshirts or sweaters in solid navy blue, white, gray, or light blue. Outerwear must be worn over an approved uniform shirt.

IDs & Lanyards

School-issued IDs and lanyards are considered part of the required school uniform and must be worn daily.

