

# THE HAWK

**PARENT NEWSLETTER OF LAVEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • OCTOBER, 2022**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

## **What is a tax credit donation and why are they important to Laveen Elementary School?**

State law allows Arizonans to contribute money to public schools for extracurricular activities and then deduct that amount directly from their state income taxes through a tax credit. At Laveen, tax credit donations help us fund our many after-school enrichment programs, tutoring, music programs, the school garden and field trips (just to name a few!)

Through the Arizona tax credit program (ARS 43-1089.01), taxpayers can donate up to \$200 to help fund extracurricular activities and **receive every dollar back** in the form of a tax credit. Taxpayers can contribute up to \$200 for an individual and \$400 for a married couple.

For example, if a single person owes \$300 on their annual state taxes and donates \$200 to Laveen, they will only owe the state \$100. If a single person owes \$100 on their annual state taxes and donates the maximum amount of \$200, they will owe nothing on their taxes and can use the remaining \$100 to offset future taxes or **increase their refund**.

**The end of the calendar year (right now) is a great time to make your 2022 tax credit donation to Laveen Elementary School** because you will be filing your 2022 taxes in just a few months and will receive your tax credit sooner. *Waiting until the end of the calendar year has its advantages!*

If you have not made a 2022 tax credit yet, please consider making your donation now. **Please select Laveen Elementary School** and if you don't have a program in mind, **please select "Area of Greatest Need."**

To make your tax credit donation, you can:

1. Drop off a check for \$200 (single) or \$400 (couple) in our office and we'll help you complete the form.
2. [Donate online here](#). Please remember to select "Laveen Elementary School" and "Greatest Need."

If you have any questions about the Arizona Tax Credit program, do not hesitate to contact us.

With gratitude,

*Dr. Robert Caplinger, Principal*





# Tax Credit Donations

Support our School Activities and Make a Difference!

## The Kids Thank You

### 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

<b>Oct 3 - 18</b>	Gently Used Costume Donations	<b>October 20</b>	Classified Job Fair (4:00PM - LEC)
<b>October 4</b>	Governing Board Meeting (5:30PM)	<b>October 21</b>	School Picture Make-up Day
<b>October 6</b>	Early Release/\$1.00 Dress Down	<b>October 21</b>	Student Council Election Day
<b>October 6</b>	MOD Pizza Family Event (All Day)	<b>October 21</b>	BOO FEST! (4:30PM - 7:00PM)
<b>October 6-7</b>	Parent Conferences	<b>October 25</b>	Cookie Dough Pick-up Day
<b>October 7</b>	Early Release & \$1.00 Dress Down	<b>October 26</b>	PreK Pumpkin Patch (5:30PM)
<b>Oct 10 - 14</b>	Fall Break - No School	<b>October 28</b>	2nd Grade “Books & Breakfast”
<b>October 19</b>	Early Release/\$1.00 Dress Down	<b>Oct 31 - Nov 4</b>	Spirit Week! (PreK-8)

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

### GENTLY USED COSTUME DRIVE

Our community service club is holding a children’s costume drive! This is an opportunity to donate some gently used costumes that your children have outgrown to families with younger children. Costumes may be dropped off in the main office from October 3-18. Families can “shop” the donated costumes October 19-20. **Please watch your emails for additional information** or contact Angelica Sanchez at [asanchez2@laveeneld.org](mailto:asanchez2@laveeneld.org).



## 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!**

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## LAVEEN SPIRIT WEAR

Visit [laveenspiritwear.com](http://laveenspiritwear.com) for all your spirit wear needs! We have some great new designs available for the 2022-23 school year. Remember, students are welcome to wear spirit wear to school each week on "Spirit Wear Friday!" Show your school spirit! **Order your school spirit wear NOW for the holidays!**



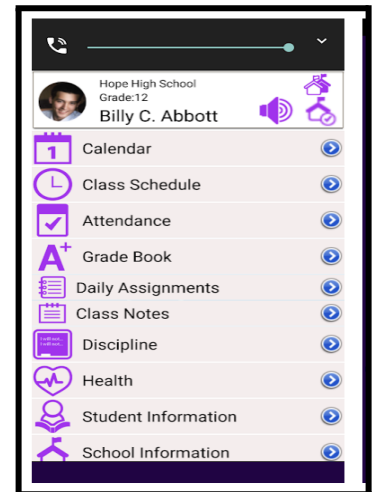
## PARENTVUE WEBSITE AND PHONE APP

It's midterm progress report season and ParentVUE is a wonderful tool to monitor your child's education. ParentVUE is a website that offers secure, private access to school information, including assignments, grades, progress reports, attendance, school calendar, and teacher contact details. In ParentVUE, you can see the information for all of your students. The ParentVUE Mobile app uses the same user login as the web-based ParentVUE portal. If you need help accessing your child's gradebook, please contact our front office for assistance.

[Click here](#) to access ParentVUE on your computer.

**iPhone users:** Download the app from the [Apple App Store](#).

**Android users:** Download the app from [Google Play](#).



## LAVEEN FAMILY DAY AT MOD PIZZA

Please join us on **Thursday, October 6** at MOD PIZZA (7620 S. 59th Ave) for our Laveen Family Day!

**MOD PIZZA will donate 20% of all sales** (all day long) to Laveen Elementary School!

Simply **bring the flyer with you** (that your child brought home) or **order online at modpizza.com** (or the MOD app) and **enter our code: MODF11467**.



## COOKIE DOUGH PICK-UP DAY

If your child sold cookie dough, please mark your calendars! **Pick-up day is Tuesday, October 25** from **1:00PM - 5:00PM in the library**. Thank you for supporting our annual cookie dough fundraiser! Enjoy!

## BOO FEST CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

One of the best parts of our annual BOO FEST is the trick-or-treat candy! Once again this year, we are asking for candy donations! Students will receive **one free dress down pass for each candy donation**. Students or parents may drop-off their candy donation in the main office now through October 21! **Thank you for your support!**



## JOIN US AT THE BOOK FAIR!

At Laveen Elementary, "We read, read and READ!" Please join us for our annual **Book Fair** in the library from **October 31 - November 4 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM**. Parents are welcome to meet their children in the library and shop together, or you can send money to school with them to shop on their own. Parents can also set-up eWallets for their students or even shop online at: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/laveenelementaryschool>

# Books & Breakfast

## 2nd Grade

Friday October 28, 2022 • 9:00AM - 10:00AM

**Laveen Elementary School Cafeteria**  
Please Join Your Child for Breakfast  
Table Activities • Free Breakfast • Free Books  
*A Morning of Food, Family Fun & Reading!*

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

**Congratulations to our Students of the Month!** These students are nominated by their teachers based on outstanding academic achievement. Students receive a certificate and free ice cream from Laveen's very own, Scooptacular! Students and their families will also be invited to a special breakfast. **Congratulations, Hawks!**

STUDENT	TEACHER	STUDENT	TEACHER
Athena Corral	Jonathan Clauss (PreK)	Gael Moreno	James Carrethers (4)
Analicia Guzman	Jhovana Bugarin (PreK)	Ayden Saucedo	Sara Lofton (4)
Samuel Schneider	Mercedes Jeffrey (PreK)	Anthony Romero	Dominique Mariscal (4)
Axel Uveakovi Jean-Yves	Isabel Avila (K)	Elisa Nelson	Gabriel Duarte (5)
Nasia Harkness	Jeannette Craig (K)	Grace Fox	Rachel Ruiz-Rivera (5)
Mia Acosta	Janina Perez (K)	Ava Boggs	Jessica Suri (5)
Salma Salceda	Jessica Krantz (SC)	Andrew Lopez Melendrez	Deanna Bleyl (6)
Mabil Mabil	Mary Turner (SC)	Essined Guevara	Jessica Lozano (6)
Cedric Mugwiza	Jennifer Veney (SC)	Benjamin Najera	Logan Wasie (6)
Adalyn Ventura	Sabrina Wyda (SC)	Leila Chayrez	Alicia Harp (7)
Luis Martinez	Sylvia Ramirez (1)	Isabella Pena	Cynthia Salinas (7)
Kamilio Mack	Gabriela Rocha (1)	Victor Castorena	Christian Villa (7/8)
Parker Gatewood	Michelle Shields (1)	Isabella Pena	Ken Cline (7/8)
Aubree Martinez	Joia Westwood (1)	Danny Villarreal	Stephanie Lara (8)
Adrian West	Jessica Bornhorst (2)	Christiana Escobedo	Adrian Ruiz (8)
Isabela Villagomez	Sarai Covarrubias (2)	Laila Garcia-Hernandez	Alyssa Morrison (Music)
Rylan Cole Panes	Joy Oliva (2)	Cheyenne Looper	David Morrison (Band)
Marshawn Washington	Tiffany Lorona (3)	Benjamin Najera	Andrea Smith (Art)
John Alvarado	Michele Malone (3)	Taliyah Bush	Luke Smith (PE/STEM)
Arthur Valdez	Anthony Ramirez (3)	Jaxsen Jimenez	David Wulff (PE/Health)
Phat Nguyen	Melody Smith (3)	Reyna Hernandez	Leah Hall (6-8)
Adilen Galindo	Ashleigh Justice (K-3)	Alexander Avila Nino	Monica Gallo (3-5)

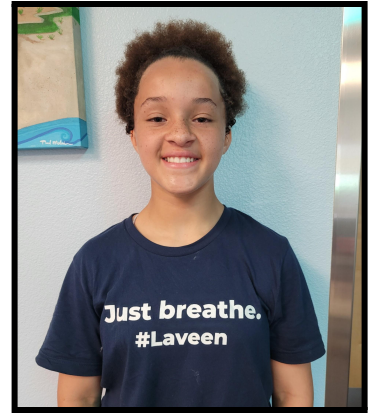
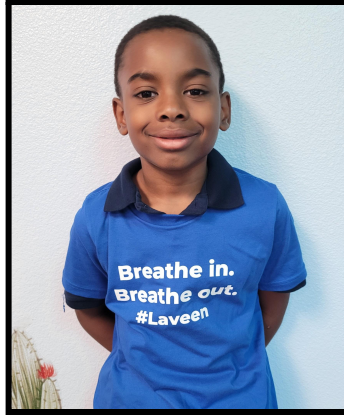
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## BREATHING BUDDIES & MINDFUL MENTORS

At Laveen Elementary School we practice “breathing” as part of our mindful school initiatives. Taking the time to breathe slowly helps us relax, focus and deal with stress in a better way. We are pleased to announce our 2022-23 Breathing Buddies (lower grades) and Mindful Mentors (upper grades). These mindful students lead classrooms in breathing exercises and complete trainings provided by our mindfulness coordinator, Ms. Jackie.

*Congratulations to:*

<b>Yusra Abdulalim</b>	<b>Jairee Johnson</b>
<b>Estrella Aniceto</b>	<b>Audrey Nelson</b>
<b>Sa'Rell Cheatham</b>	<b>Steven Newsome</b>
<b>Gianna Dumas Perez</b>	<b>Amber Parr</b>
<b>Kingston Greer-Kendrick</b>	<b>Damoni Terry</b>
<b>Jaxsen Jimenez</b>	<b>Marquia Williams</b>



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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MATH ALL-STARS!

Dr. Jeff Sprout, Laveen School District Superintendent, met with all 3rd and 4th graders regarding his new club, “Math All-Stars!” In this club, our 3rd and 4th grade students will complete at-home math acceleration assignments to earn prizes and advance learning.

Students that completed the permission slip were given a Chromebook to take home for the remainder of the year! These all-star math students will begin their at-home practice on Monday, October 3! **Thank you, Dr. Sprout!**



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## LAVEEN FAMILY NIGHT

**Thank you to the 300+ families that attended our Family Night on September 22!**

We gave away over 2,000 free reading books and students participated in a variety of fun table activities. Parents learned about curriculum, assessments and explored take-home resources to support reading, math, science and social studies. We also sold almost 100 yearbooks!

Thank you to our amazing teachers for all they do! We have the best around! **Go, hawks!**



## 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](https://frysfood.com/i/community/community-rewards). **Thank you!**

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# Spirit Week

## Laveen Elementary School

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**Monday, October 31**

MOVIE OR BOOK CHARACTER DAY!



**Tuesday, November 1**

TEAM COLOR DAY!

PREK & SELF-CONT:	BLUE	KINDERGARTEN:	RED
FIRST GRADE:	GRAY	SECOND GRADE:	YELLOW
THIRD GRADE:	BLACK	FOURTH GRADE:	ORANGE
FIFTH GRADE:	PURPLE	SIXTH GRADE:	GREEN
SEVENTH GRADE:	MAROON & GOLD - ASU	EIGHTH GRADE:	NAVY & GOLD - NAU

**Wednesday, November 2**

FREE DRESS DOWN DAY!

**Thursday, November 3**

PAJAMA DAY!

**Friday, November 4**

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM DAY!

