

THE HAWK

PARENT NEWSLETTER OF LAVEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • SEPTEMBER, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Laveen is committed to the personal and academic wellness of each of its students. In response to the great work our middle-level teachers have done over the past couple years to strengthen our middle grades, we have added “advisory” to our 5th-8th grade schedules this year. Advisory programs are designed to create a strong support system that students need to develop academically, socially, and emotionally.

By leveraging a robust 5th - 8th grade advisory program within a student-centered class schedule, students are more engaged, supported, and have every opportunity to thrive on campus.

Advisory programs are a way to strengthen connectedness at the middle level (grades 5-8). At Laveen, our advisory program is a morning homeroom class in which a teacher from the same or another grade level meets with a group of students to provide academic and social-emotional mentorship and support, to create personalization within the school, and to facilitate a small peer community of learners.

Advisory is a safe place in which students form close relationships with other students and a trusted adult.

- They celebrate and promote an understanding of themselves and each other.
- They discuss and analyze themes related to personal experiences and the world around them.
- They utilize restorative practices to nurture positive relationships and resolve conflicts.

Advisory is an empowering place in which students take ownership of their learning and plan for success.

- They monitor their own attendance, academic progress, goals and time management strategies.
- They identify, utilize and advocate for resources that support academic and social-emotional goals.
- They translate ideas, concerns, and findings into individual or collaborative actions to benefit their families, the school and/or the greater community.

Ask your child what they did in advisory today!

With continued gratitude for your support,

Dr. Robert Caplinger, Principal



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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

September 2	K-3 AimsWeb Assessments End	September 22	Family Night! (5:00PM - 6:30PM)
September 5	Labor Day - No School	September 26	Cookie Dough Sale Ends!
September 8	K-8 School Picture Day	September 28	Early Release Day (12:30PM)
September 9	PreK & SpEd School Picture Day	September 28	\$1.00 Dress Down Day
September 12	Cookie Dough Sale Begins!	October 3-4	Parent Conferences
September 14	Early Release Day (12:30PM)	October 10-14	Fall Break - No School
September 14	\$1.00 Dress Down Day	October 21	Boo Fest! (4:30PM- 7:00PM)
September 14	Q1 Progress Reports	October 25	Cookie Dough Delivery Day!

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!**

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!" Show your school spirit! **Order now for the holidays!**



VIRTUAL JOB SHADOWS IN GRADES 3-8

Our counseling department is pleased to introduce "[Virtual Job Shadow](#)" as a new career and college readiness program that will empower students in grades 3-8 to discover, plan and pursue their dreams within a unique video-based career planning platform. This new program has interactive tools to help students develop career paths based on interests and skills.



Our counselors will use this program to **encourage our students to take control of their futures** by planning for careers today, as well as engage them in the process of exploring different careers with multimedia lessons. This new program will take career exploration to a whole new level by connecting our standards-based instruction to the real world. Our counselors look forward to introducing students to this new platform throughout the month of September.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAYS

Please note these [new] dates for school pictures: **Thursday, September 8 (K-8) and Friday, September 9 (PreK & SpEd)**. Jostens Pix is ready to provide us with an outstanding picture day experience! Please watch your emails three days before picture day for details on how to order. Students are welcome to dress out of uniform on picture days. **Remember, do not wear green!** Thank you!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

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

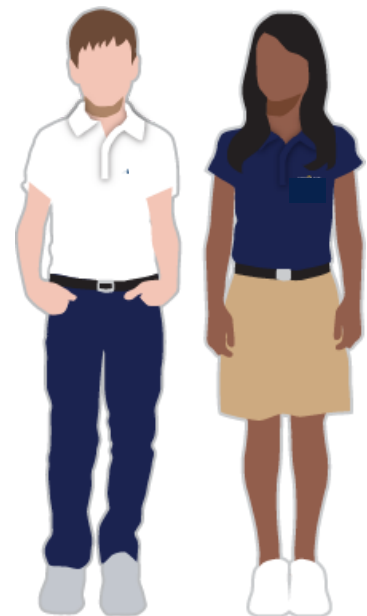
Shirts/Tops: Short-sleeves or long-sleeves in solid white, navy blue or light blue. Polo-style, blouses, or button down with collars. No logos. No t-shirts.

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.



COOKIE DOUGH SALE

It is cookie dough time again! Our annual cookie sale kicks off on **Monday, September 12**. Students will bring home catalogs and order forms. Please ask for them!

The sale ends on **Monday, September 26**. Cookie dough delivery is **Tuesday, October 25**. Thank you for supporting our very delicious school wide fundraiser!



FAMILY NIGHT

Please join us on Thursday, September 22 in the gym for our K-8 Family Night!



Take Home Free Books & Resources!

Review ELA, Math, Science & Social Studies Curriculum

Learn About School, District & State Assessments

Explore Art, S.T.E.M., Music, Band, Health & P.E.

Reserve a 2022-23 School Yearbook at a Special Price

Get Expansion Updates on the School Garden

View After-school Tutoring & Enrichment Offerings

Discover Parent Involvement Opportunities

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! **Congratulations, Hawks!**

STUDENT	TEACHER	STUDENT	TEACHER
Adriel Ramirez-Bejarano	Jonathan Clauss (PreK)	Hossana Sanchez	James Carrethers (4)
Legend Wilson	Jhovana Bugarin (PreK)	Darielle Morgan	Sara Lofton (4)
Adriel Medina	Mercedes Jeffrey (PreK)	Camila Santana Villa	Dominique Mariscal (4)
Mila Scadden	Isabel Avila (K)	Xavier Raymundo	Gabriel Duarte (5)
Michael Cardenas	Jeannette Craig (K)	Perla Antillon Padron	Rachel Ruiz-Rivera (5)
Caleb Andrew	Janina Perez (K)	Robert Mouch	Jessica Suri (5)
Terrance Mason	Jessica Krantz (SC)	Ruby Ramirez	Deanna Bleyl (6)
Jalen So	Mary Turner (SC)	Golda Nguyen	Jessica Lozano (6)
James Carrillo	Jennifer Veney (SC)	Amaya Samaniego	Logan Wasie (6)
Paloma Sainz	Sabrina Wyda (SC)	Abriana Romero	Alicia Harp (7)
Jessica Mbaju	Sylvia Ramirez (1)	Valeria Ruano Castillon	Cynthia Salinas (7)
Vincent Valdez	Gabriela Rocha (1)	Maria Lopez	Christian Villa (7/8)
Jocelyn Ventura	Michelle Shields (1)	Estrella Aniceto	Ken Cline (7/8)
Learah Johnson	Joia Westwood (1)	Fernanda Herrera-Lopez	Stephanie Lara (8)
Arianna Smith	Jessica Bornhorst (2)	Aiden Valdez	Adrian Ruiz (8)
Damian Sanchez	Sarai Covarrubias (2)	Cynthia Martinez Hernandez	Alyssa Morrison (Music)
Lily Clarke	Joy Oliva (2)	Tevin Stewart	David Morrison (Band)
Yasmeen Hafez	Tiffany Lorona (3)	Liliana Barraza Garcia	Andrea Smith (Art)
Isabella Narvaez	Michele Malone (3)	Elle Roberts	Luke Smith (PE/STEM)
Giancarlo Perez	Anthony Ramirez (3)	Raelyn Mendoza	David Wulff (PE/Health)
Story Delgado	Melody Smith (3)	Sa'Rell Cheatham	Leah Hall (6-8)
Carter Hockett	Ashleigh Justice (K-3)	Demetrius Woods	Monica Gallo (3-5)

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WELL DONE, MR. CLAUSS!



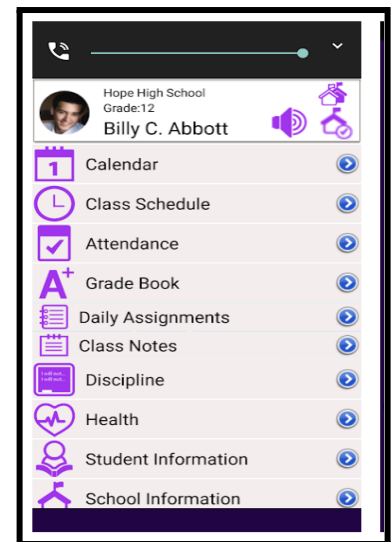
PARENTVUE WEBSITE AND PHONE APP

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](#).



THE IMPORTANCE OF READING AT HOME

Reading at home has many benefits for your child. (So does reading to them if they haven't started reading on their own yet.) Here are just a few ways that students that read books at home will become stronger students:

1. Reading builds vocabulary.
2. Reading stimulates the brain.
3. Reading increases knowledge.
4. Reading strengthens concentration.
5. Reading relieves stress and anxiety.
6. Reading helps kids sleep better.

For most students, 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 home libraries, please let me know and I will gladly send some home with your child. **Thank you for your continued support of your child's education.**

