

THE HAWK

PARENT NEWSLETTER OF LAVEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • NOVEMBER, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week, we received our accountability label from the Arizona Department of Education and I am very proud to announce that **Laveen Elementary School was given an “A” rating!**

This rating is based on our students’ performance on the state assessment last spring. This test measures students’ proficiency and growth over the course of the year in the core subject areas. I hope you are as proud of this accomplishment as I am as we truly could not have done this without your support. **Thank you!**

As we continue to work each day to provide every child with a meaningful and individualized approach to their learning and development, I want to remind you how important it is to create the conditions in your homes for kids to read independently.

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.**

With gratitude,

Dr. Robert Caplinger, Principal



DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

A huge **congratulations** to our Laveen Elementary **boys basketball team** and **softball team** for winning their ways to **two district championships!** We are so proud of our talented Laveen athletes! They all worked hard day after day to improve skills, practice teamwork and show all the other schools that Laveen Hawks are leaders on the court and the field. **A special thanks** to our basketball coaches Anthony Murray and Michael Hall and our softball coaches Anthony Ramirez and Logan Wasie for the many hours of being role models and leaders. **Go Hawks! We are so proud of you all!**



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>



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 team 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](#).

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 7	Special Olympics Bowling Competition	Nov 30	Early Release & \$1.00 Dress Down
Nov 9	Early Release & \$1.00 Dress Down	Dec 2	5th Grade Field Trip to CGCC
Nov 9	Governing Board Meeting (5:30PM)	Dec 7	Booster Club Meeting (10:00AM)
Nov 11	Veterans Day - No School	Dec 9	6th Grade Field Trip to CGCC
Nov 12	Garden Work Day - (7:00AM)	Dec 9	SpEd Cookies with Santa Event
Nov 14	Bus Evacuation Drills - All Grades	Dec 14	Early Release & \$1.00 Dress Down
Nov 16	Q2 Progress Reports	Dec 16	Books & Breakfast - Kindergarten
Nov 18	Books & Breakfast - 1st Grade	Dec 19-21	Holiday Gift Shop Open
Nov 23-25	Thanksgiving Break - No School	Dec 23	Winter Break Begins - No School

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



Books & Breakfast

1st Grade

Friday November 18, 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!

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, students are welcome to wear spirit wear to school each week on "Spirit Wear Friday!" Show your Laveen school spirit! **Order your school spirit wear NOW for the holidays!**



STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED

Congratulations to our newly-elected officers of the Laveen Elementary Student Council. Under the advisement of Logan Wasie, this group will begin the restructuring of our student leadership program after a couple years of absence due to distance learning. Students interested in joining the student council (e.g., committee work), should contact Mr. Wasie for more information. Thank you to everyone that ran for office! **Let's go, Hawks!**



(Left to Right): Essined Guevara, Treasurer; Vielle Alfonso, School Spirit Director; Mekhi Hodge, Vice President; Sadie Romero, President; and Corina Leyvas, Secretary

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

YOUR VOTE
Counts

LAVEEN RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

This past week, Dr. Robert Caplinger, Principal; Laura Erke, Instructional Coach; Jessica Lozano, 6th Grade ELA Teacher and Alicia Wright-Harp, 7th Grade ELA Teacher traveled to Orlando, Florida to attend the national conference of the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE). During the conference, Laveen Elementary was recognized as a **2022 AMLE School of Distinction**.

This award was earned for the extensive work our middle level teachers (i.e., grades 5-8) have done to restructure our intervention programs and elective course offerings, and to implement an advisory program that best meets the needs of all our middle school students. This team accepted the award on behalf of all teachers and staff. **Great job, team Laveen! Way to go, Hawks!**



GIFTED NEWS

Did you know that a gifted student's brain grows at different rates? When the social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and creative aspects of a person develop on a trajectory that is outside of norms, and at an uneven rate, it is described as asynchronous development (NAGC.org). This asynchronous development can lead to conflicting and confusing behaviors and abilities in our students. A kindergartener may be able to read at a 4th grade level and hold mature conversations with older peers, but may struggle with on-level math work. The NAGC has a [parent tip sheet](#) that goes more in depth about this aspect of our gifted students. On the tip sheet are some suggestions of ways to support your student through this asynchronous development, including to read books with exceptional characters in them. Below are two book lists of such books and characters. *(Please note: I have not read all of these books - they are merely suggestions and not recommended or required.)* [Book List](#) [Book List 2](#) [I'm here to help you!](#) –[Faye Uttech](#), Gifted Instructional Coach



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. **Thank you for your support of Laveen Elementary!**



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
Daylan Dillard	Jonathan Clauss (PreK)	Mia Minjarez	James Carrethers (4)
Carter Rodriguez	Jhovana Bugarin (PreK)	Janexia Lara Espino	Sara Lofton (4)
Riley Hockett	Mercedes Jeffrey (PreK)	Rori Fox	Dominique Mariscal (4)
Cesar Quintana Felix	Isabel Avila (K)	Nathaniel Sabala	Gabriel Duarte (5)
Lucio Poland Martinez	Jeannette Craig (K)	Victor Cienfuegos	Rachel Ruiz-Rivera (5)
Kyrie Gooden	Janina Perez (K)	Joseph Ramirez Espinoza	Jessica Suri (5)
Makhi Raimo	Jessica Krantz (SC)	Josue Aguilar	Deanna Bleyl (6)
Kimberly Cruz-Ochoa	Mary Turner (SC)	Ashley Ambriz Lopez	Jessica Lozano (6)
Sofia Mateo Flores	Jennifer Veney (SC)	Shadia Mbaju	Logan Wasie (6)
Hope Hobbs	Sabrina Wyda (SC)	Kieran Pablo	Alicia Harp (7)
Abbigale Romero	Sylvia Ramirez (1)	Luis Gomez-Perez	Cynthia Salinas (7)
Lorenzo Mendoza	Gabriela Rocha (1)	Francesca Morgia	Christian Villa (7/8)
Darrell Pablo	Michelle Shields (1)	Elizabeth Meza	Ken Cline (7/8)
Lanaya Gilliams	Joia Westwood (1)	Noah Gonzalez	Stephanie Lara (8)
Ellie Galarsa	Jessica Bornhorst (2)	Heaven Pablo-Stevens	Adrian Ruiz (8)
Ja'lynn Rogers	Sarai Covarrubias (2)	Suami Aguilar Estrada	Alyssa Morrison (Music)
Zariah Scadden	Joy Oliva (2)	Essined Guevara	David Morrison (Band)
Mason Hockett	Tiffany Lorona (3)	Ariel Johnson	Andrea Smith (Art)
Tatianna Sullivan	Michele Malone (3)	Keyly Barbeytia	Luke Smith (PE/STEM)
Christopher Espinoza	Anthony Ramirez (3)	Kaydence DePriest	David Wulff (PE/Health)
Alexander Regnier	Melody Smith (3)	Juan Sepulveda Gonzalez	Leah Hall (6-8)
Joshua Munoz	Ashleigh Justice (K-3)	Marcus Washington	Monica Gallo (3-5)

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