

# THE HAWK

**PARENT NEWSLETTER OF LAVEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • APRIL, 2023**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of all of our students, teachers and staff, **thank you** for generously supporting this year's Ohana Run!

**I am pleased to announce that we met our \$20,000 fundraising goal.** This will help fund our Booster Club for the next year, allowing them to support promotion ceremonies, field trips, teacher wish lists, and many staff appreciation events throughout the year. **We could not have done it without you!**

Students had a great time on Friday and the weather was perfect. Thank you to all the parents that came out to support our runners! They looked great in their new shirts! Students can wear their navy blue Ohana Run '23 t-shirts any day for the rest of the year as part of their uniform. **A big shout out once again to our sponsors:**

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With gratitude, *Dr. Robert Caplinger*, Principal



## STATE TESTING CALENDAR

We are happy to share our state testing calendar again. It is important that all students are at school on time during testing with a positive, "I got this!" attitude. Thank you for your support of state testing this month!

# ARIZONA'S ACADEMIC STANDARDS ASSESSMENTS (AASA & AzSCI)

**Laveen students are at school, on-time and prepared!**

Tuesday, April 4: AASA Writing (AM) - Grades 3 - 8

Wednesday, April 5: AzScience Part 1 (AM) - Grades 5 & 8

Thursday, April 6: AzScience Part 2 (AM) & Part 3 (PM) - Grades 5 & 8

Thursday, April 13: AASA Reading Fluency (AM & PM) - Grade 3

Friday, April 14: AASA Reading Fluency (AM & PM) - Grade 3

Monday, April 17: AASA Reading Part 1 (AM) - Grades 3 - 8

Tuesday, April 18: AASA Reading Part 2 (AM) - Grades 3 - 8

Wednesday, April 19: AASA Math Part 1 (AM) - Grades 3 - 8

Thursday, April 20: AASA Math Part 2 (AM) - Grades 3 - 8



**As a parent, please emphasize the importance of:**

1. Working hard each day to prepare for the assessment
2. Getting at least eight hours of sleep each night
3. Eating a healthy breakfast
4. Having a positive "I got this!" attitude
5. Practicing breathing skills when things get tough (Take five!)

## 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>

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## PARENTVUE WEBSITE AND PHONE APP

**ParentVUE is an easy 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. The ParentVUE Mobile app uses the same user login as the web-based ParentVUE portal. [Click here](#) to access ParentVUE on your computer. **iPhone users:** [Apple Store](#). **Android:** [Google Play](#).

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## 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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## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

|                 |                                       |                 |                                       |
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| <b>April 4</b>  | State Testing Begins!                 | <b>April 19</b> | Q4 Progress Reports Emailed Home      |
| <b>April 5</b>  | PreK Family Foam Night - 6:00PM       | <b>May 5</b>    | Student of Month Breakfast - 7:45AM   |
| <b>April 7</b>  | Student of Month Breakfast - 7:45AM   | <b>May 10</b>   | Early Release/\$1.00 Dress Down Day   |
| <b>April 12</b> | Early Release/\$1.00 Dress Down Day   | <b>May 11</b>   | Governing Board Meeting - 5:30PM      |
| <b>April 12</b> | Kinder “Cap & Gown” Pictures          | <b>May 16</b>   | District Science Fair at LEC - 5:00PM |
| <b>April 12</b> | 8th Grade “Dress to Impress” Pictures | <b>May 23</b>   | 8th Grade Promotion - 10:00AM         |
| <b>April 13</b> | Governing Board Meeting - 5:30PM      | <b>May 23</b>   | Kindergarten Promotion - 12:30PM      |

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

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## 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 need to do!

**Please visit:** [frysfood.com/i/community/community-rewards](https://frysfood.com/i/community/community-rewards)



## 8TH GRADE PROMOTION INFORMATION

We are very proud to celebrate our 8th grade students as they are promoted to high school! We are planning two very special events to honor their hard work at Laveen.

**8th Grade Trip.** All 8th grade students will join their teachers for a fun trip (location TBD) on Friday, May 19. Our Booster Club will help cover the costs of this trip. More details and permission slips are coming soon!

**8th Grade Promotion Ceremony.** Please join us on Tuesday, May 23 at 10:00AM for a promotion ceremony in our gym. Students will receive their promotion certificates and we will also be presenting some special achievement awards and announcing high school scholarship recipients. Refreshments will follow the ceremony. **Each student will receive tickets for five (5) guests.** Tickets may be picked-up by a parent in our main office starting on Monday, May 8. Questions? Please call us at (602) 237-9110. We will try to accommodate special requests. **Congratulations, 8th Grade Class of 2023!**

**8th Grade “Dress to Impress” Portraits.** All 8th grade students will have a special portrait taken on Wednesday, April 12. Students should dress up on this day! Portraits will be presented in a special folder on promotion day with their promotion certificates. *There are no make-ups for this special picture day!*

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## KINDERGARTEN PROMOTION INFORMATION

We are also very proud to celebrate our kindergarteners as they are promoted to first grade!

**Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony.** Please join us on Tuesday, May 23 at 12:30PM for a promotion ceremony in our gym. Students will perform with their classmates and walk across the stage to receive their promotion certificates. Refreshments will follow the ceremony. **Each student will receive tickets for five (5) guests.** Tickets may be picked-up by a parent in our main office starting on Monday, May 8. Questions? Please call us at (602) 237-9110. We will try to accommodate special requests. **Congratulations, Kindergarten Class of 2023!**

**Kindergarten “Cap and Gown” Portraits.** All kindergarten students will have a special portrait taken in a cap and gown on Wednesday, April 12. Portraits will be presented in a special folder on promotion day with their promotion certificates. *There are no make-ups for this special picture day!*

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## PRESCHOOL PROMOTION CEREMONIES

Each classroom will host their own event and details will be delivered to parents by the classroom teachers. **Congratulations, Preschool Class of 2023!** Welcome to kindergarten!



## KINDER & 8TH GRADE PROMOTION PICTURES

# Picture Day is Coming

Order your school pictures today  
on [mylifetouch.com](https://mylifetouch.com)

4-12-2023: Kindergarten in Cap & Gown - 8th Grade Dress to Impress  
Laveen Elementary School - KDG & 8th Grade



### What to Expect:

- ① Visit [mylifetouch.com](https://mylifetouch.com)
- ② Enter your Picture Day ID  
**EVTCTBX3D**
- ③ Order your perfect package—and don't worry about returning anything on Picture Day!

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**REWARDS**

Earn exclusive offers for your  
online picture purchases.

## CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Each year the Laveen Elementary School District recognizes one classified employee from each school as the "Exceptional Service Award" recipient. Laveen Elementary is proud to announce that **Michael Hall** was our 2023 award winner. Mr. Michael goes above and beyond for students and staff each day as one of our guest teachers. We were excited to honor him at the March Governing Board Meeting with his friends and family!



## 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!**

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Carson Marquez</b>          | Jonathan Clauss (PreK)  | <b>Rosemary Garcia</b>       | James Carrethers (4)    |
| <b>Benjamin Tucker</b>         | Jhovana Bugarin (PreK)  | <b>Ducphat Nguyen</b>        | Sara Lofton (4)         |
| <b>Julian Banuelos</b>         | Mercedes Jeffrey (PreK) | <b>Arianna Satcherwhite</b>  | Dominique Mariscal (4)  |
| <b>Julian Zepeda</b>           | Isabel Avila (K)        | <b>Devin Carabez</b>         | Gabriel Duarte (5)      |
| <b>Neymar Melgar Perez</b>     | Jeannette Craig (K)     | <b>Kassandra Robles</b>      | Rachel Ruiz-Rivera (5)  |
| <b>Yaj'Ziid Rivera-Murillo</b> | Janina Perez (K)        | <b>Toryn Wilson</b>          | Jessica Suri (5)        |
| <b>Nicolas Figueroa</b>        | Jessica Krantz (SC)     | <b>Avery Minjarez</b>        | Deanna Bleyl (6)        |
| <b>Luke Matthews</b>           | Mary Turner (SC)        | <b>Sergio Navarette</b>      | Jessica Lozano (6)      |
| <b>James Carrillo</b>          | Jennifer Veney (SC)     | <b>Kenzee Shiflet</b>        | Logan Wasie (6)         |
| <b>Angelina Perez</b>          | Sabrina Wyda (SC)       | <b>Xavier Robles</b>         | Alicia Harp (7)         |
| <b>Serenity Chavez</b>         | Sylvia Ramirez (1)      | <b>Annette Sabala</b>        | Cynthia Salinas (7)     |
| <b>Aiden Ramos</b>             | Gabriela Rocha (1)      | <b>Joaquin Ruiz</b>          | Christian Villa (7/8)   |
| <b>Dennis Garcia</b>           | Michelle Shields (1)    | <b>Londen Urban</b>          | Ken Cline (7/8)         |
| <b>Noah Rodriguez</b>          | Joia Westwood (1)       | <b>An Nguyen</b>             | Stephanie Lara (8)      |
| <b>James Garcia</b>            | Jessica Bornhorst (2)   | <b>Priscilla Ramirez</b>     | Adrian Ruiz (8)         |
| <b>Yadilani Flores</b>         | Sarai Covarrubias (2)   | <b>Kimberly Arellano</b>     | Alyssa Morrison (Music) |
| <b>Phoenix Smith</b>           | Joy Oliva (2)           | <b>Josue Aguilar</b>         | David Morrison (Band)   |
| <b>Levi Durazo</b>             | Tiffany Lorona (3)      | <b>Breiana-Joy Coleman</b>   | Andrea Smith (Art)      |
| <b>Carter Gatewood</b>         | Michele Malone (3)      | <b>Yareli Pelagio Rivera</b> | Luke Smith (PE/STEM)    |
| <b>Oliver West</b>             | Anthony Ramirez (3)     | <b>Cristian Zamora Leon</b>  | David Wulff (PE/Health) |
| <b>Dominic Tobias</b>          | Melody Smith (3)        | <b>Amber Parr</b>            | Leah Hall (6-8)         |
| <b>Gabriel Redondo</b>         | Ashleigh Justice (K-3)  | <b>Melanie Boggs</b>         | Monica Gallo (3-5)      |

***Congratulations, Hawks!***