

THE HAWK

FAMILY NEWSLETTER OF LAVEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • OCTOBER, 2023

Dear Families,

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 us know and we will gladly send some home with your child.

You may have heard your child talking about his or her "Lexile Measure." A Lexile Measure (L) represents a student's reading strength. The measure also represents a text's difficulty. To increase reading strength, a student should be reading at or slightly above his/her Lexile Measure.

Lexiles are measured during our district assessments. If you are curious what the Lexile Measure of a particular book is, you can look it up here: <https://hub.lexile.com/find-a-book/search>. This site can also help you find titles that support reading growth, based on your child's specific Lexile Measure.

Do you have questions about your child's Lexile Measure? Ask him or her... or [email](#) your child's ELA teacher.

Thank you for supporting reading at home each evening! Let's read, Hawks!

Dr. Robert Caplinger, Principal

Reading Makes You Stronger!

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>



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)** 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! **Thank you for your support!**

Please visit: frysfood.com/i/community/community-rewards



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

October 3	Cookie Dough Pick-up Day!	October 19	Bus Evacuation Drills
October 4	Governing Board Meets (5:30PM)	October 20	Boo Fest! 4:30PM - 7:30PM
October 5-6	Parent Conference Days	October 23-27	Book Fair in Library
October 5	Early Release/\$1.00 Dress Down	October 24	Peter Piper Pizza Night
October 6	Early Release/\$1.00 Dress Down	October 25	Early Release/\$1.00 Dress Down
October 6	Last Day of Quarter 1	October 27	2nd Grade “Books & Breakfast”
October 6	Student of the Month Breakfast	Oct 30 - Nov 3	Laveen Spirit Week!
October 9-13	Fall Break - No School	October 31	Halloween - Be Safe!

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

2023 ARIZONA CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT

Arizona allows taxpayers to dedicate dollars to education while reducing the amount you owe on your 2023 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](#).**



LAVEEN BOO FEST

We are excited to present our annual Boo Fest on Friday, October 20 from 4:30PM - 7:30PM. Students are welcome to wear costumes to the Boo Fest while they visit the many game booths, inflatable attractions and food vendors. Watch for Parent Square notifications regarding ticket sales and more event information!



BOO FEST



FRIDAY OCTOBER 20, 4:30PM - 7:30PM

- Game Booths ▪ Prizes ▪ Inflatables ▪ Community Vendors ▪
- Corn Dogs ▪ Tacos ▪ Sodas ▪ Cotton Candy ▪ Shaved Ice ▪
- Trick-or-Treat Candy ▪ Ballet Folklórico ▪ Face Painting ▪
- Students are Welcome to Wear Costumes to the Boo Fest! ▪

LAVEEN SPIRIT WEEK

October 30 - November 3, 2023

MONDAY

October 30

Crazy Sock Day

Kick-off the week with some crazy and colorful socks!

TUESDAY

October 31

Character Day

Dress like your favorite movie, TV or book character!

WEDNESDAY

November 1

Mismatch Day

Make sure your clothes don't match at all today!

THURSDAY

November 2

Throwback Thursday

Dress in the fashion of a previous decade 90s... 80s... 70s...

FRIDAY

November 3

Sports Day

Represent your favorite sports team today!

All Costumes Must be School Appropriate. No Masks That Cover Faces.

DRIVELINE PARENTS OF THE MONTH

We have some great parents at Laveen Elementary that **S.O.A.R.** right along with their kids! We are pleased to showcase some amazing Driveline parents that have earned a special "Golden Driveline Number" for being **Safe, Organized, Accountable and Respectful** during drop-off and pick-up. **Thank you for S.O.A.R-ing, parents!**



LANYARDS & STUDENT IDS

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 school bus, and check-out library books. Students are welcome to use any school-appropriate lanyard they would like. If students lose their ID, they will need to purchase a new ID for \$2.00 in the office. A new lanyard is \$1.00. Please call us with any questions or requests for assistance at (602) 237-9110.

UPCOMING BOOKS & BREAKFAST EVENTS

Each year we are excited to welcome parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts and uncles to campus for our K-2 Books & Breakfast events! You and your child will be treated to free breakfast, table activities and, of course, books to take home! The events take place on Fridays from 9:00AM - 10:00AM on the following dates: 2nd Grade, October 27; 1st Grade, November 17; and Kindergarten, December 15. **Mark your calendars!**



Books & Breakfast

2nd Grade

Friday October 27, 2023 • 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!

BOOK FAIR

We are excited to offer a Book Fair October 23 - 27 in the Laveen Library. Students will explore the Book Fair with their teachers and may shop at that time or return to the library to shop later. Parents can also purchase books online or provide funds electronically. Parents are also welcome to come to school and shop with their children. More information here: <https://efairs.literati.com/?school=laveen-elementary-school-laveen-az>



SUNS GROW TO GO CHALLENGE!

Each year our 3rd-8th grade students compete academically to win the opportunity to attend a Phoenix Suns game with their families. Winning classrooms are determined by measuring academic growth in reading and math, measured by the district's NWEA MAP assessments. The Block 1 classroom that demonstrates the most growth from Spring, 2023 - Winter, 2023 will win the challenge and watch the Suns vs. Wizards on 12/17.



Laveen's 2023

**SUNS
GROW
TO GO**

**M.A.P. Growth
Challenge!**



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
Blakely Speckhals	Jonathan Clauss (PreK)	Ruben Mendez Fornes	James Carrethers (4)
Leonel Rodriguez	Jhovana Bugarin (PreK)	Phat Nguyen	Dominique Mariscal (4)
Jimmy Gonzalez	Mercedes Jeffrey (PreK)	Gabriella Torres	Geraldine Rodriguez (4)
Maximilio Gomez	Jeannette Craig (K)	Lydia Benny	Christian Villa (4)
Riley Hockett	Isabel Hlebak (K)	Ariana Raymundo	Bernadette Carbajal (5)
London Bradley	Janina Perez (K)	Sidikie Koroma	Gabriel Duarte (5)
Rey Lopez	Jessica Krantz (SC)	Anthony Romero	Nick Plantz (5)
Bianco Pinnock	Mary Turner (SC)	Robbi Durazo	Deanna Bleyl (6)
Al Washington	Jennifer Veney (SC)	Kai Vonn	Jessica Lozano (6)
Hope Hobbs	Sabrina Wyda (SC)	Peyton Ruiz	Logan Wasie (6)
Damion Arbizu	Sarai Covarrubias (1)	Alayna Fulwilder	Brianne Capono (7)
Caleb Andrew	Sylvia Ramirez (1)	Vielle Marie Alfonso	Crystal Codner (7)
Phoenix Jackson	Michelle Shields (1)	Reyna Hernandez	Cynthia Salinas (7)
Parker Gatewood	Catalina Koller (2)	Isabella Pena	Ken Cline (8)
Serenity Chavez	Sara Lofton (2)	Carlos Leal	Erin Delaney (8)
Madilynn Romero	Gabriela Rocha (2)	Bianca Robledo Rios	Adrian Ruiz (8)
Jaytzanie Lara Espino	Joia Westwood (2)	Anabella Sanchez	Alyssa Morrison (Music)
Kenleigh Magley	Tiffany Lorona (3)	Perla Antillon	David Morrison (Band)
Arianna Smith	Michele Malone (3)	Ducphat Nguyen	Andrea Smith (Art)
Evelyn Ruiz Coronado	Melody Smith (3)	Khamani Dia	Luke Smith (PE/STEM)
James Garcia	Ashleigh Justice (K-3)	Ava Turner	David Wulff (PE)
Nylett Amaya Haros	Monica Gallo (3-5)	Esteban Romero	Peyton Farina (PE)
Alayna Fulwilder	Leah Hall (6-8)	Congratulations, Laveen Hawks!	

2023 LAVEEN LEGEND HONOREE

Each year, the Laveen School District honors one honoree from each school as a “Laveen Legend.” A Laveen Legend is a member of the community that supports the school over an extended period of time, giving of their time, efforts and resources. This year, Laveen Elementary School was proud to recognize **Mr. Pat Whelan** from Urban Farming Education as our school’s honoree. Pat has worked with our students and staff over the last several years to help plan, develop, install and sustain our school garden. Pat was recognized at an awards banquet on September 29 at the Laveen Education Center. **Thank you and congratulations, Pat!**



BUILDERS CLUB OF LAVEEN

Builders Club of Laveen Elementary, sponsored by the **Kiwanis Club of Phoenix**, has hit the ground running this year with community service. 24 students in grades 6-8 have committed to being active in the school, local and national communities by providing service. So far this year, they've done so many things, including:

- ⇒ sorting donated school supplies and Halloween costumes for distribution at Family Night
- ⇒ decorating lunch and snack bags with positive messages for homeless children throughout the state
- ⇒ organizing a room full of instructional materials for the school district’s Developmental Preschool classrooms
- ⇒ writing and decorating Christmas cards for military personnel serving overseas
- ⇒ packing donated school supplies into 35 donated backpacks for students in need



The Builders Club is just getting started and has a number of other events and service opportunities lined up. However, they’re always looking for more! If you have an idea of **HOW THEY CAN HELP**, please contact school club advisors, [Mr. Ruiz](#) or [Mr. Clauss](#) with your ideas! We're so proud of all our Builders Club students and their commitment to serving others! **Let’s go, Hawks!**



**GET YOUR
game on!**



**PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR
FUNPASS AT THE REGISTER**

Purchases at the kiosk are not
donated to the organization.



AND RAISE SOME DOUGH

15% of all food, beverage and funpass
game credit sales benefit

Laveen Elementary "School Spirit Night!" (wear your school colors)

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Time: 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Place: Peter Piper Pizza at
Laveen
5135 W. Baseline Road
Laveen 85339

CAN'T MAKE IT OR IN A HURRY?

You can still donate by ordering online or through the app.

1. Order at peterpiperpizza.com or through our app on the fundraiser date
2. Select the restaurant hosting the fundraiser
3. Enter the promo code **FRESHDOUGH** at checkout for donation contribution



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