



The District Dialogue

News from the Laveen School District

April 2023

Developmental Preschool Hosts Foam Party Family Event

Laveen's Developmental Preschool hosts monthly events for families to join their preschoolers in various activities. Most recently, families participated in a Foam Party.

Last month, the Arizona Science Center brought their Science on Wheels program to EFGA. Other events have included "Goldilocks" presented by the Great AZ Puppet Theater and a trip to the Phoenix Zoo. The last event of the school year will be a trip to Sea Life Aquarium.

EFGA Students Write to Pen Pals in Malawi

Students from Estrella Foothills Global Academy have found pen pals in the African country of Malawi.

Kim Rillero, program director of Urban Farming Education, developed a relationship with the school during a recent partnership summit. Rillero discussed her travels to Malawi and the Likuni Boys Secondary School with school administration.

She presented information to EFGA students about life in Malawi and what school is like for the students who live there. Soon, a pen pal and virtual student exchange experience was formed.

Students in 7th and 8th grade began sending letters to the students (shown in the photo) who wrote back in return.

This has been an amazing global experience for EFGA students and the school hopes to continue this exchange of letters and hopefully set up a virtual meeting as well.





Laveen musicians perform in honor bands

In February, 27 students from Vista del Sur, Desert Meadows, Rogers Ranch, Paseo Pointe, and Trailside Point performed in the Southern Arizona Honor Band in Tucson. Selected students came together to work with a clinician to prepare music that they performed that same afternoon.

Last month, three Vista del Sur sixth grade band students participated in the Arizona Music Educators Association (AMEA) All-State Honor Band. This is the most prestigious honor band for middle school band students in the state of Arizona, and our students put on a fantastic performance.

And, four EFGA band students were selected to participate in the Laveen Honor Band. They will be performing April 27 at Betty Fairfax High School from 9:30 a.m - 7:30 p.m.

Rogers Ranch, Vista del Sur Students Participate in Courage Retreat

Seventh grade students from Rogers Ranch and Vista del Sur recently participated in the Youth Frontiers Courage Retreat.

The retreat is put on by Youth Frontiers, based out of Minnesota. This retreat provides a day to inspire students to use courage to do the right thing and make responsible decisions despite their fears. The end goal is for students to learn how to act with courage to build a positive school culture and climate.

The schools also had several student volunteers from Cesar Chavez High School support with small group facilitation. These high school students were chosen by their teachers based on their academic merit, athletics, and leadership skills.





Paseo Pointe Archery Teams Place in State Tournament

Congratulations to Paseo Pointe's archery team which placed in the AZ Archery in the Schools State Tournament! They took 2nd Place in Elementary Team Bullseye and 3rd Place in Elementary Team 3D (three-dimensional foam animals).

The 3D Team of eight members qualified to go to Nationals. The 2nd Place team just missed qualifying by 21 points — that's only 3 arrows.

Junior high teams in both events took 5th Place, but competition was more challenging and qualifying scores were higher than in the elementary category.

Six archers placed in the Top 10 in their division, which automatically qualifies them for Nationals as an individual.

Three students; Josef Barksdale, Jeremiah Robinson and Jazmyne Holdsclaw; scored over 250 points in their divisions and were recognized by Laveen's governing board (shown right).



M.C. Cash Neighborhood Selected for Community Cleanup

The M. C. Cash neighborhood was selected by The Phoenix Sky Harbor Coalition for a neighborhood clean-up.

Because the school served as the staging site for the clean-up, the organization donated \$2,500 to the school for the purchase of a memorial bench in "Sandomir's Spot"

LAVEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT'S **CELEBRATION OF ART**

THURSDAY, APRIL 27
5:00-7:00

Laveen Education Center
5001 W. Dobbins

Stop by throughout the evening to see a sampling of visual art from across all Laveen schools and grade levels.



www.LaveenSchools.org/Art-Show

Made possible through community support of the arts in our schools.



LAVEEN SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE



All Laveen schools invite prospective families to attend an open house at the school of their choice to learn more about the school and tour the campus.

View the schedule and sign up at
www.LaveenSchools.org/open-house
 602-237-9100

What makes Laveen schools the best choice for families seeking a quality education for their child?

- Award-Winning Schools
- Strong Academic Curriculum
- Elective and Special Area Classes
- Computer Devices for Every Student
- Signature Programs
 (Performing Arts, STEM, Spanish Immersion, Etc.)
- Before/After School Care
- Free Full-Day Kindergarten
- Clubs, Activities, Athletics



All schools are now enrolling for 2023-24.