

# CHEATHAM NEWS

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 1st
DISTRICT WINTER
FESTIVAL

December 4th-8th

NWEA ASSESSMENT

December 5th KONA ICE



December 13th
HALF DAY
WINTER FAMILY NIGHT
4:30-6:30PM

December 18th-21st

SPIRIT WEEK

December 21st
END OF QUARTER 2

Dec 22nd-Jan 7th
WINTER BREAK

January 8th
BACK TO SCHOOL



#### Local Partners Give Back

HOSTING TURKEY DRIVE TO SUPPORT FAMILIES

Thanks to Laveen's local Native Grill & Wings and 6x6 Brotherhood, 30 families were provided with a free turkey, lightening the financial burden of providing a healthy meal this Thanksgiving. What started out as a small request for a couple turkeys for our Annual Turkey Trot, quickly became a full turkey drive due to the overwhelming response of the community. We are grateful for partnerships that help serve the students and families of the Cheatham community. This is a perfect example of why we are "Better Together."

We hope everyone had an enjoyable, safe, Thanksgiving holiday.





### Cooking Up Winter Squash

Do you know the difference between a summer and a winter squash? The third graders in Ms. Tobias' class could tell you. In partnership with Blue Watermelon, these students learned about the Blue Hubbard Squash and it's multiple benefits. Local Chef Jaron Bates shared his recipe for a roasted squash with a honey-sage gastrique for the students to try. In cooking for his restaurant, he forages his own ingredients and uses seasonal crops that support local farmers and ranchers. Bates, who is full-blooded Navajo, enjoys creating meals that represent Arizona cuisine and showcase indigenous ingredients. This activity was a perfect way to celebrate Native American Month and bring awareness to the Navajo people.



## Hands-On Training

This year at Cheatham, Coach Billman created a boys group in partnership with the 6x6 brotherhood. This group was designed to provide a supportive space for students in grades 5th through 8th. The purpose is to empower young boys by providing them with the tools, confidence, and ambition to become successful men. This past week one topic they are working on is self sufficiency. The boys were given an opportunity to learn how to change a car tire with hands-on practice thanks to the help of Mr. Cuccia.



For the second year in a row. Cheatham has earned a "B" grade from the state. The Arizona **Department of Education** measures student academic growth and proficiency in English language arts, math, and science, the proficiency and academic growth of English language learners, and attendance. Cheatham earned all of the possible points in growth, the only school in the Laveen School District. We celebrated with a Suns assembly and are gifting 25 students who have the highest growth on our next assessments with Suns tickets.











Interested in becoming a community partner?
Please contact Brittney Downs at bdowns@laveeneld.org









