

MARCH 2024



CHEATHAM NEWS

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 4th-8th
READ ACROSS AMERICA

March 5th
KONA ICE



March 6th
HALF DAY

March 8th
COLOR RUN

March 11th-15th
SPRING BREAK



March 19th
SPRING PICTURES

March 27th
HALF DAY

April 2nd-18th
AASA TESTING



Let's Go Suns!

CHEATHAM RALLIES AT FOOTPRINT CENTER

Last November, Cheatham partnered with the Phoenix Suns to introduce a new NWEA incentive. We awarded the top 27 students who had the most growth on their NWEA benchmark assessments. Students earned a ticket for themselves and one accompanying adult. Not only did they earn a chance to see the Suns play, they were also invited to sit in the lower seats before the game began to watch the players warm up. It was many students' first time attending a game. We are excited at the chance to continue this opportunity in the future as it had a huge effect on our students growth scores and ultimately their confidence. Thank you, Phoenix Suns for supporting education.





Annual Laveen Parade

THE FUTURE IS NOW

Cheatham participated in the 23rd Annual Laveen Community Parade on February 3rd. Hosted by the Laveen's Lions Club and Laveen local favorite, Scooptacular, this is one of the most anticipated events of the year in our growing community. Laveen Public Schools are always a highlight. We were proud to have Cheatham lead the parade with our cheerleaders representing the vibrant spirit that is felt on our campus each and every day.



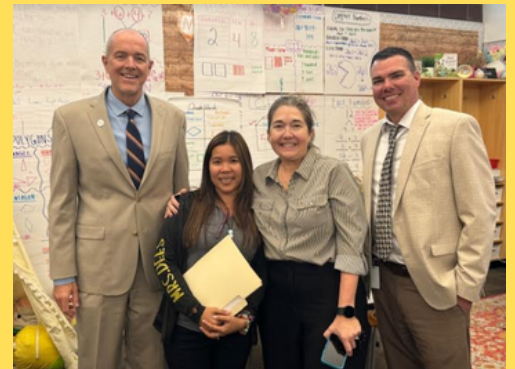
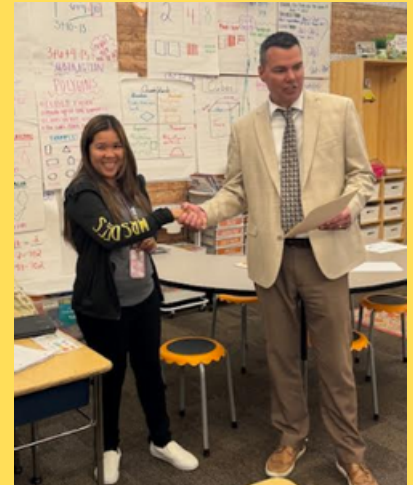
Cooking with Cabbage

STUDENTS MAKE TASTY NOODLE STIR FRY

In partnership with Blue Watermelon Project and Chef in the Garden, 2nd grade students had the opportunity to learn about Napa Cabbage and traditional stir fry cooking technique. With the help of Professional Chef Donald Hawk, students prepared and enjoyed a dish with ingredients most of them had never tried including soy sauce, oyster sauce, and chili oil. They cut, measured, stirred, and boiled all the ingredients to create a flavorful new dish they could share with family and friends. It was definitely a hit because plates were empty and there were no leftovers. YUM!

Congratulations!

Cheatham is proud to honor our certified employee of the year, Mrs. Dees. This is the highest honor a certified employee can receive. Mrs. Dees has worked in the district for 6 years and has been at Cheatham for the past 3 years. She never misses a day and will support wherever there is a need. She provides small group instruction to our students and plays a huge role in the success of their academic achievement. We appreciate you and are glad you are part of the Cheatham community.



Interested in becoming a community partner?

Please contact Brittney Downs at bdowns@laveeneld.org





AASA/AZSCI TESTING

IT'S TIME TO SHOW OUR GROWTH



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WHY STATE ASSESSMENTS?

Statewide Assessments show how well schools are teaching and how well students are learning. These assessments are aligned to Arizona's Academic Standards and are a time for students to show the amazing learning that has happened this year.



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WHEN ARE THE ASSESSMENTS?

Tuesday, April 2nd – Writing (3rd–8th Grades)

Wednesday, April 3rd – AzSCI Part 1 (5th and 8th Grades)

Thursday, April 4th – AzSCI Part 2 & 3 (5th and 8th Grades)

Tuesday, April 9th – AASA ELA Reading Part 1 (3rd – 8th grades)

Thursday, April 11th – AASA ELA Reading Part 2 (3rd – 8th grades)

Friday, April 12th – AASA Oral Reading Fluency (3rd grade)

Tuesday, April 16th – AASA Math Part 1 (3rd – 8th grades)

Thursday, April 18th – AASA Math Part 2 (3rd – 8th grades)

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HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT?

- **Attendance and timeliness is important**
Testing will start first thing in the morning.
- **Testing is exhausting**
A good night's rest and breakfast will help students stay focused.
- **Encouragement is helpful**
Testing can make students anxious, reassure your child to do his/her best!
- **Make Appointments before or after school.**
Tests are not timed, but must be completed within the school day.
Students picked up early will not be able to finish a test they started.



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WHAT DO THEY NEED?

All students will need headphones for these tests. While the school does provide them, students are permitted to bring their own. The headphones must be able to plug into the chromebook. Wireless OR bluetooth headphones are NOT permitted during any portion of the AASA, per the Arizona Department of Education guidelines.

For more information on state testing and examples of testing questions, please visit <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/aasa>

