

MAY 2024



# CHEATHAM NEWS

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 2nd  
**BAND CONCERT**

May 6th-10th  
**NWEA (GRADES K-8)**

May 7th  
**KONA ICE**



May 8th  
**HALF DAY**

May 13th-17th  
**AIMSWEB (K-3)**

May 21st  
**KINDER AND 8TH  
PROMOTION**

May 22nd  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**



## Cheatham Girls Run 5k

### A PERFECT ENDING TO THEIR WEEKLY TRAINING

Our Girls on the Run and Heart & Sole programs inspire individuals to discover, build, and grow their self-confidence. In every lesson, coaches facilitate a blend of physical activity with life skill development, including managing emotions, fostering friendships, and expressing empathy. Each season comes to an end with a celebratory 5K in downtown Phoenix. Crossing the finish line gives the girls confidence and is joyful moment they will always remember! Each participant receives a commemorative medal to celebrate this incredible achievement. To add to the excitement, this was the 20th year celebration of the program. Way to Go, Girls!





## Spring Family & STEM Night

### SCIENCE FAIR, BOOK FAIR, AND MORE

We had over 250 students attend our last Family Night. The gym was packed with families as they viewed all the wonderful science fair projects. The library was overflowing with readers eager to get their hands on new books for the summer. While the classrooms hosted families to discuss academic reading goals and the upcoming NWEA assessments. It was a perfect night and we are proud of the community Cheatham is building.



## Celebrating Math All-Stars

### CHEATHAM TOPS THE CHARTS IN GROWTH!

April marked the end of Math All-Stars for this year, and what a year it was! Cheatham clocked 133,348 minutes in math practice and placed first in the district in increasing our time from the previous year. Those minutes also secured us second place overall. Math All-Stars supports our 3rd-4th grade students in math fluency and computation. Congratulations to our top students who were recognized by Superintendent, Dr. Sprout. Can't wait to see how our students perform next year. Can we top 150,000?



We are working hard to lower our absence rate because a good attendance record can be a predictor of student success. Attendance is recorded until the very last day of school. To ensure students are here every day, we are implementing a new incentive. Students who are here every day this week 4/29-5/3 will earn free dress down the following week (May 6th) for the REST OF THE YEAR or until they are absent. There are 18 days left. Who can commit to being here every day?



#### 18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



#### 10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



#### 9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

Interested in becoming a community partner?

Please contact Brittney Downs at [bdowns@laveeneld.org](mailto:bdowns@laveeneld.org)





# WHAT'S NEW?



## ICE CREAM PARTY

### *Celebrating AASA Attendance*

Our students rocked AASA testing by being here every day. Students who did not miss a testing day earned an ice cream party with their class. Chocolate and vanilla ice cream, syrup, and sprinkles was the perfect way to celebrate a year of hard work.



## EARTH DAY

### *Cleaning Up the Campus*

Did you know, if everyone picked up just 1 piece of trash on this day, there would be over 300 million fewer pieces of litter? Every year on Earth Day, Mr. Pinto does his part by taking his class outside to clean up the campus by picking up trash. How can you help protect our environment and keep it clean?

## BACK TO BACK

### *District Champions*

In an effort to support of staff wellness, the district hosts a kickball tournament amongst the staff of all nine schools. After three hard fought games, Cheatham won the championship for the second year in a row securing the trophy for another year in our display case. Way to go, Cheatham Staff!





# CHEETAHS IN ACTION

