

THE HAWK

PARENT NEWSLETTER OF LAVEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • DECEMBER, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Persistence and perseverance are important skills to develop and practice.

Think back to a time when completing a hard or challenging task required you to follow every step to perfection in order to achieve success (like assembling IKEA furniture or doing your taxes). Chances are your brain automatically utilized some pretty specific reading behaviors. Maybe you read all the directions before you started to get an overall scope of the process. As you began, you probably reread certain steps multiple times. When your brain sensed some frustration, you might have taken a break and then jumped right back into the process.



Because you wanted to complete the entire task successfully, you used your reading strategies, but you also used your skills of persistence and perseverance to power through until you were satisfied, even if you experienced frustration along the way.

However, reading strategies don't work if a child isn't motivated to finish the process. Many students lack experience with persistence and perseverance. They haven't been asked to complete challenging tasks from start to finish, making persistence and perseverance unfamiliar feelings. Plus, we all know that when feelings are new, they are often overwhelming. **It doesn't mean kids are lazy... it means they haven't practiced these life skills... yet.**

As parents, engage your children in opportunities for what educators call a **"productive struggle."** Essentially, this is when a task is challenging and requires some grit to continue. They struggle through until the hard task is completed.

If your child persists and perseveres through a difficult task (either mentally or physically), they'll be rewarded when success is reached. As adults, we know this is true only because we've experienced it over and over again in life. Children often haven't experienced this... **yet.**

Let's work together at home and at school to teach our children the skills of persistence and perseverance by providing opportunities for them to productively struggle through difficult tasks all the way to the end.

With gratitude during this holiday season,

Dr. Robert Caplinger, Principal

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PARENTVUE WEBSITE AND PHONE APP

ParentVUE is a n easy tool to monitor your child's education. ParentVUE is a website that offers secure, private access to school information, including assignments, grades, progress reports, attendance, school calendar, and teacher contact details. In ParentVUE, you can see the information for all of your students. The ParentVUE Mobile app uses the same user login as the web-based ParentVUE portal. If you need help accessing your child’s gradebook, please contact our front office team. [Click here](#) to access ParentVUE on your computer. **iPhone users:** Download the app from the [Apple Store](#). **Android users:** Download the app from [Google Play](#).

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 2	5th Grade Field Trip to CGCC	Dec 14	Early Release & \$1.00 Dress Down
Dec 2	Winter Festival at the LEC (5:00PM)	Dec 16	Books & Breakfast - Kindergarten
Dec 7	Booster Club Meeting (10:00AM)	Dec 19 - 21	Holiday Gift Shop Open in Library
Dec 8	Governing Board Meeting (5:30PM)	Dec 23	Winter Break Begins - No School
Dec 9	Student of the Month Breakfast	Jan 9	School Resumes - Happy 2023!
Dec 9	SpEd Cookies with Santa (2:00PM)	Jan 11	Early Release & \$1.00 Dress Down
Dec 9	(PreK- 8th) Canned Food Drive Ends	Jan 12	Spelling Bee Finals in Library
Dec 9	6th Grade Field Trip to CGCC	Jan 12	Governing Board Meeting (5:30PM)
Dec 12 - 16	K-3 AimsWeb Testing Week	Jan 16 - 20	Parent Conference Week

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

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

There are a lot of useful things on our [school](#) and [district](#) websites. Please bookmark them both. On our school website you will find a link to our [2022-23 Parent and Student Handbook](#). Please take a moment to review this entire handbook with your student(s). **Thank you!**

LAVEEN SPIRIT WEAR - ORDER NOW FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Visit laveenspiritwear.com for all your spirit wear needs! Remember, students are welcome to wear spirit wear to school each week on “Spirit Wear Friday!” **Order your school spirit wear NOW for the holidays!** Ho, Ho, Ho!

K-2 BOOKS & BREAKFAST EVENTS

We were pleased to welcome 2nd grade parents and guests (October) and 1st grade parents and guests (November) to our Books & Breakfast events in the cafeteria. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles joined their children for breakfast and then read books together and completed some fun table activities. Students took home the books to expand their home libraries and encourage future family reading. We look forward to welcoming our kindergarten parents and guests on Friday, December 16! **Harvey Hawk will see you there!**





Books & Breakfast

Kindergarten

Friday December 16, 2022 • 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!



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 PTO) 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



WHAT IS S.T.E.M?

S.T.E.M. is an acronym for **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education**. It is an interdisciplinary approach that helps students succeed in college and in their future careers. The focus of S.T.E.M. education is hands-on, problem-based learning. Laveen Elementary is currently working with Northern Arizona University as a designated **“S.T.E.M. Focus School for the Future.”** Laveen was selected from among other Arizona schools to receive special funding to advance S.T.E.M. integration across all grade levels.

In January, our S.T.E.M. leadership team (Jessica Suri, 5th grade science; Logan Wasie, 6th grade science; Ken Cline, 7th/8th grade science; and Luke Smith, S.T.E.M. electives) will begin working with all teachers, K-8, to integrate the principles of “problem solving” across all subjects to best prepare our students with the skills needed for their futures!



CAREER EXPLORATION

Our 3rd - 8th grade students have been exploring their futures by viewing different career options. This new program, **“Virtual Job Shadow,”** has taken career exploration to a whole new level by connecting academics to the real world. Our students have been very engaged with the real life video footage from many careers and activities they use to gauge their interests in their career paths. Students have also touched on college, the levels of education, as well as important alternatives, such as trade schools.

Thank you to our two school counselors, **Mrs. Romero** and **Mr. Murray**, for teaching lessons in classrooms and engaging students in career exploration! **Thank you, school counselors!**



CANNED FOOD DRIVE ENDS DECEMBER 9

The Laveen Elementary School Community Service Club is holding a schoolwide Canned Food Drive through December 9. Students are encouraged to bring in canned food donations and drop them off in their homeroom collection boxes. The collected food will be donated to St. Mary's Food Bank in Phoenix.

The Laveen Booster Club will thank the top collecting homerooms with some fun classroom parties before winter break. **Thank you, Hawks!**



ORDER YOUR CHILD'S YEARBOOK

Our yearbook class is working hard to create a yearbook that includes all students and captures the best memories of the 2022-23 school year! Yearbooks must be pre-ordered. If you haven't purchased your child's yearbook yet, **please click below or copy/paste the order link into your browser.** If you have any questions, please contact our yearbook advisor, Alyssa Morrison at amorrison@laveeneld.org.

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1021470/Laveen-Elementary-School/2023-Yearbook/20220910041645483115/CATALOG_SHOP/



THIS IS YOUR STORY. AND EVERYONE IS IN IT.

WHAT IS MINDFULNESS?

Please join us on **Wednesday, December 7 at 10:00AM** in the library for our **Booster Club Meeting**. We are pleased to welcome our two guest speakers, Jackie Morales (Mindfulness Coordinator) and Monica Romero (Counselor). They will be giving an overview of our school's award-winning signature program and offering tours of our mindfulness room, "Thoajik Ki." **Coffee and donuts will be served!** See you there!

BOOSTER CLUB of Laveen Elementary School

Our mission is to support Laveen Elementary School through fundraising activities, volunteer support and celebrations of students, staff and families.

Wednesday, December 7 at 10:00AM - Laveen Elementary Library

Guest Speakers: Jackie Morales & Monica Romero

The Laveen Booster Club is composed of parents, staff and community members that are committed to the success of their community school.

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
Miles Lewis	Jonathan Clauss (PreK)	Makenzie Romero	James Carrethers (4)
Christian Acosta	Jhovana Bugarin (PreK)	Sidikie Koroma	Sara Lofton (4)
Kellan Cobbs	Mercedes Jeffrey (PreK)	Violeta Aguilar	Dominique Mariscal (4)
Sophia Serrano Valenzuela	Isabel Avila (K)	Julia Clarke	Gabriel Duarte (5)
Coraline Tate	Jeannette Craig (K)	Danika Rios	Rachel Ruiz-Rivera (5)
Lelia Delowe	Janina Perez (K)	Natalie Diaz	Jessica Suri (5)
Jimmy Rouse	Jessica Krantz (SC)	Alie Koroma	Deanna Bleyl (6)
Camila Gutierrez	Mary Turner (SC)	Emma Guerrero	Jessica Lozano (6)
Riyan (Gohar) Hafeez Khan	Jennifer Veney (SC)	Alayna Fulwilder	Logan Wasie (6)
Kamron Alfred-Allen	Sabrina Wyda (SC)	Luis Gomez Perez	Alicia Harp (7)
Matthew Madrigal	Sylvia Ramirez (1)	Julian Alvillar	Cynthia Salinas (7)
Kylah Walls	Gabriela Rocha (1)	Aubrey Valdez	Christian Villa (7/8)
Lana Evans	Michelle Shields (1)	Mekhi Hodge	Ken Cline (7/8)
Leo Raymundo	Joia Westwood (1)	Aiyana Roberson	Stephanie Lara (8)
Nolan Linares	Jessica Bornhorst (2)	Noah Gonzales	Adrian Ruiz (8)
Adrian Granados	Sarai Covarrubias (2)	Jocelyn Sanchez	Alyssa Morrison (Music)
Kenleigh Magley	Joy Oliva (2)	Isabella Ferace	David Morrison (Band)
Andrew Ventura Perez	Tiffany Lorona (3)	Isaac Coss Trejo	Andrea Smith (Art)
Valerie Perez	Michele Malone (3)	Anna Guerrero	Luke Smith (PE/STEM)
Cynthia Martinez	Anthony Ramirez (3)	Iriee Hopson	David Wulff (PE/Health)
Lydia Benney	Melody Smith (3)	Payton Payne	Leah Hall (6-8)
Jayson Garcia	Ashleigh Justice (K-3)	Marquia Williams	Monica Gallo (3-5)

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