

THE HAWK

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Dear Families,

Most children today are tech savvy. Children, however, need their parents to provide guidelines to help ensure that they use technology safely and responsibly. Here are some tips for helping your child enjoy the benefits of technology, while minimizing the risks:

1. **Spend time with your child online.** Navigate websites, perform searches, and bookmark web pages. If your child is good at using the internet, let your child do the navigating.
2. **Have your child show you a favorite app or website.** Ask your child why they like it. This is a good way to keep the lines of communication open, and to see where your child is going online.
3. **Monitor your child's online gaming.** Some games on the internet contain explicit violence, mature language, and sexual content. Many games also feature chat rooms where children may be exposed to predators or adult content.

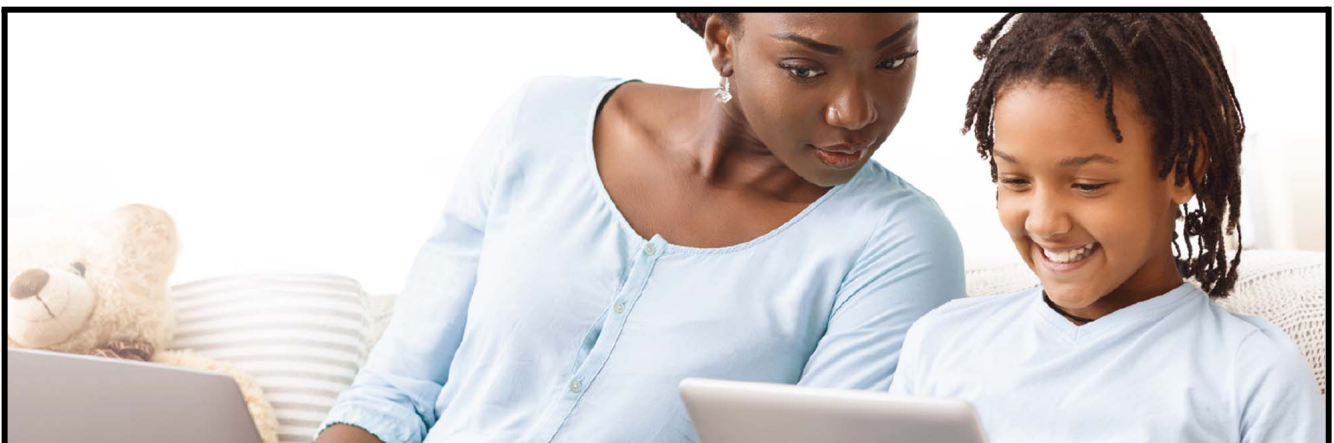
Discuss the benefits and dangers of the internet, and make sure your child knows that people online may not be who they say they are. Remind your child to never give out personal information, such as name, address, phone number, or school.

SOCIAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT: SNAPCHAT

Most popular for its fun photo filters, Snapchat is a favorite platform of young people. **Features:** Users can post photo “stories,” which are pictures and videos that disappear after 24 hours. Private chat messages and “snaps” (photos and videos) sent between individual or groups of users also disappear after an allotted time, although users do have the option to save them. Users can “screenshot” conversations and save them permanently to their phone, however, the other user is notified. **What to look out for:** Users’ locations can also be shared as well on a feature called Snap Map. This feature is able to be turned off and on.

With gratitude,

Dr. Robert Caplinger, Principal



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) 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**

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4-8	NWEA MAP Assessments (K-8)	December 18-20	Holiday Gift Shop Open
December 8	Student of the Month Breakfast	December 21	Last Day of 2nd Quarter
December 9	Garden Work Day (9:00AM)	December 22	Winter Break Begins
December 11-15	AIMSWeb Plus Testing (K-3)	January 8	School Resumes
December 13	Early Release/\$1 Dress Down	January 15	MLK Day - No School
December 14	Governing Board Meets (5:30PM)	January 18-19	Parent Conference Days
December 15	Kindergarten "Books & Breakfast"	January 18-19	Early Releases/\$1 Dress Downs
December 15	Life Skills "Cookies with Santa"	January 24	Early Release/\$1 Dress Down

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

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

Our annual Holiday Gift Shop will be open Monday, December 18 - Wednesday, December 20 in the library. This shop allows students to do "holiday shopping" for their friends and family members.

Gift items range in price from \$1.00 to \$20.00. Gift wrapping is included! Kids love this fun opportunity! **Questions?** Please call us at (602) 237-9110.



LAVEEN SPIRIT WEAR FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Visit laveenspiritwear.com for all your spirit wear needs! We have some great new designs available for the 2023-24 school year. Remember, students are welcome to wear spirit wear to school each week on "Spirit Wear Friday!" Show your Laveen school spirit! **Order school spirit wear NOW for the holidays with FREE SHIPPING!**



2023 ARIZONA CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT

Arizona allows taxpayers to dedicate dollars to education while reducing the amount you owe on your 2023 taxes through the tax credit program. For every dollar you donate, the amount you owe on your Arizona taxes will be that much less. If you do not owe taxes, the amount you donate may be carried forward for up to five years to offset future tax liabilities. **You can make your donation [online](#) or download the form [here](#).**

DRIVELINE PARENTS OF THE MONTH

We have some great parents at Laveen Elementary that **S.O.A.R.** right along with their kids! We are pleased to showcase some amazing Driveline parents that have earned a special "Golden Driveline Number" for being **Safe, Organized, Accountable and Respectful** during drop-off and pick-up. **Thank you for S.O.A.R-ing, parents!**



GARDEN WORK DAY

Our next Garden Work Day will be on Saturday, December 9 from 9:00AM - 1:00PM.

We are pleased to welcome Boy Scouts from Troop 109 to help with this work day. One of these young men will be working on his Eagle Scout Service Project. The goals for this work day include: prepare for the paved garden path, build picnic tables, build and winterize a trellis, shore up the middle planters, and improve the current irrigation system. **Please check your Parent Square email for the sign-up!**



PARENTVUE WEBSITE AND PHONE APP

It's the end of Q2 and 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 for assistance. [Click here](#) to access ParentVUE on your computer. **iPhone users:** Download the app from the [Apple App Store](#). **Android users:** Download the app from [Google Play](#).

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 2023-24 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/20230910041645483115/CATALOG_SHOP/

LAVEEN LIONS PENNY DRIVE

Which classroom will collect the most coins and win a pizza party? The drive ends this week! The Laveen Lions Club does many great things to benefit the Laveen community and this is our opportunity to support them!





Books & Breakfast

Kindergarten

Friday December 15, 2023 • 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!



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. **Well done, Hawks!**

STUDENT	TEACHER	STUDENT	TEACHER
Maddox Griffin	Jonathan Clauss (PreK)	Jonathan Arellano	James Carrethers (4)
Emma Arana Torres	Jhovana Bugarin (PreK)	Arthur Valdez	Dominique Mariscal (4)
Damian Arias	Mercedes Jeffrey (PreK)	Isaac Andrew	Geraldine Rodriguez (4)
Sebastian Perea Guevara	Jeannette Craig (K)	Salii Oshima	Christian Villa (4)
Aisha Koroma	Isabel Hlebak (K)	Amber Estes	Bernadette Carbajal (5)
Emmanuel Nunez	Janina Perez (K)	Island Jackson	Gabriel Duarte (5)
Terrance Mason	Jessica Krantz (LS)	Camila Santana Villa	Nick Plantz (5)
Jalen So	Mary Turner (LS)	Jose Guevara Alvarez	Deanna Bleyl (6)
Natalio Solis	Jennifer Veney (LS)	Perla Antillon Padron	Jessica Lozano (6)
Paloma Sainz	Sabrina Wyda (LS)	Marcos Flores	Logan Wasie (6)
Diego Barnica Hernandez	Sarai Covarrubias (1)	Alie Koroma	Brianne Capono (7)
Michael Cardenas	Sylvia Ramirez (1)	Adilena Lopez	Crystal Codner (7)
Jaxon Pablo	Michelle Shields (1)	Anyiah McLin	Cynthia Salinas (7)
Gabriel Morales-Romo	Catalina Koller (2)	Elizabeth Meza	Ken Cline (8)
Cruz Ballesteros	Sara Lofton (2)	Abram Munoz	Erin Delaney (8)
Jolie McCarthy	Gabriela Rocha (2)	Isabella Pena	Adrian Ruiz (8)
Bridger Mitchell	Joia Westwood (2)	Viktoriia Mitieva	Alyssa Morrison (Music)
Isaac Martinez	Tiffany Lorona (3)	George Oliva	David Morrison (Band)
Ayverie Hernandez	Michele Malone (3)	Xander Morales	Andrea Smith (Art)
Nia Nguyen	Melody Smith (3)	Sa'Rell Cheatham	Luke Smith (PE/STEM)
Sophia Garibay	Ashleigh Justice (K-3)	Raelyn Mendoza	David Wulff (PE)
Catalina De Herrera	Monica Gallo (3-5)	Shadia Mbaju	Peyton Farina (PE)
Braylen Harris	Leah Hall (6-8)	Congratulations, Laveen Hawks!	