

THE HAWK

PARENT NEWSLETTER OF LAVEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • FEBRUARY, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As kids get more and more tech-savvy, it's important for parents to stay on top of the latest apps and games their children are using. While some apps are perfectly safe and age-appropriate, others can be dangerous and expose kids to inappropriate content. Here are five of the most popular apps parents should know about:



Tik Tok. This popular video-sharing app allows users to create and share short videos of themselves lip-syncing, dancing, or performing other creative acts. While Tik Tok can be a lot of fun for kids, there have been concerns about its safety, as the app has been known to host very inappropriate content.



Snapchat. This messaging app is extremely popular with kids and teens, as it allows users to send disappearing photos and videos. However, Snapchat also has several safety concerns, including "Snap Map" which can show your child's location to anyone on their contact list.



Whatsapp. This messaging app is extremely popular among kids and teens, but it has a number of safety concerns. In addition to the potential for cyberbullying, WhatsApp also allows users to share their location with others, which can be dangerous.



Discord. This chat app is popular among gamers, but is also consistently in the top five platforms for bullying, negative body image, and more.



Houseparty. This video-chatting app is popular among kids and teens, but it has been known to allow strangers into chats, which can lead to inappropriate content.

As parents, what can you do to help keep your children safe?

1. **Talk to your kids** about the apps they're using and why they like them.
2. **Set limits** on how much time your kids can spend on their devices, apps, games, or specific websites
3. **Monitor** your child's activity on their devices, including their app usage and web browsing history.
4. **Be aware** of the apps your kids are using and research their safety concerns. Block specific apps or limit time on them using enhanced parental controls features.
5. **Teach your kids** about cyberbullying, online predators, and other dangers associated with the internet.

With gratitude,

Dr. Robert Caplinger, Principal

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Please take a moment to “like” us on Facebook for reminders, announcements, videos, links, and event pictures. <https://www.facebook.com/laveenelementary>

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

Feb 1	Black History Month Begins	Feb 23	Teacher Job Fair - 4:30PM @ the LEC
Feb 3	Student of the Month Breakfast - 7:45AM	March 1	Women’s History Month Begins
Feb 4	Laveen Community Parade - 11:00AM	March 8	Early Release & \$1.00 Dress Down Day
Feb 8	Early Release & \$1.00 Dress Down Day	March 13	Spring Break Begins
Feb 14	Happy Valentine’s Day	March 17	Spring Break Ends
Feb 20	Presidents Day - No School	March 29	Early Release & \$1.00 Dress Down Day
Feb 22	Early Release & \$1.00 Dress Down Day	March 31	OHANA RUN, ‘23!

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!**

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! **Please visit:** frysfood.com/i/community/community-rewards



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/2020910041645483115/CATALOG_SHOP/ **The deadline to purchase yearbooks is March 24.**



THIS IS YOUR STORY. AND EVERYONE IS IN IT.

DISTRICT SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to our Laveen Elementary School champions, **Shadia and Luis**, for advancing to the district spelling bee on January 20, where all nine Laveen schools competed.

They both did very well in the competition and represented our school well! In the end, **Shadia finished in the #2 position** and will advance to the regional competition on February 2. Good luck, Shadia! We know you will do well! C-o-n-g-r-a-t-u-l-a-t-i-o-n-s!

Thank you to all the students, parents and teachers that supported our students during this year's spelling bee competitions!



22nd Annual LAVEEN COMMUNITY PARADE

Saturday, February 4, 2023
11:00AM Start Time



**This Year's
Theme:
"Here We Grow!"**

Parade Route:
Dobbins Road from 43rd to 51st Avenues

Road Closures – Please Note
Dobbins Road will be closed from 41st Lane to 51st Avenue from 8:00AM to 1:00PM

LAVEEN COMMUNITY PARADE

Please join us on Saturday, February 4 for the annual Laveen Community Parade! This year's parade theme is "Here we Grow!" and our school will be marching down Dobbins road along with 86 other parade entries!

This year, we will have our PreK students, 1st grade students, cheerleading squad and members of our community service club in our parade unit. In support of the overall parade theme, our school's theme will be **"Constructing Knowledge"** and we will be sporting our orange vests and construction hats! Thank you to our community partner, **Chasse Building Team**, for their support and sponsorship of our school's entry!

WE LOVE FREE SHIPPING!

In honor of Valentine's Day, we will be offering **free shipping on all orders from February 3 - 20!** Please visit laveenspiritwear.com for all your spirit wear needs. Stock up now during this savings event!

There is no minimum order requirement for this free shipping promotion. Remember, each Friday is "Spirit Wear Friday" at Laveen and students can wear spirit wear to school on those days. **Go Hawks!**



OHANA RUN SPONSORS

We are looking forward to the third annual "Ohana Run" on Friday, March 31. The deadline for business sponsorships is Friday, February 17. The sponsorship letter is at the end of this newsletter and also attached to the email. Thank you to those that have already submitted their forms! This will be the biggest and best Ohana Run so far! **If you have any questions about sponsorships, please email LaveenBoosterClub@gmail.com.**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have children that will be starting kindergarten next year, registration is now open! Last night's "Mission Kindergarten" event was a great success! We welcomed 24 new kindergarten students for next year! If you have friends that plan to enroll their children at Laveen, please direct them to our office for information. **We look forward to meeting our new Hawks!**



Donate to the Laveen School District before April 18, 2023 and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on your 2022 taxes when you file.

Reduce Your Taxes

by supporting Laveen's schools

- Tax credit contributions may only be used to support character education and fee-based extracurricular activities.
- For every dollar you donate, the amount you owe the state will be that much less.
- Couples filing jointly may donate up to \$400.
- Individuals may contribute up to \$200.
- Allowable per [ARS § 43-1089.01](#)

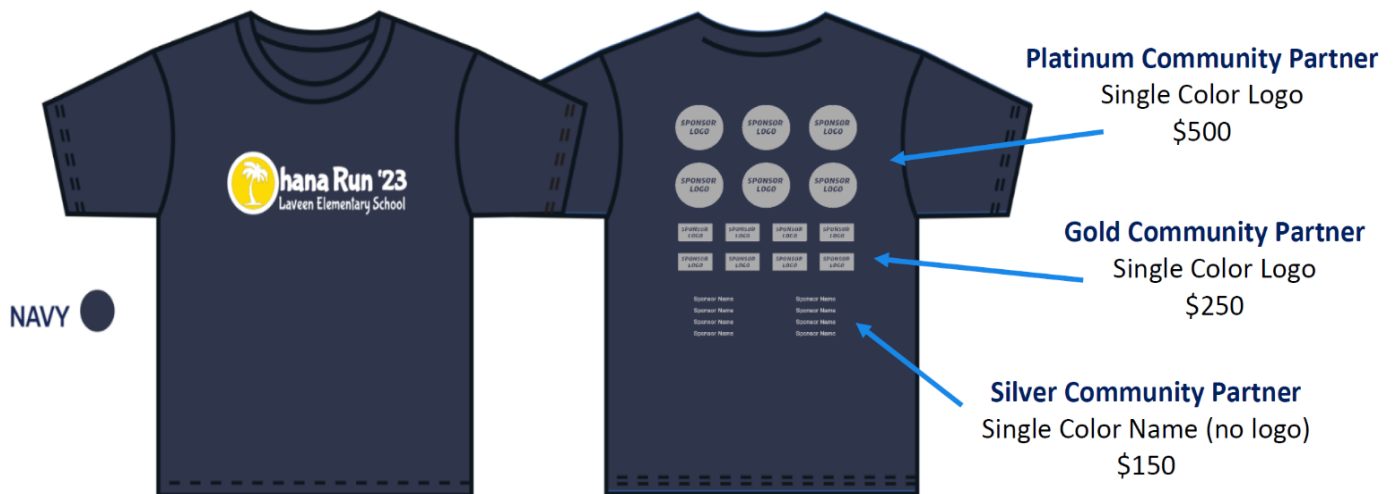


Ohana Run '23 Community Partnership Form

Laveen Elementary School is excited to invite you to be a part of our **Ohana Run '23 Community Partners Program!** As a Laveen Community Partner, you will be proudly supporting the school's largest fund-raising event of the year! In return, we want to provide you with maximum brand awareness in our community!



Your business logo will be printed on 1,000+ t-shirts that will be proudly worn by students, staff, and teachers throughout our community for years to come!



All donations are tax-deductible. Please complete the form below to secure your spot on the shirt by **Friday, February 17, 2023.** Please make checks payable to Laveen Elementary School and mail to Laveen Elementary School, 4141 W. McNeil Street, Laveen AZ 85339 or email us at laveenboosterclub@gmail.com.

Remember to attach or email your business logo!

Community Partnership Information

Business Name			
Contact Name			
Email Address			
Phone Number			
Circle One	Platinum Community Partner	Gold Community Partner	Silver Community Partner
Donation Amount	Check #		

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!**

Michael Manywan	Jonathan Clauss (PreK)	Kamari Westbrook	James Carrethers (4)
Silas Cogbum	Jhovana Bugarin (PreK)	Harmony Lindsey	Sara Lofton (4)
Alijah Allison	Mercedes Jeffrey (PreK)	Jayden Ramirez	Dominique Mariscal (4)
Scarlett Etsitty	Isabel Avila (K)	Emily Suarez	Gabriel Duarte (5)
Phoenix Jackson	Jeannette Craig (K)	Flavio Lucio De Leon	Rachel Ruiz-Rivera (5)
Alejandra Vasquez	Janina Perez (K)	Robert Beltran	Jessica Suri (5)
Rey Lopez	Jessica Krantz (SC)	Jenna Benny	Deanna Bleyl (6)
Dee'Zavion McCants	Mary Turner (SC)	Vielle Alfonso	Jessica Lozano (6)
Sawyer Cogburn	Jennifer Veney (SC)	Corina Leyvas	Logan Wasie (6)
Makayla Hernandez	Sabrina Wyda (SC)	Deon Westbrook	Alicia Harp (7)
Scarlett Johnson	Sylvia Ramirez (1)	Dasha Espinal Mendoza	Cynthia Salinas (7)
Lias Medina	Gabriela Rocha (1)	Daniel Rivera	Christian Villa (7/8)
Sonny Acosta	Michelle Shields (1)	Trinity Goldtooth	Ken Cline (7/8)
Autumn Wheeler	Joia Westwood (1)	Ernesto Martinez	Stephanie Lara (8)
Jayden Russell	Jessica Bornhorst (2)	Aylin Salias Estrada	Adrian Ruiz (8)
Scheccid Chavez	Sarai Covarrubias (2)	Wanderlei Delgado	Alyssa Morrison (Music)
Stephen West	Joy Oliva (2)	Aiyana Roberson	David Morrison (Band)
Andrew Ventura Perez	Tiffany Lorona (3)	Viviana Escobedo	Andrea Smith (Art)
Robert Escobedo	Michele Malone (3)	Cheyenne Looper	Luke Smith (PE/STEM)
Laila Garcia-Hernandez	Anthony Ramirez (3)	Isabella Ferace	David Wulff (PE/Health)
Julian Zamora-Leon	Melody Smith (3)	JenCarlos Cardenas Aranda	Leah Hall (6-8)
Kingston Greer-Kendrick	Ashleigh Justice (K-3)	Adam Palacios	Monica Gallo (3-5)

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