

THE HAWK

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Dear Families,

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. Tik Tok does not use any age verification tools when new users sign-up.



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. It can also be used for messaging and chatting.



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

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

February 14	Valentine's \$1 Dress Down Day	February 29	Student of the Month Breakfast
February 19	Presidents Day - No School	March 1	4th Grade Field Trip - AZ Museum
February 21	Early Release/\$1 Dress Down	March 5	Bus Evacuation Drills
February 22	8th Grade Fundraiser - The Habit	March 6	Early Release/\$1 Dress Down
February 23	6th Grade Field Trip - Perf Arts	March 11-15	Spring Break - No School
February 24	1st Grade Family Trip - Phx Zoo	March 21	Governing Board Meeting (5:30PM)
February 28	Life Skills Field Trip - Child Museum	March 27	Early Release/\$1 Dress Down
February 29	Teacher Job Fair at LEC (4:30PM)	March 29	OHANA RUN 2024!

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

2023 ARIZONA SCHOOL 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 **through April 15, 2024!** 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](#).** Thank you!



PARENTVUE WEBSITE AND PHONE APP

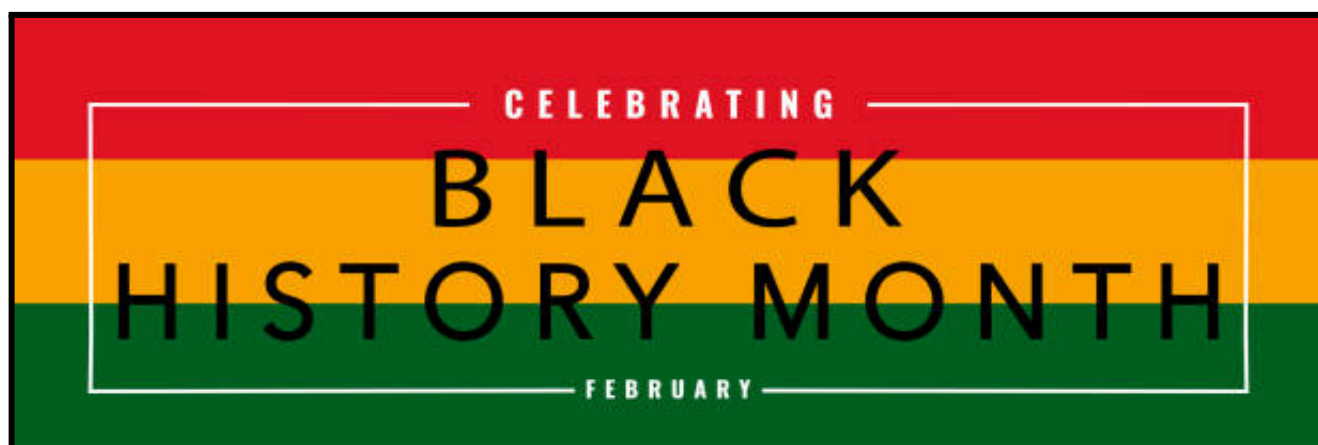
It's the start of Q3 and ParentVUE is a website that offers secure, private access to school information, including assignments, grades, progress reports, attendance, school calendar, and teacher contact details. In ParentVUE, you can see the information for all of your students. The ParentVUE Mobile 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.



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OHANA RUN 2024

It's almost time to kick-off our biggest event of the year... **The Ohana Run!** Thank you in advance for registering your child for the run and sharing their link on your social media pages. That's all you need to do! The Ohana Run competition is homeroom vs. homeroom and the kids love this event! **Watch your emails for information!**



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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

2024 LAVEEN PARADE

Thank you to everyone that came out last weekend to support our Laveen Hawks in the Laveen Community Parade! In support of this year’s theme, “The Future is Now,” we were proud to showcase our **Western Regional Championship Rocket League Team!** Special thanks also go to our cheerleaders for leading the way and showing our school spirit down Dobbins Road. It was a great day for all! **Go Hawks!**



WE LOVE SPIRIT WEAR WEEKLY DEALS

Visit our Laveen spirit store at LaveenSpiritWear.com for weekly deals on clothing and always receive flat rate shipping on all orders! Each Friday is “Spirit Wear Friday” at Laveen and students are welcome to wear their spirit to show their Laveen pride. **There are new specials and sales announced each week!**

Multi Color Tie Dyes
#20BMS, 200MS
15% OFF

15% OFF
#3710
Girl's Princess Tee

Tintes de Corbata de Varios Colores
#20BMS, 200MS
15% DESCANTADO

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Camiseta de Princesa Para Niña

GILDAN T-SHIRTS
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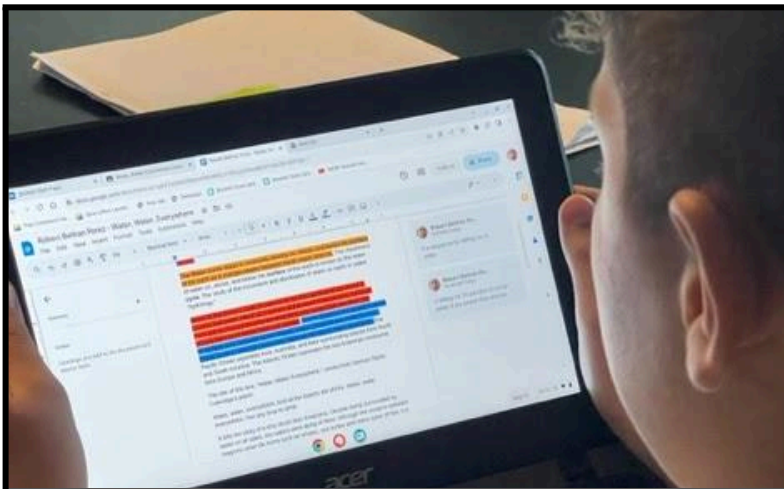
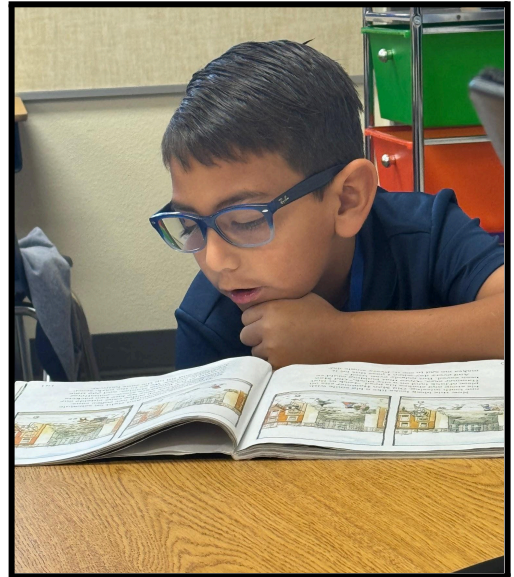
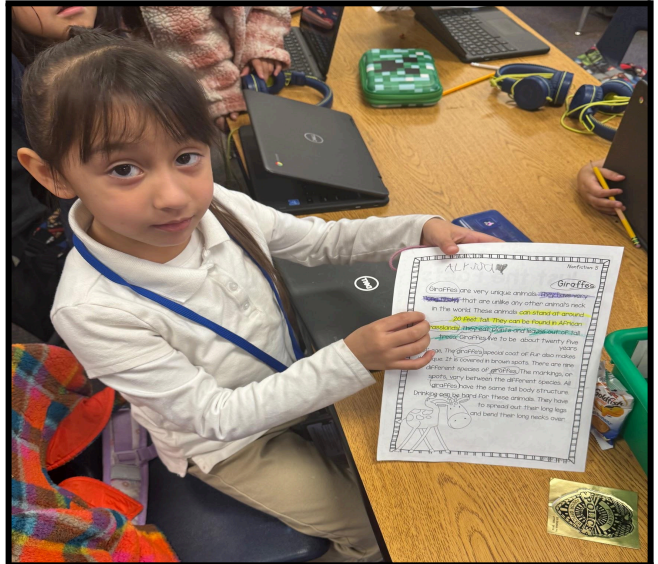
Flat Rate Shipping!
SHIPPING IS ALWAYS \$4.95 ON ALL ORDERS

CAMISETA GILDAN
#8000 & 8000B
20% DESCANTADO

¡Dé el regalo del espíritu escolar!
Con una tarjeta de regalo electrónica

ACADEMIC ATTITUDE!

Laveen students are working hard in classrooms each and every day! **Thank you for reinforcing an “academic attitude” at home by encouraging reading and solid study routines.** Remember, you are welcome to [contact](#) your child’s teacher whenever you have questions about assignments or progress. **Let’s grow together!**



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
Ibrahim Murillo Santos	Jonathan Clauss (PreK)	Julian Zamora-Leon	James Carrethers (4)
Deon Pennington	Jhovana Bugarin (PreK)	Oliver West	Dominique Mariscal (4)
Xaela Hooks	Mercedes Jeffrey (PreK)	Doris Benitez Badillo	Geraldine Rodriguez (4)
A'Lanni Haynes	Austin Knolles (PreK)	Cynthia Martinez-Hernandez	Christian Villa (4)
Sienna Hernandez	Jeannette Craig (K)	Noah Belmont	Bernadette Carbajal (5)
Jesus Juarez	Isabel Hlebak (K)	Carlos Venancio	Gabriel Duarte (5)
Julian Guevara	Janina Perez (K)	Ximena Chavez Duran	Nick Plantz (5)
Luke Matthews	Jessica Krantz (LS)	Alexy Diaz De Leon	Deanna Bleyl (6)
Mabil Mabil	Mary Turner (LS)	Matheo Lopez Villalobos	Jessica Lozano (6)
Isabella Moraza	Jennifer Veney (LS)	Benjamin Lowe	Logan Wasie (6)
Divanni Miranda Martinez	Sabrina Wyda (LS)	Marcos Hernandez	Brianne Capono (7)
Giovani Coronado	Sarai Covarrubias (1)	Christian Zamora	Crystal Codner (7)
Mila Scadden	Sylvia Ramirez (1)	Gohan Delgado	Cynthia Salinas (7)
Leilani Gant	Michelle Shields (1)	Candy Hernandez	Ken Cline (8)
Izabella Valenzuela	Catalina Koller (2)	Gabe Legarda	Erin Delaney (8)
Sergio Portugal	Sara Lofton (2)	Gregorio Cienfuegos	Adrian Ruiz (8)
Miguel Torres	Gabriela Rocha (2)	Jasper Rose	Alyssa Morrison (Music)
Janiyah McGlory	Joia Westwood (2)	Tevin Stewart	Peyton Farina (PE)
Ellie Galarsa	Tiffany Lorona (3)	Elizabeth Meza	Andrea Smith (Art)
Yadilani Flores	Michele Malone (3)	Isabell Beltran Hernandez	Luke Smith (PE/STEM)
Penelope Armenta	Melody Smith (3)	Jose Perez-Leal	David Wulff (PE)
Madison Podolak	Ashleigh Justice (K-3)	Vielle Alfonso	David Morrison (Band)
Devin Carabez	Monica Gallo (3-5)	Kaylani Fierros	Leah Hall (6-8)

Congratulations, Hawks!