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Dear Parents and Guardians,

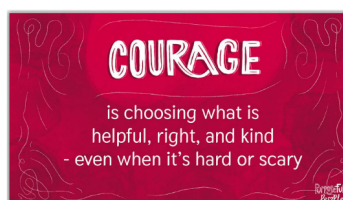
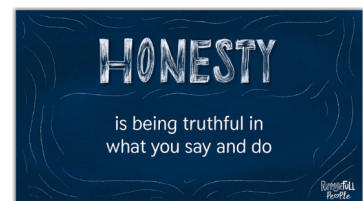
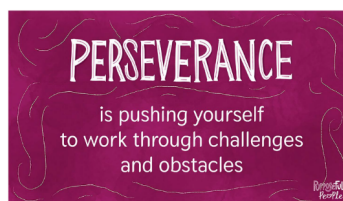
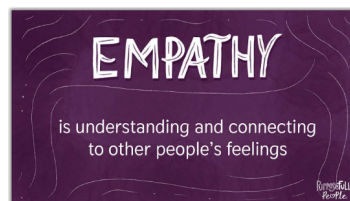
**We believe that it is an entire community's responsibility to help students grow into kind and compassionate adults.** We also know how challenging this can be in the current climate of social media and other distractions. In a time when testing and academics feel like the most important aspect of education, we can lose focus on investing in the whole child and the habits and traits that make them successful in all areas of life.

**We are excited to announce that starting in the 2023-24 school year, Laveen Elementary will be a "Character Strong School!"** All aspects of our mindfulness program will remain the same and will instead become a vital component of our character education program. Teachers will be trained in July and students will be introduced to lessons in August. Each month, we will share more about "Character Strong" in parent newsletters!



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*Character Strong*



With continued gratitude for your support, *Dr. Robert Caplinger, Principal*

## 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>



## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The main office will be open during the summer break, **Monday - Thursday from 7:00AM - 3:00PM**. You can also reach our main office by calling (602) 237-9110.

*Please continue to check your emails for important summer information and updates.*



## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>June 8</b>	Governing Board Meeting - 5:30PM
<b>June 19</b>	Celebrate Juneteenth!
<b>June 29</b>	Last Day of Summer School
<b>July 3 - 7</b>	4th of July Holiday Week/Office Closed
<b>July 10 - 14</b>	Watch Your Mail for a School Postcard!
<b>July 13</b>	Governing Board Meeting - 5:30PM
<b>August 3</b>	Meet the Teacher Night - 5:00PM - 7:00PM
<b>August 7</b>	First Day of School! Woo hoo!



## 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! **Visit:** [frysfood.com/i/community/community-rewards](https://frysfood.com/i/community/community-rewards)



## 1ST - 3RD SUMMER LEARNING WORKBOOKS

We were excited to provide each 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade student with a summer math and reading workbook! These workbooks were designed to help students review the standards from the previous grade and help introduce standards that will be taught in next year's grade. Each book is organized by summer “weeks” to keep students organized and on track.

**Parents, please encourage weekly participation in these summer workbooks!**



## SUMMER FAMILY FUN

Here are some fun family games that will encourage critical thinking and problem solving over the summer months. Playing board games as a family is a great way to develop social skills, enhance critical thinking, and strengthen problem solving skills.

### Independent Games Available Online:

[SET](#) - visual/spatial

[Kryptop](#) - math game

[Quiddler](#) - verbal/word game

[Wordle](#) - verbal/word game

[Nerdle](#) - math game

[Waffle](#) - verbal/word game

### Multiplayer Games Available on Amazon:

Wordical - a card game

SWISH - visual/spatial card game

Blurt! - verbal/vocabulary game

SET - a card game

SET with friends - available online [here](#)



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## 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](#).



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## 2023-24 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

Updated school supply lists for each grade level are now available on our [school website](#) under the “General Information” tab. Please print the list for your child’s grade and take advantage of the summer sales on school supplies! You are encouraged to bring your supplies to Meet the Teacher Night on August 3, but may also bring them on the first day of school. If you need financial assistance with school supplies, including new backpacks for your children, please contact the main office for assistance at (602) 237-9110. **We are happy to help!**

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## \*NEW\* LAVEEN SPIRIT WEAR

Visit [laveenspiritwear.com](#) for all your spirit wear needs! We have some great new designs available for the 2023-24 school year. Remember, all students are welcome to wear spirit wear to school each Friday instead of their uniform tops on “**Spirit Wear Friday!**” Order spirit wear this summer and be ready for school in August! **Show your Laveen spirit!**





## MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT



**“Your Adventure Awaits!”** This is the 2023-24 schoolwide theme here at Laveen Elementary School! On **Thursday, August 3**, students and their families will have the opportunity to meet our amazing staff of “adventure guides!” Your entire family may drop-in between **5:00PM and 7:00PM** to collect important information for the new school year and receive student schedules with teacher assignments. Our teachers will have their classrooms open to meet you! All families should report directly to the gym upon arrival. **This is a great time to drop off [school supplies](#)!** See you there!

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## SUMMER SCHOOL

**Our Laveen summer school has been filled with a lot of learning, acceleration and fun!** Thanks to our summer school coordinator, Luke Smith, and our summer school teachers, Isabel Avila, Janina Perez, Ken Cline, Tiffany Lorona, Rachel Ruiz-Rivera, Dominique Mariscal, Catalina Koller, and Joia Westwood. Our support staff also plays a vital role in the success of this year’s program: Sandra Bautista, Perla Castanon, Silvia Cortez, Jackie Morales, Chris Madrid, Garrett Myers, Bryan Olheiser, and Ray Minjarez. Our awesome summer students are focusing on math and literacy from May 30 - June 29. Thanks to all of our parents for supporting their students with excellent summer school attendance! **Let’s go, Hawks!**



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## FREE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**Summer reading is critical**, not only to help kids maintain learning while school is out, but to also foster their social-emotional development, discover the joy of stories, and elevate the importance of lifelong learning. **The Scholastic Summer Reading Program** offers kids an exciting, free, and safe summer reading experience, while helping to provide books to kids with limited or no access over the summer, keeping every child reading. **Through September 7**, kids can visit the summer zone in Scholastic Home Base, a **completely free** and super fun digital destination which offers stories, characters, games, and a community of readers. Scholastic’s Home Base is **moderated for safety** 24/7. Let’s keep our students reading all summer long!

Check out the free summer reading program here: <https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer-reading.html>

# MAKE SUMMER READING A PRIORITY

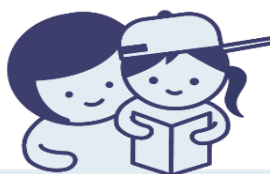
## WHY IT MATTERS



**96%**

**OF EDUCATORS AGREE**

that providing year-round access to books at home is important to enhancing student achievement



**94%**

**OF PARENTS AGREE**

that reading books over the summer will help their child during the school year

## THE BENEFITS OF READING

### ACCORDING TO EDUCATORS...

#### Top academic benefits:

**89%** | Builds reading comprehension

**88%** | Builds academic vocabulary

**88%** | Builds reading fluency

#### Top social-emotional benefits:

**83%** | Helps students understand people that are different than them

**81%** | Helps students develop empathy

**81%** | Helps students see themselves in characters and stories

### ACCORDING TO PARENTS AND KIDS...

**55%**  
OF PARENTS



**53%**  
OF KIDS

say there have been times when a book helped them/their child get through a difficult time

**95%**  
OF PARENTS



say they believe that characters in books can help their child develop the kinds of qualities they value and want to see

**74%**  
OF KIDS SAY

that reading fiction and nonfiction helps them understand the world



## ENCOURAGE SUMMER READING

### WHEN KIDS CHOOSE, THEY READ

**89%**  
OF KIDS AGREE



My favorite books are the ones that I have picked out myself

### ALL FORMATS MATTER!

Graphic novels and comic books are nearly equally as popular among frequent and infrequent readers



### LEARN MORE:



@Scholastic

@ScholasticTeach

@ScholasticEd

## SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS

### May 30th - June 29 (Mon-Thur)

Location	Breakfast	Lunch
Cheatham	7:30 - 8:00 AM	12:45 - 1:30 PM
Estrella Foothills	6:45 - 7:15 AM	1:15 - 2:00 PM
Laveen	7:15 - 7:45 AM	1:45 - 2:15 PM
MC Cash	7:30 - 8:00 AM	12:45 - 1:15 PM
Paseo Pointe	6:15 - 6:45 AM	12:45 - 1:45 PM
Trailside Point	7:30 - 8:00 AM	12:45 - 1:45 PM
Vista del Sur	8:00 - 8:30 AM	1:15 - 2:15 PM

### May 30th - July 27 (Mon-Thur)

Closed  
on 7/4

Location	Breakfast	Lunch
Rogers Ranch	7:15 - 7:45 AM	1:45 - 2:45 PM

Closed  
on 5/29

### May 25th - August 1st (Mon-Fri)

Closed  
on 7/4

Location	Breakfast	Lunch
Desert Meadows	6:45 - 7:15 AM	1:15 - 2:45 PM

Closed  
on 6/19

### May 30th - August 4th (Mon-Fri)

Closed on  
7/4 & 7/12

Location	Breakfast	Lunch
Cesar Chavez Community Center	7:45 - 8:30 AM	11:30 - 12:15 PM

**No registration. No income requirements.**