

THE HAWK

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

How many times have you asked your child, “How was school today?” and been frustrated by the lack of response? To help get the conversations going at home, we have identified a list of questions that help draw out important information.

How and when we ask these questions makes a big difference in the information we receive from our kids. First, you don’t want to ask all of these questions on the same day. You might ask one or two. After a while, you’ll figure out which ones elicit the most meaningful responses. You’ll want to ask during a time when you have the ability to focus, so your child feels they have your full attention. Dinner time and driving in the car are great times for these conversations.

With slight wording modifications, these questions can work with children of all ages:

1. Tell me about a moment today when you felt excited about what you were learning.
2. Tell me about a moment in class when you felt confused.
3. Think about what you learned and did in school today. What’s something you’d like to know more about? What’s a question you have that came from your learning today?
4. Were there any moments today when you felt worried? When you felt scared?
5. Were there any times today when you felt disrespected by anyone? Tell me about those moments.
6. Were there times today when you felt that one of your classmates demonstrated care for you?
7. Were there any moments today when you felt proud of yourself?
8. Tell me about a conversation you had with a classmate or friend that you enjoyed.
9. Is there anything that you’d like to talk about that I might be able to help you figure out?
10. What do you appreciate about your day?
11. What did you learn about yourself today?
12. What was challenging about your day?
13. Is there anything you’re worried about?
14. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
15. Is there a question you wish I’d ask about your day?



After you ask a question, don’t interrupt. This is a good rule for any conversation, but especially if you want to get a lot of information out of a child. **You can also ask for “more.”** Simply say, “I’d love to hear more about that...” Or, “Can you expand on that a little?” **Thank you for talking with your kids at home about school!**

With gratitude,

Dr. Robert Caplinger, Principal

MR. MAGOS FEATURED ON 12 NEWS

Channel 12 News was on campus to do a feature story on our own, Mr. Magos! The story focused on our four “Little Libraries” that he built over the past years. Thank you to parents Monica Romero and Roxanne Johnson for helping coordinate featured kids and our three kindergarten teachers for getting their students involved. [You can watch the news story here](#). Thank you, Mr. Magos, for all you do for our students, staff and families!



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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 an 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. The ParentVUE Mobile app uses the same user login as the web-based ParentVUE portal. [Click here](#) to access ParentVUE on your computer. iPhone users: [Apple Store](#). Android: [Google Play](#).

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!**

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2	Governing Board Meeting - 5:30PM	March 17	Last Day of Spring Break
March 3	Student of Month Breakfast - 7:45AM	March 20	School Resumes/Q4 Begins
Mar 6 - 10	Read Across America Week	Mar 20 - 24	Book Fair in Library
March 8	Early Release/\$1.00 Dress Down Day	March 25	School Garden Planting Day - 1:00PM
March 10	1st Grade Field Trip to Zoo	March 29	Early Release/\$1.00 Dress Down Day
March 10	AZ Hygiene for Hope Give-away Event	March 30	Special Olympics - Track & Field
March 13	Spring Break Begins - No School	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

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**



ARIZONA HYGIENE FOR HOPE EVENT - MARCH 10

Heidi and Doug Hemp, the founders of Non-Profit "Arizona Hygiene for Hope," are spreading random acts of kindness! On March 10 they will be gifting each student at Laveen Elementary School with a toy or game to encourage our students to "spread kindness" to others. Heidi and Doug are committed to honoring Arizona homeless and military veterans. Their mission is to encourage and empower individuals and motivate families to prosper by providing hygiene products and basic essentials. **Let's all go out and spread kindness to others!**

PHOENIX SUNS GROW-TO-GO CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to Mrs. Smith's 3rd grade homeroom for winning the 2022-23 Phoenix Suns Grow to Go Challenge! Her students demonstrated the most academic growth of all homerooms, based on our district interim assessments in ELA and Math. Students received two tickets to the game and some students joined the players on the court for the national anthem. It was quite a night for our Laveen Hawks! **Well done, 3rd grade!**



OHANA RUN COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The 2023 Ohana Run will be on Friday, March 31! More information is on its way from your child's homeroom teacher, but we would first like to thank our 2023 community partners. These generous sponsors have ensured that each student and staff member receives a free Ohana Run shirt to wear on the 31st! **Thank you, partners!**

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PIMA LEASING	LUSH GREEN LAWN CARE	THE HUSBAND & WIFE LAW TEAM	

THANK YOU!

LAVEEN COMMUNITY PARADE

Our 1st grade students and teachers participated in the 2023 Laveen Community Parade on Saturday, February 4. Our theme was “Constructing Knowledge” and with the support of community partner, Chasse Building, our students were ready to build! **Thanks to all the parents and staff that walked with us and supported our kids!**



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to preschool teacher, Jonathan Clauss! He was recognized at the February Governing Board meeting as the school district’s “Employee of the Month!” This was a well-deserved honor for a great teacher!



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!**

Ashlany Lee	Jonathan Clauss (PreK)	Jaedah Smith	James Carrethers (4)
Weston Dailey	Jhovana Bugarin (PreK)	Tyana Rucker	Sara Lofton (4)
Afran Mohammed	Mercedes Jeffrey (PreK)	Ariana Raymundo	Dominique Mariscal (4)
Keziyah Westbrook	Isabel Avila (K)	Noel Alcala	Gabriel Duarte (5)
Alyssa Valencia	Jeannette Craig (K)	Matheo Lopez Villalobos	Rachel Ruiz-Rivera (5)
Lily Christ	Janina Perez (K)	Cayla Cervantes	Jessica Suri (5)
Nathan Desrosiers	Jessica Krantz (SC)	Jody Avila	Deanna Bleyl (6)
Raymond Gallegos	Mary Turner (SC)	Ryan Sordia	Jessica Lozano (6)
Elisha Rwakatale	Jennifer Veney (SC)	Aalyah Cervantes Martinez	Logan Wasie (6)
Junior Ndingaomadi	Sabrina Wyda (SC)	Gabriel Legarda	Alicia Harp (7)
Angel Orozco	Sylvia Ramirez (1)	Ulysses Zamora Bojorquez	Cynthia Salinas (7)
Amelia DeHerrera	Gabriela Rocha (1)	Ulysses Zamora Bojorquez	Christian Villa (7/8)
Elena Yazzie	Michelle Shields (1)	Amber Parr	Ken Cline (7/8)
Jaytzanie Espino Lara	Joia Westwood (1)	Olivia Leyvas	Stephanie Lara (8)
Derwin Harkness	Jessica Bornhorst (2)	Josiah Gandy	Adrian Ruiz (8)
Makayla Hill	Sarai Covarrubias (2)	Skarlette Galvez	Alyssa Morrison (Music)
Isaac Martinez	Joy Oliva (2)	Audrey Nelson	David Morrison (Band)
Eurreck Cheatham	Tiffany Lorona (3)	Catherine Alvarez	Andrea Smith (Art)
Cruz Samaniego	Michele Malone (3)	Brianna Rojas	Luke Smith (PE/STEM)
Adilen Galindo	Anthony Ramirez (3)	Robert Mouch	David Wulff (PE/Health)
Doris Benitez-Badillo	Melody Smith (3)	Xavier Villegas	Leah Hall (6-8)
Desyian Oshima	Ashleigh Justice (K-3)	Freman Satcherwhite	Monica Gallo (3-5)

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