

THE HAWK

PARENT NEWSLETTER OF LAVEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL •

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially reading. Studies suggest that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read during the summer months will gain skills. So, let's read!

Efforts should be made during the summer to help children sustain reading skills, practice reading and read for enjoyment. **Here are a few family tips to make reading enjoyable for your children this summer:**



- 1. Read aloud together with your child every day.** Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.
- 2. Set a good example.** Parents need to model reading for their children. Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.
- 3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.** This is the way to develop habits of the mind and build capacity for thought and insight.
- 4. Let kids choose what they want to read.** Not allowing choice may discourage good reading habits.
- 5. Buy audio books, especially for a child with a learning disability.** Listen to them in the car, or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.
- 6. Take your children to the public library regularly.** The Cesar Chavez Library sponsors summer reading programs with easy-to-reach goals for school-age children. Check the [library calendar](#) for special summer reading activities and events. They also provide age-appropriate book lists for summer reading.
- 7. Make family trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, notices.** Show your children how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.
- 8. Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.** Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them and read them aloud as you look at the book together.

Thank you for your continued support of Laveen Elementary School! – Dr. Robert Caplinger, Principal

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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

May 1-5	NWEA MAP Testing (K-8)	May 16	Math All-stars Assembly (3 & 4)
May 5	Student of Month Breakfast - 7:45AM	May 17	Cesar Chavez Library Presentation (2-4)
May 8-12	AimsWeb Plus Testing (K-3)	May 19	SpEd Celebration & Awards (1:30PM)
May 8-12	Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week	May 19	Kinder Promotion Student Rehearsal
May 10	Early Release/\$1.00 Dress Down Day	May 22	8th Grade Promotion Student Rehearsal
May 11	Governing Board Meeting - 5:30PM	May 23	8th Grade Promotion - 10:00AM
May 16	District Science Fair at LEC - 5:00PM	May 23	Kindergarten Promotion - 12:30PM

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 need to do!

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



8TH GRADE PROMOTION REMINDERS

We are very proud to celebrate our 8th grade students as they are promoted to high school! We are planning two very special events to honor their hard work at Laveen.

8th Grade Trip. All 8th grade students will join their teachers for a fun trip to Harkins Theater on Friday, May 19. Our Booster Club will help cover the costs of this trip. More details and permission slips are coming soon!

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony. Please join us on Tuesday, May 23 at 10:00AM for a promotion ceremony in our gym. Students will receive their promotion certificates and we will also be presenting some special achievement awards and announcing high school scholarship recipients. Refreshments will follow the ceremony. **Each student will receive tickets for five (5) guests.** Tickets may be picked-up by a parent in our main office starting on Monday, May 8. Questions? Please call us at (602) 237-9110. We will try to accommodate special requests. **Congratulations, 8th Grade Class of 2023!**

8th Grade "Dress to Impress" Portraits. 8th grade students had a special portrait taken on Wednesday, April 12. Portrait proofs will be sent home on Tuesday, May 2 for parents that want to order copies. One portrait will be presented in a special folder on promotion day with their promotion certificate.



KINDERGARTEN PROMOTION REMINDERS

We are also very proud to celebrate our kindergarteners as they are promoted to first grade!

Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony. Please join us on Tuesday, May 23 at 12:30PM for a promotion ceremony in our gym. Students will perform with their classmates and walk across the stage to receive their promotion certificates. Refreshments will follow the ceremony. **Each student will receive tickets for five (5) guests.** Tickets may be picked-up by a parent in our main office starting on Monday, May 8. Questions? Please call us at (602) 237-9110. We will try to accommodate special requests. **Congratulations, Kindergarten Class of 2023!**

Kindergarten "Cap and Gown" Portraits. Kindergarten students had a special portrait taken on Wednesday, April 12. Portrait proofs will be sent home on Tuesday, May 2 for parents that want to order copies. One portrait will be presented in a special folder on promotion day with their promotion certificate.

PRESCHOOL PROMOTION REMINDERS

Each classroom will host their own event and details will be delivered to parents by the classroom teachers. **Congratulations, Preschool Class of 2023!** Welcome to kindergarten!



8TH GRADE PROMOTION DETAILED INFORMATION

This information will be discussed with students on Tuesday, May 2 and also sent home on bright yellow paper.

Promotion Ceremony Tickets

Parents must pick-up promotion tickets in the Main Office beginning Monday, May 8. Each family has been allotted five (5) tickets. If a family needs more tickets, that can be discussed when they pick them up. Tickets must be presented when guests enter the gates on Tuesday, May 23.

8th Grade Trip on Friday, May 19

8th grade students will go on a class trip to Harkins Theater to see The Super Mario Bros. Movie. The Laveen Booster Club will pay for the theater rental, transportation, and a lunch when students return to the school. Students are responsible for purchasing their own concessions (e.g., popcorn, sodas, candy).

Promotion Ceremony Rehearsal on Monday, May 22

All 8th grade students and teachers will participate in a promotion ceremony rehearsal Monday morning, May 22. Students should not be absent (or late) on this day.

Student Report Time on Tuesday, May 23

Students should report to school on Tuesday, May 23 at regular time. If a student arrives late on Tuesday, he/she must be in his/her homeroom classroom by 9:30AM. *(Please note: If a student has been suspended from school on May 23, he/she will be unable to participate in the ceremony.)*

Student Attire on Tuesday, May 23

Students are asked to “dress-up” for promotion. Look your best for the ceremony and pictures! Please avoid excessively high heels that make it difficult to walk across the stage and up and down the stairs. Please also avoid excessively short skirts and dresses.

Parking on Tuesday, May 23

Please carpool with your family as much as possible. We anticipate crowded streets and parking lots, so plan accordingly and allow yourself time to possibly walk a long distance from your car to the school gym.

Gates Open for Guests on Tuesday, May 23

Gates will open for promotion guests at 9:15AM. Tickets must be presented at the gate.

Helium Balloons on Tuesday, May 23

Please do not bring helium balloons to the promotion ceremony. They block the view of people behind you and we will not be able to store them for you. Thank you for understanding!

Scholarships and Awards on Tuesday, May 23

Selected students will receive high school scholarships and achievement awards during the ceremony. The scholarship and award recipients will also receive award medallions to wear during the ceremony.

Student Speakers on Tuesday, May 23

Three students will be selected through their language arts class to speak during the promotion ceremony. Names TBD.

Promotion Certificates on Tuesday, May 23

Promotion certificates will be distributed in the outdoor courtyard after the ceremony. During the ceremony, students will receive an empty certificate folder.

Refreshments on Tuesday, May 23

The Laveen Booster Club will provide light refreshments for students and guests after the ceremony in the outside courtyard.

Student Dismissal on Tuesday, May 23

Parents are welcome to check-out their child after the ceremony for the remainder of the day and school year. A sign-out station will be positioned at each exit gate for your convenience.

Questions? Please call us at (602) 237-9110. Our office is open Monday - Friday from 8:00AM - 4:00PM.

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!**

Dereck Martinez	Jonathan Clauss (PreK)	Amber Estes	James Carrethers (4)
Isabella Moraza	Jhovana Bugarin (PreK)	Kayla Gonzalez Heredia	Brianne Capono (4)
Aaron Equia Garcia	Mercedes Jeffrey (PreK)	Aria Smith	Dominique Mariscal (4)
Ayla Valencia	Isabel Avila (K)	Jose Guevara Alvarez	Gabriel Duarte (5)
Beau Mitchell	Jeannette Craig (K)	Marcos Flores	Rachel Ruiz-Rivera (5)
Jaxon Pablo	Janina Perez (K)	Aribeth Redondo	Jessica Suri (5)
Wal Deng	Jessica Krantz (SC)	Ethan Medina	Deanna Bleyl (6)
Nasir Muhammad	Mary Turner (SC)	Mykola Mitiev	Jessica Lozano (6)
Jacob Borboa	Jennifer Veney (SC)	Yusra Abdulalim	Logan Wasie (6)
Marlene Calderon-Alvarez	Sabrina Wyda (SC)	Joel Romero Bautista	Alicia Harp (7)
Bella Nino Avila	Sylvia Ramirez (1)	Adrian Guevara	Cynthia Salinas (7)
Johanna Wilson	Gabriela Rocha (1)	Skarlette Galvez	Christian Villa (7/8)
Izabella Valenzuela	Michelle Shields (1)	Delphia Ziegler	Ken Cline (7/8)
Jazmin Chavez	Joia Westwood (1)	Elle Roberts	Stephanie Lara (8)
Geneva Johnson	Jessica Bornhorst (2)	David Ledezma Guevara	Adrian Ruiz (8)
Julian Alvarez	Sarai Covarrubias (2)	Kenzee Shiflet	Alyssa Morrison (Music)
Kennedy Atkerson	Joy Oliva (2)	Gabriel Legarda	David Morrison (Band)
Isavel Lucio De Leon	Tiffany Lorona (3)	Andrew Ventura Perez	Andrea Smith (Art)
Ronin Abraha	Michele Malone (3)	Aubrey Valdez	Luke Smith (PE/STEM)
Kloey Fulwilder	Anthony Ramirez (3)	Ivana Barnica Hernandez	David Wulff (PE/Health)
Bruno Leon-Celaya	Melody Smith (3)	Dasha Espinal Mendoza	Leah Hall (6-8)
Ben Macias	Ashleigh Justice (K-3)	Gael Hernandez Ramos	Monica Gallo (3-5)

Congratulations, Hawks!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK, MAY 8-12

Please join us in celebrating our amazing teachers next week during Staff Appreciation Week! The following teachers have provided Amazon Wishlists. Please click or copy/paste the links to find special ways to celebrate your child's teachers. **Items from their wish lists ship directly to the school on your behalf!** Thank you!

TEACHER	GRADE	AMAZON WISH LIST LINK
MS. BUGARIN	PREK	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/iZpuLth?ref_=wl_share
MR. CLAUSS	PREK	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/6syyRzV?ref_=wl_share
MS. JEFFREY	PREK	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1BSBOBNPSHCRL?ref_=wl_share
MS. AVILA	K	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2KH0YJM7L31U1?ref_=wl_share
MS. CRAIG	K	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/29XDYGSAECDEP?ref_=wl_share
MS. KOLLER	K	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3O4CEVUA5D8GW/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2
MS. PEREZ	K	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1VTKK0X24VUK7/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2
MS. S. RAMIREZ	1	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35ND7WDNMRL?ref_=wl_share
MS. ROCHA	1	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1ITUE7K11YSHM?ref_=wl_share
MS. SHIELDS	1	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2AJ5H25L1BH9S?ref_=wl_share
MS. WESTWOOD	1	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3LHMG97UFT2WP?ref_=wl_share
MS. BORNHORST	2	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3M8NOAVGBBYQC?ref_=wl_share
MS. COVARRUBIAS	2	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/l46SHC6H2NSL?ref_=wl_share
MS. OLIVA	2	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/34BBSQ2N4ZND1?ref_=wl_share
MS. LORONA	3	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/12B1XJ9H4N9T7?ref_=wl_share
MS. MALONE	3	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3QAX61KVSWOR2?ref_=wl_share
MS. M. SMITH	3	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3BI8GTND7WZML?ref_=wl_share
MR. A. RAMIREZ	3	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ERV48GX1ZR47?ref_=wl_share
MR. CARRETHERS	4	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2O1VDZ01IBUFT/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1
MS. CAPONO	4	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3CGS5CFWONCGT?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_n9tyslwTSLirM
MS. LOFTON	4	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/289T7F1TI62AE?ref_=wl_share
MS. MARISCAL	4	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/33Z3QLOHMMBUE/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_4
MR. G. DUARTE	5	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/RA6DHJVBDIX3?ref_=wl_share
MS. RIVERA	5	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1P6Q1PH0T5E7X?ref_=wl_share

MS. SURI	5	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2E6GHA6X2M2AP?ref_=wl_share
MS. BLEYL	6	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1WZ5BRM8CRQGH/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2
MS. LOZANO	6	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/5GIOFLKQPOMW?ref_=wl_share
MR. WASIE	6	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1FN1TNBBVNO1S?ref_=wl_share
MS. HARP	7	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/13V0TLAN38L0O?ref_=wl_share
MS. SALINAS	7	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2ABASIPHCER01?ref_=wl_share
MR. RUIZ	8	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3D3DWXDZOVDCC?ref_=wl_share
MS. LARA	8	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3Q07LQIYDABIT?ref_=wl_share
MR. CLINE	7/8	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/13P9EXGAD0OVL?ref_=wl_share
MR. VILLA	7/8	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2F00JNEW7JG4O?ref_=wl_share
MS. KRANTZ	SPED	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3FV4K6V0RBEGO?ref_=wl_share
MS. TURNER	SPED	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3A29QMK79AJZ/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2
MS. VENEY	SPED	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/36640D17FDT1I?ref_=wl_share
MS. WYDA	SPED	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2QVWHUOAPHEUF?ref_=wl_share
MS. GALLO	SPED	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3PFMF0XAX3X30?ref_=wl_share
MS. HALL	SPED	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/A61PR94AWF3E?ref_=wl_share
MS. JUSTICE	SPED	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1UI4F1S01431J?ref_=wl_share
MS. A. SMITH	ART	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/iplAGTR?ref_=wl_share
MR. L. SMITH	STEM	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3EMVYBX6ATQZK?ref_=wl_share
MS. A. MORRISON	MUSIC	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1QWBAlQDMEUVB/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1
MR. D. MORRISON	BAND	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/25P97EBKB3TDP?ref_=wl_share
MR. R. DUARTE	TUTOR	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/UO3WACIHM0ER?ref_=wl_share
MS. SAPIEN	TUTOR	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3HNNHJ36IHH2HD?ref_=wl_share
MS. ROMERO	COUNS	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2FPDIKC1Q5PP2?ref_=wl_share
MS. BENZINI	ELL	https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/5KGIBE5T9Y4M?ref_=wl_share

