

THE HAWK

FAMILY NEWSLETTER OF LAVEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • NOVEMBER, 2023

Dear Families,

Persistence and perseverance are important skills to develop and practice.

Think back to a time when completing a hard or challenging task required you to follow every step to perfection in order to achieve success (like assembling IKEA furniture or doing your taxes). Chances are your brain automatically utilized some pretty specific reading behaviors. Maybe you read all the directions before you started to get an overall scope of the process.

As you began, you probably reread certain steps multiple times. When your brain sensed some frustration, you might have taken a break and then jumped right back in.



Because you wanted to complete the entire task successfully, you used your reading strategies, but you also used your skills of persistence and perseverance to power through until you were satisfied, even if you experienced frustration along the way.

However, reading strategies don't work if a child isn't motivated to finish the process. Many students lack experience with persistence and perseverance. They haven't been asked to complete challenging tasks from start to finish, making persistence and perseverance unfamiliar feelings. Plus, we all know that when feelings are new, they are often overwhelming. **It doesn't mean kids are lazy... it means they haven't practiced these life skills... yet.**

As parents, engage your children in opportunities for what educators call a “**productive struggle**.” Essentially, this is when a task is challenging and requires some grit to continue. They struggle until the task is completed.

If your child persists and perseveres through a difficult task (either mentally or physically), they'll be rewarded when success is reached. As adults, we know this is true only because we've experienced it over and over again in life. Children often haven't experienced this... **yet.**

Let's work together at home and at school to teach our children the skills of persistence and perseverance by providing opportunities for them to productively struggle through difficult tasks all the way to the end.

Thank you for your continued support!

With gratitude,

Dr. Robert Caplinger, Principal

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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

November 8	Early Release/\$1.00 Dress Down	November 29	Early Release/\$1.00 Dress Down
November 8	Governing Board Meets (5:30PM)	December 1	Student of the Month Breakfast
November 9	1st Grade "Books & Breakfast"	December 1	Districtwide Winter Festival
November 10	Veterans Day - No School	December 4-8	NWEA MAP Assessments (K-8)
November 15	Gifted Family Night at RRS, 5:00PM	December 11-15	AIMSWeb Plus Testing (K-3)
November 22	Thanksgiving Break - No School	December 13	Early Release/\$1.00 Dress Down
November 23	Thanksgiving Break - No School	December 15	Kinder "Books & Breakfast"
November 24	Thanksgiving Break - No School	December 22	Winter Break Begins

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



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](#).**

Books & Breakfast

1st Grade

Thursday November 9, 2023 • 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Laveen Elementary School Cafeteria

Please Join Your Child for Breakfast

Table Activities • Free Breakfast • Free Books

A Morning of Food, Family Fun & Reading!

DRIVELINE PARENTS OF THE MONTH

We have some great parents at Laveen Elementary that **S.O.A.R.** right along with their kids! We are pleased to showcase some amazing Driveline parents that have earned a special "Golden Driveline Number" for being **Safe, Organized, Accountable and Respectful** during drop-off and pick-up. **Thank you for S.O.A.R-ing, parents!**



LANYARDS & STUDENT IDs

Students are expected to wear their ID each day as part of their school uniform. An ID is required to enter onto campus, eat lunch in the cafeteria, ride the school bus, and check-out library books. Students are welcome to use any school-appropriate lanyard they would like. If students lose their ID, they will need to purchase a new ID for \$2.00 in the office. A new lanyard is \$1.00. Please call us with any questions or requests for assistance at (602) 237-9110.

SUNS GROW TO GO CHALLENGE!

Each year our 3rd-8th grade students compete academically to win the opportunity to attend a Phoenix Suns game with their families. Winning classrooms are determined by measuring academic growth in reading and math, measured by the district's NWEA MAP assessments. The Block 1 classroom that demonstrates the most growth from Spring, 2023 - Winter, 2023 will win the challenge and watch the **Suns vs. Wizards on 12/17**.



Laveen's 2023
SUNS
GROW
TO GO
M.A.P. Growth
Challenge!

PARENTVUE WEBSITE AND PHONE APP

It's midterm progress report season and ParentVUE is a wonderful 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 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](#).

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, students are welcome to wear spirit wear to school each week on "Spirit Wear Friday!" Show your Laveen school spirit!
Order your school spirit wear NOW for the holidays!



GIFTED NEWS

Did you know that a gifted student's brain grows at different rates? When the social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and creative aspects of a person develop on a trajectory that is outside of norms, and at an uneven rate, it is described as asynchronous development (NAGC.org). This asynchronous development can lead to conflicting and confusing behaviors and abilities in our students. A kindergartener may be able to read at a 4th grade level and hold mature conversations with older peers, but may struggle with on-level math work. The NAGC has a [parent tip sheet](#) that goes more in depth about this aspect of our gifted students. On the tip sheet are some suggestions of ways to support your student through this asynchronous development, including to read books with exceptional characters in them. Below are two book lists of such books and characters. *(Please note: I have not read all of these books - they are merely suggestions and not recommended or required.)* [Book List](#) [Book List 2](#) **I'm here to help!** –[Faye Uttech](#), Gifted Instructional Coach



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.

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1021470/Laveen-Elementary-School/2023-Yearbook/2020910041645483115/CATALOG_SHOP/



THIS IS YOUR STORY. AND EVERYONE IS IN IT.

LAVEEN LIONS PENNY DRIVE

Which classroom will collect the most coins and win a pizza party? The drive is on! The Laveen Lions Club does many great things to benefit the Laveen community and this is our opportunity to support them!



2023



Laveen Lions

PENNY DRIVE

YOUR DONATION HELPS
LAVEEN FAMILIES IN NEED

Participate in the **annual** Penny Drive competition
between the schools in the Laveen Elementary
School District

Start Date:

Monday, November 6th

Collection Date:

Friday, December 8th

WINNER



The class that collects the **most**
pennies at each school will win
a **pizza party!**



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

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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
Carlos Gaytab	Jonathan Clauss (PreK)	Ashtan Crawford	James Carrethers (4)
Dylan Morales	Jhovana Bugarin (PreK)	Nathaniel Lowe	Dominique Mariscal (4)
Aaron Eguia Garcia	Mercedes Jeffrey (PreK)	Christopher Espinoza Ramirez	Geraldine Rodriguez (4)
Erick Hernandez	Jeannette Craig (K)	Levi Medina	Christian Villa (4)
Matteo Soto Jimenez	Isabel Hlebak (K)	Myles Sordia	Bernadette Carbajal (5)
Matthew Robles	Janina Perez (K)	Mia Minjarez	Gabriel Duarte (5)
Kimberly Cruz	Jessica Krantz (SC)	Kayla Gonzalez Heredia	Nick Plantz (5)
Reagan Sackor	Mary Turner (SC)	Adana McCarty	Deanna Bleyl (6)
Bayazid Hossain	Jennifer Veney (SC)	Danika Rios	Jessica Lozano (6)
Junior Ndinga Madji	Sabrina Wyda (SC)	Victor Cienfuegos	Logan Wasie (6)
Anaya Tahir	Sarai Covarrubias (1)	Kenzo Westbrook	Brianne Capono (7)
Scarlett Etsitty	Sylvia Ramirez (1)	Brittney Diaz Monzon	Crystal Codner (7)
Lelia Delowe	Michelle Shields (1)	Jacob Garcia	Cynthia Salinas (7)
Alexander Rivera	Catalina Koller (2)	Maria Lopez	Ken Cline (8)
Emily Reyna Torres	Sara Lofton (2)	Victor Castorena	Erin Delaney (8)
Elliott Vandaveer	Gabriela Rocha (2)	Trinity Goldtooth	Adrian Ruiz (8)
Kylah Drake	Joia Westwood (2)	Alie Koroma	Alyssa Morrison (Music)
Lily Clarke	Tiffany Lorona (3)	Danika Rios	David Morrison (Band)
Zariah Scadden	Michele Malone (3)	Alexander Regnier	Andrea Smith (Art)
Ja'Lynn Rogers	Melody Smith (3)	Maria Lopez	Luke Smith (PE/STEM)
Vivian Buatti	Ashleigh Justice (K-3)	Sergio Navarrete	David Wulff (PE)
Rebecca Swartz	Monica Gallo (3-5)	Araceli Duran	Peyton Farina (PE)
Gabriel Ruiz Coronado	Leah Hall (6-8)	Congratulations, Laveen Hawks!	