

Paseo Pointe News

602-304-2040

December 2017

<http://paseopointe.laveeneld.org/>

A message from the Ms. Pashley...

It's December! That means it's one of our busiest months at Paseo Pointe. Our student athletes will begin both Volleyball and Soccer. Paseo Pointe musicians will be performing for our students and parents at upcoming concerts, and not to mention we'll be celebrating the season with our Posadas at the Pointe event **December 20, 2017**. These are just a few upcoming events, so please be sure to check our website for more information!

PTA has been busy organizing our cookie dough fundraiser, remember all cookie dough orders must be picked up on Friday, December 8th from 1:00-5:00pm in the gym. Thank you to everyone that participated and continue to support our fundraising efforts. PTA also reported that Barros donated over \$500 for our dine-out night last month! Way to go!

The weather is finally changing, please remember any outer wear jacket or sweater must be school colors to be worn in class. Make sure your Paseo Pointe Ram has their student ID every day.

December dates to remember...

- December 5—Soccer & Volleyball @ Vista
- December 7—Soccer & Volleyball vs Trailside
- December 8—Winter Festival @ Laveen Education Center
- December 11—Galileo Testing
- December 12—Soccer & Volleyball vs Laveen
- December 12—Galileo Testing
- December 13—Early Release
- December 14—Galileo Testing
- December 14—Choir & Band Concert
- December 15—Preschool Winter Concert
- December 19—Soccer & Volleyball @ Desert Meadows
- December 20—Posadas at the Pointe
- December 21—End of Second Quarter
- December 22—Winter Break Begins
- January 8—Classes Resume





Gifted Education News - December 2017

Fall gifted testing is underway. Letters regarding test scores will be sent out in mid-December 2017. If you would like a student to be tested, they may test during the spring testing window, if they have not already tested this school year. Referral forms are due by January 23, 2018.

Gifted seventh and eighth grade students the opportunity to view the ASU campus during November scholarship field trips to the ASU Business and School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning where they learned how this year's geography theme translates into college degrees. Students experienced hands-on how the global economy works and how to think spatially!

December field trips include the 4th grade trip to the Musical Instrument Museum, the 5th grade trip to the Phoenix Art Museum and the K-3rd grade trip to see a Chinese Shadow Puppet presentation.

Thanks to everyone who was able to participate in the November Childsplay presentation of "Tomas and the Library Lady" and the Fall Parent PAD meeting. This play shows how important it is for people to appreciate and celebrate each other's cultural differences and how we can enrich each other's lives.

We encourage parents to find ways to experience this year's cultural and geographic adventure at home. Try new food, visit a new place, do a little research – have fun in the journey!

Please circle the following events on your calendar:

- 1) ASU Summer Barrett Scholarship program presentation – Vista del Sur Library 5:30 p.m., January 23, 2018. <https://eoss.asu.edu/bss>
- 2) Arizona Association for Gifted and Talented Annual Conference (AAGT) February 1st and 2nd, 2018. <https://aagt.wildapricot.org/Events>
- 3) Spring Gifted Family Enrichment Night and Parent PAD, March 23, 2018 at Laveen Elementary School. "Stargazing for Everyone" – View the spring skies through large telescopes.

All Gifted Enrichment Nights and Gifted Field Trips are funded by tax credit donation dollars. Please consider donating to the gifted tax credit fun this year. Check "gifted" when donating.

NOTE: Tax credit money can be divided between school and gifted – just note amounts.

Please encourage friends and family members to donate – All Arizona tax payers can participate.

The Link: <http://www.laveeneld.org/about-laveen/tax-credit/>





Taxpayers can lower their taxes and support our students!

You can send all your state taxes to the State of Arizona or make a contribution to a public school and receive a State Income Tax Credit for up to \$200 for tax payers who file a tax return as single or head of household and a maximum of \$400 for married couples filing jointly on your State Income Tax Return.

A.R.S. §43-1089.01 gives you this opportunity to help your local school. A tax credit, which is the dollar-for-dollar reduction of your tax liability, is better than a tax deduction, which only reduces your taxable income before taxes are computed. The tax credit is available to all taxpayers, regardless of whether they have children in school.

For more information, go to our website at <http://www.laveeneld.org/about-laveen/tax-credit> or call the school office.



McKinney-Vento

In a temporary living arrangement? Are you currently experiencing temporary living arrangements due to eviction, job loss, or a traumatic event? Laveen Elementary School District offers services to families through the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The Act requires that children and families who are in a temporary living situation be offered services and supports. Please contact Delphina Avila at 602-237-9100, ext. 3051, or at davila2@laveeneld.org to inquire further about qualifying for this program.



Health Office News

Please do not send ANY over the counter medication to school with your student!

Check the lost and found often. Items are donated at the end of each month.





Student ID Cards

Beginning in August 2017, all students attending Laveen schools will be required to wear a student identification badge at all times while on campus or on the bus. In addition to serving as school identification, the badges will contain a bar code for students to use as they go through the cafeteria line. Students utilizing Laveen's bus transportation will also swipe their badge as they board and exit the bus.

Replacement ID Costs:

ID Card \$2.00

Badge Sleeve \$1.00

Basic Lanyard \$1.00



Excellent Attendance Equals Better Students


There is a strong correlation between good attendance and high student achievement. Help your child be successful by making sure that they are at school daily and on time. Our front gates open at 6:50 and the bell to line-up rings at 7:20. We look forward to excellent, on time attendance from all of our students.

Student Absences

If you need to call your child in late or absent, please call the attendance line at 602-304-2040, option 1. Please leave the first and last name of the student, their teacher's name, the reason for the absence, and who is calling.

Morning Nutrition = Student Success

To help guarantee the success of our students, please encourage your child(ren) to join us every morning beginning at 6:50 am for a free nutritionally balanced breakfast. A healthy breakfast is the first step to academic success.



Laveen's 4TH ANNUAL **Winter Festival**

All proceeds benefit the Laveen Education Foundation.

**FREE ADMISSION
TICKETS SOLD
FOR SELECT
ACTIVITIES.**

**December 8
5pm — 8pm
5001 W. Dobbins**

**Games - Food - Crafts - Entertainment
Obstacle Courses - Photos with Santa**