

Paseo Pointe News

602-304-2040

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

A message from Ms. Pashley...

We are already a month into 2018 and our 2nd semester of the 2017-2018 school year. We have hit the semester running. Our students did an amazing job on their Galileo Benchmark 2 and we cannot wait to measure their academic growth with Galileo Benchmark 3 at the end of February. In addition, our Paseo Pointe athletes are on busy preparing for the basketball and football seasons. Our PTA has already planned an upcoming book fair and color fun run, be on the lookout for information on these two events.

Kinder round up is this month as well. If you know of any families interested in our amazing DLI program and have a kinder ready student, February 6th is the date! Direct them to our front office for more information.

Tardies

Please have your kids here on time. The first bell rings at 7:20 am and the late bell rings at 7:30 am. We will be rewarding individuals, classes, and grade levels with exemplar attendance. Unfortunately any student that has three tardies in a calendar week will now serve lunch detention.



What's Happening In...

Kindergarten

In Kindergarten we have been working on our counting every day to meet our goals! During the 100th Day of School students participated in different counting activities such as making necklaces, counting to 100 by 10's while sorting objects and completing 100 exercises. Look at what a great time we had practicing our counting!



First Grade

Math: Graphing (tally, picture graphs, and bar graphs.)

Reading: In the upcoming unit we will be working with fiction and non-fiction text about animals.

Skill focus: main idea and key details, plot: sequencing, and connections within text.

Reading Strategies: Ask and answer questions and visualize

Social Studies: National Symbols

Science: Soil



Second Grade

In 2nd grade, we are working very hard as we prepare for our next Galileo Benchmark, which is on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Please make sure that your kids are well rested, fed, and are here on time. We feel confident that our students have learned a lot and will be ready to demonstrate what they know. Hooray Second Grade! We got this! We will be having a Valentine's Day Party on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Please encourage your child to show R.I.S.E to success in and outside of class on a daily basis.



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. Just a reminder you can log on to pay for lunch, check account balances, and even set up reminders to alert you when the account balance is low at <http://www.ezschooldpay.com/>.





Gifted Education News - February 2017

In January, families from around the district attended the Gifted Family Enrichment Night event, “Stargazing for Everyone.” Families had a great time learning about the winter night sky. It was interesting to learn how the view is different, depending on where you are located in the world. The highlight of the evening was enjoying the views through the four different telescopes.

Spring is a great time for a “family field trip” or “family learning adventure. We invite parents, to take their children’s learning beyond the classroom and into the home. For example: Post a map on your refrigerator and learn the places and landmarks. Consider a different culture or country to study with your family. How about learning another language this year? Start a “Continent of the Month” exploration - You could start with the largest or the smallest continent and explore all seven continents in seven months. You could create Continent Boxes and gather items to place in each individual box. Items might include: currency, flags, animals, landmarks (man-made and natural), artifacts, postage stamps, etc. Research and try a new spice, vegetable/fruit, recipe or even a candy/sweet enjoyed in another country. As your family enjoys the Winter Olympics, be curious about the other countries who are participating; look up their location, flag, landmarks, etc. Enjoy “Discovering the World” together this spring.

Spring gifted testing is currently underway. The district is utilizing the online version of the CogAT this spring. The rollout of this option has been an easy transition. We look forward to welcoming our new students.

High-achieving seventh and eighth grade students have the opportunity to apply for the Barrett Honors College Summer Scholars Program at Arizona State University this summer. Students who are selected will spend one week on the ASU campus taking classes and learning about college life. Applications are due March 5, 2018. Full scholarships are available. More information and application can be accessed at: <https://eoss.asu.edu/bss/ssp/apply>.



FEBRUARY

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Laveen
Parade

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Kinder Round
Up 4:30-6:30
Chipotle
Dine Out
4:00-8:00

Early Release

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PTA Meeting
6:00

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NO SCHOOL
President's Day

NJHS Induction
Ceremony
5:30

Early Release

DLI Parent
Information
Night
5:30

\$1 Dress Down

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Girls Basketball
&
Flag Football @
Rogers Ranch

Spring Book Fair
Galileo

Girls Basketball
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Flag Football vs.
Cheatham

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