



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### August 22

Site Council Meeting  
Library, 5:30 pm  
PTO Meeting  
Library, 6:00 pm

### August 23

Staff Development-  
No School

### August 24

Curriculum Night  
5-7 PM

### September 4

Labor Day-  
NoSchool

### September 6

Half Day  
Release at 12:00 PM

### September 8

Fall Picture Day

### September 19

Site Council Meeting  
Library, 5:30 pm  
PTO Meeting  
Library, 6:00 pm

### September 20

Half Day  
Release at 12:00 PM

## Principal's Note

Vista Parents & Guardians,

We are excited to welcome you back to another amazing year at Vista del Sur. We hope that each of you had a wonderful and safe summer. This school year brings about many exciting opportunities and endeavors to look forward to.

Vista del Sur staff members are dedicated to preparing your child to become a valuable member of society. Academic excellence and a strong partnership between parents, staff, and students are the foundation of Vista's superior education. At Vista, your child will be expected to engage in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students will collaborate, communicate, think, experiment, and reflect throughout each day. Therefore, being prepared and in class is essential for every student, every day.

Please keep in mind that myself and the staff here at Vista, are eager and willing to partner with you and your student to help them grow socially and academically. I believe in the power of our Vista Tigers R.O.A.R. We are Responsible, Organized, Alert, and Respectful. Here at Vista, R.O.A.R. leads to positive interactions that ensure students success. We believe your child can succeed and will have a great experience at Vista. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions and remember our doors are always open. Thank you for choosing Vista del Sur!

In partnership,  
Jessica Epacs

**Site Council/PTO Meetings and  
Curriculum Night are  
EXCELLENT  
opportunities to earn**



# THANK YOU!!

*YOUR TAX CREDIT  
DOLLARS PROVIDED THE  
FOLLOWING:*

After School Tutoring

Grand Canyon

Band

Field Trip Transportation

Chess Club

Softball

Football

Girls on the Run

Before School Tutoring

Basketball

Choir

Robotics Club

Drama Club

Volleyball

8th Grade Washington DC

Please complete your 2017 tax donation so we can offer even more extra curricular opportunities.

## Fall Picture Day—September 8, 2017

Dress up and look your best! Uniforms will not be required however dress code must still be followed. No jeans please!



**Laveen**  
Elementary School District

**Mrs. Jessica Epacs, Principal**

**Mrs. Megan Hamburgh, Assistant Principal**

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**Laveen, AZ 85339**

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**School Hours 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Office Hours 7:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.**

## Student Absences and Excuses

*Regular school attendance is essential for academic success. When students are absent, late, or leave school early, it places a burden on the teacher, the school, and potentially on the other students in the classroom. It certainly has an impact on the student. Research shows a very strong positive correlation between student attendance and academic success.*

*Regular school attendance of a child of school age is required by state law and Laveen Elementary School District Policy JH states, "... absences shall be excused only for necessary and justifiable reasons."*

*The state requires schools to report the cause of student absences and tardies and, in addition, indicate whether the absence or tardy is "excused" or "unexcused." The following is a list of excusable absence reasons as allowed by the Laveen Elementary School District not to exceed 10% of instructional days scheduled for the school year:*

- Illness*
- Doctor appointment*
- Bereavement*
- Family emergencies*
- Major religious holidays of the family's faith*
- Out of School Suspensions*

*In accordance with state law A.R.S. §15-802 and Laveen Governing Board Policies JE and JH, student absences and tardies are recorded as excused for the reasons listed above. All other absences and tardies, including those made at the discretion of the parent or guardian, are recorded as unexcused.*

*Students with ten (10) or more consecutive unexcused absences are withdrawn from the school, pursuant to A.R.S. §15-901(A)(2).*

## **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.

# A Note from the District Nurse...

## A Note from our District Nurse

Please make sure that your child's emergency and health form is up to date. This provides the school with important information in case an emergency should arise. I encourage parents to speak with the Health Associate if your child has any medical needs or concerns.



Medications are not allowed to be carried on campus by students. Any student requiring medication during the school day must have an adult bring it and fill out necessary medication forms. Prescriptions must be brought in their original container with the label clearly identifying the student, medication, and directions. Over-the-counter medications must be supplied in a new unopened package and a medication form must be completed. The school health office does not dispense medication such as Tylenol unless parents have supplied it for their student and the proper forms are completed.

The only exception to students carrying their medication pertains to life saving medications such as asthma inhalers, Epi pens, and diabetic supplies. The health office must be notified and parents need to complete medication forms.

## Uniform Donations

Families can always donate unwanted/outgrown uniforms to the school health office. We will take any and all sizes!! We also appreciate any donation of new socks and/or underwear.

## Child Nutrition

The Laveen Elementary School District participates in the National School Lunch Program. You may apply for free or reduced price meals for your child(ren) attending Laveen schools by filling out a Free/Reduced Income Application. **Parents or guardians need to complete and submit a new application every school year.** It is not necessary to file applications at each site for each child; you can simply include all the children in the household on one application. Applications are available at our website: [laveeneld.org](http://laveeneld.org) under Programs and Services or visit EZSchool-Pay.com to create an account. This account will allow you to check your child's balance and transaction history, and make payments.

**Completed applications bring additional funds to the District in the form of grant money.** Dollars that come from the state and federal government for prevention programs, parent training, extra help for students with reading, math, and other assistance is often based on the number of students qualified for free or reduced lunch. It is important that all parents who qualify (according to the Income Chart shown on the application form), whether or not they choose to participate in the lunch program, apply for meals. **The higher our count for free or reduced price lunch, the more dollars generated for student and parent programs within our district. All information provided will be kept confidential.**