



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 21

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

August 22

Staff Development-
No School

August 23

Curriculum Night
5-6:30 PM

September 3

Labor Day-
No School

September 5

Half Day
Release at 12:00 PM

September 14

Fall Picture Day

September 18

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

September 19

Half Day
Release at 12:00 PM

Principal's Note

Vista Parents & Guardians,

The 2018-2019 school year is off to an amazing start! Our first Site Council and PTO meeting is on August 21st at 5:30 PM in our Library. It's exciting to begin planning our yearly events. Hope to see you there!

This year's Curriculum Night will be on August 23rd and will start at 5:00 PM. Our teachers will show how to log in to our ELA and Math curriculums and share some instructional strategies that will support our students and families.

Our Softball and Boys' Basketball coaches and athletes are preparing for the upcoming season. National Junior Honor Society and Student Council have all started recruiting students for a great year of extra-curricular activities. Field trips are also in the planning stages for this school year. We will have the fourth grade Grand Canyon trip and the eighth grade DC trip on the Laveen Governing Board September agenda. We are so excited about the number of activities we are able to provide to our students through parent support and tax credit donations. Vista's office staff can support you in making your tax credit donation, therefore don't hesitate to contact the front office with any questions or concerns.

In partnership,

Mrs. Epacs

Jessica Epacs,
Principal

**Site Council/PTO Meetings and
Curriculum Night are
EXCELLENT
opportunities to earn
your volunteer hours!**



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 2018 tax donation so we can offer even more extra curricular opportunities.

Fall Picture Day—September 14, 2018

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

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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...

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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 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.**