



Principal's Note

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 3

5:30 PM

Governing Board Meeting
(Laveen Education Center)

September 7

Labor Day - No School

September 9

Half Day

Release at 12:00 PM

September 23

Half Day

Release at 12:00 PM

The 2020-2021 school year is off to a history making start! Thank you to everyone for your hard work, partnership, and support this past month and most especially during the NWEA MAP Testing last week. We appreciate your flexibility and patience as we worked through logging students on and helping them successfully navigate through the test.

We are so excited about the number of class interactions that we are able to see taking place in our virtual classrooms resulting in positive recognition. We will be opening a online Power Paw store this month! More information will be shared in our weekly announcements email. Thank you so much for your continued dedication and support to remote learning! Please don't hesitate to contact the front office with any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Epacs

Jessica Epacs, Principal

Vista Announcements

Emailed every Friday

Parents watch your emails on Friday afternoons for the following weeks Vista Announcements. If you are not receiving this email please notify the office.



Gifted Education News

Hello Families! I am so excited for another year here at Vista with our amazing gifted students. This year will bring unique challenges and opportunities, but I look forward to working with our gifted students and their families, whether online or in-person. I will continue to work closely with the teachers to plan academically challenging activities in class and will spend time in classrooms helping to support gifted students, while also posting weekly enrichment work in the gifted Google Classroom.

The 2020 Arizona Association for Gifted and Talented Parent Institute is being held virtually this year on October 17th. More information can be found at <https://arizonagifted.org/parent-institute>. AAGT's 2020 Parent Institute is a one-day event geared towards the needs of Arizona's parents of gifted and talented children. Their goal is to advocate, educate, and communicate on behalf of gifted learners in the state of Arizona. This year's theme is *The Joy of Being Gifted*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year!

Mrs. Chaney - Gifted Instructional Coach



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

Vista Library: We are very happy that we will begin checking out books to students during online learning! Book distribution will be on Thursdays only via drive-up during the lunch distribution. Students may reserve 2 books each through the library's online catalog, which is linked on the Vista del Sur website under the Students tab. Log in and then click the "Hold It" button on the right to reserve your book.

Kids Club Camp: Kids Club Laveen does offer a fee-based childcare Day Camp at Paseo Pointe that operates from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Discounts may be available to DES eligible families and Essential Workers.

For more information visit: www.laveenschools.org/back-to-school/

Meal Service: School meals are offered through daily curbside service, Breakfast and Lunch are served together from hours 10am-1pm. Breakfast is free to all enrolled students and Lunch is based on free or paid eligibility status. Families should apply for free meals at: www.LaveenSchools.org/Return-to-Laveen

Safe Return: Once data shows safety benchmarks are met, families will be provided with the opportunity to select again the Four Schooling Options. We plan to provide families with at least two week's advance notice of reopening. Families who wish to continue online learning may elect to do so. We will continue to R.O.A.R during online learning!