



# Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11  
Veteran's Day, NO SCHOOL

November 18  
Half Day, Release at 12:00 PM

November 25-27  
Thanksgiving, NO SCHOOL

## Principal's Note

The Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) recently released their weekly benchmark data showing another increase in all three metrics (the cases per 100,000 people, percent positivity, and COVID-like illness) that indicate the criteria for schools to offer on-site instruction. After discussions with MCDPH, we have decided to continue on-site learning, but will prepare to move back to virtual learning should COVID cases increase in our schools. This is dependent on a number of factors including: the level of community transmission, the number of positive cases, the number of close contacts to those cases, and presumed method of spread. This would be determined on a school-by-school basis. Families of students attending school on-site should be prepared for a temporary quarantine of a school. Our schools have plans in place to continue instruction virtually with little interruption and no change to your child(ren)'s teacher(s) during the second quarter. Meal service would still be available, though schedules and locations may be subject to change. Should a move to virtual learning occur, you will be notified via phone, email, and text message. Additionally, information will be posted to our Return To Laveen webpage which serves as the hub for all COVID-19 related updates. Thank you to our students, staff, and families for your support in preventing the spread of the virus in our schools. It is our joint commitment to wearing face coverings, maintaining social distancing, and staying home when ill that will allow us to remain open within the hybrid model.

**Only students will be allowed on campus, there will be no campus visitors allowed.**



Please visit us online at  
[www.laveeneld.org](http://www.laveeneld.org)

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# Important Information

## Bus



In order to create timely and efficient bus routes we ask families who plan to utilize bus transportation to sign up using the link below. Families who will utilize transportation services only occasionally are also asked to complete the form as this assists our transportation department in building the routes.

[www.laveenschools.org/transportation](http://www.laveenschools.org/transportation)

Families may change or cancel their transportation request at any time throughout the year by submitting a new form to our Transportation Department. Please allow up to five (5) days for the change to take effect. Please complete one form for each school of attendance.

## Lunch



Child Nutrition Department has resumed distributing free meals to all children under the age of 18. Meals are available to students attending school in person as well as curbside to those who are still participating in lessons virtually or are not yet of school age. Children do not need to be enrolled in a Laveen school to participate. Curbside breakfast and lunch are distributed together each day, Monday – Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at four Laveen school sites: M.C. Cash, Rogers Ranch, Trailside Point, and Paseo Pointe. Children must be present to receive meals. There are no income requirements and no need to register.

# Gifted

Hello Gifted Families!

Gifted testing for Fall will take place during early November here at Vista. If your child needs to be tested, please contact his or her homeroom teacher to get the appropriate forms and a scheduled testing session.

This month, the Gifted Team will have the opportunity to virtually attend the NAGC National Gifted Conference. We hope to learn the latest information in Gifted Education, see what schools across the country do for their Gifted students, and bring it all back to share with our Laveen program.

I have not been able to see our students much recently due to setting up new schedules and conferences, but have been continuing to work with their classroom teachers and monitoring to ensure their needs are being met. Thanks for your patience and support! We will be conducting school-wide benchmark testing soon so schedules may still be adjusted but I hope to return to regular meetings as soon as possible.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thanks and Happy November!

Tamara Chaney

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