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NEWS FROM ALTA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September/October

Dates to Remember:

- 10/2 Rosetta Stone Class 5-6 p.m.
- 10/2 Early Release Wednesday
- 10/4 Kindergarten Field Trip – Children’s Museum of Phoenix
- 10/7-10/11 FALL BREAK- NO SCHOOL
- 10/14 Hearing and Vision Screening
- 10/15 Rosetta Stone Class 5-6 p.m.
- 10/16 Early Release Wednesday
- 10/22-10/25 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/23 Early Release Wednesday
- 10/25 Picture Retakes
- 10-28 Rosetta Stone Class 5-6 p.m.
- 10/30 Early Release Wednesday
- 10/30 Hearing and Vision Re-Screening
- 10/30 6th Grade Field Trip - Mesa Arts Center

School Hours

8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. M., T., Th., F.
8:15 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. Wednesdays

Office Hours

7:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. M., T., Th., F.
7:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Wednesday

Important Numbers

Attendance Line – 602-347-2011 (24 hours)
Office – 602-347-2000
Fax – 602-347-2020
Health Office – 602-347-2010



From the Principal

We have had a great start to the school year and we are excited to continue it throughout the year. As we are finishing up our first quarter, we want to remind you that we will be having parent/teacher conferences starting October 21. Teachers will be sending home confirmation dates for these conferences. If you are unable to meet during this time, please make other arrangements to meet with the teacher. This year is our second year implementing PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) at Alta Vista. We use PBIS to help promote positive interactions in the classrooms and around campus. The students have all been taught what the expectations look like in the different parts of the school. Classes are able to earn gold coins during art, music, PE and technology, as well as, when the whole class is caught doing what they should in their classroom or in the hallways. Individual students are recognized with Aviator slips that are put into a grade-level drawing each week. We are also continuing to have student of the month recognition and breakfast in order for the teachers to recognize individual students. We are excited to be part of your child’s education and we look forward to another great year together.

Cody Riding
Principal

Attendance Updates

In order for absences relating to illness, doctor appointments, bereavement, family emergencies, or vacations to be counted as excused absences, the school must be notified prior to the absence, or the day of the absence by the parent or legal guardian who has custody of the student. Absences that are not reported will be unexcused. Alta Vista Elementary School maintains a 24-hour attendance line where absences can be called in at any time of the day or night at 602-347-2011.

From 21st Century Before- and After-school Program

Fall classes are full! If your student didn’t get a chance to enroll in a before-/ after-school class this semester, please inquire about spring semester in January.

Morning classes are Monday - Friday from 7:15-8:00 a.m.

Afternoon classes are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 3:15-4:45 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1:45-3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact site coordinator Liz Fox at 602-399-5007.

Rosetta Stone Classes

Would you like to learn English? Increase your spoken and written skills. Come to Alta Vista and Learn! For more information, please call Ms. Narsa at 602-347-2097 or 602-347-2037



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Washington Elementary School District

WESD District Programs

From Social Services

Are you currently experiencing temporary living arrangements due to eviction, job loss or a traumatic event? Washington 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. Services provided can include enrollment assistance, nutrition services, clothing or school supplies, community referrals, and in some cases transportation. If you are living in any of the following temporary circumstances: with another family or friend due to financial hardship, living in a shelter, transitional housing, in a hotel/motel, you **may** fit the criteria for assistance under this act. Please contact, Liz Fox at 602-347-2068 to inquire further about qualifying for this program.

Gifted Services Testing Opportunity

Washington Elementary School District provides a continuum of services for students identified as gifted. Testing for placement in the gifted program takes place three times a year on ALL campuses. At Alta Vista, testing is ongoing throughout the school year. If you feel your child demonstrates the traits of a gifted learner, please complete the screening form found on the Gifted Services website (www.wesdschools.org/Page/18) or contact your child's teacher to arrange for testing. A brochure describing services provided to gifted students and a list of common characteristics can be found on the website as well. Feel free to call or email the Coordinator of Gifted Services, Dr. Jason McIntosh, with any questions you may have (jason.mcintosh@wesdschools.org / 602-347-2651). The gifted teacher on your campus can be reached by email Sonia.nahabedian@wesdschools.org as well.

REMINDERS TO PARENTS

- Please remember that students are not to be dropped off in the morning before 8:00 a.m. There is no teacher supervision before that time.
- In the morning, please drive along the north drop-off route and let students off on the curbside. Do not drop off in front of the office. It is too dangerous with daycare vans driving through and other parents/visitors backing out of parking spaces.
- Remember that in order for a student to be called to the office and be released, identification must be provided to the office staff. Please make appointments at times that minimize academic disruptions. After 3:00 p.m. students will not be called out of their classrooms, unless there is an urgent matter or medical appointment.



HEARING AND VISION SCREENING

Students have their vision and hearing screened in accordance with the state of Arizona's Department of Health Services guidelines. Vision and hearing are very important to your child's ability to learn, listen and make good progress in school. The goal is to remove health-related barriers to learning.

This year the screening is scheduled to take place on 10/14/19. It is important that your child is in attendance on this day. If glasses or contacts are worn, please make sure they have them with them. Parents/guardians are informed of the results if follow-up care is recommended. School-based screenings are not intended to replace routine wellness examinations by the primary health care provider.

If you do not want your child's vision and/or hearing screened, please contact the health office. If you are concerned about your child's hearing or vision or have questions about the screening program, please contact the health office.

The success of the screening day is dependent upon volunteers. If you are able to help please contact the health office.

STUDENT ID CARDS

The safety of students at school, is of primary importance to the Washington Elementary School District. With this in mind, WESD has implemented technology to make it easier to identify students when they are on campus and to verify when and where students enter and exit a school bus. All WESD students are required to wear IDs while on the school campus and on buses. Students were provided a picture ID at the beginning of the school year at no cost. Students may not be allowed on the bus when going on a field trip if an ID is not present. IDs must be visible at all times. If students deface, destroy, render their ID unreadable or lose their ID, they will be required to purchase a replacement ID for \$2.00. Replacement lanyards are 50 cents.

Students of the Month

KINDERGARTEN

Ms. Even- Lianette T.
Ms. Lemieux- Jaime P.
Ms. Salinas- Melody N.H.
Ms. Miller- Shukuru A.

1st Grade

Ms. Carbajal- Dylan S.S.
Ms. Matthews- Ryan F.
Ms. Pope- Mohammed M.

Ms. Paul- Connor N.

2nd Grade

Mr. Case- Elizabeth W.
Mr. Craven- William G.
Ms. Gall- Leo H.
Ms. Niyonzima- Meela I.

3rd Grade

Ms. Graves- Javion B.
Ms. Collins- Queen O.
Ms. Drljevich- Genesis R.
Ms. Cline- Rebecca S.

4th Grade

Ms. Testa- Sham S.
Ms. Wilkey- Anthony L.S.
Ms. Muoio- Aubrey W.
Ms. Roberts- Cariah B.

5th Grade

Ms. Sears- Elysia M.
Ms. Elmdanat- Oliver N.
Ms. Meek- Amanda D.
Ms. Raducha- Mohamad B.

6th Grade

Ms. Baker- Skyler G.
Ms. Karbginsky- Mario Joel M.R.
Mr. Lindahl- Matthew D.B.
Ms. Harmon- Eugeni A.

Access Your Child's Grades Using ParentVUE

Wondering about your student's grades? Don't want to wait for the next report card? With ParentVUE, you can check your student's grades anytime.

You can also check attendance records and e-mail teachers with any questions or concerns. Just stop by the office with your photo ID to get your ParentVUE access code. If you have a question regarding the use of ParentVUE, please e-mail: WESDParentVUE@wesdschools.org

Have you moved or changed your phone number?

If have you moved, or will be moving, please bring in your proof of residency and fill out a new proof of residency form that is available at the front office. Also, please be sure to update the office of any phone number changes, as well as emergency pickup information, for your student(s).

Tax Credit Information:

Be a credit to your school. As you prepare your taxes for the end of the year, don't forget to remember Alta Vista School as a viable option to reduce your tax liability through a tax credit donation. Have questions? You'll find all the answers on our Website: wesdschools.org. Locate the tax credit information on the www.wesdschools.org Web site.

Help us make AV beautiful! We have started a morning class dedicated to making AV a warm, welcoming environment. The students have some great ideas but we do need some help. If you could please look around your house for any old gardening tools/supplies, aprons, and large rocks that you could donate we would appreciate it. If you have any questions or other items you would like to donate please email Ms. Raducha at: Danielle.Raducha@wesdschools.org



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