



An Arizona A++ School of Excellence



ACACIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Acacia's Mission: The mission of Acacia Elementary, in partnering with parents and community, is to provide a safe, comfortable and cooperative environment ensuring that all students develop the knowledge, skills and character necessary to achieve their highest potential; and to become productive members of an ever-changing society.

August 29, 2016

Dear Acacia Parents and Students,

As educators, we are grateful for this opportunity to serve your child. I believe that without a working partnership with parents, guardians and friends, we could not be successful in providing the education needed to build students who flourish, triumph and succeed.

Student midterm reports are going home next week. Be sure to review them with your student. It is important that you encourage and praise them with their success and help them with areas of concern. If you have any questions concerning your child's progress, don't hesitate to call the teacher. Teachers and parents working closely as partners in their child's education is a key element in academic success for students.

We have some fun, exciting family events coming up at Acacia. We are changing things a little this year with Grandparents Night on September 22. This is traditionally when we have our Open House but we decided to invite Grandparents this year so they can see your child's classroom. Parents, this is your chance to receive updated information about what your child will be learning this year as well as learning about the curriculum and programs we use here at Acacia. Be looking for more information to come home and please pass on the invitation to grandparents. We have the book fair coming next month and we are also in our planning stages of Trunk or Treat. Our Acacia PTA has a fun skating night planned this week and also a Peter Piper Pizza Night in September. Come to all of our fun events and meet other families at Acacia and the community. I am so pleased with our wonderful community/school relationship.

I just want to remind you how welcomed and valued your input is to Acacia. There are many ways to become involved in decisions at Acacia including Site Council and PTA. Contact the office for more information. And, of course, Like us on Facebook where we are always posting fun things happening at Acacia!

With the new school year, there is always the need to remind everyone of procedures. One of those is with regard to picking your child up early before dismissal. Students cannot be signed out 30 minutes before dismissal. The reason for this is that students who are picked up early are missing the important end-of-the-day information. Thank you for being awesome A++ parents!



Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth, Principal



Dates to Remember

Wed., Aug. 31	PTA Great Skate Night	43 rd Ave./Peoria	5:30p.m.-8:00p.m.
Mon., Sept. 5	Labor Day Holiday	No School	
Wed., Sept. 7	Midterms Go Home		
Tues., Sept. 13	School Picture Day		
Tues., Sept. 13	Site Council Meeting	Library	4:00 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 22	Back to School with Grandparents	Classrooms Open	5:00 p.m.

**Early Dismissal
Every Wednesday
1:45 p.m.**



Reporting an absence

Please remember to notify the office whenever your child is absent. The school phone number is 602-896-5000 and receives messages 24 hours a day.

GIFTED SERVICES

In accordance with ARS §15-779, special education is provided to students of lawful school age identified as gifted in one or more of the verbal, quantitative or nonverbal reasoning areas. The Washington District has a continuum of gifted services from which each school selects those that best meet their students' needs. Center-based services for highly gifted students are also available. If you think your child may need these special education services, evaluation is available. Contact your child's teacher for more information.

SERVICIOS PARA LOS ESTUDIANTES DOTADOS

Según ARS §15-779, debemos proveer servicios de educación especial a los niños de edad escolar, identificados como dotados en una de las siguientes áreas de razonamiento: verbal, cuantitativo y no verbal. El Distrito Escolar Washington tiene un continuo de servicios para estudiantes dotados del cual cada escuela escoge los servicios que funcionan mejor para cumplir con las necesidades de sus estudiantes. Además, ofrecemos servicios centralizados para los estudiantes identificados como altamente dotados. Si ustedes piensan que su hijo(a) necesita estos servicios de educación especial, tenemos exámenes de evaluación disponibles. Pónganse en contacto con el maestro(a) de su hijo(a) para más información.

Book Fair * September 22-29 * open 'til 6:00 p.m.



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Please be courteous to our neighbors; do not park in front of or block driveways.

Favor de ser corteses con nuestros vecinos; no se estacionen en frente o bloqueen los caminos de entrada de vehículos.

School Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.



Wednesday Early Release:
8:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
On-time pickup is important!

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1:45 p.m.**



Acacia Lunch Times

Parents are always welcome to come and enjoy lunch with students.

Don't forget to come to the office first, sign in and get a visitor's badge.

Kindergarten 10:30 – 11:10 a.m.

1st Grade 10:45 – 11:25 a.m.

2nd Grade 11:00 – 11:40 a.m.

3rd Grade 11:20 a.m. – Noon

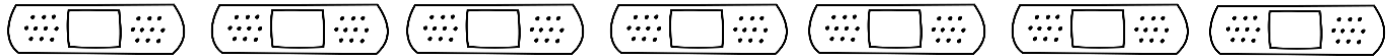
4th Grade 11:45 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.

5th Grade Noon – 12:40 p.m.

6th Grade 11:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Medicine at School

- ✓ All prescription medications, including inhalers and SVN treatments, require signed permission from the parent every year.
- ✓ Parents must sign the Medication Request Form from the health office. This includes over-the-counter medication.
- ✓ Prescription medications must be in their original container. You may request a separate bottle for school from the pharmacist.
- ✓ Only adults can transport medication to school. They can deliver it directly to the health office.



The WESD is going out for a bond in the November 8 election.

For what? This money will be used for safety projects, buildings projects and replacements, parking lot renovations, technology and school buses.

How were projects determined?

The priority was determined based on student safety and need.

Why do we need money?

Since the 2008-09 school year, state capital funding has been drastically reduced or eliminated. The state has entirely eliminated building renewal funds (for building renovations and preventive maintenance) and the state's most recent budget funds less than 15% of the statutory allocation for items such as furniture, equipment, technology and buses.

What about Prop. 123?

This money was used for employee compensation in an effort to attract and retain employees.

How is a bond different?

This money will be used for things like buildings, technology and buses (for tangible items).

What happens if it doesn't pass?

It will be necessary to reduce the district operating budget in order to pay for critical capital needs.

If the bond passes will my taxes go up?

The structure of this bond plan is to avoid an increase in taxes.

For more info, please visit www.wesdschools.org



El WESD solicitará un bono en la elección del 8 de noviembre.

¿Para qué?

Este dinero se utilizará para proyectos de seguridad, proyectos de edificios y reemplazos, renovaciones de estacionamiento, tecnología y autobuses escolares.

¿Cómo se determinaron los proyectos?

La prioridad fue determinada en base a la seguridad y a la necesidad estudiantil.

¿Por qué necesitamos el dinero?

Desde el año escolar 2008-09, el financiamiento de capital del estado se ha reducido o eliminado drásticamente. El estado ha eliminado por completo los fondos de renovación de edificios (para renovaciones de edificios y mantenimiento preventivo) y el presupuesto estatal más reciente financia menos del 15% de la asignación reglamentaria para artículos tales como muebles, equipo, tecnología y autobuses.

¿Qué hay respecto a la Prop. 123?

Este dinero se utilizó para la compensación del empleado en un esfuerzo para atraer y retener a los empleados.

¿Cómo este bono es diferente?

Este dinero se utilizará para cosas como edificios, tecnología y autobuses (para artículos tangibles).

¿Qué ocurre si no pasa?

Será necesario reducir el presupuesto de operación del distrito a fin de pagar las necesidades críticas de capital.

¿Si el bono pasa aumentarán mis impuestos?

La estructura de este plan de bonos es para evitar un aumento en los impuestos.

Para más información, favor de visitar www.wesdschools.org