



ACACIA An Arizona A+++ School of Excellence 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 27, 2018

Dear Acacia A+++ Families,

First of all, let me thank you for sending your children to school. It is such a pleasure to see their smiling faces every morning, coming in enthusiastic to learn. This is the reason I am here and I love it! I would like to take this opportunity to invite each of you to our annual Open House and Grandparents Night on Thursday, August 30. We are excited to show our families some of the fun ways your children will be learning in our classrooms. We also invite grandparents to see our school and your child's classroom! To make this a more enjoyable evening, our PTA has invited several food trucks with fry bread, burgers and sandwiches, shaved ice, mustache pretzels and more. We will have tables set up outside by the flagpole for families to visit, eat, laugh and enjoy being together. There will also be a photo booth to capture the fun. It is going to be a fun, family night!

Acacia has a wonderful, active PTA. This is a great way to become involved in your child's school. They host fun community/family events while supporting the teachers and school. They certainly are appreciated! You can join this group anytime. Look for their Facebook, check out their website at <https://sites.google.com/view/acaciaowlspta/home> or email them at acacia.owls.pta@gmail.com. Acacia Site Council is another great opportunity to partner with our school. We are currently looking for parent members. Council meetings are the second Tuesday of the month with the first meeting on September 11. All meetings are at 4:00 p.m. in our school library. If you are interested in supporting your school this way, and would like more information about being a member, please call the office or come and pick up an application. We will be happy to answer any questions. We have a great community and we want you to be a part of it!



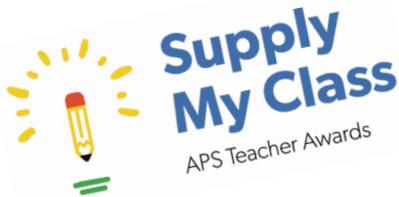
Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth
Principal

Calendar

Aug. 30	Open House * 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	No School * Labor Day
Sept. 4 & 6	Boys Basketball Try-outs
Sept. 6	Student Council Meeting * 'til 4:15 p.m.
Sept. 10	PTA General Meeting * 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Site Council Meeting * 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Student Council Meeting * 'til 4:15 p.m.
Sept. 14	School Picture Day!

Check in for Lunch!

As you know, Acacia takes the safety of our students seriously. Anyone having lunch with their child in the cafeteria must have a Volunteer Handbook Signature sheet on file. We need everyone to understand there is a Code of Conduct. We want to thank you for your understanding and patience as we get everyone signed up when they come to school to visit.



Congratulations to Ms. Clarke
In third grade on her donation
from APS for her classroom!

SMILE! PICTURE DAY IS SEPTEMBER 14



Individual pictures will be taken on Friday, September 14. Order envelopes will be going home this week for those wanting to purchase school pictures. Please remember to send the picture envelope with your child on that day (with correct change) or you can also pay online. Your child must give the envelope, with the payment or online code, to the photographer. Each student's photo will be taken and printed on an ID card and kept in a pouch with the student's Z-pass. This will become his or her individual ID card for the school year.

Our campus opens at 7:55 a.m.

In the mornings, children should not arrive prior to 7:55 a.m., as there is no supervision until that time.



To avoid classroom interruptions, we will be unable to sign your child out after 3:00 p.m. on regular dismissal days and 1:30 p.m. on early release Wednesdays. If you can assist us by avoiding appointments, etc. during these times, it would be much appreciated.

Follow the Signs

Please, there is NO parking in front of the driveways of our neighbors on any surrounding streets including Evans Drive, Crocus Drive and Acoma Drive. Please follow the City of Phoenix posted traffic signs and be courteous to our neighbors. This is for the safety of your child and students. Call the office and talk to the principal if you have any questions.



4650 W. Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85304 • 602-347-2600 • www.wesdschools.org
Governing Board: Bill Adams, President • Aaron Jahneke, Vice President
Larry Herrera, Member • Tee Lambert, Member • Nikkie Whaley, Member
Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

Keep Them Safe

We know it is chaotic in the mornings, but please remember safety first!



- Children should exit the car on the side with the sidewalk.
- Children should not cross the street unless they are in the crosswalk.
- Children should watch for cars pulling out of driveways.
- Everyone, please be kind to the neighbors.

Birthdays! Celebrations

Birthdays are very important dates for parents, guardians and the birthday child. If you want to celebrate that day at school by bringing in store-bought treats, please make arrangements with your child's teacher beforehand. Celebrations usually are at the end of the school day. You may drop off the goodies in the office and we will let the teacher know they are there and the teacher will pick them up when they are ready to give them out to the class.

Peachjar Digital Flyer Platform and Email Updates

The WESD is committed to educational excellence and ensuring that parents stay informed about important activities and events that enhance their child's life. In an effort to improve parent and community engagement, we will be implementing Peachjar to send digital flyers and school newsletters directly to parents via email. Additionally, all flyers and newsletters will be posted to each school's Web site. Parents will be able to click to register their children for youth sports, enrichment programs, and community events. By using this new system, we expect to eliminate the need to print roughly 2,688,000 sheets of paper per year— nearly 322 trees! The WESD will continue to communicate with parents and community members as we make the transition to Peachjar via the District Web site, social media and email. Please ensure that the WESD has a current email address on file. You will receive emails from the District in case of an emergency as well as for updates about your school and the District. Contact the front office to update your email address today!

Plataforma de Folleto Digital 'Peachjar' y Actualizaciones de Correo Electrónico

El WESD está comprometido a la excelencia educativa y a asegurar que los padres se mantengan informados sobre actividades y eventos importantes que mejoran la vida de sus hijos. En un esfuerzo para mejorar la participación de los padres y la comunidad, implementaremos 'Peachjar' para enviar folletos y boletines escolares digitales directamente a los padres por correo electrónico. Además, todos los folletos y boletines escolares se publicarán en el sitio Web de cada escuela. Los padres podrán hacer clic para inscribir a sus hijos para deportes juveniles, programas de enriquecimiento y eventos comunitarios. Al usar este nuevo sistema, esperamos eliminar la necesidad de imprimir aproximadamente 2,688,000 hojas de papel por año, ¡cerca de 322 árboles! El WESD continuará comunicándose con los padres y miembros de la comunidad mientras hacemos la transición a 'Peachjar' a través del sitio Web del Distrito, redes sociales y correo electrónico. Favor de asegurarse de que el WESD tenga una dirección archivada de correo electrónico actual. Recibirán correos electrónicos del Distrito en caso de una emergencia, así como actualizaciones acerca de su escuela y del Distrito. ¡Comuníquense con la oficina escolar para actualizar su dirección de correo electrónico hoy!

Boys Basketball



Boys in 4th, 5th & 6th grade who are interested in playing on the Acacia basketball team have try-outs September 4 and September 6 after school. Boys must have a signed permission slip to try-out. Permission slips went home last week, but they can still be picked up in Mr. Hamrick's room.

ID Badges

Every student and staff member was issued a photo ID badge the first week of school. Not wearing the ID badge is a dress code violation. Students must wear their ID badge every day. If your student's card is lost or damaged, he or she must purchase a new card for \$2.00. He or she will only be issued a temporary ID for one day. If the card is not returned, you will be called and asked to bring the ID to the school before lunch. New lanyards and pouches are available to purchase in the office for 50 cents. Students may choose to purchase their own lanyards but they must be a breakaway lanyard for safety.

Gifted Services/Servicios Para Los Estudiantes Dotados

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. 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 our campus can be reached by email at Jordan.blair@wesdschools.org or by phone at 602-896-5044 as well.

El Distrito Escolar Washington provee un continuo de servicios para estudiantes identificados como dotados. La evaluación para colocación en el programa para estudiantes dotados toma lugar tres veces al año en TODAS las propiedades escolares. Si sienten que sus hijos demuestran características de un aprendiz dotado, favor de completar el formulario de evaluación leve que se encuentra en la página Web de Servicios Dotados 'Gifted Services' (www.wesdschools.org/Page/18) o comunicarse con el maestro de sus hijos para organizar una evaluación. Además, en la página Web se encuentra un folleto describiendo los servicios provistos para estudiantes dotados y una lista de características. Siéntanse en libertad de llamar o enviar un correo electrónico al Coordinador de Servicios para Estudiantes Dotados, Dr. Jason McIntosh, con cualesquier preguntas que pudiesen tener (Jason.mcintosh@wesdschools.org / 602-347-2651). Pueden comunicarse con el maestro de estudiantes dotados en su propiedad escolar por correo electrónico en Jordan.blair@wesdschools.org o también por teléfono en 602-896-5044.



No School * Monday, September 3

