



Cactus Wren Elementary School

Mission Statement

The mission of Cactus Wren School is to provide a safe environment that promotes academic and behavioral excellence while developing personal responsibility.

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Jules Shipe, Principal

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From our principal:

Welcome Cactus Wren students, families, and staff! I am proud to be able to serve as your principal and look forward to an amazing year!

I am excited to be joining the Cactus Wren family and to continue the legacy that has been set in place before me. I am passionate about empowering students to develop their strengths and interests, and partnering with families and staff so that we can support all students in their education journey. Please feel free to reach out via email,

Jules.Shipe@wesdschools.org, or call me at 602-347-2105.

I am looking forward to getting to know all of our families and community members, and to offer opportunities for you to engage with our campus and strengthen our Cactus Wren family! It is going to be an amazing year, and I thank you in advance for supporting your students and working alongside us to make Cactus Wren a school where students and staff are Responsible, Safe, and Kind every day. We got this!

Jules Shipe (she/her)
Principal
Cactus Wren Elementary School

De nuestra directora:

¡Bienvenidos estudiantes, familias y personal de la Escuela Cactus Wren! ¡Estoy orgullosa de poder servir como su directora y espero un año increíble!

Estoy emocionada de unirme a la familia Cactus Wren y continuar con el legado que se ha establecido ante mí. Me apasiona capacitar a los estudiantes para que desarrollen sus fortalezas e intereses y asociarme con las familias y el personal para que podamos apoyar a todos los estudiantes en su viaje educativo. No duden en comunicarse por correo electrónico, Jules.Shipe@wesdschools.org, o llámenme al 602-347-2105.

¡Espero con emoción conocer a todas nuestras familias y miembros de la comunidad y ofrecerles oportunidades para que participen en nuestra escuela y fortalezcan a nuestra familia Cactus Wren! Va a ser un año increíble y les agradezco de antemano por apoyar a sus estudiantes y trabajar junto a nosotros para hacer de Cactus Wren una escuela donde los estudiantes y el personal sean Responsables, Seguros y Amables todos los días. ¡Podemos lograrlo!

Jules Shipe (ella)
Directora
Escuela Cactus Wren

Governing Board: Jenni Abbott-Bayardi, President • Kyle Clayton, Vice President
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Communication Resources for Families

Families, as we continue to navigate these challenging times, communication is more important than ever. To help you stay connected this school year, we have put together a summary of the communications resources available to you.

To view the latest District news, please visit WESD’s [website](#) at [www.wesdschools.org](#). Be sure to like and follow the WESD on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for up-to-the-minute District news. We also encourage you to like and follow our school on Facebook.

All parents and guardians have a ParentVUE account that can be used to access important student information, such as grades and attendance. We encourage you to check ParentVUE regularly throughout the school year. You will need an activation key to log into your account. If you need your activation key, please visit the school office or visit this link, select I am Parent, then Request an Activation Code.

https://parentvue.wesdschools.org/PXP2_Login.aspx You can also download the mobile app.

WESD sends important information to families through phone calls, emails, and text messages using Blackboard Mass Notifications. Please be sure we have current phone numbers and emails so that we can communicate with you.

WESD and our school use Peachjar, a digital flyer management solution, to deliver informational flyers and resources directly to your email.

Thank you for continuing to connect with us this school year!

Recursos de Comunicación para las Familias

Familias, a medida que continuamos navegando estos tiempos retadores, la comunicación es más importante que nunca. Para ayudarlos a mantenerse conectados este año escolar, hemos elaborado un resumen de los recursos de comunicación disponibles para ustedes.

Para ver las últimas noticias del Distrito, favor de visitar el sitio Web del WESD [website](#) en [www.wesdschools.org](#). Asegúrense de darle un ‘me gusta’ y seguir la página de Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn y Twitter del WESD para obtener noticias del Distrito al minuto. También los animamos a darle un ‘me gusta’ y seguir nuestra escuela en Facebook.

Todos los padres y guardianes tienen una cuenta de ParentVUE que pueden utilizar para tener acceso a información estudiantil importante, como calificaciones y asistencia. Los animamos a revisar ParentVUE regularmente durante el año escolar. Necesitarán una clave de activación para ingresar a su cuenta. Si necesitan su clave de activación, favor de visitar la oficina escolar o visitar este enlace, seleccionar soy un ‘Parent’, luego Solicitar un Código de Activación en https://parentvue.wesdschools.org/PXP2_Login.aspx También pueden descargar la aplicación móvil.

El WESD envía información importante a las familias mediante llamadas telefónicas, correos electrónicos y mensajes de texto utilizando Notificaciones Masivas ‘Blackboard’. Favor de asegurarse de que tengamos números de teléfono y correos electrónicos actualizados para que podamos comunicarnos con ustedes.

WESD y nuestra escuela utilizan ‘Peachjar’, una solución de manejo de folletos digitales, para entregar folletos informativos y recursos directamente a sus correos electrónicos

¡Gracias por continuar conectándose con nosotros este año escolar!

Calendar of Events
August 2023

- 3 Meet the Teacher Event 4:00 p.m.
- 7 First Day Back to School
- School Hours: 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Picture Day: August 17

Look for Flyers – If purchasing pictures, please send \$ on Picture Day, NOT before. Thank you!



Important
Phone Numbers

Front office:
602-347-2100

Attendance line:
602-347-2111

Health office:
602-347-2110

KidSpace:
602-347-2129

Social Worker:
602-347-2197

To call your student out absent for the day, please call our 24-hour attendance line (please leave a message after hours) at 602-347-2111.

Cactus Wren Uniform Guidelines

Students at Cactus Wren Elementary School are required to dress in the proper uniform attire. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure compliance with the school dress code. All students must be in uniform the first day of school. There is a two-week grace period for new students to purchase uniforms.

Students must wear the designated school uniform clothing. Clothing may not be altered by slits, shredded hems, etc. Baggy or over-sized uniforms are prohibited.

SHIRTS:

- Shorts or long-sleeved collared polo shirts may be in cotton fabric.
- Colors worn may include light blue, navy blue or hunter green.
- Shirts may not have logos on them, (except school logo purchase through CW PTO).
- Solid long-sleeved shirts free of logos and or designs may be worn under polos.
- Cactus Wren blue spirit shirt may be worn on Fridays (optional).

BOTTOMS:

- Colors are navy blue or khaki.
- Uniform-style bottoms, including walking shorts, pants, skirts, skorts (shorts with a skirt front), capris or jumpers.
- Uniform shorts or pants may have a small logo on belt or back pocket.
- No cargo shorts or pants
- Tights/leggings under skirts or jumpers are permitted.
- No jeans of any kind.

OUTERWEAR:

- Jackets, sweaters, hoodies.
- Minimal logos will be acceptable (no larger than the size of kids 'closed hand).

UNDER GARMENTS:

- Should not be visible.
- Solid matching socks.

FOOTWEAR:

Students need to keep their shoes secure on their feet. This means tying laces and closing all Velcro or other straps. No flip-flops or open-backed shoes are allowed for students' safety.

KidSpace is our before and after school Program at Cactus Wren. For information call 602-347-2129

KidSpace es nuestro programa de cuidado de niños antes y después de clases. Para más información llamen al 602-347-2129

FIND YOUR BUS

WELCOME BACK TO THE 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

*** BUS ROUTE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023 ***

Families whose students take the bus to school can learn about their bus stop location, pickup and drop-off times, route information and bus number by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.wesdschools.org/FindYourBus>



Nutrition Services
Melissa Paulsen, RD - Director

4650 W. Sweetwater Ave. • Glendale, AZ 85304 602-896-5230 •
melissa.paulsen@wesdschools.org • wesdschools.org

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that all children attending Cactus Wren School will receive meals at no charge again this year due to participation in the National School Lunch Program Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for school year 2023 - 2024. Great news for you and your student(s)! No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in school breakfast and lunch without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-855-432-7587.

If you have other questions or need help, call 602-896-5235.

Estimado Padre/Tutor:
Nos complace informarle de que todos los niños que asisten a la Escuela (Cactus Wren) recibirán comidas gratuitamente de nuevo este año debido a la participación en la Provisión de Elegibilidad Comunitaria del Programa Nacional de Almuerzo Escolar (CEP) para el año escolar 2023 – 2024. ¡Buenas noticias para usted y su(s) estudiante(s)! No se requiere ninguna acción adicional de usted. Su(s) hijo(s) podrá participar en estos programas de comidas sin tener que pagar una cuota o presentar una solicitud.

MI FAMILIA NECESITA MÁS AYUDA. ¿HAY OTROS PROGRAMAS PARA LOS CUALES PODEMOS SOLICITAR BENEFICIOS? Para descubrir cómo aplicar para los **Programas de Asistencia de Nutrición Suplementaria** u otros beneficios de asistencia, comuníquese con su oficina local de asistencia o llame al 1-855-432-7587.

Si tiene otras preguntas o necesita ayuda, llame al 602-896-5235.

K-8 LUNCH

August 2023

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
6 Stuffed Crust Pizza Carrots & Celery Broccoli	7 Chicken Sandwich Cucumbers Sweet Potato Fries	8 Cheeseburger Cool Tropics Slush Baked Beans	9 Hot Dog Mini Bell Pepper Onion Rings	10 Walking Taco Corn Red Potatoes
13 Cheesy Bites with Marinara Green Beans Tator Tots	14 Chicken Smackers Baby Carrots Broccoli	15 Cheese Crisp Refried Beans Salsa	16 Corn Dog Corn Fruitable Juice	17 Teriyaki Chicken W/Fried Rice Asian Coleslaw Cauliflower with Cheese
20 Chicken Nuggets Spinach Salad Hash Brown Cubes	21 Breaded Chicken Drumstick Meal Honey Carrots Corn on the Cob	22 Cheese Pizza Cool Tropics Slush Broccoli	23 Mini Corn Dogs Ham & Cheese Croissant Carrots & Celery Baby Bakers	24 Cheese Enchiladas Rotini Pinto Beans Mini Peppers
27 Tangerine Chicken w/ Rice Pretzel and Cheese Cup Sunshine Carrots Edamame	28 Fish Bites or Fish Sandwich Deep Dish Pizza Broccoli Fruitable Juice	29 Sliders Cauliflower w/ Cheese French Fries	30 Chicken Nuggets Sub Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Baby Carrots	31

Weekly: Commercial pizza served at middle schools and junior highs .
Whole Grain PB&J Sandwiches available daily.

Self Serve: Salad Bar, 100% juice, 1% white or chocolate milk

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.

Nutrition Services is hiring!
They are looking for unit leaders, clerks and helpers to fill full and part-time positions. Call 602-896-5238 for more information.

El Departamento de Nutrición está buscando líderes de unidad, oficinistas y ayudantes para ocupar puestos de tiempo completo y parcial. Llamen al 602-896-5238 para más información