

# SUNSET Newsletter

Sunset children, families, and staff are dedicated to creating successful students who are empowered to grow and thrive socially, emotionally, and academically.

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Sunset Community,

As we near the end of this school, I want to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Thank you for the tremendous support you've shown to our school, our students, and our dedicated staff. Your partnership has made all the difference, and we are so proud of everything our students have accomplished both in and out of the classroom.

It has truly been an honor to serve this amazing community in my first year as the principal of Sunset, and I am already looking forward to the exciting opportunities and growth that next year will bring. Your trust and involvement continue to inspire and motivate us every day.

As we head into summer break, I encourage you to take this time to rest, relax, and recharge with your loved ones. Our students have worked so hard this year and they've definitely earned a break! Summer is so important to recharge but it's also a wonderful opportunity to keep those reading skills sharp. Whether it's picture books, chapter books, or a graphic novel, reading regularly helps keep young minds engaged and ready for the year ahead. With your help we will be ready to hit the ground running next year!

As we say, once a stallion always a stallion.

Wishing you a safe, and restful summer!

Isaac Hurguy  
Principal

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 1- SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DAY  
MAY 2—LAST SPIRIT ASSEMBLY  
MAY 5-9 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK  
MAY 7- EARLY RELEASE @ 1:45 p.m.  
NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY  
MAY 8- LAST KONA ICE  
MAY 11- MOTHER'S DAY  
MAY 14-- EARLY RELEASE @ 1:45 p.m.  
MAY 20—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL- EARLY RELEASE @ 1:30 p.m.  
MAY 26 – MEMORIAL DAY  
MAY 27- JUNE 19 JUMPSTART AND  
SUMMER SCHOOL

### Important Phone Numbers

602-347-3300 Office  
[SNOffice@wesdschools.org](mailto:SNOffice@wesdschools.org)

602-347-3311 Attendance Line

602-347-3310 Health Office

## Badge Reminder

**Parents, please make sure your students have their ID badges.**

**If they are lost, they can purchase a new one from the office for \$2.00 (which includes ID, z-pass, pouch and lanyard).**

**\*\*Please do not drop off your student prior to 8:05 a.m. Your child's safety is our primary concern.\*\***

**Please do not park in the pick-up line during drop off/pick up.**

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| Want to be more involved at your child’s school? Join site council. Get more details from the front office. |                                     |

### Health Office Reminder

As a reminder, we ask parents to do a symptom check of their students before sending them to school. Please keep your student home if they have a fever or have been vomiting. Your student must be fever-free, vomit-free and diarrhea-free without medication for 24 hours before they return to school. Please call the health office with any questions at 602-347-3310.

### Reminder of Immunization Requirements, for Students 11 Years of Age or Older

Arizona School Immunization Law states that ALL STUDENTS 11 YEARS OF AGE or older (regardless of grade) must have one dose of Meningococcal vaccine (MV). These students are also required to have one dose of Tdap vaccine if five or more years have passed since their last tetanus/diphtheria vaccine dose.

Please provide updated immunizations records to the health office as soon as your student receives them.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the school health office at 602-896-5610.

## STUDENT/CHARACTER OF THE MONTH—APRIL

Congratulations to the following students for making  
STUDENT OF THE MONTH—

I.Chappottin, C. Gary, Z. Alkazaly, A. Davila, A. Miranda, G. Vazquez,  
A. Mendez, R. Deleon, A. Amaro-Mendez, I. Juarez, M. Ramos, N. Nutall, K., Hudson,  
I. Castro, I. Hinojos, E. Pottle, J. Ambriz, D. Enriquez, S. Romero, L. Tony

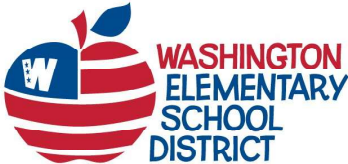
Congratulations to the following students for making  
CHARACTER COUNTS --“PROBLEM SOLVING”

K. Mendoza-Gamez, D. Arreguin, r. Guerro, M. Dao, N. Navarro,  
A. Cordova, J. McDaniels, K. Shaw, R. Hill, A. Valdez, R. Belleroche  
M. Norris, B. Bareto-Gomez, P. Hill, A. Miranda, M. Recendiz,  
B. Ramos, V. Martinez, S. Owens, A. Trujillo

### Now Enrolling for the 2025-2026 School Year

Your child's/children’s path to success begins here! Whether it is free, full-day kindergarten, premiere special education and gifted services, art, music, PE, STEM or online learning, the WESD has a program to meet the individual needs of your child/children! With multiple A+ Schools of Excellence, a National Blue Ribbon and a National Title I Distinguished School, the WESD is also a Top 20 school district in the country in student growth. Additionally, 78% of WESD schools are an “A” or “B”!

We are currently enrolling kindergarten through eighth grade students for the 2025-2026 school year! To start the enrollment process, please stop by the WESD Welcome and Registration Center, located at 3200 W. Cholla St., or enroll online at <https://www.wesdschools.org/registration>.



**Social Services Corner**

**Why Screen Time Matters**

Too much screen time—especially unstructured or overstimulating content—can affect children’s behavior, mood, and overall well-being. It’s linked to increased irritability, difficulty focusing, sleep disruptions, and lower physical activity. Over time, heavy screen use may also impact mental health, contributing to anxiety, low mood, or poor self-esteem. Setting limits helps kids stay more balanced, connected, and emotionally regulated.

**How to Limit Screen Time During Summer Break**

With summer break quickly approaching, managing screen time can easily become a daily struggle. While devices can be helpful and even educational, too much screen time can take away from active play, learning, and family connection. Here are some simple, realistic tips to help your family find a healthy balance this summer.

**1. Set Clear Daily Limits**

Decide how much screen time is appropriate for your child’s age (e.g., one–two hours per day for most school-age children) and communicate that boundary clearly. Use timers or apps that automatically track or limit usage.

**2. Create a “First This, Then That” Routine**

Set expectations that screens come *after* certain tasks, like:

- 30 minutes of reading
- 20 minutes of outdoor play
- One household chore

This structure teaches responsibility and balance.

**3. Designate “Screen-Free” Zones & Times**

Make mealtimes, bedrooms, and car rides screen-free to encourage conversation and rest. You can also pick certain days or hours as “tech-free” for the whole family.

**4. Offer Alternatives**

Boredom often leads to screen requests. It’s OK for kids to be bored! Boredom leads to creativity. Have a go-to list of activities like:

- Art or LEGO stations
- Puzzles or board games
- Water play, scavenger hunts, or bike rides
- Library events or free community activities (like splash pads and museum days)

**5. Use Screen Time as a Tool, not a Crutch**

Try not to use screens as a default babysitter. If you need quiet time, set a clear start and stop time, and let them know what’s expected afterward.

**6. Lead by Example**

Kids notice how adults use screens. Model balanced tech use by putting your phone down during family time and engaging in offline activities yourself.

**WESD DISTRICT PROGRAMS**

Are you currently experiencing temporary living arrangements due to eviction, job loss or a traumatic event? The 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 support. 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 the office at 602-896-5600 to inquire further about qualifying for this program.



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## Register for WESD Jumpstart by May 9

Registration for WESD’s free, four-week, half-day kindergarten readiness program, Jumpstart, is open now. Our school will offer the Jumpstart program this summer from May 27 to June 19. During the program, children will make friends, learn kindergarten routines and practice kindergarten readiness skills. Free breakfast and lunch will be included.

To participate in the program, children must be registered for kindergarten at our school for the 2025-2026 school year. Kindergarten registration can be completed in-person at the WESD Welcome and Registration Center or online at <https://www.wesdschools.org/kindergarten>.

Registration for Jumpstart classes closes on May 9. To sign up your child for Jumpstart, please visit the following page and find our school link to complete the registration form: <https://www.wesdschools.org/jumpstart>.



## Coming Soon: New School-to-Home Communication Tool, ParentSquare

We are excited to announce that the WESD will be using a new platform for school-to-home communication called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with WESD and your child’s/children’s school(s). It provides a safe way for District administrators, school principals, teachers, staff and parents to:

- Send and receive school and class information
- Share pictures and files
- See calendar items
- Sign up to volunteer
- Schedule parent/guardian/teacher conferences
- And much more . . . all in one centralized place!

Be sure to watch for more information about how to activate your account, download the app and resources for using ParentSquare!



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