



# Tiger News

The School of Champions  Where Everyone is a Winner

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## TUMBLEWEED MISSION STATEMENT

Tumbleweed's mission is to provide relevant, quality education to our students that will enable them to participate successfully in the changing world. In pursuit of this mission, Tumbleweed will: seek innovations that encourage excitement for learning, create a learning environment characterized by caring and trust, help each child develop to his or her fullest potential, and provide opportunities that help students meet the challenges of change.

### VISION STATEMENT:

*"Tumbleweed Elementary school is committed to providing an engaging and enriching environment that will promote academic and social excellence for all students."*

MOTTO: *"Tigers to the Top"*

## MRS. RUSSELL'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to all who attended our **Parent/Teacher Conferences** this month. We had a great turnout! It is so important to meet and communicate about the academic and behavioral progress of your student. Parents and teachers working together can really make a positive difference.



## CONCERT ON THE LAWN

Parents, are you ready for a relaxing night of entertainment brought to you by your children? If so, please join us for our Concert on the Lawn. This event will take place on **Tuesday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m.** There will be a dinner of hot dogs, chips and water available to purchase for \$3.00 from PTA. All children in grades K-6 attending Tumbleweed Elementary School will have the opportunity to participate in this event.



## YEARBOOK PRESALE

The 2016-2017 yearbook will be arriving before you know it. It is full of special events, photos and memories. It's a wonderful way to remember your child's school year! **HURRY AND ORDER NOW** at \$5.00; the price will go up to \$10.00 after March 27, 2017. Return the order form along with payment to your teacher or the front office. The yearbook will be on sale until sold out.

## Read Across America 2017



It's time to break out the infamous red-and-white-striped, stove-pipe hats and your favorite books because the annual Read Across America celebration is nearly here! Read Across America is celebrated every year on March 2, Theodor Geisel's birthday – better known to millions as Dr. Seuss.

Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program sponsored by the National Education Association that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on or around Dr. Seuss's birthday. The event's purpose is to motivate children to read and focus the country's attention on the importance of reading.

This year's theme is "Grab Your Hat and Read With the Cat." To help us celebrate, the Washington Elementary School District is inviting parents, community leaders and neighborhood partners into the classroom to read to students.

If you love to read and enjoy children, then Read Across America is the volunteer opportunity for you. Whether you bring your favorite book or need a book provided for you, we invite you to share your love of reading with our students.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Linneer at 602-896-6642!



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Governing Board: Bill Adams, President • Larry Herrera, Vice President  
Aaron Jahneke, Member • Tee Lambert, Member

Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

## Dear Tumbleweed Community,

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my retirement at the end of this 2016-17 school year. For the past seven years, I have experienced great rewards working with the Tumbleweed community: staff, students, parents and community partners and friends. Further, I have been thankful and proud to have been working with some of the finest educators in the WESD for the past 21 years. These years have been both fulfilling and challenging. I will miss working with all of you, but it is time for me to spend more time with my large family. I will continue as the principal until the end of this school year, but because the selection process for the new principal will begin shortly, I felt you needed to hear of my retirement from me at this time. Thank you for your support these past seven years.

Fondly,  
Adele C. Russell

## Congratulations!

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as student of the month for the month of February.

Kinder: Mia C., Urijah H., Adriel T.

First: Mikaila F., Branden M., Lathan B.

Second: Jonathan H., Damaris G., Trinity S.

Third: Kaylee L., Daniela P., Damien T.

Fourth: Berenice C., Dominic D., Tyrone L.

Fifth: Ryan S., Nathaniel O.

Sixth: Gabriel R., Ke'von S.

Special Areas: Chase M., Elizama S., Liliana H.

## AzMERIT – Testing March 27 – April 5

Your help is very important. Working together we can make AzMERIT testing week a positive, stress-free experience.

Here are some things that you can do to help your child be successful during the time of preparation for testing.

- Have your child get to school on time. **First bell is at 7:25 a.m. Student should be in their seats at 7:30 a.m.**
- Do not schedule appointments during the school day.
- Remind your child that reading is important.
- Make certain your child gets a good night's sleep every night.

Thank you for your support of our students, teachers and staff.

## Event Schedule

### February

- 23 Governing Board meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Cholla Choir Concert @ Moon Valley High School 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- 24 End of District Food Drive  
Gr 4 – field trip  
Gr 3 – field trip
- 27 Gr 1 – field trip  
Student Council mtg 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
PTA meeting 4:00 p.m.

### March

- 01 Early release 1:00 p.m.
- 03 Spirit Assembly 2:10 p.m.
- 06 Student Council mtg 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- 07 Concert on the Lawn 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- 08 Early release 1:00 p.m.  
Site Council meeting 3:30 p.m.  
Neighborhood meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 09 Governing Board meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Cholla Band/Strings Concert @ Cholla Middle School 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 13 Student Council mtg 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- 15 Early release 1:00 p.m.  
K-2 field day 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- 16 Gr 5 – field trip  
Gr 3 – 4 field day 8:30-2:30 p.m.
- 17 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
Gr 5 – 6 field day 8:30-2:30 p.m.
- 20-24 No School – Spring Break**
- 27-4/5 AzMERIT testing
- 27 Student Council mtg 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- 28 Gr K – field trip
- 29 Early release 1:00 p.m.



## WESD Community Food Drive

Washington Elementary School District will be hosting the (#WESDCommunityFoodDrive2016) from Monday, Feb. 13 through Friday, Feb. 24 to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. Right now, one in four children in Arizona is going to bed hungry. WESD can help change that. As a community leader and partner with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, WESD is asking every school to participate. Each student is asked to bring in canned food to donate during those two weeks. The school with the most donated food (as determined by the number of pounds per student) will win Nothing Bundt cakes for the entire school and a trophy to recognize its efforts. Last year we collected more than 151,676 pounds of food! Questions about getting involved may be directed to Jill Hicks, WESD director of Community Engagement and Marketing, at 602-347-2644.

**ONLY TWO DAYS LEFT TO COLLECT FOR THE FOOD DRIVE, WHICH ENDS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24.**

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Office	896-6600	Attendance	896-6610
Fax	896-6620	Cafeteria	896-6617
Library	896-6609	Social Worker	896-6658
Sp. Needs	896-6625	KidSpace	896-6615
Transportation	896-5270	Head Start	896-6667

## SCHOOL HOURS

### Daily Schedule:

Kindergarten – grade 6: 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

### Wednesday Only:

Kindergarten – grade 6: 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Students are not to be on campus before 7:15 a.m. as there will not be supervision prior to this time.

## NO SCHOOL

March 20, 2017  
to  
March 24, 2017

*Spring Break*

*SPRING  
BREAK*

## NEWS FROM OUR



THANK YOU  
SO MUCH!!!

*Lamar's  
Donuts*

Thanks to Lamar's Donuts, for their generous donation of donuts for our Donuts with Dad morning on Wednesday, February 8!

You can visit Lamar's Donuts any time at 2340 W. Bell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85023



*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day!*



Healthy Schools

## NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICE

**Is your child too sick for school?** To help you make the decision, please consider the following:

**Fever:** If your child has a fever higher than 100.0 degrees, he or she should stay home. Children should be fever free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning to school.

**Mild Cough/Runny Nose:** If there is no fever and the child wants to attend school, it is okay to send him or her to school.

**Bad cough/Cold Symptoms:** If your child has a cough or cold that will disrupt his or her ability to learn or will disrupt the learning of others, he or she should stay home.

**Vomiting and Diarrhea:** If your child is vomiting and/or has diarrhea, he or she should stay home. Your child may return to school when they have not vomited or had diarrhea for 24 hours without the use of medication.

**Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis):** Pink eye is contagious and may be bacterial or viral. Consult your doctor regarding treatment. If an antibiotic is prescribed, the student may return 24 hours after the first antibiotic treatment and the eye is no longer red or draining. Once a diagnosis is made, please call the school's health office.

**Sore Throat:** A minor sore throat is typically caused by seasonal allergies and/or a mild viral infection. A severe sore throat may be caused by streptococcal bacteria. Typical symptoms of strep throat are fever, headache, and stomachache without nasal congestion. A special test is required to determine if it is strep. Keep your child home and contact your doctor. Your child may return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment begins. Once a diagnosis is made, please call the school's health office.

**Head Lice:** If your child has head lice, he or she must be treated with a medicated lice shampoo and have most of the nits (eggs) removed before returning to school. Please have your child checked by the health technician prior to returning to class.

**Rash:** Children with a skin rash should be seen by a doctor, as it may be a sign or symptom of a contagious illness that may require treatment.

## WESD is Hiring Teachers for 2017-2018

The WESD will host a Teacher Interview Fair Saturday, February 25, 2017 to hire teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. The fair will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the WESD Administrative Center, 4650 West Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, 85304. Contracts for the 2017-2018 school year will be offered to qualified candidates. For more information, contact the WESD Recruitment Office at 602-347-2622 or e-mail [Lydia.garcia@wesdschools.org](mailto:Lydia.garcia@wesdschools.org).