



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

Welcome back from Spring Break! We have had a very busy month and will continue with many activities in the months ahead. We wish to thank everyone who came and participated in and prepared for these recent events:

Tumbleweed students and community participated in WESD's *We Can End Hunger* Food Drive. It was a huge success! Our school collected over 4,780 donated items! Ms. Schild's 5th grade class collected the most items: 610! Second in donations was Ms. Pitts' 5th grade class: 516 items! The food drive was under the direction of our outreach specialist, **Lindsey Livingstone**. We thank her and all the teachers for their classroom motivations and support. We thank the students and their families for this amazing effort for those in need!

Tumbleweed participated in and enjoyed a super **Read Across America Week**. Under the direction of **Maggie Linneer** and the RAA committee, the school was decorated in posters and favorite books. Many students had their pictures taken in our garden area with their favorite book. Guest readers came in to read. A contest was held about the number of books read as well as a decorated book marker contest, and for 10 minutes every day, we participated in DEAR (Drop Everything And Read).

Concert on the Lawn, our musical celebration for all the grade levels, was March 7, under the direction of **Dee Anna Hedges**. PTA sold hot dogs, chips and water

to add to the festivities and to be a fundraiser for the school. It was a great concert!

Our students all participated in our annual Field Days under the direction of PE coach, **Brian Camilli**. They were lots of fun! We thank all who volunteered and assisted in any way.

We're Going Under Construction!



The Home of the Tigers will be undergoing renovations this summer with much needed campus upgrades. Construction will break ground May 24 where an expansion of the administration office and face lift on the exterior of the main entrance will begin. The front administration office will be renovated for more open space, common areas for students, staff, and visitors, as well as the relocation of the teacher lounge and office space. The entire campus will undergo fire alarm and security upgrades. All renovations will take place during the summer months so by the time we return in August, our new welcoming entrance and additional campus security will be in place.



welcome
April ♥



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

Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

Congratulations!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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

Kinder: Jaylene G., Tristany W., Nikolina D.

First: Giovanni T., Melany V., Violet M.

Second: Alexis F., Atta O., Nori L.

Third: Gabby C., Claudia M., Alliyah S.

Fourth: Noah E., Aurora D., Zoey L.

Fifth: Brisa M., Emese S.

Sixth: Rocky S., Beyance C.

Special Areas: Sophia H., Jenna M., Braiden L.

Event Schedule

April

- 03 Student Council mtg 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- 05 Early release 1:00 p.m.
Report cards go home
- 07 Spirit Assembly 2:10 p.m.
- 08 PTA Carnival 9:00-12:30
- 10 Gr 6 – Cholla orientation 9:15-11:45
- 12 Early release 1:00 p.m.
Site Council meeting 3:30 p.m.
Neighborhood meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Governing Board meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Awards Assembly Gr 4-6 1:00 p.m.
- 17 Student Council mtg 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- 19 Early release 1:00 p.m.
- 26 Early release 1:00 p.m.
Midterms go home
- 27 Governing Board meeting 7:00 p.m.

STUDENT PROFILE FORM

We work hard to balance classes with equal numbers of academically higher, average and lower students. We also must balance behaviors with equal numbers of those who have an aggressive, average and shy nature. We balance so that equal numbers of speech students and band and strings students are distributed. We will try to honor profiles if at all possible. Please note that the form does not provide for choosing your child's teacher. Forms are available in the office and must be turned in no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, 2017.

NOT RETURNING

If your child will not be returning to Tumbleweed in the 2017-2018 school year, please complete the **Non-returning Student Notification** form. These forms are available in the office. If your child is going on to middle school, this form is **not** necessary.



YEARBOOK SALES

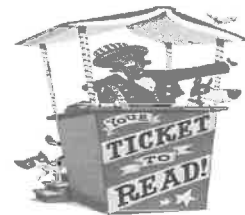
The 2016-2017 yearbook will be arriving before you know it. It is full of special events, photos and memories. It's a wonderful way to remember your child's school year! Return your order form along with payment of \$10.00 to your teacher or the front office. The yearbook will be on sale until sold out.



PTA

Spring Carnival
And Craft Fair

Saturday, April 8, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Come enjoy
Music, Fun, Raffle,
Games,
Food and Vendor
booths

School Tax Credit Donations Can Apply to 2016 Tax Filing

We at Tumbleweed School would like to thank parents/guardians and community members for the many ways in which you support our school, students and programs. One way that you support us is through tax credit donations.

In the past we have used tax credit donations to fund field trip transportation. This year, we will use tax credit donations for extracurricular activities in addition to continuing to fund field trips.

There's still time to make a tax credit donation and have it apply to your 2016 taxes. Tax credit donations made on or before April 15, 2017 can be used to help reduce your 2016 or 2017 tax liability. The choice is yours.

To make a donation, simply go to the WESD Web site, www.wesdschools.org, and click the "Donate Now" button to donate online. If you prefer to print a form, go to "About WESD" and click "Tax Credit." Complete the tax credit form and return it to Tumbleweed School.

State Department of Revenue Guidelines

- The tax credit program gives a dollar-for-dollar reduction in state income taxes. The credit is \$400 for married taxpayers that file a joint return and \$200 for single taxpayers or heads of households. If married taxpayers file separate returns, each spouse may claim one-half of the credit that would have been allowed.
- Public education tax credits may only be used to the extent that they reduce a tax liability to zero. Any unused amounts may be carried forward for not more than five consecutive years.
- You do not need to have a child enrolled in a school to take advantage of this tax credit.
- If a program is not designated by the contributor, the school will choose a program based on greatest need.
- Checks must be made payable to the individual school of the taxpayer's choice.
- Tax credit donations must be made on or before April 15 to be applied to the prior year's taxes.

When the school receives the check, a receipt will be issued for the individual's tax record. The District will also submit notification to the Arizona Department of Revenue.

For further information, contact your neighborhood WESD school or Chris Wing in the Accounting Department at 602-347-2631.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 3	Mornings with Mom
May 10	Library Books Due
May 11	Open House
May 12	Last Day of After-school Academy
May 23	Last Day of the 2016- 2017 School Year
August 7	First Day of the 2017- 2018 School Year



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.

Help the WESD
hire good teachers,
refer your friends
and family!



EVERYONE
IS A
RECRUITER!

Contact the
recruitment office at
602-347-2622

to schedule an interview with
Washington Elementary School District.

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