



# 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

As we come to the close of this school year, we would like to extend our thanks to all of our parents for your support of your children's education. We cannot teach as effectively without your help. This busy year has just flown by for me. I have so enjoyed working with you, your children, the staff and all the families. Our Tumbleweed community is a great place to be.

I have so enjoyed being the principal at Tumbleweed these past seven years! It is with very mixed emotions that I retire and leave everyone at the end of this year. I will take with me so many fond memories of your children, the teachers and our Tumbleweed community. Thank you for all of your support and kindnesses over these years. I have no doubt that you will be in good hands in the years ahead.

We wish to thank **Mr. Brennan** for our successful After-school Academy.

At this time, we offer a very special thanks and note of appreciation to these staff members as they leave for a variety of reasons such as retiring, staying home with children, moving to new areas and otherwise new adventures: Kindergarten teachers – **Carly Vardian** and **Christine Tramontozzi**, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers – **Megan Mukai**, **Danica Grobnagger**, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher – **Heather Wilshire**, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher – **Andrea Reeves**, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher – **Patti Ahlman**, Gifted program teacher – **Marla Yablon**. Thank you for all of your service to Tumbleweed students. We will miss you, and we bid you a fond farewell.

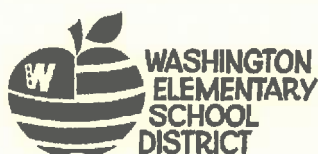
Tuesday, May 23, will be the last day of school, and it is an early-release day. Report cards will be sent home on this, the last day of school.

**We wish you a very happy and safe summer, and the staff look forward to working with you and your students again in the 2017-2018 school year.**

## Message from our new Principal, Heather Vasquez



Hi, Tumbleweed Tigers! I am so honored to be your new principal for the 2017-18 school year. I have been a part of the Washington Elementary School District for 16 years. I started my career at Mountain View Elementary where I taught second, third and fifth grades. The past five years I have been at Richard E. Miller Elementary as their program coach. I am a graduate of Arizona State University and have continued my education earning my master's degree in elementary education from the University of Phoenix. Currently, I am continuing my master's in educational leadership from Grand Canyon University. On a personal note, the WESD is a very special place for me because it was my home as a student, too. I attended Chaparral Elementary and Sweetwater Elementary and I graduated from Moon Valley High School – Go, ROCKETS! Thank you all for welcoming me to your community, I am looking forward to being your very proud principal.



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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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**August 3**

Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night

**August 7**

First Day of the  
2017-2018 School Year

**August 8**

Picture Day

## Congratulations!

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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

Kinder: Micah S., Nicole E., Holly W.

First: Alejandra V., Kai G., Gianessy D.

Second: Evei F., Valentina R., Isabella R.

Third: Alexandria B., Molos V., Johnny K.

Fourth: Jonathon E., Carlos M., Tatum S.

Fifth: Jenna L., Leandro Z.

Sixth: Fernando D., Damien G.

Special Areas: Raul G., Levin R., Asia F.

## HONOR ROLL

**Fourth:** Aurora D., Natalie G., Kylee K., Melissa M., Carlos M., Elisha F., Lexy Jo S., Edwin T., Jasmine Z., Maurice B., Marlee C., Dyanna G., Melody H., Adam H., Kelsey M., William S.



**Fifth:** Wyatt B., Sylvia D., Sherilin L., Benjamin P., Emese S., Leandro Z., Lilly L., Jacob R.

**Sixth:** Raechal F., Amira K., Mason R., Jesus S., Ajha A., Beyance C., Jakiyah P., Michael S., Deegan S., Prescilla W.

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank our PTA and Site Council volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication this year!

## Event Schedule

### May

- 23 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
Reports Cards go home
- 25 Governing Board meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Memorial Day
- 30 First day Summer School Academy  
(located at Chaparral Elementary  
3808 W. Joan De Arc

### June

- 08 Governing Board meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Last day Summer School Academy
- 22 Governing Board meeting 7:00 p.m.

## PRINCIPAL'S LIST



**Fourth:** Liliana C., Caitlyn F., Tyrone L., Kyana R., Jordan S., Martin B., Amiyah B.,

Stephen C., Dominic D., Briauna H., Mia H., Zoey L., Ezekiel L., Landen L., Tammy N., Jorge S., Jakob S., Tatum S., Kamaya W., Brooklyn C., Damian C., Noah E., Jonathon E., Sophia H., Tony K., Jose Antonio R., Abigail U., Melina R.

**Fifth:** Halen B., Trevor C., Jasmine K., Chase M., Nathaniel O., Nadalie V., Isaac H., Jenna Lorti., Braiden L., Jenna L., Brisa M., Denise O., Levin R., Nestor T., Dana W.

**Sixth:** Benjamin E., Jamie G., Anjelica H., Daija L., Maribel V., Isabel C., Damien G., Cristina M., Galilea M., Elizama S., Kaylee S.

## GIRLS ON THE RUN

Congratulations to the Tumbleweed Girls on the Run Team. They worked very hard to complete a 5K run in downtown Phoenix on Sunday, April 30. We are so proud of the entire team! The following girls ran in the 5K: Jenny N., Reese W., Rhianna E., Maliyah B., Violet H., Samantha G., Tammy N., Jazzy Z., Lexy Jo S., Jenna M., Brisa M., Lilly D., Jazmine K. We would also like to give a BIG thank you to the Tumbleweed running buddies: Mrs. Linneer, Ms. Knutson, Ms. Grobnagger, Ms. Mukai, Mrs. Quine, Mrs. Shikany and Ms. Marie.



# TUMBLEWEED SUMMER ACADEMY

(by invitation only)

May 30 – June 15  
Monday – Thursday  
7:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  
First class begins Tuesday, May 30  
Monday, May 29 is a holiday

Due to the construction at Tumbleweed  
Summer School will be located at:

Chaparral Elementary  
3808 W. Joan De Arc  
Phoenix, AZ 85029

Bus transportation provided for all students.

## REGISTER FOR FREE, FULL- DAY KINDERGARTEN FOR 2017-2018

Registration for free, full-day kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year in the Washington Elementary School District is underway and will continue through the summer. Parents and guardians are invited to register their kindergartner at the WESD Welcome and Registration Center, located just west of Cholla Middle School at 3200 West Cholla Street. Free, full-day kindergarten will be held at all 27 elementary and K-8 schools in the Washington District.

Children must be 5 years old before September 1, 2017 to be registered for kindergarten. Parents should remember to bring with them:

- A certified copy of the child's birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Proof of residence (e.g. lease agreement, escrow papers, recent utility bill)
- Legal papers regarding custody, if applicable

The Welcome and Registration Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (On Wednesdays, the center is closed from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) Call 602-896-6950 for more information.

TUMBLEWEED COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION

# PTA



### ATTENTION PARENTS:

Our school needs our PTA, and after next year, our PTA will NEED you! Our officers will remain as is in office for the school year of 2017-2018, however, elections will occur at the end of NEXT YEAR (May 2018). Get involved now, and spend next year learning about how you can help your school and help your students.

Thank you for all you have done, and continue to do:

Erika Seeley, President  
Stephanie Forgey, Vice President  
Stephany Southwick, Treasurer  
Lori Lynch, Secretary

Reach out with any questions or additional information: [TumbleweedPTA@gmail.com](mailto:TumbleweedPTA@gmail.com)

Come help make a difference!

Follow us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on what's going on around the school!



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Enjoy your summer!

We look forward to seeing  
you all next year!

Have your \$5 ready and come  
join us at the beginning of next  
year.

Remember - Together we can  
make a difference!



## 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.

## 2017-2018 IMMUNIZATIONS

The following information is very important regarding immunization requirements for the 2017-2018 school year per Arizona School Immunization Law, Article 7, R9-6-701-708:

All students are required to show proof of chickenpox (varicella) immunization or to provide a signed history form stating that the student has had chickenpox.

For the 2017-2018 school year, Arizona School Immunization Law states that all students 11 years of age and older entering the sixth, seventh and eighth grades must have one dose of meningococcal vaccine (MV). These students are also required to have one dose of Tdap vaccination if five or more years have passed since their last tetanus/diphtheria vaccine dose.

If your child has received the required immunization, please provide the school with documentation (shot records). The record must show the child's name, date of birth, date dose received and physician/health agency that administered the immunization.

If your child has NOT received the required immunization, please contact your physician/healthcare provider or immunization clinic. Information on free immunization clinic sites may be obtained from the school health office.

Schools have been advised that schedules may not be given to students who are not in compliance with vaccinations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our health office at 602-896-6610.



Our lost and found is growing. Please take the time to check the bins in the cafeteria for missing items. Any items that are not claimed will be sent to the clothing closet.

In addition, we have several pairs of glasses that have been found and are waiting in the health office to be claimed.

## MEDICATION PICK UP

As the school year comes to an end, please be sure to pick up your child's medication in the health office by 3:00 p.m. on the last day of school. The District policy prohibits the transportation of medication to and from school by anyone less than 18 years of age. All medication left unclaimed will be destroyed.

