



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

November has gone by so quickly. We are beginning the last month of the second quarter and the first semester. This past month we completed our Parent/Teacher Conferences. Thank you all so much for coming to this important communication event. We had a high percentage of parents come. The PTA conducted our cookie dough fund-raiser. Thanks to **Erika Seeley**, our PTA president, and to the other officers and members for this effort.


Our next big event will be our **Cocoa, Cookies and Cards Night** on **Dec. 15** where we will have fun activities to build family relationships, math skills and simply have a lot of fun. And of course, we'll have **cookies and cocoa**, too! This year our PTA is providing a **Santa's Penguin Shop** from Dec. 12-16 for students to be able to purchase gift items. It will be open the evening of Cocoa, Cookies and Cards until 7:00 p.m.



Effective Immediately

Per District policy, student last names will no longer be published in our school newsletter. From this newsletter going forward, all student names will be published with the student's first name and initial of last name.

Take Credit for Helping a Child

You can do something great for the students at Tumbleweed School and reduce your tax liability at the same time by making a tax credit donation. 

You decide where your money goes! When you make a school tax credit donation you're enhancing the education of a child. Your donation can go to the program you specify, or you may permit the school to designate which of its extracurricular programs your donation will support – athletics, after-school classes, character education, field trips, music programs.

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.



4650 W. Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85304 • 602-347-2600 • www.wesdschools.org

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

Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

- 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.

To make a donation, simply go to the WESD Web site, www.wesdschools.org, Quick Links. Print and complete the tax credit form and return it to the school office or to the WESD Administrative Center at 4650 W. Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85304. Remember, tax credit donations must be made on or before April 15 to be applied to the prior year's taxes.

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

Congratulations!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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

Kinder: Jackson L., Christopher G., Diego S.

First: Janessa S., Victor H., Jesus P.

Second: George H., Kalle B., Ericka M.

Third: Reese S., Analy L., Zion C.

Fourth: Sophia H., Andres A., Edwin T.

Fifth: Jovanny J., Chase M.

Sixth: Janiya F., Alex N.

Special Areas: Isaiah R., Anjelica H., Aden M.

Event Schedule

December

- 05 Gr. 1 – Field Trip
Student Council mtg 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- 07 Early release 1:00 p.m.
Gr. 6 – group picture
Head Start – no school
- 08 Governing Board meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 12-16 Santa's Penguin Shop
- 12 Student Council mtg. 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- 14 Early release 1:00 p.m.
Site Council meeting 3:30 p.m.
Neighborhood meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Cocoa Cookies and Cards Family
Math Night 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Santa's Penguin Shop
5:30-7:00 p.m.
- 19 PTA meeting 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Student Council mtg 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- 20 Gr. 5 – Field Trip
- 21 Spelling Bee 7:45-8:45 a.m.
Early release 1:00 p.m.
- 22 End of Second Quarter
Last day of school for students
- 23 Start of Winter Break

January

- 09 School Resumes



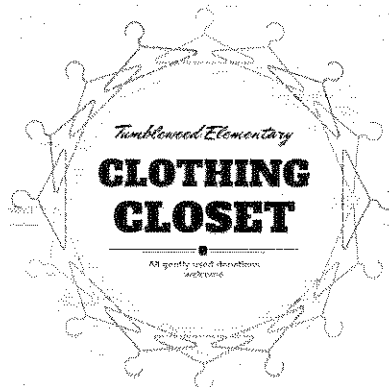
Jenny's
Penguin Patch
KIDS' HOLIDAY SHOPPE

Penguin Patch is coming to town!

12/12 - 12/16

Let your little one shop for a small holiday gift for his or her loved ones! We will be sending home more information, but you will be able to mark the amount your child can spend and who the gifts are for, then we will help him or her shop!

Questions? Contact:
TumbleweedPTA@gmail.com



****REMINDER****

Winter is just around the corner, and we wanted to remind Tumbleweed parents that we have a clothing closet on site. As you clean out last year's clothes, please keep us in mind. We take all new and gently used clothing. There will be a box located in the school's front lobby for your convenience.

**** CURRENT NEED: Jackets and shoes ****



**Can you help?
Spring Carnival**

Tumbleweed PTA is looking for people who would be able to assist this coming Spring. We will be having a Spring Carnival and craft fair in April and we would love your help! If you have any resources for people or businesses who would like to participate by donating goods to our raffle, providing food, carnival games etc. PLEASE let us know! There will be more details coming, but signing up early is ideal!
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 9 School Resumes from Winter Break
- Jan. 16 No School – MLK Day
- Jan. 24 PTA Bingo Night
- Feb. 8-10 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 20 No School – Presidents Day

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.

WINTER BREAK

Dec. 23 - Jan. 8

SCHOOL RESUMES

Jan. 9, 2017



Facebook

If you have not "liked" our school Facebook page yet, please search for "Tumbleweed Elementary" and look for the tiger.

