

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

We are already nearing the end of the first quarter – Oct. 7! Report cards will be given out at Parent/Teacher Conferences. **Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be scheduled a little differently this year. **The late night conference will be Wednesday, Oct. 19. Conferences will also be held during the day after early dismissal on Oct. 27 and 28.** Please make every effort to attend your student's conference. This communication with his or her teachers is vital to academic and behavioral success!

Before- and After-school Academy has begun under the direction of Carly Vardian. We so appreciate her, our teachers and assistants for their efforts on behalf of our students.

On our early release Wednesdays, teachers have been meeting for site-based collaborative dialogue to analyze data, to identify students in need of Tier I and Tier II intervention, for small group instruction, to plan instruction, to score assessments, and to receive training on objective writing.

We are excited about our **Site Council** members and officers: chairman, Jessica Shelton/parent; vice chairman, Chad Gelhaar/parent; secretary, Rula Prock/health tech. Other members are Anne Barsness/teacher, and Brian Camilli/teacher.

Thank you to our **PTA** for the school-wide fund-raiser of the cookie dough sale and Great Skate on Sept. 13. Thanks to all of you who supported our new PTA in these efforts to raise money for our students.

Please plan to attend our big family involvement activity, **Buddy Barbeque**

coming up on Oct. 4 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. There will be free food and fun learning.



KIWANIS-SPONSORED WALK-A-THON

Tumbleweed School will once again be participating in the North Phoenix Kiwanis Club's Annual Walk-a-thon event on Saturday, October 22, 2016. North Phoenix Kiwanis is a valuable partner of the WESD and supports our District in a variety of ways!

The event will be held at Metrocenter Mall from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. ALL WESD Schools will have a team of walkers represent their school in the walk. Donations for the school team will be accepted at each school site from September 26 - October 7. Proceeds from the event will benefit various school programs, students and families in need. Please support your team!

STATE STANDARDS REVISION

There is an Arizona Department of Education standards revision committee that has worked for the past 10 months on both the Mathematics and English Language Arts standards. The Arizona School Board is asking for community feedback on the changes. Families have until October 3 to offer input. Please take time to look at the revisions if you would like a voice in the decision making. Here is the link: <https://k12standards.az.gov/>



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

Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent



PTA THANK YOU!

Thank you to each and every one of you who heard our call! We are just a few members shy of making our mark! We have more than doubled our membership from last year and are almost at 100 members!! **THANK YOU!**

The cookie dough fundraiser is almost over, and so far you all have been doing great! So excited to see the kiddos taking home their prizes!

We are looking for HELP! This spring we are wanting to bring back the spring carnival and include a craft fair as well.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WITH A SPECIAL TALENT OR SERVICE TO OFFER?

We will be in need of all sorts of fun things – so if you or someone you know would like to help with your time, product or service, please contact us!

Brainstorm with us today at:
TumbleweedPTA@gmail.com



Health Office News

As part of our efforts for school safety, please remember that parents/guardians must sign in medication at the health office. This applies to both prescribed medicine and over-the-counter medicine. Also, the school health tech can only administer medicine a parent/guardian has provided. Feel free to call 602-896-6610 if you have any questions.

Congratulations!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

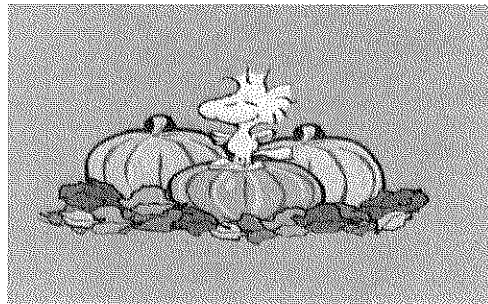
Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as student of the month for the month of September.

Kyleigh Clarkin, Tatum Lopez, Camila Castaneda Renteria, Jaythan Delgado Acosta, Araceli Rosales, Bryand Pacheco Morales, Angela White Holmes, Lailah Perez, Nicolas Garcia, Sephera Trujillo, Samantha Fransen, Sara Hernandez Velasco, Adam Hyman, Martin Barcena Garcia, Tiana Dy, Lilly Lewis, Trinity Hillis, Cristina Martinez Araujo, Miah Ornelas-Corral, Rocky Soto, Aiden Honeywood

Event Schedule

October

- 03 Student Council mtg 2:30-3:30
- 03-07 Book Fair
- 04 Buddy BBQ 5:30-7:00 p.m.
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- 05 Early release 1:00 p.m.
Site Council meeting 3:30 p.m.
Neighborhood meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 06 Governing Board meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 07 End of first quarter
- 10-14 **NO SCHOOL – FALL BREAK**
- 17 Student Council mtg 2:30-3:30
- 19 Early release 1:00 p.m.
Parent/Teacher Conf. (late night)
- 24 Student Council mtg 2:30-3:30
- 25 PTA Peter Piper Night
5:00-8:00 p.m.
- 26 Early release 1:00 p.m.
- 27 Picture retakes
Early release 1:00 p.m.
Parent/Teacher Conf.
- 28 Early release 1:00 p.m.
Parent/Teacher Conf.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We are collecting Box Tops for Education again this year. You can put them in the box in the lobby or give them to your child's teacher. We will be running two contests this year between the classrooms. The first contest is already underway and will run through October 21, 2016. The class who collects the most box tops for this contest will receive a popcorn party. The second contest dates will be announced later in the year.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are in great need of another parent to join the Site Council. Please call the office at 602-896-6600 if interested.

STUDENT ID BADGES AND Z-PASSES

All WESD students are required to wear an ID and Z-Pass while on the school campus and buses. Students were provided a picture ID and a Z-Pass at the beginning of the school year at no cost. Students are checked for compliance throughout the school day. If a student does not comply with the school dress code in wearing his or her ID and Z-Pass, the student will be disciplined accordingly. IDs and Z-Passes must be visible at all times. If students deface, destroy or render their ID and/or Z-Pass unreadable or lose their ID and/or Z-Pass, they will be required to purchase a replacement ID and/or Z-Pass.

Students may not be allowed on the bus if their ID and Z-Pass are not present for the ride home. No student will be denied a ride TO school. If a student does not have his or her ID and Z-Pass in the morning he or she will be instructed to report to the office. If he or she cannot purchase a new card that day the student will be issued a temporary bus pass and the parent will be contacted. The temporary bus pass must be returned to the office the next day. If the student does not have payment for the new ID and/or Z-Pass on the second day, parents will be notified to pick their student up at dismissal as students will **not** be allowed to ride the bus on a temporary bus pass a second day in a row.

If you have questions or concerns regarding student IDs and Z-Passes, please contact our office at 602-896-6600. Please understand that student identification is key to ensuring the safety of our students.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Oct. 10-14 | Fall Break No School |
| Oct. 19 | Late Night Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Oct. 25 | PTA Peter Piper Pizza Night |
| Oct. 27-28 | Early Release Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Nov. 11 | Veterans Day No School |
| Nov. 24-25 | Thanksgiving Break No School |
| Dec. 23 – Jan. 6 | Winter Break No School |

FALL BREAK
OCTOBER 10 - 14
NO SCHOOL

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country practice will begin October 3, 2016. It will start at 6:45 a.m. and end at 7:15 a.m. Practice will be on Mondays and Thursdays until the meets start. Meets begin at 4:00 p.m., and the schedule is as follows:

11/1 @ Cactus Park (hosted by TU)
11/8 @ Cactus Park (hosted by LV)
11/15 @ Arroyo
11/22 @ Manzanita

Access Your Child's Information Using ParentVUE

Tumbleweed School is pleased to announce that parents/guardians can be more involved in their child's education by utilizing ParentVUE, a Web-based program that allows parents and guardians the opportunity to monitor their child's educational progress. Each parent/guardian will receive information on how to activate his or her account. To receive Activation Instructions and an Activation Key that you will need when you first sign in please stop by the office. You will be given the opportunity to change your password after your account is activated. By activating your ParentVUE account, you will be able to see information specific to your child or children. You will be able to view your child's attendance, class schedule, grade book and, to a limited extent, calendar. The grade book for grades 4-6 will be fully available. For grades K-3, limited grades will be visible as WESD is transitioning grade books for K-3 into the system at this time. You will also be able to see and review the student info (contact and emergency information) the school has on record for your child. We encourage you to activate your ParentVUE account and become familiar with its features. Your child's teachers will be updating the information regularly, so visit often to stay current with your child's progress. We look forward to working with you to improve your access to information about your child's academic progress. If you have a question regarding your child's schedule, grades and/or attendance, please contact your child's teacher. If you have a question regarding the use of ParentVUE, please e-mail: WESDParentVUE@wesdschools.org.

TAKE CREDIT FOR HELPING A CHILD

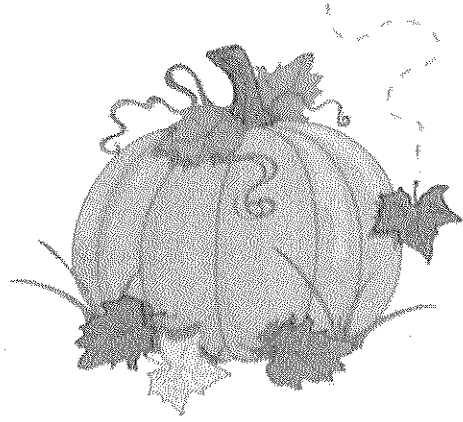
You can do something great for the students at Tumbleweed School and reduce your tax liability at the same time by making a tax credit donation. You decide where your money goes! When you make a school tax credit donation you're enhancing the education of a child. Your donation can go to the program 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, and 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.
- 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 the office in your local school office or Chris Wing in the Accounting Department at 602-347-2631.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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| Office | 896-6600 | Attendance | 869-6610 |
| Fax | 896-6620 | Cafeteria | 896-6617 |
| Library | 896-6609 | Counselor | 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.

Happy
Columbus
Day

