



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. Vasquez's Message

September is another busy month at Tumbleweed and there are a lot of great things happening on campus. Students are working with Chromebooks daily as we have added a new academic resource, Moby Max, that students work on at school and can access from home. Students in grades third through sixth will take their District interim and end of year State assessments on the computer this Spring. We will be receiving another allocation of Chromebooks in September from the District to support students and teachers in the classroom.

I also want to take this time to recognize the academic growth our students made last year on our AZMerit State Assessments. Our students ranked number one in our district (32 schools) for academic growth in English Language Arts and in Mathematics they ranked number three. Congratulations to our students and much appreciation to the teachers and staff who work tirelessly to bring the best practices into classrooms everyday! Thank you, parents, for the support to make it happen!

A big thanks to our PTA for a fantastic start to a new year! Our PTA provides resources for student field trips, student and classroom technology, teacher appreciation gifts, family fun events such as BINGO, Peter Piper Pizza Nights, Book Fairs and Holiday gift shops.

Our next PTA event is Great Skate Night on Sept 11 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. We hope to see all our families there!

Reminders:

Arrival and Dismissal:

Please adhere to the City of Phoenix posted street signs. They are there for the safety of all students, staff and parents. Enforcement will be taken by the Police Department for cars parked in no parking posted areas.

School Gates open at 7:15 a.m. Please do not drop off your children before then, as there is no adult supervision before then. The bell rings at 7:25 a.m. and students are marked tardy at 7:30 a.m. Please be prompt to ensure that your child has time for breakfast and can prepare for their academic expectations of the day.

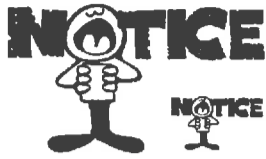
In an effort to reduce classroom interruptions, please refrain from pulling your child out of school early especially when it is 10-15 minutes before dismissal. Your support is appreciated in scheduling your child's personal appointments outside of school hours.

No visitors will be allowed to go to the classroom during the instructional day unless the teacher has made prior arrangements for the visit. All visitors must sign-in at the front office and wear a visitor badge.



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**Peachjar Digital Flyer Platform
and Email Updates**



The WESD is committed to educational excellence and ensuring that parents stay informed about important activities and events that enhance their child's life. In an effort to improve parent and community engagement, we will be implementing Peachjar to send digital flyers and school newsletters directly to parents via email. Additionally, all flyers and newsletters will be posted to each school's Web site. Parents will be able to click to register their children for youth sports, enrichment programs, and community events. By using this new system, we expect to eliminate the need to print roughly 2,688,000 sheets of paper per year—nearly 322 trees! The WESD will continue to communicate with parents and community members as we make the transition to Peachjar via the District Web site, social media and email. Please ensure that the WESD has a current email address on file. You will receive emails from the District in case of an emergency as well as for updates about your school and the District. Contact the front office to update your email address today!

WESD District Programs

Are you currently experiencing temporary living arrangements due to eviction, job loss or a traumatic event? Washington Elementary School District offers services to families through the federal McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The act requires that children and families who are in a temporary living situation be offered services and supports. Services provided can include enrollment assistance, nutrition services, clothing or school supplies, community referrals, and in some cases transportation. If you are living in any of the following temporary circumstances: with another family or friend due to financial hardship, living in a shelter, transitional housing, in a hotel/motel, you may fit the criteria for assistance under this act. Please contact (list name of contact person at your site) at (list phone number and/or email address) to inquire further about qualifying for this program.

REMINDER
PTA Peter Piper Pizza Night
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Testing for PROJECT POTENTIAL to take place soon! Washington Elementary School District provides a continuum of services for students identified as Gifted.



Testing for placement in the Gifted Program takes place three times a year on ALL campuses. For this semester, testing at Tumbleweed will take place during the week of September 10. If you feel your child demonstrates the traits of a gifted learner, please complete the screening form found on the Gifted Services website (www.wesdschools.org/page/18) or contact your child's teacher to arrange for testing. A brochure describing services provided to gifted students and a list of common characteristics can be found on the website as well. The gifted teacher on our campus can be reached at leigh.saiz@wesdschools.org.



September

- 11 5:00 p.m. PTA Great Skate Night
- 12 Hearing and Vision Re-Screening
- 12 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal
- 17 4:30 p.m. PTA Meeting
- 19 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal
- 19 3:30 Site Council Meeting
- 24 After-school Academy Begins
- 26 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal

October

- 3 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal
- 4 5:00 p.m. Keep it Cool with Kindness Night and Book Fair
- 5 8:00 a.m. Picture Retakes
- 8 Week of Fall Break
- 15 7:30 a.m. School Resumes



August Student of the Month

- Kindergarden:** Ajeleth, Allayah, Kiarra
- First Grade:** Melanie, Lamar
- Second Grade:** Camila, Kenna, Christopher
- Third Grade:** Violet, Lilli, Araceli
- Fourth Grade:** Arely, Ericka, Lashyia
- Fifth Grade:** Kiara, Sophia, Jenny
- Sixth Grade:** Edwin, Kamaya, Abigail
- Special Areas:** Zechariah, Liliana, Aeden