

District Dialogue

Bi-weekly news from the Laveen Elementary School District

December 9, 2016

Chief Science Officers participate in Capitol Summit with governor

Laveen's Chief Science Officers (CSO) visited the state capitol to participate in the Capitol Summit with Governor Doug Ducey.

During the summit our CSOs joined other Chief Science Officers from around the state to hear from legislators and ultimately create proposals for Governor Ducey. At the end of the day, every CSO actively participated in presenting to the governor

This activity is one of several activities designed to engage students in promoting STEM education around the state.



3rd Annual Laveen Winter Festival

Food

Games

Vendors

Student Performances

Obstacle Course

Photo Booth

December 9
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Laveen Education Center
5001 W. Dobbins Road

Free admission.
Tickets will be sold for
select activities.

Fundraiser benefiting the Laveen Education Foundation.

Stuart, Walker are October's Employees of the Month

Employees of the month for October are David Stuart, Trailside Point Math Teacher, and Nancy Walker, Laveen School Reading Interventionist .



Stuart



Walker

Stuart was nominated for making math relatable and engaging for his middle school students. He ensures each lesson is appropriate for all levels of learning in his class. To his colleagues, he shares great strategies and ideas to all grade levels – helping his entire learning community. He embraces technology, consistently utilizing the school's resources to enhance his lessons. Mr. Stuart has even videotaped himself teaching lessons for students to view when out on a planned absence.

Walker truly has a love for seeing students succeed and become successful readers. She creates resources for the students to take home and continue practicing and has worked with parents to provide strategies that they can also use at home. For students that might need additional assistance, she has made more time in her schedule to give those students extra help. She is at school with a smile on her face and a positive attitude every day.



Stewart

Administrators recognized with Pinnacle of Leadership awards

At November's Governing Board Meeting, two administrators were recognized with Pinnacle of Leadership awards. Paseo Pointe Assistant Principal Bill Stewart and Director of Support Services Robert Jacobson received the award.

The Pinnacle of Leadership recognizes select individuals for exceptional leadership, outstanding accomplishment, and dedicated service to Laveen's students and community.



Jacobson

Gifted student visit UA's SCRUBS program

Seventh grade gifted education students from all eight campuses visited the University of Arizona-Phoenix Campus to observe the SCRUBS program which exposes students to health care careers.

Students were able to tour simulation labs and had the opportunity to use equipment to check for eye disease, perform an intubation, and test their dexterity



during a laparoscopy on mannequins.

The field trip was part of the "The Science of Medicine" gifted focus.

Trailside Receives grant from author James Patterson

Trailside Point received a \$4,000 grant from bestselling author James Patterson to support its school library. Since 2015, Patterson has donated \$3.5 million to save school libraries nationwide. "I've made it my mission to underscore the vital role reading plays in children's lives, and the need to sustain school libraries is at the heart of that mission," said Patterson.

In addition, Scholastic Reading Club will match each dollar with bonus points that teachers can use to acquire books and other materials.

Applying schools were asked to share the story of their school library, including past efforts to make improvements and ideas to help create a brighter future. Patterson personally read and selected the winning recipients of the grants. Trailside will use the funds to buy more books, obtain library supplies, host an author visit, and create a reading area for students