

Laveen to name athletic complex after fallen officer

The district's new athletic complex, currently under construction, will be named after Phoenix Police officer David Glasser who was killed in the line of duty last year.

The athletic complex, located on the site of the old Laveen School at 51st Avenue and Dobbins, will feature a new football field and two renovated baseball fields.

At their September meeting, the Laveen Governing Board approved the naming of the fields as the "David Glasser Athletic Complex." Glasser's widow, Kristen, and mother, Judy, attended the meeting. The officer's family, through the David Glasser Foundation, has been supportive of



Glasser

Laveen Schools. The foundation held a backpack drive and family night for Cheatham first graders in August.

Glasser was killed in May 2016 while responding to a burglary call in the Cheatham neighborhood. The complex will honor his love for sports and desire to support the community he served.

Groundbreaking and dedication ceremonies are planned for the near future.

Have you applied for a lunch discount?

Your child may qualify for a discount on their school lunch. Families that meet federal income levels may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Lunches are currently priced at \$2.20; the reduced price is \$.40. Breakfast is served free to all students before school each day.

All families, whether they think they qualify or not, are encouraged to complete an application. Applications may be completed online at EZMealApp.com and are also available in the school office or cafeteria. Application information is confidential. Parents will be notified by letter once the application has been processed. Families may apply or reapply at any time during the school year and are urged to do so when financial situations change.



In addition to receiving a discount on meal prices, completed applications provide additional funds to the district in the form of grant money. Funding for prevention programs, parent training, and interventions for students in reading and math is often based on the number of students qualified for free or reduced-price lunch.

Administrators honored with leadership award

Five Laveen administrators were recognized with the district's Pinnacle of Leadership award.

Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy principal Jessica Epacs, Trailside Point assistant principal Brett Humphrey, communications coordinator Kristen Landry, purchasing supervisor Adriana Zapata, and finance director Anita Carlos were recognized at the September Governing Board meeting.

The award recognizes outstanding accomplishments and dedication to the Laveen community.



Trailside Point counselor recognized

Sarah Steele, school counselor at Trailside Point, was recognized by the Laveen Governing Board for being named 2017 Arizona Educator of the Year by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).



Steele is responsible for integrating the ADL's No Place for Hate activities through classroom discussions, family interaction, and campus beautification. She creatively plans and engages students in the No Place for Hate activity process and collaborates with staff to incorporate No Place for Hate in ways that support their classroom priorities.

GCU's Thunder participates in Laveen's yoga program

Grand Canyon University's mascot, Thunder, visited Laveen School to participate in their morning yoga program.



The university's Antelope took the center mat and performed numerous yoga exercises alongside 200 students. Thunder also brought purple GCU t-shirts

for the participants.

Laveen's successful yoga program started back up the last week in August.

Cox, Seechoma are August's Employees of the Month

Employees of the month for August were Kevin Cox, M.C. Cash technology teacher, and Eleni Seechoma, Desert Meadows interventionist.



Cox

From the moment he arrived on campus, Cox has been an advocate for his school and the district. He ensures that all students in all grade levels are learning technology. He plans his classes and lessons with the students' future success in mind, be it the next grade, high school, or college. Cox is always positive and his students are held to high standards. He started a broadcasting class for middle school students that required them to step into leadership roles.



Seechoma

Seechoma shares Laveen's vision in creating bright futures for all students. Her dynamic personality helps students build confidence in themselves and empowers them to reach their potential. She assesses students regularly to guide her intervention lessons, continually monitoring their progress and making adjustments to meet their needs. She collaborates with teachers to ensure she is providing the best opportunities for her students. She has had huge success in bolstering student achievement. She is open to new creative ideas to engage students and continually seeks out advice on next steps.