

Laveen moves to standards-based grading system

Starting this school year, Laveen will be utilizing a standards-based grading system. This will help Laveen teachers better communicate the progress students are making toward mastering the academic standards.

Students' grades for each subject area will be reported in two separate categories: academic achievement and effort. The academic grades will include assignments or tests that measure the students' mastery of the learning standards. The effort grades will include such things as class assignments, homework, and participation.

From the ParentVue portal, click on your child's Grade Book to see the new reporting system.

Visit our website for more details: <http://www.laveeneld.org/standards-based-grading/>

Teacher	Subject Area	Missing Assignments	Class Resources	Marks
Madeleine Baxter	Science Academic Grade			A
	Science Effort Grade			
Mark Jones	Music Effort Grade	0		
Scott Ainsley	Math Academic Grade	0		B
	Math Effort Grade	0		A
Amy Gilbert	Reading Academic Grade	0		A

Laveen Schools recognized for PBIS

Congratulations to all eight Laveen schools for being recognized with the PBISaz Achievement Award. This award recognizes schools for successful implementation and measurable student outcomes with school-wide systems of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS).

Award levels are based on time participating in PBIS as well as measured student improvement.

Trailside Point received the Gold Award; Desert Meadows and Vista del Sur received the Silver Award; Cheatham received the Bronze Award and Laveen, MC Cash, Paseo Pointe, and Rogers Ranch all received awards of Merit.

The schools were recognized at the statewide PBIS conference held in May.



Laveen awarded grant for School Resource Officers

The State Board of Education awarded Laveen with a \$420,000 grant to provide School Resource Officers (SROs) at four schools starting this school year.

The award is part of the state's School Safety Program that places officers in select schools to contribute to safe school environments that are conducive to teaching and learning.

These officers serve as a resource to the school community and provide students with law-related education preparing students for responsible citizenship.

The schools selected to be part of the SRO program are M.C. Cash, Paseo Pointe, Rogers Ranch, and Trailside Point. The other four Laveen schools will continue to use School Safety Officers which are off-duty Phoenix Police officers contracted by the district.

Paseo student receives Scholar Award

Paseo Pointe 6th grader Sariah Lewis is a recipient of the Pima Indian Community's Chief Azul Scholar Award.

The Chief Azul Scholar Award is given to students who personify Chief Azul's leadership and educational ability. Chief Azul was known for leading the tribe during a turbulent time — through Mexican jurisdiction, the Gadsden Purchase, and keeping the Gila River Indian Community from being relocated to Oklahoma.

Sariah was honored at a banquet held at the Vee Quiva Hotel and Casino's Event Center in the spring.



Vista student attends NASA Camp

Vista del Sur 8th grader Angel Molina attended the NASA Robotics and Aviation Camp in Huntsville, Alabama this summer.

She was selected to participate by the Gila River Indian Community's Tribal Education Department. In addition to submitting an essay application and references, Molina participated in a panel interview.

Angel prepared for her interview by practicing her speaking skills in front of the Parent Advisory Committee and the Arizona Indian Education Association (AIEA) Youth Conference at the University of Arizona last year.



Do we have your email address?

Laveen schools are moving towards electronic communication. All Laveen schools are now utilizing the Peachjar e-flyer system to send school newsletters and details on campus-wide happenings as well as notifications on ball leagues and community events. To ensure you receive these notices, please make sure your child's school has your email address on file.

Visit our [e-flyer page](#) for more details.



Laveen awarded \$8,000 in Dairy Council Grant

The Dairy Council of Arizona awarded Laveen \$8,000 in grants for the summer meal program.

Four Laveen schools participated in this year's summer meal program which provides free breakfast and lunch to all children under the age of 18. The grant funds programs to encourage participation.

Funds were used to purchase prizes such as basketballs, scooters, and tote bags for children participating in the program.



Preschool teacher to present at national conference

Laveen School preschool teacher Veronica Nunez will be presenting a research study at the Council for Exceptional Children's national convention and expo taking place in Florida this spring.

Nunez will present the session, *"Including all students with dramatic inquiry to support improved engagement and behavior."*

The CEC conference is the largest professional development event for special education professionals.

Business department recognized for excellence

Laveen's business department was once again recognized by both ASBO International and the Governmental Finance Officers Association for excellence in financial reporting for the 2016 fiscal year.