#### Laveen achieves "Highly Performing" marks in state accountability system

The Arizona Department of Education has released academic performance labels in the form of letter grades for all schools. Labels are awarded based upon a range of academic measures formulated by the Arizona State Board of Education and data collected from the 2016-17 school year.

# **Components of Elementary School Scores**

- Proficiency in English Language Arts, Math, and Science on state assessments
- Growth in English Language Arts and Math on state assessments from the prior year
- Proficiency and growth of English Language Learners based on AZEL-LA testing
- Acceleration and readiness measures, which include such things as improving chronic absenteeism, improvement in sub-group performance on state assessments, increased opportunities for high school level math, and decreasing the percentage of 3rd grade students scoring Minimally Proficient in reading



Each school is awarded a percentage of points earned, and then assigned a letter grade based on that overall score. The average percentage of points earned by the schools in the Laveen District was 78%, which puts us in the "Highly Performing" range as a district. The table below shows the points required for each letter grade and the grades awarded to each school. For more detailed information including how each of Laveen's scores were calculated, visit our <u>website</u>.

Score	Letter Grade	Description	Laveen School Rankings
86-100%	А	Excellent	Vista del Sur
74-85%	В	Highly Performing	Desert Meadows, Laveen, M.C. Cash, Rogers Ranch, Trailside Point
62-73%	С	Performing	Cheatham, Paseo Pointe
50-61%	D	Minimally Performing	None
<50%	F	Failing	None



## Athletic Complex groundbreaking celebration planned for November 3

Laveen Elementary School District will hold a groundbreaking celebration for the David Glasser Athletic Complex November 3 at 9:00 a.m. The complex will be built on the site of the old Laveen School at 5001 W. Dobbins.

The new athletic complex will include a football/soccer field and two baseball fields. It will serve the various youth ball clubs of Laveen.

The complex is named in honor of fallen Phoenix Police Officer David Glasser who was killed in the line of duty in 2016 while responding to a burglary call within the Laveen community.



The public is invited to this special event. We ask those attending to R.S.V.P. for planning purposes.

#### Cheatham girls attend Intel's TEC is for Girls conference



Cheatham middle school girls attended the *T.E.C* is for *Girls* conference, sponsored by Intel, at South Mountain Community College. The girls were exposed to technology, engineering, and computer science careers by rotating through a variety of workshops that allowed the girls to dissect an eye ball, utilize basic coding skills, build a speaker, and explore careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

This conference was just the beginning of an ongoing relationship between Cheatham, South Mountain Community College, and Intel. A club will be started at Cheatham and led by Ms. Shanine Turner to continue these experiences. The same group of girls who attended the conference will meet at more during the school year to celebrate their successes.

## Melton, Delgado are September's Employees of the Month

Employees of the Month for September were Kristin Melton, Vista del Sur 3rd Grade teacher, and Amparo Delgado, Rogers Ranch assistant custodian.

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Melton has a positive leadership role in her classroom that is admirable to both parents and students. She is alert to the needs of not only her students, but the staff alike and has helped foster a positive atmosphere on and around campus. She is respectful to all by treating everyone equally, greeting all with a smile, and always being willing to offer support where needed. She is a clear example of someone who comes to school every day, not because she needs to, but because she wants to. Teaching is not her job; it is her passion.

Day in and day out Delgado gives her all to ensure students are coming to a site that is orderly and clean. Her steadfastness to maintain a clean and safe site helps students feel safe and welcomed. She knows the school system well and can quickly identify areas that need attention. She is extremely reliable and will instantly respond to urgent calls. There never seems to be hesitation with her desire to be there. The students see her every day with a smile on her face and joy in her heart as she assists them in the cafeteria.

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