

District Dialogue

Bi-weekly news from the Laveen Elementary School District

November 17, 2017

District breaks ground on David Glasser Athletic Complex

The Laveen Elementary School District celebrated the groundbreaking of their new athletic complex, named in honor of fallen Phoenix Police Officer David Glasser on November 3.

When it is completed in the spring, the David Glasser Athletic Complex will consist of a football/soccer field, two baseball fields, a play area, a snack shack and restrooms. The complex is owned and operated by the district and will serve the various youth ball leagues of Laveen. It is being developed on the site of the old Laveen School near 51st Avenue & Dobbins.

The celebration began with Glasser's six-year-old son, Micah, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance alongside his close friend Officer James Byrd. Additional remarks were made by Laveen Superintendent Dr. Bill Johnson, Maisha Christian Hagen of Jokake Construction, Governing Board President Jill Barragan, and Phoenix Police Chief Jeri Williams.

Officer Glasser was killed in the line of duty on May 19, 2016 while responding to a call in the Laveen community. The complex honors his love for sports and desire to support the community he served. "There really isn't a more fitting place for David to be honored than an athletic complex," his wife Kristen explained. "Sports played a huge role throughout David's life. It all started when he was just four years old on his first T-ball team.

"Being involved in athletics produces so many benefits for kids," she added. "It keeps them motivated to do well in school and holds them accountable for making positive choices. They learn teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. These are all traits I know David possessed and they transferred with him into his career as a police officer. "

The full cost of the project is \$1,032,204. In addition to the ballfields, this includes expanded parking. The project is funded primarily through the district's capital budget. A \$185,000 grant by the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority will offset some costs. Jokake Construction was awarded the contract.

A video of the full event can be found on the district's [Vimeo page](#). Photos may also be viewed from [flickr](#).



Kristen Glasser



Micah Glasser leads the Pledge



Members of the Glasser family



Chief Jeri Williams



Refreshments sponsored by
Jokake & Starbucks

State sports and tourism organization awards Laveen \$185,000 grant

The Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority has awarded Laveen a grant in the amount of \$185,000 to support youth sports.

The district will put the grant proceeds towards the development of the David Glasser Athletic Complex. Grants were awarded based on financial need, leveraged funding, community partnerships and a benefit to a local community.

The district is one of 23 organizations throughout Maricopa County to receive a grant.



Laveen's 4TH ANNUAL
Winter Festival

All proceeds benefit the Laveen Education Foundation.

FREE ADMISSION
TICKETS SOLD
FOR SELECT
ACTIVITIES.

December 8
5pm – 8pm
5001 W. Dobbins

Games - Food - Crafts - Entertainment
Obstacle Courses - Photos with Santa

Vista student named to Governor's STEM Advisory Council

Vista del Sur student Lauren Salaz has been selected to serve on Governor Doug Ducey's Chief Science Officer (CSO) STEM Advisory. Created by the Governor's Office of Education, the advisory provides students the opportunity to be heard on topics related to science, technology, math, and engineering.



Salaz

Salaz is one of 14 Chief Science Officers to be selected by the Sci-Tech Council based on her standing with the CSO program and her passion to make Arizona a better place to live. Over 50 students were invited to apply.

In preparation of attending the first advisory meeting, members attended the CSO Capitol Summit and will participate in teleconferences on STEM Education, Health Care and Water Policy, and Workforce Development.

Veterans visit Desert Meadows

Desert Meadows invited several veterans to the campus last week in honor of Veterans Day.

After being treated to breakfast in the library, the current and former service members visited classrooms to discuss their military experiences. One of the special guests was a Korean War vet and great-grandfather to a Meadows student.



Cash students know their "Future is Key"

M.C. Cash has entered a photo celebrating their Red Ribbon Week activities into a nation-wide contest.

You can help the school win \$1,000 for drug prevention supplies and an iPad by voting at the link located on their [website](#).

This year's drug awareness theme is: "Your future is key, so stay drug free."

