

Sarah Zembruski named Exemplary Principal by county

Representatives from the Maricopa County Education Services Agency surprised Trailside Point Principal Sarah Zembruski with the Exemplary Principal award.

This award is given to principals who exemplify practices and leadership that contribute to improved student learning; involve staff, parents, and community members in developing an effective school culture; and have a history of high teacher retention.

Watch the [video](#) of Mrs. Zembruski being surprised with this award.



Students participate in All-State Honor Band

Several students from Desert Meadows and Vista del Sur were selected to participate in the Arizona All-State Honor Band.

Participants included: eighth grader Mia Coronado, seventh grader Selene Contreras, and sixth grader Elyssa Kartchner from Vista del Sur and seventh graders Chloe Leon and Camila Martinez and sixth grader Kadelyn Nino from Desert Meadows. They are all students of Mrs. Laura Wolfe.

The Arizona All-State Honor Band is the top honor band in the state.

District dedicates athletic complex

Laveen celebrated the grand opening of the new David Glasser Athletic Complex with a dedication ceremony April 12.

The complex features a new football/ soccer field, two renovated baseball fields, a practice area, and snack shack. It 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 complex honors Officer Glasser's love for sports and desire to support the youth and community he served.

Superintendent Dr. Bill Johnson led the ceremony which included remarks by Glasser's wife, Kristen, and the Maryvale/Estrella Mountain Police Precinct's commander, Edward DeCastro. Trailside Point's advanced band performed the National Anthem under the direction of Michelle Phillips.

Glasser's immediate family joined members of his squad, along with Laveen students, to participate in the ribbon cutting officially opening the complex. The district's intramural flag football teams then kicked off their championship game following a coin toss by Glasser's young son, Micah.

Read more about the dedication on the district's website, www.laveeneld.org.

Students go on virtual expeditions

Laveen students and teachers had the opportunity to beta-test Expeditions AR, a new augmented reality app from Google.



Through the use of this app, teachers are able to make three-dimensional digital objects appear or “augment” the student’s natural environment. Students are able to view these objects by holding a smartphone up to a coded sheet of paper.

Over 70 Laveen teachers took their students on augmented explorations that took students on tours of space, made dinosaurs appear on desk tops, and allowed students to see inside the eye of a tornado.

Cheatham, Laveen, Desert Meadows, M.C. Cash, Paseo Pointe, and Vista del Sur were among the schools throughout the state to beta-test the app.

View the [video](#) from this event.

Vista del Sur’s fine arts club performs *Peter Pan*

Vista del Sur’s fine arts club put on a performance of *Peter Pan, A Musical Adventure* last week. The club is made up of 60 students in Grades 2-6 and is sponsored by Ms. Cleo Lynch. Students met every Monday and Thursday after school this semester to rehearse and prepare for the performance.

Based on the novel, *Peter Pan*, the story follows the three Darling children on their adventures in Neverland with Peter Pan, Tink, and all of the lost boys. They learn the value of friendship and ultimately gain the importance of family as they endeavor the schemes of Captain Hook and his mischievous crew. In the end the Darling children along with the lost boys are reunited with their family in London and everyone lives happily ever after with a home to call their own.



Figueroa, White are March’s Employees of the Month



Figueroa

Employees of the Month for March were Breezy Figueroa, Paseo Pointe resource teacher, and Kelly White, transportation dispatcher.

Figueroa is respectful to the students, parents and staff. She is honest, immediate and accountable. She goes over and beyond to help maintain and establish new relationships. She has excellent communication with families, using various means to reach them. She willingly extends herself to other students in a mentor-mentee capacity. Her selflessness, determination and countless hours of dedication are not in vain. She is always willing to take on additional duties in support of the students and well-being of the school climate.



White

White is always quick to assist with transportation needs, especially when it comes to special education routing. Because of her responsiveness, our Student Services Department is able to quickly place students in the learning environment that best fits their needs. She goes out of her way to make transportation changes happen on short notice. She always makes herself available whenever there is a question.