

## Preschoolers find out “who they are”

Desert Meadows’ preschool students just finished their first unit of “Who we are” and made paper statues of themselves to express how individual and special they are.



Students brought home outlines of themselves and, with their families, listed all the things that make them special.

The statues were returned to school and displayed around the cafeteria so families could view them.

Information on tuition-based preschool programs can be found at [www.laveeneld.org/preschool](http://www.laveeneld.org/preschool).

## Chief Science Officers meet

Laveen’s Chief Science Officers (CSO) attended their first cabinet meeting recently.

The students had the opportunity to collaborate with 50 other CSOs from around the valley. During the course of the meeting students had the opportunity to work on their action steps and be inspired by local leaders.

Each Laveen school has at least one CSO who provides a student voice as it pertains to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education at the regional and state levels.



## Discounted lunch prices available to qualifying families

Laveen schools serve free or reduced-price lunches to families that qualify based on income requirements. Families must apply annually or when there is a change to income levels. Families may apply online at EZMealApp.com or complete a paper application at the school’s front office or cafeteria. All families are encouraged to apply. Applications are processed year round and are kept confidential.



Families that meet federal income levels may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Lunches are currently priced at \$2.30; the reduced price is \$.40. Breakfast is served free to all students, regardless of eligibility, before school each day.

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.

Visit our Child Nutrition page for more information, [www.laveeneld.org/child-nutrition](http://www.laveeneld.org/child-nutrition).

## “President Austin” visits Paseo Pointe students

Paseo Pointe School welcomed 4-year-old “President Austin” to speak with third and fourth graders about his #showlove foundation.



Austin has been featured on CNN for his work throughout Alabama feeding the hungry.

## Trailside swimmer wins the gold

Trailside Point student Andrew Capono recently participated in the recent Special Olympics of Arizona swim competition.

Here, he won gold medals in two events — both the 50 meter freestyle and the breast stroke.



## National School Lunch week is October 15-19.

There is “lots2love” about school lunch and that is the theme of this year’s National School Lunch Week.

Cafeterias will be providing free lunches during the week of October 15 to all students to encourage them to try the many nutritional meals cafeterias offer. The Child Nutrition Department will offer a special menu that includes heart-shaped chicken nuggets, soft pretzels, and potatoes.

All meals are prepared to federal nutritional guidelines and include whole grains, fruits, and vegetables. The menus are specifically designed to provide nutritious meals for growing children. Visit [www.laveeneld.org/menu](http://www.laveeneld.org/menu) for more information.



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