

OCTOBER 2023



# CHEATHAM NEWS

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 2nd-4th  
**FAMILY PE WEEK**

October 2nd-5th  
**BOOK FAIR** 

October 5th-6th  
**HALF DAY  
PARENT/TEACHER  
CONFERENCES**

October 9th-13th  
**FALL BREAK**

 October 23rd-27th  
**RED RIBBON  
SPIRIT WEEK**

October 24th  
**KONA ICE** 

October 25th  
**HALF DAY**

October 26th  
**FALL FAMILY NIGHT  
4:30-6:30PM**



## Cheatham's School Garden

### AND ITS IMPACT ON STUDENT LEARNING

Studies show that school garden programs benefit students in a variety of ways including increased academic achievement, strong environmental appreciation, improved social skills, and a positive interest in personal nutrition and healthy food choices. Cheatham's garden continues to confirm these studies as our students are presented with opportunities to go hands-on in planting, harvesting, preparing, and even enjoying foods directly from our garden. With a beautiful new backdrop, we are committed to keeping the garden part of your child's learning experience. We welcome you to stop by the next time you are on our campus.





## 2023 Laveen Legend Award

Each year, Cheatham nominates one recipient to receive the District's Laveen Legend Award. This award recognizes one's sustained history of supporting Cheatham and its students, staff, parents, and community as a whole. This year, Cheatham was proud to nominate Chef Charleen Badman with Blue Watermelon Project as a recipient of the 2022-2023 Laveen Legends Award. Charleen, co-owner and chef at award winning FnB restaurant in Scottsdale, is one of the leading chefs at Blue Watermelon Project, a program that has been instrumental in building our school garden and providing culinary experiences for our students and families. We appreciate the impact she has had on our campus and look forward to many more positive interactions with food.



## Spiced Mint Couscous

To kick off our year with Blue Watermelon, Mrs. Mendez's 3rd graders were introduced to a new and delicious dish. Students experienced fresh mint through their five senses and then prepared a spiced mint couscous with the herb. Using materials from a recent grant, students were able to heat, wash, cut, and mix all the ingredients from their classroom. The dish was a hit and exposed students to many new food tastes and textures. We look forward to the mint now growing in our own garden!

## Building Community Partners

Each month, teachers identify one student from each class that has done an exemplary job at demonstrating a specific aspect of our P.A.W.S. expectations. These students are recognized as our Students of the Month and are invited to celebrate with their families over juice and donuts.

September's Student of the Month celebration is sponsored by local realtor, Maritza Cortazar. Maritza, also known as MyAZHomegirl, was recently elected to the board of directors for the 2024 Phoenix Realtor Association. She is a Laveen resident and Laveen School District parent. She is a faithful supporter of education and the Cheatham community.

Thank you, Maritza, for helping us honor our students making good choices each and every day.



Interested in becoming a community partner?  
Please contact Brittney Downs at  
[bdowns@laveeneld.org](mailto:bdowns@laveeneld.org)





# WHAT'S NEW?



## CONSTITUTION DAY

*Presented by 'We the People'*

Constitution Day is an American federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. citizens. Mr. Dees' new "We the People" group set out to ensure our students were aware by teaching mini lessons to the younger grades. Check out those hats!



## HEART CHALLENGE

*And Family PE Week*

The Kids Heart Challenge kicks off this week. Start getting your stretches in now because we are gearing up for a few weeks of heart pumping fun. Students will be learning how they can become a Heart Hero in PE classes. Plus Family PE Week is Oct. 2nd-4th, so you're invited to come jump rope with your child in PE class.

## MATH ALL STARS

*Kicks Off October 2nd*

Calling all 3rd and 4th graders! Superintendent, Dr. Sprout, has kicked off his Math All Stars Club. This at home program supports students with math fluency all year long. Students are provided with a personal Chromebook to work on math at their ability level. Don't miss out. Turn in a permission slip today!





YOU'RE INVITED TO CHEATHAM'S FALL

# FAMILY FUN NIGHT

GAMES - PRIZES - CANDY  
FOOD TRUCKS - MUSIC

GAME TICKETS 4 FOR \$1

COSTUMES  
ENCOURAGED

CASH  
ONLY



OCTOBER 26TH, 2023

4:30-6:30PM



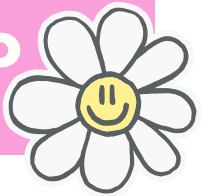


**LIVE DRUG FREE**  
**SPIRIT WEEK - OCT. 23RD-27TH**

MONDAY

**(Flower) Power to Say No**

WEAR FLORAL PRINTS



TUESDAY

**Peace Out to Drugs**

WEAR TIE DYE OR 60'S CLOTHES

WEDNESDAY

**Movin' and Groovin' Drug Free**

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE BAND TEE



THURSDAY

**Peace & Love, Not Drugs**

WEAR RED

FRIDAY

**Sunny Futures**

WEAR YELLOW AND SUNGLASSES



**Students must wear uniform bottoms.**