

MARCH 2021



CHEATHAM NEWS

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



March 1st
**IN-PERSON STUDENTS
RETURN TO CAMPUS**

March 3rd
HALF DAY

March 5th
**CHEATHAM'S
DANCE-A-THON**

March 8th-12th
SPRING BREAK

March 24th
HALF DAY

April 8th
**AZM2 TESTING
BEGINS**



Community Outreach Coordinator, Joshua Chilton, delivers over 1,000 Phoenix Suns masks.

In-Person Students Return, Safe and In Style

WITH GENEROUS SUNS MASK DONATION

The staff at Cheatham have been counting down the days until students could safely return to school - and what a return it will be! Since the move back to distance learning last November, the school has had a few updates. First, some may have noticed the temporary buildings have been replaced with the workings of a new softball field. The dirt is already leveled and a backstop is standing! Also, although the new junior high wing has been finished for a couple months, it is now furnished and ready for our 7th and 8th graders to move in. In addition, the primary playground has received an update with not just one, but TWO funnel balls! This is a proven hit with all students. Lastly, and most importantly, due to a generous donation from the Office of Maricopa County, School Superintendent, Steven Watson and the Phoenix Suns, students who are able to return to campus (and also bring back their Quarter 3 materials) will get a free Phoenix Suns mask. March 1st can't come soon enough. We are excited to see everyone newly masked and ready to learn.

- Your Principal, Mrs. Pashley



Students go home with new books from our community donations.

Laveen Community Supports Diverse Literature

OVER 85 BOOKS DONATED

It started with a small desire to celebrate Black History Month and bring awareness to Black voices through diverse literature. It ended with students and families being educated about 24 influential Black leaders, listening to stories by Black authors, and even going home with books of their own.

Each week in February, a scavenger hunt was shared as we encouraged students and their families to research different African Americans that have made great contributions to our society and paved way for others to follow. Participants in the challenge were entered into a raffle to win a book by a Black author.

Thanks to the amazing Laveen community, friends, and a few generous authors, Cheatham was able to collect over 85 books and support 11 different authors. Donations were received from members of the community, as well as businesses like Laveen Karate.

Our Wednesday night Facebook Read Aloud also featured Black authors, both of which have ties to our very own Laveen schools. Cheatham is grateful to be part of such a great Laveen family and will continue to support diverse literature every day of the year!



Building Community Partners

This month we have worked hard to increase our daily student attendance. With the help of some incentives, we have been successful! Last week, we had 95% students attend their lessons.

These incentives were made possible by Ryan Senters and the recently opened SKYZONE Laveen!

Ryan and his wife, Sarah, continue to be an important part of the the community with their vision to instill positive relationships and connections in the city of Laveen. Their main goal is to provide a fun and healthy way for kids, family, and friends to get out of the house and stay active.

A huge thank you to them for not only providing a safe, fun place for our students and families, but also for their commitment to education and support of the Cheatham community.



Interested in becoming a community partner? Please contact Brittney Downs at bdowns@laveeneld.org



WHAT'S NEW?



EXPECTATIONS

Accept Responsibility

Our March focus will be on Accepting Responsibility. A great way to show this skill would be to return all of your Quarter 3 materials and pick up your Quarter 4 materials. Let's be ready to learn!

Practice Respect

Accept Responsibility

Work Together

Stay Safe



DANCE-A-THON

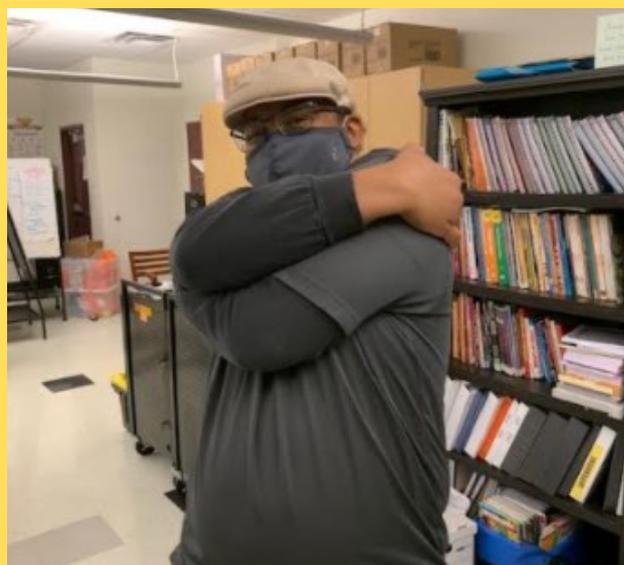
Raising Funds for Cheatham

On Friday, March 5th, Cheatham will host its first Dance-a-thon in hopes to raise money for a shade structure and more. Make sure your student is registered at www.funrun.com and begin getting pledges now to earn amazing prizes.

KINDNESS WEEK

Everyone Needs More

February was Kindness Month, so Cheatham Cheetahs celebrated with 5 days of showing kindness to others and themselves. Challenges included helping with chores, writing positives messages, complimenting their teacher, and giving themselves a hug!



WELCOME BACK



Is your child returning to the campus?

MAKE SURE TO READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to your student returning for in-person learning on March 1! Before on-site classes resume, I ask for your continued support in preventing the spread of COVID-19 both on and off-campus.

The local Laveen community is still experiencing substantial spread of the virus. We have reviewed and updated our mitigation strategies and believe we have strong practices to prevent the spread on campus. However, we are dependent on our families to help ensure these practices are followed so that our schools may remain open.

Most importantly, we ask you to keep your child home if they are not feeling well or have been exposed to someone infected with COVID-19. Properly-fitting masks that cover both the nose and mouth must be worn while on campus. Students are also asked to be mindful of social distancing. It would be helpful if you review these practices with your child this week before they return.

As a reminder, all students returning on-site must have a signed COVID Acknowledgement Form on file. You may sign this form through your ParentVue account if you have not done so already. Laveen has established school-based metrics to determine if a classroom or campus must transition to virtual learning. These metrics, as well as other information related to the return to hybrid learning may be found on our website, www.LaveenSchools.org/Return-to-Laveen.

A few additional reminders for your child's return:

- Students returning to campus should bring their charged Chromebook and reusable water bottle with them on March 1.
- Students who will be utilizing bus transportation must be registered for bus service through our Transportation Department. Students who were registered last semester do not need to register again.
- Breakfast and lunch will continue to be served free to all students for the rest of the school year, thanks to a waiver from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

We are excited to see you safely return to campus on March 1st.

-Ms. Pashley

