



WEINBERG ELEMENTARY



"Welcome Back to School"

Office: 812-7500

Attendance: 812-7503

Health: 812-7502

Cafeteria: 812-7504

AUGUST 2015

Dear Wrangler families,

School has now been in session for a couple of weeks and our students are deeply involved in their learning. As I walk through classrooms, it is exciting to see teachers engaging students in the learning process, challenging them to think deeper, and allowing them to experience a productive struggle so they can come up with solutions and answers, thus making their learning so much more meaningful.

Several pre-assessments have been administered to identify skill levels and set goals. As a site we have identified Math fluency as an area of focus. Automaticity with math facts supports the learning of higher-level math. We have also conducted the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) beginning of year assessment. DIBELS assess the acquisition of early literacy skills. At Weinberg, we use them for students in kindergarten through third grade. The assessment results will help teachers tailor their instruction.

There are many opportunities to volunteer at Weinberg. Your child's teacher and the PTO board will be able to provide more information regarding this.

Please take time to read this newsletter. There is important information about Site Council and Tax Credit.

I am looking forward to walking in close partnership with you. Thank you for all you do to support Weinberg.

Warm regards,

Shirley Mathew, Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST



- 06.....Character Counts Assembly @
8:45 a.m. & 9:45 a.m.
- 10-24.....Chandler Education Foundation
100% Awareness Drive
- 12.....Fall Pictures by United Portraits
- 13PTO Meeting @ 3:15 –Media Center
- 26& 27.....Elementary Conferences-
- 26 & 27..... Early Dismissal @ 11:35 am
- 28.....Bingo Night Sponsored by PTO



WEINBERG SCHOOL HOURS



All Grades

8:35 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.

CHANDLER EDUCATION FOUNDATION (CEF) 100% AWARENESS DRIVE AUGUST 10th– AUGUST 24th



The Chandler Education Foundation will be conducting its annual "100% Awareness Drive", August 10th-24th. Please consider supporting this non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide financial assistance to the students in the Chandler Unified School District. Mini-grants are approved for many teachers in order to purchase extra supplemental materials. Weinberg may also apply to receive \$500 for school needs.

**KEEP IN TOUCH
VIA OUR WEB SITE ADDRESS
www.cusd80.com/weinberg**



CAMPUS SAFETY OFFICER

Our School Safety Officer travels between several Chandler Schools assisting in many activities; fire drills, lock down drills, traffic concerns and student interaction. Your help is imperative to our school safety! The following have been implemented for your child's safety:

- In the event of an emergency, students and staff members will follow specific procedures, which we will practice in "mock" drills.
- All staff will wear identification badges.
- Parents, volunteers and visitors **must sign in at the office and wear an ID badge.**
- Individuals picking up students before dismissal will show an I.D. when requested.

Weinberg Site Council Members Needed!

The site council is a group of parents, community members, and school staff that serve in an advisory capacity. It develops, reviews, and updates Weinberg policies and guidelines. The site council works to promote student achievement.

The site council will meet once a quarter (or as needed). If you are interested in participating in the 2015-2016 Weinberg Site Council, please send a note of interest to our principal, Shirley Mathew. Her email address is mathew.shirley@cusd80.com



CUSD KIDS EXPRESS – will be providing our before and after school Enrichment program at Weinberg. Hours will be 6:30AM – 8:20AM and 3:05PM – 6:30PM.

At CUSD Kids Express, you will notice the high standards that are present at each and every site. Please call 224-3915 for more information.



HOT SHOTS & COOL PLANS



While the temperature still ranges over 100, these adjustments will be made:

- **Hats/Caps** – may be worn appropriately when outdoors, but must be removed when inside the buildings.
- **Water Bottles** – are encouraged. Please cover bottles with a wrap (a clean sock makes a great cover to catch moisture when iced bottles are carried.) **DO NOT CARRY** water bottles in backpacks with books. Water is for **DRINKING only!**
- **Lunch Recess** – students will be given the opportunity to stay in the cafeteria and read a book or go outside to play.
- **PE Classes** – during the afternoon heat, class will be held indoors.
- **Shade Trees & Ramada** – will be utilized as much as possible for low energy games.
- **Metal Equipment** – use will be restricted during peak heat recesses.
- **Afternoon Recesses** – will be held indoors or limited to non-strenuous activities.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY TAX CREDIT ONLINE

Tax credit donations are used to fund field trips, character education programs, and after school clubs. This year, we would also like to use the money to purchase laptop computers for student use. We recognize that technology is an effective tool to promote student interest and engagement. This opens up the door to increased research and technology related lessons in the classroom as well as technology related after-school clubs. Arizona law ARS 43-1089.01 allows tax payers to contribute up to \$400 per calendar year if filing status is Married, filing joint return; \$200 per calendar year if filing status is Single or Head of Household; and \$200 if filing status is Married, filing separate return. Please consider making a tax credit donation of up to \$400 per family to help fund our laptops. This is not limited to immediate families. Grandparents, neighbors, and friends can also donate. The great news with tax credit donations is the money is returned, dollar for dollar, when filing state income tax. **Tax credit is a full refund, not a deduction.**

Tax credit donations are made online using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you need any assistance with this, please contact the Weinberg Office at (480) 812-7500.



GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

BACK TO SCHOOL PACKETS - Please review all papers sent home at your earliest convenience. Complete the enclosed emergency card and return it immediately to your child's classroom teacher. This informational sheet is imperative to the safety of your child and allows you each year to update with new phone numbers; emergency contacts, daycare providers, etc.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION – Morning supervision begins at 8:10 a.m.. For student safety, students **ARE NOT TO BE** unsupervised on Weinberg's campus until **8:10 a.m.**

STUDENT PICK UP/BUS PASSES – If your child needs to ride a different bus home due to a change in child care, **please send a note to school.** The note should include your child's name, room number, bus number/bus stop that he/she needs to ride home and the reason for the change. Accommodations for after school group sleep-overs, birthday parties, non-emergencies etc. **will not** be granted due to bus capacity.

On special occasions, if it is necessary to have someone (friend/family member) pick up your child(ren) at school, please send a note to school and have your child(ren) give it to their classroom teacher. If you forget, a parent phone call will be sufficient.....please NO calls after 2:00 p.m. Individuals listed on your emergency card are for emergency (injury/sick incidents) and are not considered a blanket approval by parents for all occasions.

MEDICATION – SCHOOL/DISTRICT POLICIES A consent form for giving prescription and non-prescription medicines are available in the health office. Prescriptions require a doctor's signature on the form and the form must be presented with the medicine in the health office. Non-prescription medicine requires a parent signature only. **ALL** medications prescribed 3 or fewer times per day are not given at school unless a time is specified in writing on the prescription label by the doctor's order.

In order for your child to be given a **NON-ASPIRIN** (Acetaminophen-Tylenol) at school, please sign the emergency card form in your child's back-to-school packet of information. If you have any questions, please contact our school Health Office @ 812-7502.



ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES – We regard educating your child as one of the most important jobs in the world and we need your support. There is no substitute for time spent in the classroom. When illness or an emergency makes it necessary for your child to be absent, please call the attendance line at 812-7503 (**Attendance Line Available 24 Hours**). Remember to report the absence with the following information:



- Child's name and grade
- Reason for absence (flu, cold, cough, etc)
- Relationship to the student (mother, father, aunt, etc.)

STUDENT PERSONAL ITEMS – Please make sure that your child's lunch container, backpack, binder, etc. are labeled with his /her full name. **Toys of any kind such as; radios, hand-held computer games and boom boxes are not allowed at Weinberg Elementary School.** However, there may be special times during the school year that your child's teacher gives special permission for these items. If your child brings any of these items from home, Weinberg School cannot be responsible for damage or loss.

TARDY STUDENTS - Make sure to have your child come directly to the office to sign-in and receive a tardy pass before going to his/her assigned classroom. When the first bell rings @ 8:30a.m., students line-up with their class and walk together to their classroom. If children arrive after 8:35 a.m., they are considered late and must report to the office with a parent/guardian who will sign the student in before going to the classroom. Students who have 3 tardies will not qualify for perfect attendance for that quarter grading period. Please make every effort to have your child ride the bus or be dropped off by 8:30a.m..



ALL VISITORS – PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE WHEN ARRIVING ON CAMPUS AND OBTAIN A “VISITOR PASS”. THIS INCLUDES ALL PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS. THANK YOU FOR KEEPING WEINBERG A SAFE CAMPUS FOR ALL!!!

Lunch with Students

Weinberg encourages you to eat lunch with your student. Please remember that we have several students with food allergies, so we ask that you eat with your student(s) only. Do not share any food with another student as they may have a food allergy. Thank you for your help.



**2015 - 2016
P.T.O. OFFICERS**



President.....Kennedy Nicoll
 Vice President.....Lara Klinkner
 Treasurer.....Jen Maclay
 Secretary.....Adrian Hindes



Weinberg P.T.O. needs you.....

Please consider getting involved this school year! We have many avenues needing extra assistance; collecting of box tops, family fun nights, movie nights, book fair, Spring Fling and our Winter Wonderland, just to name a few. If interested contact our PTO Board Members @ weinbergwranglerspto@gmail.com

To stay updated, like our Facebook page: Weinberg Elementary PTO

Event Dates for 2015-2016 School Year

- Family BINGO Night** - Friday, August 28th
- Donuts for Dads** - Friday, October 23rd
- Daddy/Daughter Dance** - Friday, October 23rd
- Winter Wonderland** - Friday, November 20th
- Boosterthon Race Day** - Thursday, February 18th
- Mother/Son Dance** - Friday, February 26th (Muffins for Moms TBD)
- Spring Carnival Team** - Friday, April 22nd

TRAFFIC PATTERN AND DIRECTIONS

Safety is top priority! Please review the following procedures and make a commitment to follow them.

Arrive at Weinberg between 8:10 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. for drop-off and 3:00 p.m. for dismissal.

Grades K-1 and older siblings of those students enter our West lot from Val Vista to Appleby.

Grade 2 – 6 who do not have younger siblings will take Queen Creek east of Val Vista, turn South on 156th to Appleby then turn right (going west) to the east parking lot.

ALL PARENTS.....

Observe all the "NO PARKING ZONES" on Appleby in front of the school. (north side - Val Vista to 156th St. & south side Val Vista to east of the pedestrian crosswalk). **Do not leave your car unattended unless you have parked in an established parking space.** Pull into your assigned lot and stay single file to the right. Pull as far forward as possible – even if you think no one is coming up behind you. This allows us to load or unload from the passenger side directly to the curb.

DRIVERS, please stay in your cars and prepare to exit the parking lot after students load or unload.

We have closed the gate and eliminated all parking on the east playground/grass area. This has become very unsafe. (We will use area only for large school events).

Be patient with each other and our staff!

