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## Sweetwater School

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### Principal's Message:



Dear Parents,  
Please plan on attending our Parent/Teacher Conferences on the evening of February 10. We would like to see 100% of our parents participate. Support your child by spending a few valuable minutes checking in on his or her leadership accomplishments and academic progress. Our second quarter Awards Assemblies were a great success. Students are Beginning With the End in Mind and setting their sights on third quarter goals. Parent/Teacher Conferences would be a great time to check in on how your child is doing on his or her goals. See the article below for the details on conference dates.

We have received information that **Arizona Tax Credit donations for 2015** are still being accepted **until April 15, 2016**. This means we can make our tax credit donation until the day we file our tax form and mail it – now that's a great deal! Remember – a Tax Credit donation to Sweetwater results in you being **refunded that amount dollar-for-dollar when you file your taxes!** Tax credit can be used to support our music programs, athletic programs, field trips and our leadership initiative. Be proactive and make a donation if you are able.

Sweetwater is a busy place before, during and after school this semester. We have our before- and after-school Student Academic Avengers, with our Family Links programs. Girls Basketball (grades 5-8), Boys Flag Football Intramurals (grades 6-8) and Drama Club (grades 5-8) have all had tryouts and are in motion. Our KidSpace before- and after-school program has fantastic activities going on Monday through Friday, as well. Thank you to those of you who allow your students to spend extra time with us in these leadership programs. **We are creating leaders with many talents, in many areas – every child can be a leader!**

Sincerely,  
Luanne Herman

### Parent/Teacher Conferences and Scholastic Book Fair

Your child's teacher is scheduling conferences the week of February 1-5 so please plan now to attend. Our evening conferences will be held on February 10 and translators will be available.

Plan to stop by our Scholastic book fair during conference week. We will be open during lunch and after school until 3:30 p.m. We accept cash and credit/debit cards. All money raised will be used to purchase new books for our library. Hope to see you there!

**Early Dismissal February 3, 4 and 5**

### Packages for the Troops

The National Junior Honor Society is planning to send packages to troops stationed overseas this spring. The NJHS members have participated in several fund-raising activities in order to raise the necessary funds to pay the shipping costs for these packages and to purchase hand-held games and cards. We are hoping that our Sweetwater families will assist us in honoring these service men and women by providing goodies from home to ship in these boxes.



Each month will be dedicated to three specific grade levels to bring in specially requested items in support of our troops. Our goal is to send a minimum of two boxes per homeroom. February will be for grades K-2, March will be focused on grades 3-5, and the grades 6-8 with finish up in April. Students should bring their donations directly to their homeroom teacher.

Also, we want to acknowledge any service personnel currently stationed overseas who are members of our Sweetwater family. If a member of YOUR family will still be deployed overseas through June, please provide Ms. Napier with his or her name and address information so that we may include him or her in our "Packages for the Troops" program. This information can be sent directly to [lavonne.napier@wesdschools.org](mailto:lavonne.napier@wesdschools.org)

#### Requested Items:

hard candies, gum, beef jerky, granola bars, Kool-Aid and lemonade packets (to be added to bottled water), individual servings of nuts, crackers, cookies, chips, trail mix, socks, toothbrushes, small toothpaste, individual packages of hand/face wipes.

### Parking Lot Safety

The duty of the parking lot monitors is to provide safety for all students and adults. Although most drivers realize this, a few do not. Please help us keep students safe and traffic moving during drop-off and pickup times with courteous and careful driving.



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Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

Introducing Sweetwater's  
**Girls Basketball Teams**

Thank you to everyone who tried out.

**Seventh and Eighth Grade Team**

**Ariana Alter, Emily Alvarez, Aliyah Balderrama, Rylee Bruce, Nevaeh Cole, Dana Hite, Jessica Huey, Michelle Kiprotich, Shirlin Kiprotich, Jenavee Manriquez, Nyla Mensey, Micaela Ontiveros, Jesikah Perez, Eminna Quintero and Alyssa Windham**



**Fifth and Sixth Grade Team**

**Andraeia Chavez, Amberleigh Castillo, Elissa Quintero, Erin Petersen, Al'Tinah Bell, Autumn Friedl, Stephanie Olson, Dalaney Thompson, Paula Alcordo, Lesly Hernandez Cortes, Alexis Mounts, LeAnna Clipper, Yamileika Vargas, Alyssa Vildosola and Izzy Hernandez**



**Drama Club**

Announcing the cast for *Break a Leg*.

Hats off to:

Rylan: **Sebian Carver**  
Morgan: **Cynthia Martinez**  
Elise/Lucy: **ShayLee Hepburn**  
Tucker/Michael: **Jackson Thorp**  
Noel/Wolf: **Sonny Federico**  
Haven/Witch: **LeAnna Clipper**  
Taylor: **Annalica Walton**  
Avery: **Autumn Friedl**  
Payton: **Steven Hill**  
Kitt: **Pearce Atwell**  
Jaiden: **Milena Alter**  
Vasha: **Aaron Johnson**  
Shaneesh: **Elissa Quintero**  
Stacy: **Kendra Gorman**  
Tracy: **Dalaney Thompson**  
Understudy/Extra: **Josilynn Reyes**



Crew:

Stage/Props Manager: **Harley Roberts**  
Curtain/Lighting Operator: **Peyton McMacken**  
Microphone Manager: **Samantha Brown**  
Sound Effects Operator: **Danielle Chandler**

**Thank You to our**  
**Sweetwater Holiday Angels**

The NJHS-sponsored Holiday Angel program helped 18 families and a few staff members, including a total of 34 children. Sweetwater families donated toys, clothing, books and blankets to add to the gifts being collected for individual families. We were also able to utilize food donations to provide 15 boxes of food. Finally, we were able to use monetary donations from the NJHS holiday sales during Grand Person's Day and those made by several Sweetwater staff to provide additional warm clothes, individual blankets and toys to finish off each package.

Thank you for your continued support for this worthwhile service project sponsored by the National Junior Honor Society each year. As always, the hugs and tears of gratitude bestowed upon us as families collect their treasures always melt our hearts. It is very uplifting to know that we have made a positive difference in so many lives especially during the holiday season.

**Stock Market Game Winners**

Social studies teacher, LaVonne Napier, provides seventh grade students the opportunity to delve into the stock market as an addition to her economics lessons. Throughout the fall semester students competed in the Stock Market Game simulation sponsored by the Arizona Council for Economic Education. In doing so, students learned how to research various industries, examined company portfolios, analyzed the impact of headline news and determined which stocks and mutual funds they would like to personally invest their \$100,000 budget.



This year our seventh graders took the competition to a whole new level for Sweetwater by holding onto eight of the top 10 slots with a final push to sweep the middle school division by taking first, second and third places for the state of Arizona. By the end of the 13-week simulation, our first place team had made an incredible profit of \$14,023.59 while our second and third place teams each made well over \$10,000 in profit.



**1<sup>st</sup> Place – “Cash Flow”:**

- 1) **Meagan Okken**
- 2) **Nailyn Escarcega**
- 3) **Justin Meier**
- 4) **Trevor Womble**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – “Unknown Collectors”:**

- 1) **Jayden Jones**
- 2) **Miyali Lias**
- 3) **Jayden Rodgers**
- 4) **Kuira Estes**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – “Positive Numbers”:**

- 1) **Don Ngo**
- 2) **Shayla Sherman**
- 3) **Noah Canine**
- 4) **Gavin Mallory**

**Jump Rope for Heart**



The “Jump Rope for Heart” event is coming up on Friday, February 19. During this event, students will participate in various jump roping activities during their PE classes. The proceeds from this event benefit the American Heart Association. Detailed information and donation collection envelopes will be sent home the week of February 1.

Please support your child in raising donations for the Jump-a-thon.

**Tax Credit**

To make a tax credit donation, simply go to the WESD Web site, [www.wesdschools.org](http://www.wesdschools.org), Quick Links. Print and complete the tax credit form and return it to Sweetwater School

For further information, contact Norma Sanner at 602-896-6501.

## WESD Sensory Garden Grant



Ms. Davis and Mrs. Kanchan were awarded a WESD grant for our sensory garden! The money will be used to purchase items such as real garden tools, 50 foot hose, storage unit for equipment, seeds, pots, potting soil, fertilizer and a composter. The students have planted broccoli, brussel sprouts, onions, pumpkins, basil, oregano, lavender and several flowers. Our sensory garden is a five raised bed garden rescued from another school in our District. With the combined efforts of our students, Mr. Ullom and his staff, District maintenance, a community church, speech department, cafeteria ladies, science department, McDonald's coffee grounds and school staff, the garden has blossomed! Spring planting will begin soon!

### Are you Ready for a New Career?

Parents/Guardians,  
Are you ready to make a difference in the lives of children? Have you ever thought about becoming a teacher? WESD invites you to come and meet with representatives from Arizona State University, Grand Canyon University, Northern Arizona University and Rio Salado College and take the first step toward a future teaching career in the Washington Elementary School District.

"Alternative Pathways to Education" will be held at the Washington Elementary School District Administrative Center, 4650 West Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale AZ 85304, on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come and learn what is required to enroll in a teacher-preparation program. (The first requirement is a bachelor's degree in any area.)

A representative from the Arizona Department of Education will be available to answer questions. Arizona State University, Grand Canyon University, Northern Arizona University, University of Phoenix and Rio Salado College representatives will be in attendance to provide program-specific information on Alternative Pathways to Education.

If you would like to attend or have questions, please e-mail Lydia Garcia, Human Resources, at [lydia.garcia@wesdschools.org](mailto:lydia.garcia@wesdschools.org).

### Parent University Has Something for Everyone



The WESD's sixth annual Parent University is this Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 7:45 a.m. to noon, and it's not too late to register. This is a free, half-day learning opportunity for all parents/guardians.

At Parent University, parents/guardians will also have the opportunity to meet and hear from Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent of the Washington Elementary School District.

Register today for Parent University by visiting the WESD Web site ([wesdschools.org](http://wesdschools.org)) and clicking the "Parent University" tab or complete and return the flyer sent home with your student. For more information, contact Joe Negron, WESD parent outreach coordinator, at 602-347-2872.

**Don't forget to check the lost and found for items you may be missing. There are many coats, sweaters and lunchboxes.**



## Sweetwater Calendar of Events

Early Release Wednesdays Dismissal Time – 1:00 p.m.



### January

25	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
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### February

3-5	Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal (Midterms)
10	Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences with Translation Services (Midterms)
12	Peter Piper, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
15	<b>No School – Presidents Day</b>
16	Districtwide Food Drive Begins
22	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
23	Yogurtini Night, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

### March

3	Spring Dance, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
9	Big Fun Field Day, 9:00-10:45 a.m.
11	Spring Pictures Great Skate, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
14-18	<b>No School – Spring Break</b>
28	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
30	Report Cards go home

### April

7	Promotion Pictures, 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
19	Greenway Choir Festival, 7:00 p.m.
19	Yogurtini Night, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
20	Midterms go home
22	Family Fun Night
25	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
29	Leadership Day

### May

3	Teacher Appreciation Day
4	National School Nurse Day
10	NJHS Induction Ceremony, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
17	Fine Arts Night, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
19	Promotion Dance, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
20	<b>Promotion Ceremony, 6:30 p.m.</b>
23	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
24	<b>Last Day of School Early Dismissal</b>

**Plan now to attend our eighth grade promotion ceremony on Friday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.**



# Congratulations Sweetwater Leaders

HONOR ROLL	PRINCIPAL'S LIST	PERFECT ATTENDANCE
<b>KURE</b>	<b>KURE</b>	<b>ARMSTRONG</b>
Asonti Buffington	Hussein Al Aboudi	Samantha Buttermore
Mia Mazullo	Hayleigh Davis	Don Ngo
Michael McArdle	Kelly Donnell	Jayden Rodgers
Edward Paredes Ortega	Christian More	Robert Stewart
Joshua Plain	Robi Piotrowski	Alyssa Windham
Jeran Robinson-Oxley	<b>O'HAIR</b>	<b>BRUSS</b>
Javion Smelley	Jon Beasley	Aubrey Chavez
Natalie Vazquez	Nicholas Martinez	Daniel Hill
<b>O'HAIR</b>	<b>RAMIREZ</b>	Shirlin Kiprotich
Sorren Anderson	Eliel Acosta Meza	Jenavee Manriquez
Sofia Flores	Paula Marie Alcordo	Morgan Sack
Maylin Hilburn	Nathaniel Allen	Jaqueline Salgado
Malahki Jones	Al'Tinah Bell	Myleciya Tucker
Ryan McPherson	Taelor Benfield-Davis	Michael Vazquez
Calvin Ngo	Alexander Calhoun	<b>NAPIER</b>
Alexandra Snyder-Russell	Mia Geiger	Emily Alvarez Ramirez
Benicio Wilson	Izabelle Hernandez	Morgan Dains
Nikola Yosifov	Kane Hernandez	Isabelle Donnell
<b>RAMIREZ</b>	Steven Hill	Jessica Huey
Emiliano Lugo Severo	Peyton McMacken	Savannah Huff
<b>STALLMAN</b>	Conner O'Brien	Ivan Lopez
Shaelynn Carty	Joseph Poertner	Anissa Martinez
Ozmar Estrada	Benjamin Rios	Cynthia Martinez
Tessa Weis	Yamileika Vargas	Mila Nguyen
<b>CLIPPER</b>	Annalica Walton	Vincent Huff
Allanna Anaya	Faith-Ann Wardell	Lukas Ayers
Pearce Atwell	<b>STALLMAN</b>	<b>KURE</b>
Brandon Davis	Travis Albert	Kelly Donnell
Dustyn LaFontaine	Milena Alter	Christian More
Camden Ohms	Joseph Ankrom	Joshua Plain
Armando Ramirez	Avery Atwell	Javion Smelley
Harley Roberts	Danielle Chandler	Natalie Vazquez
Dalaney Thompson	Zachary Douwstra	Shanelle Young
<b>WHALIN</b>	Lesly Hernandez Cortes	<b>O'HAIR</b>
Zachary Neilson	Noah Martinez	Maylin Hilburn
Nia Porter	Albert More	Malahki Jones
Devon Robles-Carman	Domenic Mounts	Joshua Santana Guendulay
Tessa Sivesind	JC Paz	Savannah Smelley
Paylee Weese	Josilynn Reyes	Nikola Yosifov
<b>ARMSTRONG</b>	Kayla Sanchez Chavarria	<b>RAMIREZ</b>
Mitchelle Kiprotich	Alyssa Vildosola	Paula Marie Alcordo
Duy Pham	Olivia Wilson	Nathanial Allen
<b>LAUN</b>	<b>CLIPPER</b>	Al'Tinah Bell
Rosa Abina	Amberleigh Castillo	Joseph Poertner
Ariana Alter	Andraleia Chavez	<b>STALLMAN</b>
Jacob Ankrom	Charles Dains	Travis Albert
Jayden Jones	ShayLee Hepburn	Milena Alter
Meagan Okken	Colin McDonald	Danielle Chandler
Micaela Ontiveros	Alexis Mounts	Albert More
Jesikah Perez	Sara Pelkola	JC Paz
<b>BRUSS</b>	Carlos Piña	Kayla Sanchez Chavarria
Aliyah Balderrama	Jackson Thorp	Olivia Wilson
Rylee Bruce	Ammalia Walker	<b>CLIPPER</b>
Nyla Mensey	<b>WHALIN</b>	Charles Dains
Gavin Piña	Samantha Brown	Bradley Guerrero
<b>NAPIER</b>	LeAnna Clipper	ShayLee Hepburn
Sebian Carver	Alejandro Garcia	Sara Pelkola
Santino Federico	Kendra Gorman	Dalaney Thompson
Lupita Hernandez Cortes	Connor Huey	<b>WHALIN</b>
Andy Moreno	Aaron Lopez	James Huey
Jayden Thornton-Ogaldez	Rebekah Montgomery	Aaron Lopez
Jasmine Thurber	Brandon Poland	

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- Habit 1: Be Proactive**  
You are in charge of your actions
- Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind**  
Have a plan
- Habit 3: Put First Things First**  
Work first, then play
- Habit 4: Think Win-Win**  
Everyone Can Win
- Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood**  
Listen before you talk
- Habit 6: Synergize**  
Together is better
- Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw**  
Balance feels best

