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## Sweetwater School

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### Principal's Message:



Dear Parents,

This final newsletter wraps up an amazing year at Sweetwater. Our Leader in Me program is fully implemented in all grade levels. We held student-led conferences during Parent/Teacher Conferences in grades kindergarten through eighth grade, including many of our upper grade special education classes. Students are taking ownership of their learning, and achievement is rising. Our Leadership Day was a huge success with more students directly applying their leadership skills and more adult attendance than last year. In addition, we had fantastic parent participation in our Family Links classes and all of our PTO events. The BEST news is that we reached our school's Wildly Important Goal (WIG) of having 100% of our students taking on leadership roles throughout the year. I am so proud of all of our students, teachers and parents. You inspire me, as principal, to continue to promote and model the leadership initiative at Sweetwater. I see how much the culture has changed in a positive way over the past few years.

Let me remind you to vote this coming Tuesday, May 17. If you would like information on Proposition 123, we have factual information sheets available in the office if you would like to pick one up.. Thank you for another year allowing us to educate and nurture your children at Sweetwater.

Sincerely,  
Luanne Herman

**Fine Arts Night  
rescheduled for  
Monday, May 16**



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### Summer Academic Academy

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant's before- and after-school "Academic Academy" is gearing up for the summer program. The program itself will be luau/Hawaiian-themed, with fun, games and goodies every Thursday before lunch! There will be five featured classes including 1<sup>st</sup> going into 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and math, 3<sup>rd</sup> going into 4<sup>th</sup> reading and math, 5<sup>th</sup> going into 6<sup>th</sup> reading and math, 4<sup>th</sup> grade fitness and 7<sup>th</sup> going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade STEM (science, technology, engineering and math.) The program begins May 31 and ends on June 23. Breakfast is served to the students in the program and is also available to students in the community Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Lunch, also available to the community, is served at 11:15 a.m., and the entire program ends at 11:45 a.m. Targeted students were given registrations on May 3. Please contact Sonya Dahlberg at 602-896-6534 if you have any questions! Mahalo!



### Promotion Ceremony

We are excited and looking forward to the upcoming "Promotion Celebration" that will be held at Sweetwater School on Friday, May 20, 2016, from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the school courtyard. Please ensure that your child is in his or her assigned hallway by 6:15 p.m.

As a reminder, in order to meet the requirements for being promoted to the next grade level, junior high students need to receive a minimum of four (4) grade points, which is equivalent to a "D" average in each of the four core classes. Academic grades are examined at the end of each grading quarter to determine a student's educational progress. Parents/guardians of any student who is currently in danger of *not* meeting these academic expectations have been contacted.

### Immunization Requirements for Current Fifth Graders

For the 2016-2017 school year, Arizona School Immunization Law states that all students 11 years of age and older entering the sixth, seventh and eighth grades must have one dose of meningococcal vaccine (MV). These students are also required to have one dose of Tdap vaccination if five or more years have passed since their last tetanus/diphtheria vaccine dose.

For current 5th grade parents: If your student receives these vaccines before the end of this school year, please bring the immunization record to the health office. If he or she receives them over the summer, please bring the immunization record to the health office August 1-3. If you need information on the Maricopa County free immunization clinic, please call the health office at 602-896-6510.



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## VFFs and BFFs

Volunteers For Friendship has had a very exciting year. Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade VFFs performed on Leadership Day and rocked the house! VFF's lunch time club has expanded from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to three additional grades. Many thanks to Mrs. Kester and Ms. Caitlin, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade sponsors; Ms Gorseger, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade sponsor; Mrs. Kanchan, and Ms. Arnold, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade sponsor; for helping to grow this club and reach more students. The benefits of volunteering and creating friendships through helping others has been so rewarding for so many special students. Thank you VFF students for your time, your dedication and your friendship. You have made a difference at Sweetwater School! We hope to see you all next year!



## NJHS Induction Ceremony



Membership in the National Junior Honor Society is focused on those students who exemplify the five ideals of the organization: scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship and character. Seventeen students in the sixth through eighth grades were inducted into the Sweetwater chapter of the National Junior Honor Society this past Tuesday evening. Additionally, the six current members who completed a full year of membership earned their honor pin, while the

four students who fulfilled two full years of membership received their honor medal.

NJHS advisor, LaVonne Napier, also presented a special Service Award medal to eighth grader Emily Alvarez for completing over 100 hours of community service during the past school year. In total, our members completed over 800 hours of community service benefitting countless individuals at school and within our local community.

### 2 year membership – 8<sup>th</sup> grade:

Emily Alvarez, Sebian Carver, Jessica Huey and Myleciya Tucker

### 1 year membership – 7<sup>th</sup> grade:

Aliyah Balderrama, Daniel Hill, Shirline Kiprotich, Ariana Alter, Jacob Ankrom and Micaela Ontiveros

### Inductees:

#### 8<sup>th</sup> grade:

Lupita Hernandez Cortes, Isabelle Donnell, Nyla Mensey, Mila Nguyen and Jasmine Thurber

#### 7<sup>th</sup> grade:

Samantha Buttermore, Michelle Kiprotich and Alyssa Windham

#### 6<sup>th</sup> grade:

Pearce Atwell, Samantha Brown, LeAnna Clipper, ShayLee Hepburn, James Huey, Sara Pelkola, Harley Roberts, Jackson Thorp and Ammalia Walker

## 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 and then again after school during the spring semester, students competed in the Stock Market Game simulation sponsored by the Arizona Council for Economic Education. In doing so, students learn how to research various industries, examine company portfolios, analyze the impact of headline news and determine 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 during the fall semester. 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. Our after-school class took second, fourth and seventh places in the competition.

Our first and second place teams will be recognized at a special Awards Ceremony being held on Friday, May 13, where they will be receiving their certificates, monetary awards and a wonderful meal. I am very excited to share this opportunity with the students' parents and our principal, Ms. Herman, as our special guests at this event.

*Congratulations!*

### Fall 1<sup>st</sup> Place- "Ca\$h Flow":

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

### Fall 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- "Unknown Collectors":

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

### Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- "Ka\$h Krew":

- 1) Justin Meier
- 2) Sean O'Brien
- 3) Dylan Swainey



## **Sweetwater Calendar of Events**

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

### **May**

13	Drama Performance, 7:00 p.m.
16	<b>Fine Arts Night, 6:30-7:30 p.m.</b>
19	Promotion Dance, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
20	Awards Assembly K-3, 1:30-2:15 p.m. <b>Promotion Ceremony, 6:30 p.m.</b>
23	Awards Assembly 4-7 grades, 1:15-2:15 p.m.
24	<b>Last Day of School</b> Kindergarten Celebration, 9:00 a.m. <b>Early Dismissal</b>



**Eighth grade promotion ceremony  
Friday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.**

