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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,
This is our third year of **Leader in Me** implementation and the leadership opportunities for students and parents continue to grow. We are so excited about our new **Parent Lighthouse Team**.

This will encompass a broader role than the former "PTO" to support the leadership development of students and families at Sweetwater. Thank you to those of you who have already indicated an interest in serving on this. **The first meeting is Monday, September 12 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the library.** All interested parents are welcome to join us that evening and be a part of this parent leadership initiative.

Sweetwater is a busy place before, during and after school this fall. We have our before- and after-school **Student Academic Avengers, with our Parent Link Programs, starting up.** Watch for information coming home. Our **Student Lighthouse Team** and **girls volleyball team** are underway and **other fall sports teams** will be happening as the weather gets cooler. 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



Like WESD on Facebook

Have you liked the WESD on Facebook? So many great things are happening in the WESD and we share our great news every day! Last year, you helped us surpass our goal of 5,000 Likes. This year, we're aiming even higher – we want 10,000 Likes! Help us reach our goal and like us today! You can also find WESDSchools on Twitter and Instagram. Keep yourself in the loop and like us today!

ALSO LIKE Sweetwater School
on Facebook



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Bill Adams, Member • Larry Herrera, Member • Tee Lambert, Member
Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent



Attendance Updates

Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-901(A) (1): Effective July 1, 2016, all absences in excess of a cumulative 10% or 18 absences will be reported to the Arizona Department of Education as unexcused.

In order for absences relating to illness, doctor appointment, bereavement, family emergencies, or District-approved vacation to be counted as excused absences, the school must be notified of the absence prior to the absence, or the day of the absence by the parent or legal guardian who has custody of the student. Absences that are not reported will be unexcused. Sweetwater School maintains a 24-hour attendance line where absences can be called in at any time of the day, or night at 602-896-6511.

Emergency Contact Information

Parents/guardians of returning students: For the 2016-2017 school year, you will be asked on the Student Profile form (the form you complete at the beginning of each school year) to provide the names and contact information for individuals who may pick up and care for the child in case of emergency. Those individuals will not be required to show written permission from you if/when they pick up your child for emergency reasons, e.g. illness, injury, family emergency. However, the individuals you list will not be permitted to pick up your child during the school day for nonemergency reasons without prior written permission. Please keep this in mind when designating individuals with whom to entrust your child's care.



Speech and Vision Department Needs



The Speech and Vision Departments work together to adapt and create activities for students with various needs. We are looking for items to make learning activities, tactual communication symbols, story and experience boxes, and books for our students. Any help you are able to give us is very much appreciated! The needs are as follows: Toys: parts of toy sets that have missing pieces (train track, cars with big wheels), Legos, blocks, pegs, puzzle pieces, small books (2"x2"), toys from fast food kids' meals, miniatures (animals, furniture, etc.), magnets of objects/shapes/pictures, erasers that look like everyday objects/holiday objects, finger puppets, simple puzzles, pretend play items, interactive (musical/lighted) toys, books with simple pictures. Left over craft and household items such as scrapbook paper/supplies, puff paint, various colored tape (duct, electrical, craft), emery boards, nuts/bolts/washers, textured wallpaper samples, small pieces of carpet, contact paper, shelf liner, scented stickers, empty bottles of essential oils/baking extracts, birthday/holiday/Valentine cards, calendars with pictures of animals, scenery, and foods, fake flowers, old keys, key chains. Various textures and sizes of materials, including but not limited to cloth, packaging material, small boxes, rickrack, yarn, string, foam, flannel, fleece, sand paper, screen, small ceramic tiles, burlap, vinyl, suede, leather, nylon webbing (straps), chain from purse straps/large necklace, broken jewelry, belts, zippers, ribbons or lace of various textures and widths. We can also use plastic shoe boxes, storage boxes, PVC pipe.

If you have craft items you think we might be able to use, please let us know.

*Chris McDonald, Speech Language
Pathologist 602-896-6572*

*Cecilia Day, Teacher of the Visually Impaired
602-896-6584*

Sweetwater Volleyball Team

Congratulations

Meagan Okken, Amberleigh Castillo
Andraleia Chavez, Genna Villegas
Micaela Ontiveros, Rosa Abina
Kaylie Phillipi, Eminna Quintero
Jesikah Perez
Tianna Lemar

Coach: Kira Alexander



Student Lighthouse Team Delegates

Rosa Abina, Alyssa Windham,
Jesikah Perez Ezra Pinckney, Aaron
Johnson, Micaela Ontiveros,
Sammy Buttermore. Alexis Gonzalez,
Alyssa Vildsola, Steven Hill,
Yamileika Vargas, Izabelle Hernandez,
Alexandra Snyder-Russell, Calvin Ngo,
Hussein Al Aboudi,
Mia Mazullo, Ben Tatum,
Hajer Alhamedany, Gabriel Burnias
and Luke Ayers



Our Student Lighthouse Team is collecting Box Tops for Education

Parking Lot Procedures



For the safety of our students, parents and staff, we are requesting that you follow a few guidelines when dropping off and picking up your children before and after school.

***Please wait until you get to the blue painted line that is painted on the sidewalk before dropping off or picking up your children.

***DO NOT BLOCK THE HANDICAPPED PARKING SPOTS. Parents with handicap plates or signs that are displayed in their windows use these spaces to drop off and pick up their children who require extra time.

***The left lane is for through traffic only. Children or adults are not to be dropped off or picked up while in this lane. This lane is not to be used to cut in front of others who have been waiting their turn to pick up or drop off their children.

***Children are not permitted to walk across the parking lot without an adult present.

Hearing and vision screens will be performed on Thursday, September 8. Your child's attendance is very important. Please remind your child to bring his or her glasses to school.

GIFTED SERVICES

In accordance with ARS §15-779, special education is provided to students of lawful school age identified as gifted in one or more of the verbal, quantitative or nonverbal reasoning areas. The Washington District has a continuum of gifted services from which each school selects those that best meet their students' needs. Center-based services for highly gifted students are also available. If you think your child may need these special education services, evaluation is available. Contact your child's teacher for more information.



Sweetwater Calendar of Events

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



September

8	Vision & Hearing Screening Governing Board Meeting
9	Progress Reports go home
12	Parent Lighthouse Team meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
15	Fall Pictures for General Education
16	Fall Pictures for Special Education
22	Governing Board Meeting
23	Peter Piper Pizza Night, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

October

3	Yogurtini Night, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
10-14	Fall Break – No School
18	Peter Piper Pizza Night , 4:00-8:00 p.m.
19	P/T Evening Conferences Report Cards
26-28	P/T Conferences Early Dismissal
28	Picture Retakes Trunk or Treat, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

November

3	Great Skate, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
10	Governing Board Meeting
11	Veterans Day, No School
23	Progress Reports go home
24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday, No School

December

6	Santa Visits Sweetwater Yogurtini Night, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
8	Great Skate, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
8	Governing Board Meeting
22	Winter Concert, Choir, Band and Strings, Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
23	No School for Students
26-Jan 6	Winter Break, No School



Register to vote in the
general election by
October 10.

FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW: **The WESD is going out for a bond in** **the November 8 election.**

For what?

This money will be used for safety projects, buildings projects and replacements, parking lot renovations, technology and school buses.

How were projects determined?

The priority was determined based on student safety and need.

Why do we need money?

Since the 2008-09 school year, state capital funding has been drastically reduced or eliminated. The state has entirely eliminated building renewal funds (for building renovations and preventive maintenance) and the state's most recent budget funds less than 15% of the statutory allocation for items such as furniture, equipment, technology and buses.

What about Prop. 123?

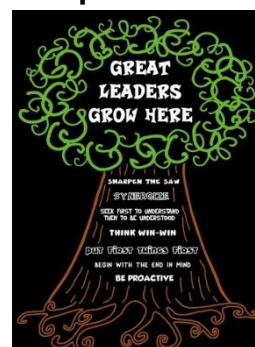
This money was used for employee compensation in an effort to attract and retain employees.

How is a bond different?

This money will be used for things like buildings, technology and buses (for tangible items).

Our Sweetwater Mission
Creating Leaders of Today and Tomorrow
“When you really listen to another person
from their point of view, and reflect back to
them that understanding, it’s like giving
them emotional oxygen.”

– Stephen R. Covey



Link Your Fry's VIP Card to Sweetwater School Online

During the 2016-2017 school-year, Sweetwater PTO received over \$2,000 from the program.

Thank you to our parents and community members.

Fry's Community Rewards Program

Follow the instructions below and register your account online.

Choose **Sweetwater School Organization 80339**

Before you can link your Fry's VIP card to Sweetwater School, you must have an e-mail address.

STEP 1: Creating an Online Fry's Account

****NOTE: If you already have an online Fry's account, skip to step 2**

*Go to www.FrysCommunityRewards.com

*Select "Create an Account."

*Under Sign-in information, enter your e-mail and create a password.

(Write down your e-mail and password – will need it in step 2)

*Select "Use Card Number."

*Enter your Fry's VIP Card Number, last name and postal code.

*Under "Select Your Preferred Store" enter your postal code.

*Select "Find Stores."

*Choose your store then select "Create Account."

*You will then be prompted to check your e-mail for a confirmation email.

* Click the hyperlink in your email to finish creating your Online Fry's Account.

*Continue to step 2 to register for the Fry's Community Rewards Program of your choice.

STEP 2: Register for the Fry's Community Rewards Program

*Go to www.FrysCommunityRewards.com

*Select "Sign-in."

*Enter your email and password then select 'sign in.'

(This will be the e-mail and password you created in step 1)

*Select "My Account" then select "Account Settings" from drop-down menu.

*Click "edit" under Community Rewards. If prompted, enter personal information.

*Under Find Your Organization: Enter the NPO number or name of organization then select "search."

(Sweetwater School NPO number is 80339)

*Under "Select Your Organization": Select box next to your organization

*Then select "save changes."

*If you have registered correctly, you should now see your organization information listed under "Community Rewards" on your Account Summary page.

Please continue to help Sweetwater PTO by Re-Enrolling your Fry's card online. Thank you to our parents and community members for supporting our school.

How to Re-Enroll for the Fry's Community Rewards Program

*Go to <https://www.frysfood.com/topic/community?activePage=community-rewards-2>

*Select 'Sign-In.'

*Enter your e-mail and password then select 'sign in.'

*Select 'My Account', you should see Account Summary at the top.

*Scroll down, Click '**ENROLL**' under Community Rewards. If prompted, enter personal information.

*Under Find Your Organization: Enter the NPO number or name of organization then select 'search'. **Sweetwater School NPO number is 80339**

*Under Select Your Organization: Select box next to your organization.

*Then select 'save changes.'

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