

ARROYO

School News

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We have had a fantastic start to the school year and it has been exciting to watch your children come to school each day excited to learn something new. I have enjoyed our school-wide events (Back to School Title One Curriculum Night and Peter Piper Pizza Night) as they have been a great opportunity for us to get to know one another. I look forward to the events we have scheduled in the near future. Please take some time to explore this newsletter so you can be informed of important information as well as upcoming events.

This year, we are continuing to use the 90-Day Plan to focus on several initiatives. The first initiative involves **demonstrating high expectations for student learning and growth within a respectful and professional learning environment**. The second area of focus is **improving the quality of instruction at Arroyo**. The final initiative involves you, as a parent. This year, our priority is **communicating critical data with you. This will allow you to see your child's GROWTH and support academic progress at home**. As a part of the Washington Elementary School District, we are also working toward developing a better understanding of our Math Curriculum. This work focuses on **quality Inquiry Math instruction** within our Math classes. This year, we are sending one teacher per grade level to focused math professional development where teachers have an opportunity to observe instruction, collaborate with other grade level teachers, and bring what they learned back to Arroyo to implement.

For a complete list of events happening during the school year, please refer to the online calendar that can be found on Arroyo's website (www.arroyo.wesdschools.org). You can also refer to our monthly newsletter for events that are occurring this month.

I want to take a moment to highlight several upcoming opportunities. First, our **P.T.A.** is a committed group of parents, teachers, and community members who want to help make our school a better place for students, their families, and the staff that serve Arroyo. In order to do this, they need to have funding as well as our support and participation. Examples of ways for you to get involved include: Joining P.T.A., attending meetings, volunteering to help at events, and participating in fundraising activities. The P.T.A. fundraising activities this month include our annual **Cookie**

Dough Fund-raiser to be held September 5 through September 19. By helping your child sell items to friends and family, you are directly helping our P.T.A. support our school. Make sure to save the date for our annual **McDonald's Night** – eating dinner at this fine dining establishment on September 28 will also help support our school.

There are a couple other school events that I would like to call to your attention. Look for more information on our **Day Of Peace** on September 21; this will be a great opportunity for our school to come together and promote peace with others around the world. Also, have you wanted to get rid of "stuff" at home but have not had the time or do not know where to take it? On Saturday, September 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Arroyo will be hosting a **Goodwill Donation Drive**. All items that we collect will be donated to Goodwill. In return, you will not only receive a tax deduction but Arroyo will earn money for every pound of donated items! Look for more details in this newsletter as well as flyers coming home this month.

Finally, our newly formed Arroyo Choir will be putting on a **Fall Concert** on the evening of October 5. Please consider coming as our students have been working hard to prepare of this exciting event.

As always, if you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact me at 602-896-5105, email me at Philip.liles@wesdschools.org, or stop by my office to speak with me directly.

In Arroyo tradition, HOWWLLLLLL!

YOUR Principal,

Philip Liles



September Calendar

- 9/4 Labor Day Holiday – **NO SCHOOL**
- 9/5 Vision & Hearing Screenings
Cookie Dough Fund-raiser begins
Girls Volleyball Game at Sunnyslope
4:15 p.m.
- 9/6 Progress Reports go home today
Early Release – 1:00 p.m. Dismissal
- 9/7 Picture Day



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- 9/5 Girls Volleyball Game at Sweetwater 4:15 p.m. 
- 9/8 Girls Volleyball Game at Orangewood 4:15 p.m. 
- 9/12 Girls Volleyball Game at Maryland 4:15 p.m. 
- 9/13 Vision & Hearing Re-Screenings
Early Release – 1:00 p.m. Dismissal
- 9/14 Girls Volleyball Game at Orangewood 4:15 p.m. 
- 9/18 Girls Volleyball Game at Maryland 4:15 p.m. 
- 9/20 Early Release – 1:00 p.m. Dismissal
- 9/21 Day of Peace
Girls Volleyball Game at Abraham Lincoln 4:15 p.m. 
- 9/25 Girls Volleyball Game at Sweetwater 4:15 p.m. 
- 9/26 Girls Volleyball Game at Mountain View 4:15 p.m. 
- 9/27 Early Release – 1:00 p.m. Dismissal
- 9/28 Arroyo Spirit Night at McDonald's 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 9/30 Goodwill Donation Drive 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

State mandated Vision and Hearing Screening is coming

Tuesday, September 5

Please make sure your child is present and on time this day and that they get a good night's rest.

Have your child wear his or her glasses and hearing devices or bring them to school.

If you do not want your child screened, please notify the school health office.

ATENCIÓN PADRES Y ESTUDIANTES:



La evaluación leve de Visión y Auditiva requerida por el Estado se llevará a cabo el **martes, 5 de septiembre**.

Favor de asegurarse que sus hijos estén presentes y que sean puntuales este día y que hayan dormido lo suficiente.

Pídanles a sus hijos utilizar sus lentes y dispositivos auditivos o traerlos a la escuela. Si no desean que sus hijos sean evaluados levemente, favor de notificarle a la oficina de salud.

PEACE DAY

The International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year on September 21. It was established in 1981, by a United Nations resolution, to provide a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace in spite of human differences.



The theme this year is, *Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All*. Arroyo will celebrate this day by decorating the school with student art and having a guest speaker for middle school students, Patrick Brundage, who was a volunteer in the Peace Corps. Mr. Brundage will share an international perspective on peace during his time in the Kingdom of Swaziland.

Goodwill Donation Drive

Do you have closets that need to be cleaned out? Old furniture or housewares you have been meaning to donate?

Bring your donations to Arroyo on Saturday, September 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to help our school earn some money!

Goodwill will donate 10¢ a pound to Arroyo on all accepted donations.

All donations are tax deductible and help Arroyo Elementary School. Please call Mrs. Dunn at 602-896-5109 for more information.



Gifted Services Testing Opportunity

Washington Elementary School District provides a continuum of services for students identified as gifted. Testing for placement in the gifted program takes place three times a year on ALL campuses. If you feel your child demonstrates the traits of a gifted learner, please complete the screening form found on the Gifted Services website (www.wedschools.org/Page/18) or contact your child's teacher to arrange for testing. A brochure describing services provided to gifted students and a list of common characteristics can be found on the website as well. Feel free to call or email the Coordinator of Gifted Services, Dr. Jason McIntosh, with any questions you may have Jason.mcintosh@wedschools.org / 602-347-2651). The gifted teacher on your campus can be reached by email at Katie.fitzgerald@wedschools.org or by phone at 602-896-5161 as well.

Oportunidad para Evaluación de Servicios para Estudiantes Dotados

El Distrito Escolar Washington provee un continuo de servicios para estudiantes identificados como dotados. La evaluación para colocación en el programa para estudiantes dotados toma lugar tres veces al año en TODAS las propiedades escolares. Si sienten que sus hijos demuestran características de un aprendiz dotado, favor de completar el formulario de evaluación leve que se encuentra en la página Web de Servicios Dotados 'Gifted Services' (www.wedschools.org/Page/18) o comunicarse con el maestro de sus hijos para organizar una evaluación. Además, en la página Web se encuentra un folleto describiendo los servicios provistos para estudiantes dotados y una lista de características. Siéntanse en libertad de llamar o enviar un correo electrónico al Coordinador de Servicios para Estudiantes Dotados, Dr. Jason McIntosh, con cualesquier preguntas que pudiesen tener (Jason.mcintosh@wedschools.org / 602-347-2651). Pueden comunicarse con el maestro de estudiantes dotados en su propiedad escolar por correo electrónico en Katie.fitzgerald@wedschools.org o también por teléfono 602-896-5161.

Be a better ME; Make a better YOU.