



# School News

LEGEND SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Message from our Principal, Mrs. Nichole Basl

2017 Quarter 1

Dear Legend Springs Families,

Wow! What an amazing start to the new school year! I want to begin this first newsletter by thanking each one of you for making the transition to this campus so smooth. Collectively the community members, parents, students, and staff have welcomed me with open arms and shared the Leopard love and energy with me.

With 9 weeks of instruction behind us, we have much to celebrate. So many great things are happening on our campus, and I thought it fitting to kick off our first newsletter by showcasing some of the magic that makes this campus truly LEGEND-ary.

**L-** Lots of TOP PERFORMERS! Our school proudly honored 7 students at the past Governing Board meeting for scoring the highest scale score on two or more AzMERIT tests. These students were in the top 1% of students in the STATE!!!

**E-** EQ is an integral part of our campus. All Things EQ focuses on developing the Emotional Quotient- the social/emotional skills- of our students on a daily basis. Our students participate in weekly video lessons and discussion topics, along with the EQ Tip of the Day on announcements. Fifth grade EQ Ambassadors are working directly with the founder of All Things EQ to implement sustainable leadership practices that will positively impact our school community. Our special area teachers are facilitating valuable teamwork lessons in certain grade levels to develop more collaborative strategies for our students. And, our staff regularly reinforces the 4 School Agreements, SPOT On behaviors, and EQ phrases when praising and supporting students. We are building a foundation of strong EQ and IQ leaders!

**G-** Generous is a term we would all use to describe our parent community. Because of the AMAZING financial support from last year's PTA events and Read-a-thon, we were able to purchase GINORMOUS (going with the "G" theme here) amounts of technology for our students. Our 4th-6th grade and SAGE classrooms are now 1:1, with Chromebook carts in each classroom, as well as additional iPads and laptops. Our K-3 classrooms are 1:3, with a combination of Chromebook, iPads, and laptops as well.

**E-** Expanding our school goals and vision is part of our current work. Several committees are working to continue visioning for our campus as we strive to stay at the top. This visioning process includes a deeper focus on STEAM, student intervention and enrichment, and computer science implementation, along with continued focus on our core content areas. Our staff and community partners are excited to keep driving our school to new heights!

**N-** New can be great! I have enjoyed getting to know so many new faces, and am grateful for those who introduce themselves to me and other new members on our campus. This is a wonderful place to learn and grow together every day!

**D-** Dedication! As I walk through classrooms, visit with students on the playground, and meet new parents at drop off and pick up time, I am impressed with the dedication we all have to our students and campus. Your dedication to our school is notable and appreciated!

As this first quarter comes to a close, I commend everyone for your hard work to make every day the best it can be for our students. I look forward to the months to come as we continue to establish the learning and leading legacy at Legend Springs. We truly are Legendary.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Nichole Basl, M.Ed.  
Principal

## SIXTH GRADE

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade took a break from typical classroom learning for our annual Outdoor Education trip to YMCA Camp Surf in San Diego, California. Students replaced their chairs at desks with a seat on the sand in front of the ocean while learning about ecosystems, weather, food chains and food webs, energy, and so much more. They spent time team building, problem solving, and goal setting. Students, teachers, and parent chaperones all had a great time connecting with one another and building relationships. We all learned that Mrs. Stafford does an uncanny kangaroo impression :-)



## FIFTH GRADE

Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders are off to strong start busy learning all they ever wanted to know about 5th grade and even more! We have been especially impressed with students participating and engaging in their weekly EQ lessons. Danna Evans, the founder of All Things EQ, has presented two assemblies for our students to prepare them in becoming Legend Springs EQ Ambassadors. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders have also been busy supporting their 2nd grade "Chromies" (Chromebook buddies) learn how use their Chromebooks. So far, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders have taught their Chromies how to safely login, create bookmarks, complete a Google Form, and practice proper keyboarding skills.



## FOURTH GRADE

We have been learning about various landforms of our world. Students recently had the opportunity to participate in a science lab to view how the Grand Canyon was formed. Students were given the terms erosion, weathering, deposition and sediment to research. We then used those terms to help us investigate possible

reasons why the Grand Canyon looks the way it does. Students performed an experiment using a plastic tub, dirt, water, and clay. Students performed, observed, and reported what they saw. Their conclusions with how the Grand Canyon formed needed to include erosion, weathering, deposition and sediment.



## THIRD GRADE

The 2017-2018 school year is off to a great start in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade! Third grade brings many changes for our students and many ways to show how they are growing in responsibility. All of our students rotate classes for math and reading, and have even started rotating for science and social studies. They are showing great responsibility by organizing and gathering their materials for each class, and by writing their nightly assignments in their student agendas. They have enjoyed having one-to-one access to technology each day as they visit a variety of websites and complete assignments in their Google classrooms to support their learning. All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms are very excited to start STEAM half days on October 5. They will be showing off their science, technology, engineering, arts, and math skills by participating in a variety of collaborative activities.



## SECOND GRADE

Welcome to 2nd grade! We have started the year off in a big way! We have been creating community in our classrooms and our school. Our students are doing a great job of modeling our Top 20 Agreements with each other. We're learning to be independent learners and cooperating in a small group and with a partner.

In math we are working on place value to 1000. Soon we will be adding and subtracting numbers within 100. You will see many new math strategies coming home! Have your child explain what they are - you will learn a lot from your student this year! We are learning 6 syllable types to help us be able to decode multi-syllabic words in our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade text! Your child is already becoming a stronger reader!

We are learning the Engineering Design Process in science this year! We will be doing many hands on STEAM activities and use this process to help us learn through experimentation. Most of our STEAM activities happen on Early Release Days! Thank you for making school a priority on those days so your child doesn't lose these great learning opportunities!

We look forward to a great year in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade!!



## FIRST GRADE

Our 1<sup>st</sup> graders recently celebrated International Dot Day. **International Dot Day**, a global celebration of creativity, courage and collaboration, began when teacher **Terry Shay** introduced his classroom to **Peter H. Reynolds'** book *The Dot* on September 15, 2009. *The Dot* is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to "make her mark". What begins with a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage, igniting a journey of self-discovery and sharing, which has gone on to inspire countless children and adults around the globe. And each year on **International Dot Day** – with the help of people just like you –the inspiration continues. What started as a story in the pages of a book is transforming teaching and learning around the world as people of all ages re-discover the power and potential of creativity in all they do. We made our own mark by creating our own dot with a coffee filter, sang a song, designed our own mark with sidewalk chalk in the courtyard, and learned it is okay to try anything, as long as you TRY! In math, we are working on our addition strategies to 10 and getting support from ZEARN. We are understanding the concept of Balance in science by using manipulatives and using a balance point. Every day we continue to grow and learn!



## KINDERGARTEN

We are very proud of our Kindergarten students as they are quickly becoming independent learners! We're working on identifying letters and sounds, blending sounds to make words, and reading! To meet the needs of all of our students, we differentiate learning during Reading and Math! During Reading we use leveled readers and hands-on activities in small groups, iPad apps and desk-top computers. During Math we flex group

as well. Students are learning to use math tools, manipulatives and Smart Board interaction to enhance learning numbers 0-10. Our first STEAM activity was a great accomplishment as students practiced communication, cooperation and perseverance to complete puzzle challenges with their teammates. Our first cooking day was fun and delicious! Everyone loved having parent volunteers share their cooking skills! Kindergarten also participated in a nationwide Oreo Stack Challenge! (Visit [www.projectsbyjen.com](http://www.projectsbyjen.com) to learn more about this activity). The Oreo stacking challenge was an exciting way to incorporate math skills and a little friendly competition! We love supporting our Arizona Cardinals with spirit days too! We are learning something new and exciting in Kindergarten every day!



## HEALTH CENTER

Hello and Happy Fall!

Here are just a few reminders and tips to help keep our students healthy during this cold and flu season.

- 1. Remind you children to wash their hands-** Hand washing is the number one way to help prevent catching and spreading germs. Hand sanitizer will work, but washing with soap and water is the best way to keep hands germ free. Make sure your children wash before and after eating, after using the restroom, after coughing or sneezing and after playing on the playground.
- 2. Fever free and vomit free-** Please keep your children home if they have a fever greater than 100 without fever reducers or are vomiting for any reason. They should remain at home for 24 hours and/or one entire school day fever and vomit free. This helps reduce the spread of germs and helps keep our school healthy.

**3. Do not send cough drops or any other medications with your student-**All medications, including *cough drops* must be kept in the nurse's office. You may bring any medications that you feel that your child may need during the school day like Tylenol, ibuprofen, cough drops, cold medicine, anti-itch creams, Benadryl, etc. Just bring the medication to the nurse's office and sign a medication slip.

Thanks for helping me keep our student healthy during this time of year!!

Nurse Jamie Miller

[Jamie.Miller@dvusd.org](mailto:Jamie.Miller@dvusd.org)



### CAFETERIA NEWS

Did you know that we serve breakfast every morning beginning at 8:15 a.m.? Did you know that we offer a sack lunch to every grade level on early release days? Did you know that you are always welcome to join your child for lunch in the cafeteria?

Please remember to register and check your child's lunch account balance at [www.ezschoollpay.com](http://www.ezschoollpay.com) to make sure they have sufficient funds on their account. Money may be added to their account via credit card at [www.ezschoollpay.com](http://www.ezschoollpay.com) (there is a \$2 charge for this) or you may bring cash or a check into the cafeteria or front office

If you have any questions, please contact Chris or Trish in the cafeteria at [623-376-4514](tel:623-376-4514) or email [trish.roth@dvusd.org](mailto:trish.roth@dvusd.org)



### PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture Retakes will take place on Wednesday, October 18. Information will be sent home soon with the link to order these pictures online.



### PARKING SAFETY PROCEDURES

Please take time to review the very important drop-off and pick-up procedures which will help

to ensure that our students remain safe during these busy traffic times.

The small parking lot in front of the administrative building is designated for staff parking. Drivers that possess a valid parking placard or license plate may enter the front parking lot, all other drivers must utilize the parking lot in front of the field to drop off and pick up students.

- Please adhere to all marked traffic/parking signs along streets and parking lots. **For the safety of our students, do not park in the bike lanes.**
- If you are planning to park and walk your child up to the campus, please park in the large parking lot in front of the big field. This parking lot is designated for drop-off and pick-up. Students will exit/enter at the green curb (only) if you will be dropping them or picking them up. Cars may idle at the blue curb and pull forward to green curb.
- One single lane will be allowed in the pick-up parking lot. Drivers MUST remain in their car if they are waiting on the blue curb. Students should exit and enter the car (curbside). Parents are not allowed to get out of the car. This slows down the flow of traffic at the pick-up/drop-off lane. Ask your child to practice getting out and into the car by themselves.
- Cars must be parked in a marked parking space in parking lots. Refrain from parking next to or waiting next to curbs in the parking lots. Cars should not be blocking other vehicles that are attempting to exit the parking lots or are parked behind parked cars.
- We encourage more cars to use the drop-off/pick-up parking lot (in front of the big field). This is where we encourage students to be picked up safely after school and dropped off before school.
- Cars that wait in the parking lot on the blue curb to pick up students should pull up as close to the driver in front of you as possible. Your child will not be allowed to enter or exit your vehicle until you pull forward to the **green curb**.
- Refrain from parking or picking up students on Arrowhead Loop Road. Arrowhead Loop Road is NOT a pick up or drop off zone. Drivers may be ticketed if they park or pick up on Arrowhead Loop Road.
- Slow down on side streets around the school to keep students safe.

- If you park on side streets, you must accompany your child by walking them up to the school. Use the marked crosswalk areas ONLY to cross streets and walk your child up to campus.
- Stay off your cell phone on streets and the parking lots that surround the school. Your attention should be on driving safely at all times.
- Refrain from parking in our neighbors driveways or turning around in driveways.

Please be courteous of others while using the parking lot and driving on streets surrounding the school. A few extra moments of cautious driving and parking will help keep our students safe!



## PTA NEWS

What a great turnout out to our restaurant nights so far! Thank you to all our families that attended Babbo's and Peter Piper Nights. These are easy (and delicious) fundraisers for our school and we couldn't be more thankful for your attendance and support.

Please mark your calendar for restaurant night at Barro's Pizza (67th Ave/Beardsley) **Thursday, October 12**, from 10:30 a.m. -10:00 p.m. 25% of your order will be given back to Legend Springs PTA!

Important dates to remember:

**Thursday, October 19:** Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Please [click here to sign up](#) to volunteer if you are able!

**Tuesday, October 24:** PTA Meeting 2:30 p.m.

**Friday, October 27:** Family Movie Night & Silent Raffle! We're bringing the fun of movie night OUTDOORS! We are so excited to enjoy some fresh air and a movie in the courtyard. We hope you'll join us! More details to come.

**November 9:** Fall Family Fun Night

PTA Membership: Congratulations to our top three classes right now for PTA Membership Participation. Mrs. Levake is in first place followed closely by Ms. Crane! The top class as of October 13, will win an Otter Pop Class party! If you haven't joined, you can do so online by [clicking here](#). PTA Membership is our main fundraiser and prevents us from having to do any door-to-door selling. We greatly appreciate your support.

Box Top\$: Legend Springs is currently #6 in the state for submitting the most Box Top\$! Our goal this year is to earn \$3,000. We're a quarter of the

way there! Please continue to gather, clip and send in with your child! Every Box Top counts!

We've mixed things up this year and have a *mostly* new PTA board! Meet your new board members:

*Tracy Jennings* - Hi Legend Springs families! What a thrilling ride it's been for the past few months! I'm the PTA President, and this is my first year serving as a board member. My son, Chase, is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade so we have plenty of years left at Legend Springs. I've enjoyed getting to know so many students and families and look forward meeting you all at events!

*Kim Johnson* - Hi, I'm the PTA Vice-President. I have two children at Legend Springs, Emma in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and EJ is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. I am also the 6<sup>th</sup> grade SAGE reading teacher. This is my first year on PTA. I am very excited to contribute to the Legend Springs community through PTA. My hope is that we can provide teachers and students with various resources to promote education in a safe, welcoming, and engaging environment.

*Melissa Brennan* - Hi, I am the Treasurer for 2017/2018 school year. I have a daughter in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and this is my fourth year serving on the PTA. Outside of work, you can find me cheering at the soccer fields. I'm thankful to be a part of such a great community of parents, teachers and staff at Legend Springs.

*Cassie Woolgar* - Hi, I am the PTA's Membership chair. I am a mother of four boys, a son in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, a son in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, a son in pre-k and a two year old boy! This is my first year serving in PTA and I look forward to working with an awesome group of parents. We love being a part of Legend Springs and I hope I meet more of our awesome parents at our events!

*Stacy Stavro* - Hi, I am the new PTA Secretary. I'm a mom to three amazing kids: Nikos (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Eli (Kindergarten), and Daphne (3.5 years). I enjoy crafting, volunteering in my kids' classrooms, going to the gym, hiking, camping, and spending time with my family! My family and I love Legend Springs with all the wonderful teachers and staff! I'm very excited to be working alongside a great group of ladies supporting Legend Springs this year!

*Alex Cooper* - Hi, I am the Business Partner Liaison. Upcoming school-wide events need support! If you own a business or know of a business that would be a great sponsor or donor at one of our events please reach out to us. Feel

free to just give us the referral and we'll do the rest! Business partner coordinators:

[legendspringsbp@gmail.com](mailto:legendspringsbp@gmail.com).



**CONSTRUCTION = TRAFFIC DELAYS  
DEER VALLEY RD, 67TH AVE TO 59TH  
AVE, WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS  
PROJECT UPDATE**

Glendale has contracted with Achen-Gardner Construction to install water pipeline in Deer Valley Road, from 67th Avenue to 59th Avenue, and the attached mailer/notice is being provided to nearby residents and businesses.

Scheduled to begin the week of October 16, crews will install water pipeline in Deer Valley Road, from 67th Avenue to 59th Avenue. This work is expected to be complete in February 2018 with the following tentative schedule. A mill and overlay of Deer Valley Road is expected to follow this work.

- **Phase 1 (1 week):** Work will take place in the south side of Deer Valley from 67th to 66th Avenue. During this work, **only WEST bound traffic will be permitted from 66th to 67th Avenue (NO EASTBOUND TRAFFIC).**
- **Phase 2 (4 weeks):** Work will take place in the north side of Deer Valley Road between 66th Avenue and Arrowhead Loop Road. During this work, **only EAST bound traffic will be permitted between 66th Avenue and Arrowhead Loop Road (NO WESTBOUND TRAFFIC).**
- **Phase 3 (5 weeks):** Testing and connections for the newly installed waterline will take place between 67th Avenue and Arrowhead Loop Road, **with WEST bound only traffic between 67th and 66th Avenues, and EAST bound only traffic between 66th Avenue and Arrowhead Loop Road.** Once complete, paving and clean-up of this section will take place.
- **Phase 4 (7 weeks):** Work will take place in the north side of Deer Valley Road **between Arrowhead Loop Road and 59th Avenue, with only EAST bound traffic permitted.** Once complete, testing and connections of the newly installed waterline will be conducted.

While the timeline for this work may fluctuate, the sequencing will remain the same. Following completion of the water pipeline work, a mill (removal of asphalt) and overlay will take place in Deer Valley Road.

**TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS:** Work will take place during daytime hours with traffic control in place even during night hours to protect the work zone. Resident access will be maintained, with lane restrictions in place to accommodate the work. A law enforcement officer or signage will redirect travelers at the closure area. A 48-hour notice will be provided prior to planned disruptions in water service.

Business and resident access will be maintained. *Thank you for your patience during this work!*

Please feel free to contact our [project hotline at 602.532.6250](tel:602.532.6250) should you have questions or need information related to the project.



**Congratulations!  
Legend Springs received  
an "A" School Letter  
Grade! More  
information will be  
coming home soon!**

UPCOMING EVENTS	
10/9	Fall Day – No School
10/10	7:00 Governing Board Meeting
10/12	Barro's Pizza PTA Fundraiser
10/13	End of First Quarter
10/16-20	Parent Teacher Conferences
10/16-20	\$1 Breast Cancer Awareness Bracelet Sales 8:30-8:40 a.m.
10/18	Picture Retake Day
10/19-20	12:05 Early Release Days
10/20	8:45 Flagpole
10/20	Pink Out Day –Wear Pink to Support Breast Cancer Awareness
10/23-27	Red Ribbon Spirit Week
10/23	Red Ribbon Drug Awareness – Wear Red
10/24	Red Ribbon Sock it to Drugs – Wear Crazy Socks
10/24	2:30 PTA Meeting
10/25	Red Ribbon Drugs are Crazy – Crazy Hair Day
10/26	Red Ribbon Turn Your Back to Drugs – Backwards Day
10/27	Red Ribbon I'm Free to be Me – Wear Red, White & Blue
10/27	PTA Family Movie Night/Silent Auction
11/3	8:45 Flagpole
11/3	12:05 Early Release Day
11/9	8:45 Flagpole – Veterans Day Honor
11/9	PTA Fall Family Night
11/10	Veterans Day – No School
11/14	7:00 Governing Board Meeting
11/20-24	Thanksgiving Recess – No School
11/28	2:30 PTA Meeting
11/28	7:00 Governing Board Meeting



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