

## Welcome to the 2018-2019 West Wing Student Council



Dear Parents,

The Student Council year has started off with a bang. After 2 weeks of meetings, the West Wing student council is over 100 members strong!

West Wing Student Council is an extra-curricular program that provides experiences and programs to develop our future leaders. The goals of Student Council are:

**Leadership:** Developing and promoting leadership abilities

**Diversity:** Building awareness, respect, and value for all people

**Academic Achievement:** Striving for and creating motivation for academic excellence

**School/Community Involvement:** Building a partnership between the school and community with service

**School Spirit:** Creating activities for campus pride and participation

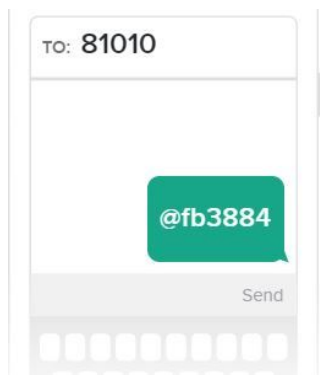
**STEAM:** Advocates and creates activities that promote Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math

Student Council members, throughout the year, will work on committees to plan and implement activities that support the goals of Student Council. Some of the ideas that are currently in committee work now are: Fall Dance and Spirit Days, and Veteran's Appreciation Ceremony just to name a few. In addition, Student Council is also sponsoring a snack bar at the Athletic Home Games. Proceeds from the Snack Bar will go towards purchasing a new "Marty the Mustang."

As a member of the Arizona Association of Junior High School Student Councils, we have the opportunity to share and exchange ideas, attend leadership conferences, develop leadership skills, showcase our student council achievements and to be recognized as an "Honor" or "Master" council.

### **Communication:**

1. Remind.com. Sign up instructions: **text @fb3884 to the number 81010**



2. West Wing Website - Activities - Student Council
3. Email

## **Funding:**

As an extra-curricular activity, Student Council has no money allocated by the school or the district to run the program and provide for its operational expenses.

Recognizing that families are busy with many extra-curricular activities, we are providing information up front, regarding the cost of this program. The cost of the program per member includes the following:

1. Membership Fee: \$33.00 per member. This fee is based on members; it includes a \$15 t-shirt, membership fees and operational expenses for the Student Council.
2. Conferences: Students will participate in 3 conferences this year. Costs include; cost of the conference, transportation, and certified staff:
  - a. Leadership Conference: \$20.00 - Thursday, November 9
  - b. Retreat with the Phoenix Suns: \$70.00 - Friday, February 2nd
  - c. Convention: \$73.00 - Thursday, May 10

**Total cost of member: \$200.00**

## **Payment Options:**

### **1. Tax Credit:**

The State of Arizona offers a unique opportunity for you to direct up to \$200 (for a single person) or \$400 (for a married couple) of your State tax to an extra-curricular program of your choosing. Student Council is eligible to receive this money through your tax credit; thereby, making this a *cost-neutral program* for you. It is an easy process that be done online through [dvusd.org](http://dvusd.org). It can be paid using your credit card, giving you also an opportunity to earn points through your credit card. Please refer to your tax accountant for details about filing for the tax credit at the end of the tax year.

For more information about tax credit, the following links will give you all of the information you need.

<https://www.azdor.gov/taxcredits/schooltaxcreditsforindividuals.aspx> - this site will give you lots of information about the tax credit program and any forms that are needed when you file your taxes.

<http://www.dvusd.org/domain/2612> - This link will take you to the West Wing Website where you will find more information about tax credit, a message from Dr. Price-Barry, and specific directions on how to make you tax credit donation.

<https://dvusd.mytechsupport.com/eca/> - This link will allow you to make an online tax credit using the Deer Valley online tax credit process. You can also make an in person tax credit by visiting the front office of our school.

Families who would like to make the maximum \$400 tax credit donation for their child, will receive Dance Tickets for free.

### **2. Check/Cash:**

If you prefer, you may bring a check to the office, made payable to West Wing Student Council for \$200.00.

By paying for costs up front, this will eliminate all individual student fundraising (ie; cookie dough, candles, butter braids, etc.), and asking for money throughout the year.

If you are interested in seeing a detailed budget worksheet please refer to the West Wing Website, under the Student Council tab. If you have any questions, please refer to Mrs. Holly or Mrs. Heath.

**3. Due Date for Payment:**

Students need to have their payment made no later than **Friday, Oct. 26**. Please contact Mrs. Holly or Mrs. Heath if any issues arise.

**4. Additional Costs:**

Dances Tickets (\$8.00--Student Council discounted tickets. Regular price is \$10.):

Fall Dance (6th, 7th, 8th) on Friday, October 26 from 5:00-6:30

Winter Dance (7th & 8th) on Friday, January 18 from 5:00-6:30

End of Year Dance (6th, 7th, 8th) on Friday, April 26, from 5:00-6:30

\*\*\*Please note, for any \$400.00 tax credit donations, all three dance tickets will be free.

**Student Expectations:**

Student council members are expected to be at all meetings or make arrangements to communicate absences to Mrs. Holly or Mrs. Heath via Remind.com or email.

Student council members are representing West Wing School at our conferences and school events. Student behavior is a priority. Acting with integrity at all times is expected.

**Upcoming Events:**

Friday, October 26: Fall Dance 5:00-6:30 Will be looking for students to help with set up and clean up.

Friday, November 9: Veterans Appreciation Assembly 9:00-9:30 Veteran's Breakfast; 9:40-10:45 Assembly

We look forward to a great year, and to developing our future leaders! We thank you for your support during this Student Council Year!

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