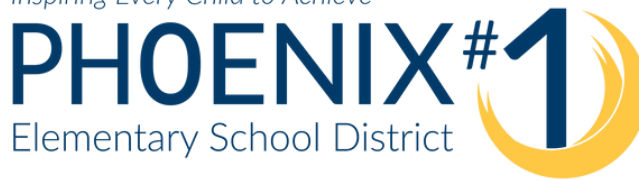


Inspiring Every Child to Achieve



DECEMBER 11TH, 2024 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

>>> RECAP <<<

THANK YOU TO THE GARFIELD STUDENTS, LED BY MS. TINA CLARK, FOR ORGANIZING THE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES!

THANKSGIVING JOY AT BARRIOS UNIDOS

Just in time for Thanksgiving, Phoenix #1 joined Prensa Arizona's Great Thanksgiving Festival, connecting with the community and handing out goodies! The event featured music, food, and free turkeys for participants. Thank you to the Family and Community Engagement and Communications teams for representing us!



>>> EDISON KIDS AT HOPE DAY: INSPIRING DREAMS AND POSSIBILITIES

Edison hosted its annual Kids at Hope Day Celebration, and the event was nothing short of extraordinary. The day began with the Tunnel of Hope, where parents, community members, and staff cheered on students as they arrived at school, creating an atmosphere of encouragement and excitement. Throughout the day, professionals from diverse fields shared their expertise and life stories, giving students a glimpse into the many career paths they could pursue. Architects, nail technicians, game developers, attorneys, and more engaged with students, sparking curiosity and planting seeds of ambition. The event emphasized the core belief of Kids at Hope: every child is capable of success, no exceptions. A huge thank you to the parents, community members, and professionals who made this event a success! Our scholars left buzzing with excitement, dreams in their hearts, and the belief that they can be anything they aspire to be!



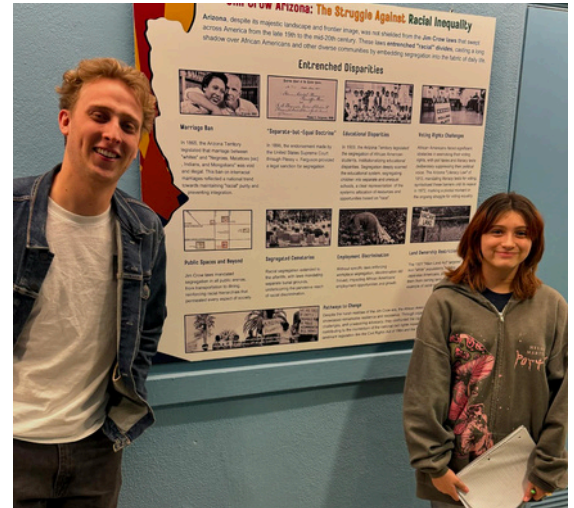
>>> CORBIN CARROLL VISITS EMERSON WITH A STEM SURPRISE

Arizona Diamondbacks outfielder Corbin Carroll brought excitement to Emerson classrooms, visiting eight groups of students. Every student received a copy of "Martian Moon Mayhem", a STEM storybook featuring Corbin saving Mars with Diamondbacks mascot Baxter! Corbin said seeing our students' energy made his entire week! Thank you to the Diamondbacks and Honeywell for making this possible!



✓ DUNBAR STUDENTS EXPLORE HISTORY AT THE ✓ GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER MUSEUM

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Paul Laurence Dunbar School, students are diving into local African American history as part of a special centennial celebration. To enrich their learning, students recently visited the George Washington Carver Museum, a historic site that was once the Phoenix Union Colored High School, serving African American students during segregation. Learning about the museum's transformation from a segregated high school to a national historic site allowed students to connect their school's history to broader changes. As part of the centennial celebration, students are now working on history projects that will be showcased during the school's anniversary event. These projects allow them to reflect on the impact of Dunbar, which was also once segregated, weaving the stories they've learned into a narrative of pride and progress.



➤➤➤ BETHUNE STUDENTS CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Bethune students visited the Heard Museum for a hands-on exploration of culture and history. This meaningful trip was made possible through a partnership with the Arizona Cardinals.



AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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>>> PHOENIX #1 CO-ED SOCCER SEASON

Phoenix #1 had an incredible season of Co-Ed Soccer!

Season Champions

The championship game was a thrilling showdown between the Edison Estrellas and the Whittier Wildcats. Both teams demonstrated exceptional effort and determination, making it a competitive match until the very end. The Wildcats, ranked #1 going into the championship, clinched the title, becoming the 2024 District Co-Ed Soccer Champions! Congratulations to the **Whittier Wildcats** for their well-deserved victory and a big shoutout to the **Edison Estrellas** for an impressive season as the District Runner-Up.

Season MVPs

Outstanding players **Briann Annrubio Solis** and **John Carlos Flores Hueriga** of the Whittier Wildcats earned the title of Season MVPs. Their dedication, leadership, and stellar performances were instrumental in their team's success. We are incredibly proud of these athletes for their hard work and accomplishments.

Coach of the Year

Coach Angel Flores of the Whittier Wildcats was named Co-Ed Soccer Coach of the Year. Under his leadership, the Wildcats not only excelled on the field but also grew as a team, displaying resilience throughout the season. Thank you, Coach Flores, for inspiring your players and leading them to a championship win!

All-Star Gold Medalists

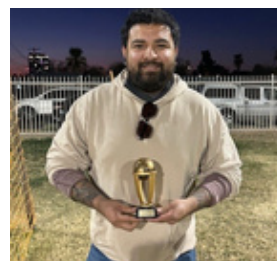
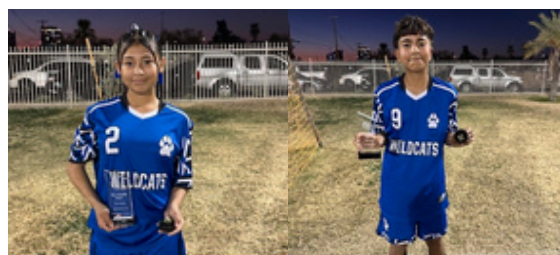
The East Division All-Star Team, composed of top players from **Edison, Garfield, Herrera, Shaw, and Whittier**, took home the Gold Medal in the District All-Star Game. Their collaboration and skill were on full display, delivering a performance that left fans cheering.

All-Star Silver Medalists

The West Division All-Star Team, featuring talented players from **Capitol, Heard, Kenilworth, Lowell, and Magnet Traditional**, earned the Silver Medal after an incredible effort during the All-Star Game. Their teamwork and determination were commendable, making the game a memorable highlight of the season.

All-Star MVPs

Briann Annrubio Solis of the Whittier Wildcats and **Isaac Beiza** of the Edison Estrellas stood out as the All-Star Game MVPs. Their remarkable performances on the field were a testament to their hard work, talent, and love for the game.



➤➤➤ CAR SEAT SAFETY: KEEPING FAMILIES SECURE

The Phoenix #1 Family Center and Phoenix Children's Hospital teamed up to keep our little ones safe on the road with a Car Seat Safety Class! After passing a test, every parent left with new knowledge—and a donated new properly installed car seat for their child.



➤➤➤ STUDENTS PLANT TREES FOR A GREENER TOMORROW

Lowell, Bethune, and Shaw students partnered with the Arizona Sustainability Alliance to plant trees and learn about soil preparation and root care. Their efforts contribute to a greener future as nine Phoenix #1 schools have now participated in this initiative.



➤➤➤ “CHASSEGIVING” BRINGS THANKSGIVING CHEER

Phoenix #1 families enjoyed a brighter Thanksgiving, thanks to Chasse Building Team! Together, we distributed food boxes to 60 families before the holiday. A special shoutout to Taylor Perkins and Diego Passmore for making this heartwarming effort happen!



THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL AT BARRIOS UNIDOS

I want to begin by expressing my gratitude to everyone who helped make our participation in the Great Thanksgiving Festival at Barrios Unidos such a great community event. Our Family and Community Engagement Specialists and members of the Communications team were present to help promote District programs and to make new connections in our communities.



COMPLETING THE REIMAGINE SCHOOL PROGRAMMING PHASE

We are completing the school programming phase of our Reimagine visioning process, with our Superintendent Student Leadership Advisory Council coming to a special student session next week. As part of their action research work, these students will not only be able to provide their ideas, but will also learn how to survey the students in their schools and gather input from interviews, surveys, and focus groups to provide feedback on the programming. We cannot wait to be able to receive these ideas and to begin working with schools and their communities to start the learning design process.



THANK YOU, MR. REGGIE CARRILLO!

I also want to express our appreciation to Mr. Reggie Carrillo who has served on the Phoenix #1 Governing Board these past four years and will be stepping down to focus the expansion of his non-profit organization. In his tenure, he has been a champion of technology education, sustainability through the use of planting desert-adapted trees, and research strategies that involve our students as active researchers. As a former educator and native of South Phoenix, I appreciate the perspective he brings to helping us provide engaging programs that result in better outcomes for our students and their families.

JOIN US FOR THE DUNBAR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

I want to extend an invitation to the Paul Laurence Dunbar Centennial Celebration on December 12th at 4 p.m. at Dunbar Elementary. We are thrilled to be celebrating the historic legacy of the building that is on the Phoenix and the National Historic Registers. Originally a 4 room schoolhouse built in 1925, Dunbar was one of the city's last segregated schools ending the practice of segregation in 1953. Our staff and students are participating in collecting oral histories from former students as they continue to ensure the history of Paul Laurence Dunbar is remembered for future generations.



CELEBRATING STUDENT TALENT AND HOLIDAY EVENTS

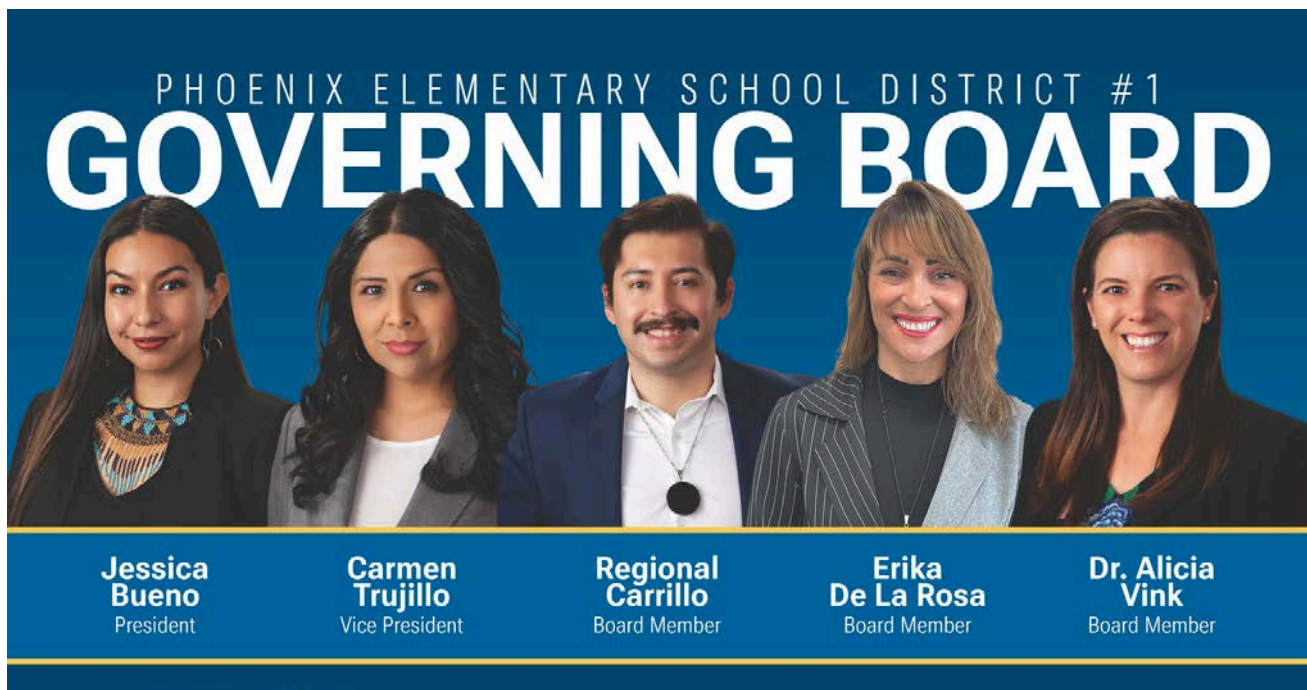
Finally, as we enter the holiday season, I have been thrilled to watch our students in their school Spelling Bee competitions and in the many Winter Concerts the season affords us. Our students are so talented and our staff who help transport our students, teach our students, and feed our students are such caring and dedicated staff! Please plan to catch upcoming events as we have more concerts through next week and be sure to watch our Districtwide Spelling Bee on January 24, 2025, beginning at 9:30 a.m. We will be livestreaming the event.





ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WERE APPROVED INCLUDING:

1. Approval of Governing Board Minutes for the September 24, 2024 Governing Board Meeting (Policy: BEDG)
2. Approval or Ratification of Payroll Vouchers in the total amount of \$ 2,840,912.27 (Policy: DKA)
3. Approval or Ratification of Expense Vouchers in the total amount of \$ 3,918,216.20 (Policy: DKA)
4. Approval of Gifts, Donations and Grants (Policy: KCD)
5. Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff (Policies: GCF, GDF)
6. Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position (Policies: GCF, GDF)
7. Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements (Policies: GCQC, QCQF)
8. Approval of Staff Out of State Travel for Professional Development (Policy: GCCE)
9. Approval of Consent Agenda (Policy: BEDB)



The Phoenix #1 Governing Board has a focus on student outcome focused governance. The framework is built around six research-informed competencies that describe school board behaviors and the degree to which they create the conditions for improvements in student outcomes: *Vision & Goals, Values & Guardrails, Monitoring & Accountability, Communication & Collaboration, Unity & Trust, and Continuous Improvement.*

The December 11th meeting focused on the following interim goals and Superintendent Guardrails:

Board Interim Goal 1 - The percentage of 3rd-grade students with a pass rate on Reading as per AASA will increase from 25% on August 2023 to 40% by August 2028.

Board Interim Goal 4 - The percentage of 8th-grade students with a pass rate on Reading as per AASA will increase from 29% on August 2023 to 44% by August 2028.

Superintendent Guardrail 4 - The Superintendent shall not allow the District to operate without a site budget process where resources are allocated equitably.

Board Self Guardrail 4 - In attaining the Board's student outcome goals, the Board shall not negate newly elected members from experiencing a quality onboarding process.

VIEW THE FULL GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA, ALL DOCUMENTS, AND STREAM MEETINGS:
[PHXSCHOOLS.ORG/BOARD](https://phxschools.org/board)