

Inspiring Every Child to Achieve



NOVEMBER 19TH, 2024 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

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THANK YOU TO THE HEARD STUDENTS, LED BY MR. WEGEHAUPT, AND THE LOWELL STUDENTS, LED BY MS. MAHONEY, FOR ORGANIZING THE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES!

FALL STUDENT ARTWORK SHOWCASE

We're excited to share the Fall Student Artwork Showcase, featuring incredible creations from students across our Phoenix #1 schools! The exhibit is bursting with color and creativity! Parents and siblings joined us for a special launch, capturing proud moments with their children's artwork. Thank you to our dedicated art teachers for putting this all together! Come see this display in the Emerson Court lobby before it closes on February 5th.



➤➤➤ OCTOBER S.T.A.R. AWARDS (SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION)

*Congratulations to October
S.T.A.R. Award winners!*



Shaw Montessori

Leslie Pozo
Music Teacher

Patricia Karnes
Media Clerk



Emerson

Cristina Rivera-Contreras
Lead Custodian

Kelly Adler
*Self-contained Autism
Teacher*

➤➤➤ SHAW LITERACY NIGHT



Students had a fantastic time at Shaw Montessori's Literacy Night at the Burton Barr Library! Families filled the space, ready to celebrate reading with hands-on activities and chances to pick out free books! With a dozen stations for all ages, students could play reading-themed games and get creative with storytelling. A huge thank you to Burton Barr Library for hosting us, our staff for organizing such a wonderful evening, and all the families who joined us in celebrating the joy of reading!

✓✓✓ DIAMONDBACKS INSPIRE READING AT WHITTIER



Honeywell and staff from the Arizona Diamondbacks, including mascot Baxter, visited Whittier to encourage literacy among students! Baxter and the team spent time with students, passing out a STEM-themed book, "Martian Moon Mayhem." Thank you to the Arizona Diamondbacks and Honeywell for supporting our students and their literacy goals!



➤➤➤ VOTING DAY AT HERRERA

Civic engagement begins now! While adults were at the polls on election day, Herrera's 1st graders were filling out ballots of their own! Students heard from candidates about why they should be class president and were later able to cast their votes in the ballot box.

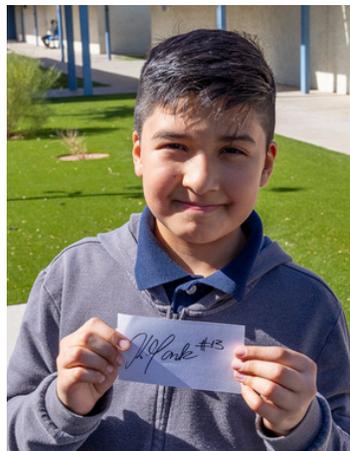
>>> PHOENIX #1 FALL FESTIVITIES

We had such a great time at our fall festivities throughout Phoenix #1! In October we saw lively Fall Festivals, spooktacular Trunk or Treats, and creative Costume Parades. The Phoenix #1 Family Center also hosted a Halloween Party with games, treats, and fun for the whole family! Thank you to our Phoenix #1 families and community for providing great experiences for our students!



>>> ARIZONA CARDINALS PLAYER VISITS BETHUNE

Bethune's 5th graders got a surprise visit from Arizona Cardinals cornerback Kei'Trel Clark! He shared his story, telling students, "Whatever dreams you have, you can attain them... just keep that hunger, that drive." The visit wrapped up with Clark and students participating in the "Just Give Me My Money" TikTok trend and playing rock-paper-scissors! Huge thanks to Clark for leaving our students inspired and ready to tackle their goals!



➤➤➤ SPROUTING GARDENS AT EDISON

Sprouts Farmers Market picked Edison for a special day of service! Sprouts purchased supplies for garden projects on campus. Employees and volunteers spent the day installing and refilling garden beds, painting, and putting together umbrellas with flower boxes. They also created root viewer boxes, weather stations, and letter boxes. This beautification project also included a \$10,000 donation for Edison's Nature and Nourish program! Thank you to Sprouts for investing in our school community! Special thanks to Jessica Hess for your work in making this happen!



➤➤➤ HERRERA PLANTS NEW TREES

Herrera students jumped into action for a greener future, replanting sapling trees with help from the Arizona Sustainability Alliance and APS. They learned techniques for loosening soil from the containers and gently freeing the roots to spread and settle into fresh soil. Students were excited to grab shovels and rakes, cheering on their teachers and Dr. Clynick as they drove sturdy stakes to support each tree's growth. Thank you to AZSA, APS, and all the staff who made this hands-on learning possible! We're excited to watch these trees grow alongside our students.



➤➤➤ PHOENIX #1 LEADERS MEET WITH PHOENIX POLICE



Thank you to leaders from the Phoenix Police Department for spending Halloween morning with our Phoenix #1 leaders! Patrol Division Chief Sean Kennedy, Mountain View Precinct Commander Leif Myers, Central City Precinct Commander Julie Egea, and other Phoenix PD officers joined us for coffee, breakfast burritos, and conversations about how to keep our school communities safe. We are grateful for your continuous support and look forward to strengthening the partnership!

➤➤➤ NEW MURAL REMINDS WHITTIER TO “BE KIND”

Whittier’s courtyard gained a stunning mural between the basketball and four-square courts! Created in partnership with Ben’s Bells and our talented students, this one-of-a-kind saguaro cactus mural brings beauty and meaning to our space.

Inscribed with “Be Kind” and “Whittier,” the saguaro is filled with colorful ceramic tiles and mirrors.

The mural includes reminders to “Be Kind”, “Sé Amable”. We proudly showcase this beautiful reminder of kindness and creativity, made possible through community support and a generous sponsorship from the ADP Foundation!



>>> \$60 MILLION INVESTMENT IN STUDENT AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT



I am proud to share we closed our ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) accounts this month and through the prudent oversight of our Federal programs team, have spent the entirety of the \$60 million dollars. We were able to do this by collaborating with our community, sites, and departments to come up with a plan of what was needed and to design interventions. We spent the money on retention stipends, Family and Community Engagement Specialists, Family Rooms, and materials for families to support learning at home, student enrichment after school and in school, technology for students and staff for remote learning and interventions, English Language Interventionists, Master teachers, and classroom teachers to maintain small class ratios. This helped us identify the critical role of the FACES, our EL Interventionists, and the Master Teachers in helping us achieve not only the Governing Board Goals, but also partnerships for providing before and after school enrichments. This connected us to the YMCA, G-Road, Gen-Tech, STIIX, and others. A huge note of gratitude to Sherry Zeeb, Janice Durham, Yvette Puente, Sara Sims, and Nadine Gofonia who led the work from beginning to the very end. I am proud we are an exemplar for responsible spending of these funds.



>>> 55 THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES FOR PHOENIX #1 FAMILIES

Speaking of outstanding partners, this week CHASSE Building Team is delivering 55 food boxes for Thanksgiving, or should I say CHASSEgiving dinners to families in the Phoenix #1 community. Our McKinney–Vento families were identified with the support of Mrs. Ashley King, our Special Populations Coordinator.

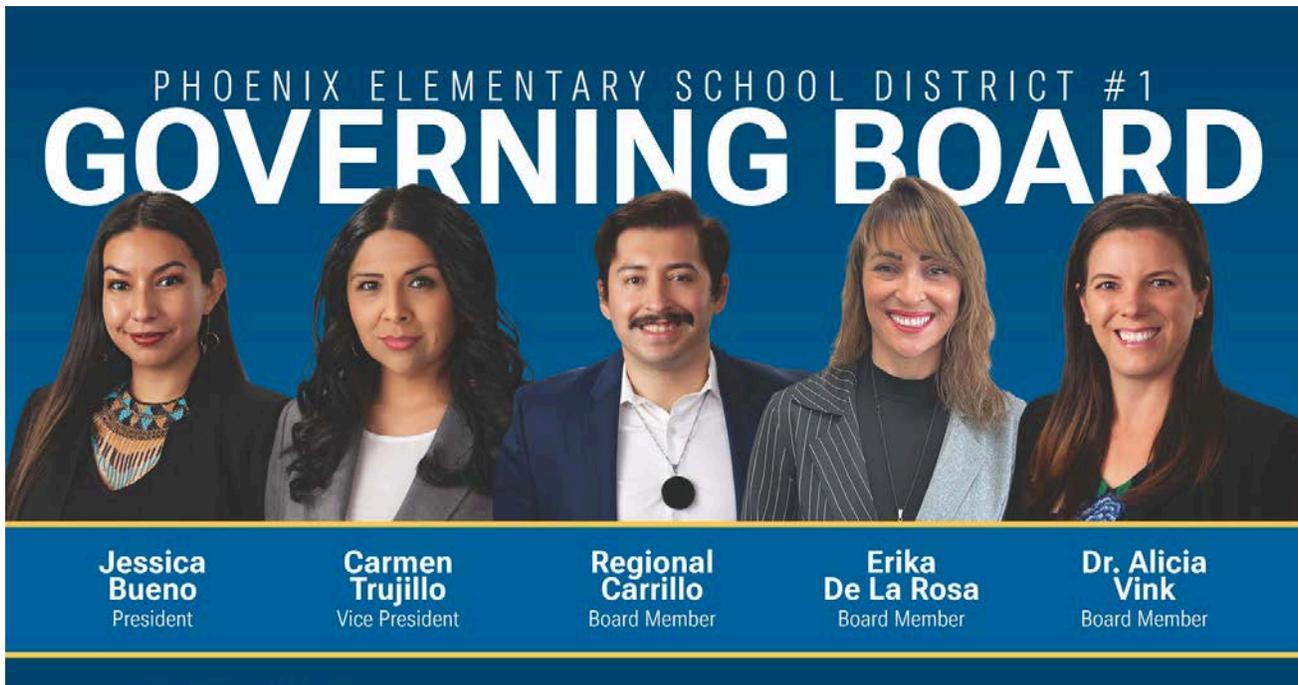
>>> GRATITUDE FOR OUR GOVERNING BOARD, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

As we enter Thanksgiving week, I want to express my gratitude to our Governing Board members who volunteer their time to serve in this public role to ensure our children are achieving. I also want to express my gratitude to our families who trust their children with us and who are important partners in helping us achieve. Throughout our district, you will find staff at all levels who are committed to providing a quality education to students so they are prepared for success in high school and beyond. The leadership and the support from our Governing Board and community are unparalleled and are a big part of our schools' success. We are proud of our schools and look forward to continuing to work together to make our schools even better for the children and the community we serve.



ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WERE APPROVED INCLUDING:

1. Approval of Governing Board Minutes for the November 14, 2023, Governing Board Study Session (Policy: BEDG)
2. Approval or Ratification of Expense Vouchers in the total amount of \$ 1,315,766.72 (Policy: DKA)
3. Approval of the purchase of Elementary and Kindergarten Playgrounds at Shaw Montessori and issuance of a purchase order to Play It Safe Playgrounds & Park Equipment, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$988,260.38 under MOHAVE contract 19O-PLAY-0221 pricing (Policy: DJE-R)
4. Approval of Donation of Surplus Materials and/or auction (Policy DN)
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 Certified Probationary Teacher Contract 2024-25 (Policies: GCB, GCBA, GCO)
9. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for The Arizona Lions Vision & Hearing Foundation, aka "the Foundation" and Phoenix Elementary School District #1 (Policy: GCF)
10. Approval to adopt the Phoenix #1 District Calendars and Faith North Preschool Calendars for fiscal years: 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028
11. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding and Data Sharing Agreement between Mathematica Inc. and Phoenix Elementary School District (Policy: GCF)
12. 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 November 19th meeting focused on the following interim goals and Superintendent Guardrails:

Board Goal 3 - The percentage of English Learners increasing proficiency levels at least one category as measured by AZELLA will increase from 36% on July 2023 to 50% by July 2028.

Superintendent Guardrail 3 - The Superintendent shall not allow the District to operate without a system designed to recruit, employ, and retain diverse staff, who reflect the community and meet the needs of our urban district students and their learning environments.

Board Self Guardrail 3 - In attaining the Board's student outcome goals, the Board shall not deviate from the Board's Operating Procedures.

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