



Lineweaver Elementary School Newsletter February 2012



A Note from the Principal: Mary Anderson

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In February as we continue to strive for perfect attendance, reaching our goals (having each of our students meet or exceed the state standards on the AIMS test in April) and ensuring a safe learning environment for your child, we invite you to volunteer in our classrooms. During this month we will be celebrating Arizona's 100th birthday, the 87th Annual Rodeo, our first annual Love of Exercise week and of course Love of Reading! Although our teachers and staff believe that every month is "Love of Reading" month, we would like to extend a special invitation to each and every one of you to come and share a book with your child's class. If you are unable to share a special book with your child's class, please take the time to read with your child at home each evening. Even though it is a busy month and shortened with our two days off for Rodeo our teachers and staff are dedicated to continue teaching your child the State Standards and Lifeskills each and every day. **Please help us by sending your child to school each day, on time.**

Teacher/Parent Spring Conferences:

Wednesday February 8th is a half-day, with dismissal at 11:45. Teachers will be conferencing with some parents during the afternoon. If you have not received notice about a conference it may be because the teacher is not worried about you child, although you are welcome to contact them to set up an appointment if you wish to meet with them.

Lineweaver Loves Reading and Exercise: As we continue to teach the State standards in nutrition and health we are emphasizing it with two special weeks this semester. Our first "Love of Exercise" week is scheduled for Feb. 6-10th to coincide with our annual Walk-a-thon (2/8) the focus is on moderate exercise. Our second week is scheduled for April 30-May 4th and will focus on vigorous exercise.

We couldn't do it without them!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our community, including families, neighbors, teachers, staff and other friends of our school throughout Arizona who donated their 2011 Tax Credit dollars to Lineweaver Elementary! We haven't received the final tally from what Fine Arts collected but we know for certain we have received at least \$51,512, approximately \$1,400 more than last year. If the state continues allowing Tax Credits to be made to schools, please consider donating to Lineweaver for this new tax year. Our Site Council will oversee how we spend this money. Most of our money is spent on OMA (Opening Minds through the Arts).

TUSD Kindergarten Round Up is scheduled for the week of March 12-16. Lineweaver will hold our Open House on March 14th at Lineweaver from 9:00-10:30

Kindergarten Open House (formerly known as Kindergarten Round Up) is for students who will be starting Kindergarten for the first time in August.

Our Open House is scheduled for Wednesday March 14th from 9:00-10:30 am in the Library. If you have any questions regarding this scheduled time please call the office at 232-7700.

Early Dismissal—Wed. Feb. 8th at 11:45
Valentine's Family Dance—Feb. 10th 5:30-7:30
Rodeo Holiday—No School on Feb. 23rd, 24th.
No Early Dismissal on Wed. Feb. 29th—Dismissal at 2:45

Important Upcoming Dates:

February:

- 2/6-10- Love of Exercise Week– moderate exercise
- 2/7– PTA meeting at 5:30 in the Library
- 2/7– 4th grade OMA performance—Arizona’s 100th birthday 6:00 in the Cafeteria!
- 2/8- ½ day- Walk-a-thon & Parent Teacher Conferences, dismissal at 11:45
- 2/10- Jump for Heart school-wide event
- 2/10 Valentines Dance 5:30-7:30 (children must be accompanied by an adult)
- 2/13-17- Love of Reading Week
- 2/16- Self-Contained Gate Open House 5:30PM for **new students & their families**
- 2/17- Stories that Soar pick up the stories
- 2/21 Site Council 3:15 in the Library
- 2/22 Rodeo Breakfast in the morning for students and Sing-a-long at 1:00
- 2/29- No early dismissal even though it is a Wednesday (dismissal at 2:45)!

March/April:

- 3/9– Stories that Soar Assembly
- 3/10,11– Festival Of Books at the UofA
- 3/12-3/16– TUSD Kindergarten Round Up
- 3/13– PTA meeting 5:30 in the Library
- 3/14-Kindergarten Open House 9:00-10:30 - Lineweaver invites parents/guardians and children who will be Kindergarten students next school year (2012-2013). Join us in the Library.
- 3/16– Grading Day– No School
- 3/19– SCPC meeting at Tucson High at 6:00
- 3/20– Site Council at 3:15 in the Library
- 3/27– 2nd grade OMA performance 6:00 in the Cafeteria
- 4/5– 9– Spring Break
- 4/10 School resumes
- 4/10– PTA meeting
- 4/16-4/20– AIMS Testing and Stanford Ten (2nd-5th grades)
- 4/16– SCPC meeting at Tucson High at 6:00
- 4/17– Site Council 3:15 in the Library
- 4/21– City Track Meet
- 4/24– Kindergarten OMA performance 6:00 in Cafeteria
- 4/30-5/4– Love of Exercise Week– Vigorous exercise

It’s All About Books!

The 4th annual Tucson Festival of Books is coming next month, March 10-11, 2011 at the U of A Campus. If you have never attended, plan to join thousands of Tucson families where there is something for all ages and all interests. Over 50 Children's' Authors, Illustrators and Storytellers will be there and this year, a Tent for Tots will have special activities designed for toddlers. Your children will want to return every year for this free event. [This is not a school-sponsored event, but one your family won't want to miss]!

From Lineweaver Health Office:

Head Lice Information for Parents

You should examine your child's head, especially behind the ears and at the nape of the neck, for crawling lice and nits (lice egg) if your child exhibits symptoms of a head lice infestation. If crawling lice or nits are found, all household members should be examined for crawling lice and nits every 2-3 days. Persons with live (crawling) lice or nits within ¼ inch or less of the scalp should be treated. Treatment can be purchased over the counter at any pharmacy. If multiple reinfestations occur then a visit to the pediatrician may be necessary to obtain a prescription medication. **In order to eradicate the lice and nits from the environment, all surfaces should be vacuumed. Throw the contents of the vacuum in an outdoor trash receptacle. In addition all clothing, stuffed animals and linens should be laundered and dried in a dryer. If unable to use a dryer, then bag up all items in black plastic bags that are tightly sealed for 2 weeks. Car seats should also be vacuumed.** Finally put long hair in pony tails or braids to prevent transmission and to prevent initial infestation!

Thank you, - Lineweaver Health Office.

Very Important People!

We would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and community members who volunteer in our classrooms and throughout our school. You make a huge difference in the lives of our children, teachers and staff members, thank you for all you do! If you are interested in volunteering please see Rita in the front office regarding the necessary paperwork (everyone except parents must have current fingerprint clearance on record).



**Valentine's Day Family Dance
Friday evening, February 10th
5:30-7:30 PM**

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Promoting Health and Wellness
2012 and Beyond

At Lineweaver we strive to ensure all of our students get regular exercise through P.E. and structured play. We are also encouraging healthy eating habits. Thank you to those of you who continue to provide us with healthy snacks. Please be reminded that birthday treats are limited to only our Kindergarten and First grade students and we continue to ask that those treats also be nutritious. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter we are dedicating two special weeks moderate and vigorous exercise, please plan to join your child's class throughout these weeks (2/6-10 & 4/30-5/4)!

Our 5th grade classes are also participating in the "Walk On" program this month. It focuses on healthy eating, good exercise habits and limiting hours spent in front of a screen or monitor! Thank you Fifth grade Students, Mrs. Chandler, Mr. Bekedam and Ms. Matchett!!

A huge thanks to our Wellness committee (Margaret Koppen, Shalom Verdugo, Heather Matchett, Tammy Valenzuela and Mary Anderson) who have been busy attending trainings, writing grants and planning healthy and nutritious events throughout the year. Please see our "Top 10 Healthy Family Tips for 2012" and "Tips for Raising Active Healthy & Fit Kids" attached to this newsletter.

Student Council News...

Congratulations to the following students who ran for an office, they all gave fantastic speeches and are great role models! Calista Olander, Jalisa Romero, Carolina Olivia-Martinez, Kaylee Akins, Tiana Gonzales, Ceryna Galarza, Elizabeth Smith, Citlali Ramirez and David Rosenblum! As in any election only one person per office can win, congratulations to our newly elected officers:

President- Calista Olander
Vice President- Ceryna Galarza
Secretary- David Rosenblum

If any parents are interested in helping the students sell ice cream at lunch please contact Mike Bekedam at Michael.bekedam@tusd1.org.

**Mostly Lost!
and Found . . .**



We have loads of coats, sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts, t-shirts and other items that we have found around our school and playground. We could return much of the Lost and Found items if they had names on the labels. If your child still has their coat or sweater, put their name on it so we can find you if anything happens to it.

Meanwhile, if you are missing a jacket or sweatshirt, come by the courtyard and look through our Lost and Found area.

The calendar reflects new vacation periods, including a full spring break in March and a new one-week fall break in October. The changes were prompted after receiving input from parents, community groups and schools who sought an improved calendar for students.

A TUSD calendar committee – assembled from school officials and community members – worked together to create the calendars. Two calendars were presented to the governing board for consideration, in addition to the option of rolling over this year’s calendar. The board adopted what had become known as Calendar A.

Here are the details:

The school year will begin Aug. 2, 2012 and end May 23, 2013.

Vacation dates are as follows:

- Sept. 3 – Labor Day
- Oct.1-5 – Fall Break
- Nov. 12 – Veteran’s Day
- Nov. 22-23 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 24 – January 4 – Winter Break
- Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Holiday
- Feb. 21-22 – Rodeo Holiday
- March 25-April 1 – Spring Break

Schools are also closed for the following grading days:

- Sept. 28
- Dec. 21
- March 15

News from OMA: We hit the ground running in 2012 in the OMA room, and things are moving at a fast pace! Here is a schedule of the OMA performances for the spring so you can get them on your calendar:

Tuesday, Feb. 7th 6:00 p.m. – Happy 100th Birthday to Arizona featuring 4th grade violins, 5th grade orchestra, 4th grade OMA

Rodeo Sing-Along – 1:00 p.m. – all of Lineweaver celebrates the rodeo/folk songs

Tuesday, March 27th – 6:00 p.m. 2nd Grade OMA/dance Weather show

Tuesday, April 24th – 6:00 p.m. – Spring Kindergarten Musical

Tuesday, May 8th – 6:00 p.m. -- 1st grade operas

Monday, May 14th – 6:00 p.m. – at Central Nazarene Church – 3rd grade recorders / Honor Recorders / 4th grade Violins / 5th grade orchestra

We’ve been busy in OMA Art – we have DeGrazia artwork up on display, along with petro glyphs made by our 4th grade students. They are part of our “Happy Birthday, Arizona!” celebration coming up in February. Our kindergarteners have also made Kandinsky paintings that have worked on our shapes and colors, and our 2nd graders have weather-scapes up for your enjoyment. Coming soon – kente cloth weaving with stamping done by our Kindergarteners.

We will have about 160 member of the Lineweaver community attend Samba Da, a Brazilian samba group brought to us by UA Presents. We applied for (and received!) a Target field trip grant for \$700 that is paying for our transportation to this exciting trip. We go on Thursday, February 9th. We have another UA Presents field trip coming up in April. We will be taking about 200 folks to that trip.

As always, thank you for your support of OMA. We are working on our tenth year of OMA at Lineweaver, and it wouldn’t have been possible without your continued support – both monetary and philosophical! If you can – the OMA room could use antibacterial wipes – thanks so much!

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