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## November 2023 Newsletter

Dear Families,

Thank you for participating in our Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences. Our school continues to have an outstanding participation rate with this important school and family team connection. We continue to encourage your participation in supporting your child with homework completion and listening to them read for 20 minutes each night. Your commitment to be involved with your child's education and continued school support is appreciated.

Throughout the course of the year, our school calendar becomes very busy. Here are a few school events taking place during the month of November:

- ▣ Our monthly Dragon of Character Assembly is scheduled for **Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**.
- ▣ Second Quarter mid-term reports go home on or before **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Flowing Wells School District has an app, download it for free. The district app will link to our school web page. Our web page looks great and can be viewed by logging on to [davis.flowingwellsschools.org](https://davis.flowingwellsschools.org) The Homer Davis web page has our school newsletter, updates, staff picture, e-mail accounts, school phone numbers, and a calendar of events.

Respectfully,

Christopher Nogami  
Principal



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		<b>1</b> -2:15 Cross Country Practice	<b>2</b> -2:10 Kinder Klub -2:30 Pomline Practice -2:30 Cross Country Meet #2	<b>3</b> -8:15 DOC Assembly -2:15 Cross Country Practice -4:00 FW Homecoming
<b>6</b> -2:10 Reading Rockstars -2:15 Cross Country Practice -2:30 Dragon Choir	<b>7</b> -Lockdown Drill -11:30 Pizza Lunch w/Principal -2:10 Reading Rockstars -2:10 Kinder Klub -2:30 Cross Country Meet #3	<b>8</b> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to FWJHS -8:15 3rd Grade Veterans Show -8:50 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade field Trip to Sonoran Desert Museum -11:30 Pizza lunch w/ Principal -2:15 Cross Country Practice -5:30 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Veterans Show	<b>9</b> -9:00 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade field Trip to Sonoran Desert Museum -2:10 Kinder Klub -2:15 Cross Country Practice -2:30 Pomline Practice	<b>10</b> <b>Veterans Day Observed No School</b>  <i>Thank You</i> VETERANS
<b>13</b> -World Kindness Day -Family Fun Night Tickets Pre-Sale -9:00 Stories that Soar Introductory Assembly -2:10 Reading Rockstars -2:15 Cross Country Practice -2:30 Dragon Choir	<b>14</b> - Family Fun Night Tickets Pre-Sale -2:10 Reading Rock Stars -2:10 Kinder Klub -2:30 Cross Country Championship	<b>15</b> - Family Fun Night Tickets Pre-Sale -7:30 PTO Meeting -6:00 District Orchestra Festival @ FWHS	<b>16</b> - Family Fun Night Tickets Pre-Sale - Thanksgiving Turkey Lunch -2:30 Pomline Practice -2:10 Kinder Klub -6:00 District Band Festival @ FWHS	<b>17</b> - Family Fun Night Tickets Pre-Sale -Midterms Distributed -9:00 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Presidio San Agustin -4:30 Fall Family Fun Night
<b>20 NO SKILLS</b> No Reading Rockstars No Dragon Choir	<b>21 NO SKILLS</b> - 9:30 TSO Ensemble Visits 3rd & 4th Grade No Reading Rockstars No Kinder Klub	<b>22 NO SKILLS</b> Early Dismissal 12pm DAP Testing Window Closes	<b>23</b>  <b>No School!</b> Happy Thanksgiving! 	<b>24</b>
<b>27</b> -2:10 Reading Rockstars -2:30 Dragon Choir	<b>28</b> -2:10 Reading Rockstars -2:10 Kinder Klub	<b>29</b> -2:10 Student Council Meeting	<b>30</b> -2:10 Kinder Klub -2:30 Pomline Practice	



**kindWELLness Spirit Week**



# GRADE LEVEL NEWS



Happy November!

Kindergarten will be visiting the Reid Park Zoo at the end of the month, so please keep an eye out for a permission slip. We will continue to learn about places in our community and start our unit on how to be a healthy kindergartener! Your child will be working on identifying beginning, middle, and ending sounds in words. Please make sure to continue reading to your child every night and practicing those sight words.

We are so thankful to have your support this school year.

Your Kindergarten Teachers



## 1st Grade

Hi 1st Grade Families,

It's hard to believe that November is here! In 1st Grade we are busy working on our reading and math fact fluency. Please have your students read out loud to you every night! We are also preparing for our December Musical. Keep your eyes out for information from your student's teachers and Mrs. Lozano.

Thank you to everyone who attended conferences and to everyone who donated or volunteered to make our First Grade Fall Festival a success!

Don't forget, we do need volunteers for the Family Fun Night on the 17th. Please reach out to your student's teacher to sign up!

Finally, thank you for having your child here, everyday and on time, for our important learning!

Ms. Kiecolt, Ms. Powers, and Mrs. Thomas



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

It's that time of the year where we give thanks and appreciate the little things in our lives! We are so thankful to be spending more time with your child and working hard to get them ready for 3rd grade. We have been busy bees in 2nd grade by writing paragraphs, introducing geometry, and reading stories that teach us valuable life lessons. The Magic Box will also

be here at the school through the month of November. This is an opportunity for your child to use their imagination and creativity to come up with an original writing piece. We encourage families to take time with your child and create stories together at home! Thank you to those who attended conferences in October. It was so great speaking with you and discussing your child's progress this year. As we enter the 2nd quarter, we are working towards becoming more independent and responsible at school as well as at home.

This month, we will take time to focus on giving thanks to important people and parts in our lives. We really appreciate all that you do to support your child's learning. Please continue to check your child's homework folder for daily homework and flyers regarding important updates. There are a few upcoming holidays during this month. There will be no school on November 10 due to Veteran's day. There will be a half day on November 22nd and no school on the 23rd and 24th due to Thanksgiving break. We also hope to see you for our Family Fall Night on November 17th.

Thank you again for all of your generous classroom donations of snacks and supplies. Your support helps us stay safe, prepared and our bellies full throughout the day.

-Your Second Grade Team-

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



November is here and so is the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter! We really enjoyed meeting with the parents that came for conferences. Now that we have one quarter over it is a good time to start making goals with your student for this quarter. Getting to school on time is very important, so continue to get here with enough time for breakfast before the bell.

Please have your child practicing their math facts at home and memorizing their multiplication facts as this will help students with their understanding and fluency with division! Third graders are also learning and practicing their cursive every day. It is a good idea to be practicing at home too.

We have another field trip at the end of this month to the Presidio San Agustin Museum to learn about life in the early days of Arizona. This trip will need to be earned with good behavior and homework and classwork effort.

Please remember that it is important to turn in homework every day and read the assigned passage and answer the questions every night. Students who do not complete their work will miss out on class activities, class rewards, and class field trips. Please continue to call or visit any of the teachers if you have any problems.

Thank you,  
Your Third Grade Teachers



# 4th Grade



Hello 4th Grade Parents!

Please continue to focus on reading comprehension and math problem solving by completing the Reading Log after 20 minutes of reading and completing math homework with your child each week. Also, having your child on time and present each and every school day will help your child be successful.

Finally, we very much appreciate continued donations of dry erase markers, hand sanitizer, tissues, and snacks! Thank you Parents and Guardians for all that you do!

- 4th Grade



# 5th Grade

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

Thank you to all the families that attended the first quarter conferences to discuss your child's report card. Friday, the 3rd at 8:15 will be a Dragons of Character assembly in the MPR. There will be a practice school lockdown on Tuesday, the 7th. We will be heading to the Desert Museum on the 8th for a full day field trip. Please pack a healthy lunch with water bottles, as well as wearing sneakers, sunscreen, and a hat. On the 9th, TEP will be doing an onsite energy presentation. On Friday, the 10th, there will be no school in observation of Veterans' Day. Homer Davis will host their annual Turkey Trot during specials classes on the 17th. Midterms go home on Friday the 17th. The 17th is also our Family Fun Night at Homer Davis from 4:30 to 6:30. Thank you to those that have already volunteered to help the grade level bean bag toss. Please contact your child's teacher if you are now available to volunteer for a 30 minute block of time. We will host our classroom and grade level Spelling Bee the week of the 20th. Please sign and return these on the following school day. The 22nd is a ½ day to start Thanksgiving Break. There is no school on Thursday the 23rd and Friday, the 24th due to Thanksgiving Break. Thank you for your continued support and making sure that your child is completing their homework daily. Please keep practicing your math facts and reading with your child nightly. Please continue to assist your child with their daily homework to increase their success.

-Ms. Chavez, Mr. Logsdon, and Mr. Van Derlaske



# 6th Grade

Thank you to all of the parents who made time in their busy schedules to attend parent teacher conferences. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is off to a great start! We will be taking a field trip November 8 & 9 to the FW Jr. High & the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Be on the lookout for the permission slips. It's going to be a busy month; your support is extremely helpful! Please continue to encourage your child to complete their homework and give their best effort.

Thank you,  
Sixth Grade Team



As the Second Quarter gets going, so does our performance schedule. Every grade will go on stage at some point this year, and we have a couple of them coming up. Here's a look at what your child is doing in music:

**Kindergarten-** We are exploring music and learning about comparatives like high and low, slow, and fast and loud and quiet. We are starting to play some instruments and getting used to our four different types of voices: singing, shouting, speaking and whisper.

**1<sup>st</sup> grade:** We have started work on our upcoming program- "This Old Gingerbread House!" This will debut in December, so be on the lookout for special communication about this event.

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade:** 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have just finished up doing music that sounds spooky or has a spooky theme. We are excited to move into Thanksgiving and fall themed songs while playing instruments, learning new rhythms, and adding to solfa street.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be on stage on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students have been working very hard on this Veteran's Day performance, so please come join us for the fun!

**4<sup>th</sup> grade:** We continue working on recorder. We should now be able to play B, A, G and E on our recorder and recognize them on the music staff. Have your child practice for you and demonstrate what they know!

**5<sup>th</sup> grade:** We are continuing our work with music from different cultures. Orchestra students are learning how to play with fingers down and their bows.

**6<sup>th</sup> grade:** We are working on new rhythms and notes on the staff. Orchestra students are preparing for the District Orchestra Festival on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Dragon Choir:** We are juggling a lot of balls in the air by working on music for our District Choral Festival in January, as well as some holiday music for the Holiday Sing Along. Please make sure that your child is attending every practice if they are a part of Dragon Choir!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions!  
- Mrs. Lozano

## Dragon Sports

Thank you, Mrs. Abrams and Ms. Powers, for coaching another great Cross Country season!

### Upcoming Cross Country Meets

Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Hendricks

Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Christopher Columbus Park

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Christopher Columbus Park

The next sport will be Flag Football with Coach Roberts.

# OCTOBER OPTIMIST

## Lee Fernandez Angulo

Lee Fernandez Angulo is the definition of what an “Optimistic” student should be! She has overcome many challenges while at Homer Davis. Despite having to learn English, Lee is demonstrating success in math, reading fluency, writing endurance, and speaking to others. Her confidence is blossoming over the 1st quarter of 5th grade, and it shows by volunteering oral responses to share with the class. Additionally, Lee is always smiling and has a positive attitude regardless of challenges faced outside of school. She has preserved after a devastating house fire and a family situation which both occurred last school year. Lee’s ethics and outlook on life should be emulated by all her peers.

~Mr. Van Derlaske & Mrs. Pina



Way to go!!!

## Angelinda Navarro

Angelinda Navarro is starting off 5th grade in a positive way to inspire her classmates to emulate her work ethics. She is staying on top of her homework and classwork. Her handwriting is so sharp, Mr. V. needs to get lessons from Angelinda! When she shows her work, it is always completed with clear steps that are easy to follow. Angelinda is a messenger daily that helps the front office with dismissal changes. She is also part of the 5th grade orchestra and learning to play the violin. Homer Davis is excited for a great year in 5th grade as Angelinda continues to grow and excel!

~Mr. Van Derlaske

# Quarter 1 Honor Roll

## Blue

### 4th

Gunnar Florez  
Victoria Hoyos  
Dominic Pena  
Juanita Aviles Salinas  
Landon Logsdon  
Markus Worcester  
Jullian Bailey  
Antonio Garcia  
Ezra Hall  
Kaydin Larson  
Angel Martinez Corrales  
Giselle Martinez  
Isaias Perez Mayren  
Arlette Tapia  
Joseph Taylor

### 5th

Kaylani Andrade  
Yahir Bustamante  
Sofia Esquer  
Santiago Garcia  
Veronica Hasman  
Leonardo Sebastian Valenzuela Verdugo  
Zachariah Farrar  
Benji Lopez  
Angelinda Navarro  
Isabella Somoza

### 6th

Dora Espinoza Morales  
Sebastian Lara  
Dimitri Peterson  
Keyla Alcantar Islas  
Javier Bustamante Cruz  
Miguel Hernandez  
Easton Knight  
Nicholas Mata-Gilligan  
Elias Perez  
Bryan Santeliz Martinez  
Keanna Torres

## Gold

### 4th

Paco Montano-Chavez

### 5th

Mareline Leon Torres  
Yaheli Dominguez  
Analie Sanchez  
Joseph Sandoval



# November Building Blocks of Character



**Carlos Lopez**



Show your  
Homer Davis Pride  
with some spirit wear!

Your purchase helps support  
Homer Davis  
with a percentage of your sales  
going right back to our school!  
Just scan the QR Code and start  
shopping!

**1ST PLACE**   
*Spiritwear*



## **REMINDER: DISTRICT-WIDE LOCKDOWN DRILL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH**

### ***HOMER DAVIS PARENTS AND FAMILIES:***

On Tuesday, November 7th, we will be conducting a lockdown drill. During this drill, we will have a teacher standing and waving a red flag, representing the presence of a dangerous person on campus. When students hear the lockdown notification, they will stop to assess whether they can see or hear the teacher with the red flag. Then they will practice how they would respond if a dangerous person were on campus during lunchtime.

Before the drill, teachers will review the specific procedures your child should follow in this situation. Your child will also learn the name of the teacher who will be waving the flag, and where that teacher will be located. The only detail that your child will not learn ahead of the drill is the exact time during lunch when the drill will occur.

Thank you for your continued support as we practice our emergency plan procedures. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Nogami at (520)696-8250.

## **RECORDATORIO: SIMULACRO DE CIERRE ESCOLAR EN TODO EL DISTRITO MARTES, 7 DE NOVIEMBRE**

### ***PADRES Y FAMILIAS DE HOMER DAVIS:***

El martes, 7 de noviembre, llevaremos a cabo un simulacro de cierre escolar. Durante este simulacro, tendremos a un maestro de pie con una bandera roja, representando la presencia de una persona peligrosa en el campus. Cuando los estudiantes escuchen el aviso de cierre, tendrán que parar para evaluar si pueden ver o escuchar al maestro con la bandera roja. Entonces, tendrán que practicar cómo responderían si una persona peligrosa estuviese en el campus durante el almuerzo.

Antes del simulacro, los maestros revisarán los procedimientos específicos que su niño debe de seguir en este tipo de situación. También, su niño aprenderá el nombre del maestro que estará mostrando la bandera, y dónde estará localizado. El único detalle que su niño no sabrá antes del simulacro es la hora exacta durante el almuerzo cuando el simulacro ocurrirá.

Gracias por su apoyo continuo mientras practicamos nuestros procedimientos de emergencia. Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, comuníquese con Mr. Nogami al Tel. (520)696-8250.

# ***Thanksgiving Lunch***

***Thursday, November 16th***

***Join us for a delicious lunch!***



**Ticket Price: \$4.75 each (cash only)**

**On sale until Wednesday, November 8th only**



## **Lunch Schedule**

**Kinder 10:30-10:50**

**1st & 2nd 11:15-11:35**

**3rd & 4th 11:45-12:05**

**5th & 6th 12:10-12:30**

***This event is open to parents, guardians, and emergency contacts only***

***Must present ticket to attend***

**Meal tickets for sale in front office**

**Picture I.D. required when coming on campus**



# ***Almuerzo de Acción de Gracias***

***jueves, 16 de noviembre***



***Venga a disfrutar de un delicioso almuerzo!***

**Precio de boletos: \$4.75 cada uno**  
(solamente efectivo)

**Boletos a la venta hasta el **miércoles 8 de noviembre****



## **Horario de Almuerzo**

**Kinder 10:30-10:50**

**1st & 2nd 11:15-11:35**

**3rd & 4th 11:45-12:05**

**5th & 6th 12:10-12:30**

*Este evento está abierto únicamente a padres, tutores y contactos de emergencia.*

***Debe presentar boleto para asistir***

Boleto de comida en venta en la oficina

**Identificación con foto requerido para ingresar al campus**

# FLOWING WELLS HOMECOMING PARADE!

Join Homer Davis Student Council and Pomline by walking in the parade with us. Meet us at the Flowing Wells High School bus bay at 5:00. Wear your purple and teal!

\*\*\*All students must be accompanied by an adult!



**HOMER DAVIS**  
**= DRAGONS =**



# PTO NEWS

## Family Fall Night

Friday Nov. 17  
4:30pm-6:30pm

Fun games, a movie, family photos,  
face painting

Pre-Sale Tickets for games  
available for purchase  
Monday Nov.13- Friday Nov.17  
before school  
(CASH ONLY)

## Up Coming Events

November -  
Turkey Trot  
Family Fall Night  
December-  
Holiday Grams

Shop 1st Place  
Spiritwear  
for your  
Homer Davis  
Swag!



Join Us  
During Our  
Next Meeting  
Wednesday  
Nov.15 2023  
7:30am  
in the library

Check us out on  
facebook.  
Homerdavispto

**VOLUNTEER!**  
WE NEED YOU. YES YOU.





**Tuesday Nov. 14**  
More Kindness  
Your Highness!  
Dress like royalty  
as we practice  
self care!



**Monday Nov. 13**

flowingWELLs  
Wear blue and  
gold to show  
your FW spirit!



**Wednesday  
Nov. 15**

Kindness Wins!  
Wear your exercise  
gear and your  
favorite team jersey  
or colors!



# kindWELLness week

Join us at the Be Kind  
Mural each morning for  
a fun activity!

**Thursday  
Nov. 16**

Kindness Undercover!  
Wear your camo  
for the Turkey  
Trot and do some  
secret kindness  
missions!



**Friday Nov. 17**

Healthy, Happy Dragons!  
Wear your purple and  
teal and show off how  
healthy and kind Homer  
Davis is!





# LOST AND FOUND



**Please stop by our lost and found to pick up your students lost items.**

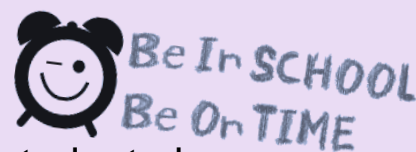
**Por favor pase por nuestro centro de objetos perdidos para recoger los artículos perdidos de su estudiante.**

**\*All remaining items will be donated at the end of every quarter.**

**\*Todos los artículos restantes serán donados al final de cada trimestre.**



# Parent Information



## Parents/Guardians

- Please call our **Attendance Line** at [696-4805](tel:696-4805) to report student absences.
- Be sure to ALWAYS bring picture I.D.
- The bell rings at 7:55am.
- Tardy students must be signed in by an adult after 8:45am.
- The cutoff time for signing out students is 1:45pm.
- Please be sure to update the school with changes to your contact information (phone #, address, and email) in order to receive important school-wide notifications.
- Log in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal to access grades, attendance, fee information, and registration information. Please contact us if you need help logging in or creating an account.
- Remember to check the LOST AND FOUND for missing items.

### Important Phone Numbers

**Attendance Line: 520-696-4805**

Front Office: 520-696-8250

Health Office: 520-696-8252

Skills for Success: 520-442-7989

Homer Davis Y.E.S: 520-696-8397

### Homer Davis Text Message Notifications

Please text the word **YES** to **67587** to receive text notifications from our school. Remember to do this each time you change phone number!



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[davis.flowingwellsschools.org](http://davis.flowingwellsschools.org)

or

Click Here: [\*\*Homer Davis\*\*](#)

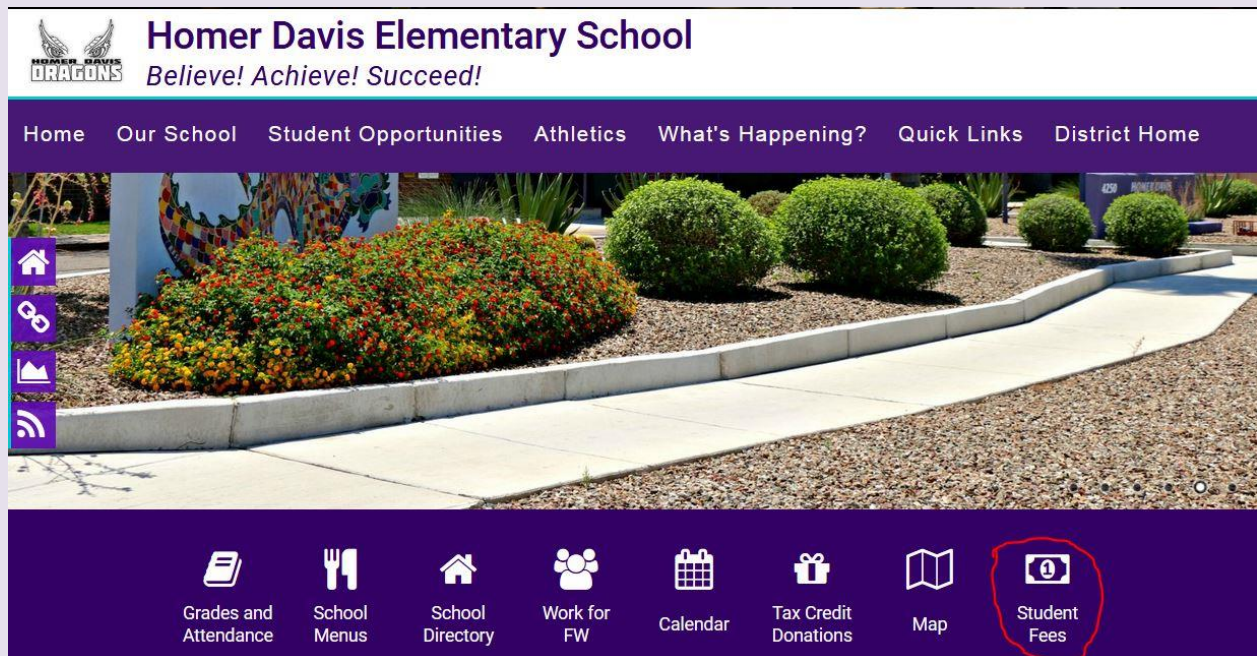
# Community News

## Need to Pay your Childs school fees?

We have made it easier for you. You can now find a link on our Website Homepage.  
Look for the "Student Fees" Link!

## ¿Necesita pagar las cuotas escolares de su hijo?

Te lo hemos puesto más fácil. Ahora puede encontrar un enlace en la página de inicio de nuestro sitio web. ¡Busque el enlace "Student Fees"!



Please check your PowerSchool parent portal to review fees on your student's account.

Consulte su portal para padres de PowerSchool para revisar las tarifas en la cuenta de su estudiante.

