

# Roadrunner Review



## Principal's Point

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a fabulous new school year at M.C. Cash, an A+ School of Excellence™. We are very excited about the 2015-2016 school year and know that it promises to be our best year yet filled with opportunities for our students and parents. This will be a wonderful year filled with meaningful, engaging, and rigorous work in the classrooms and multiple opportunities for students to engage in extracurricular clubs and activities, performing arts groups, and athletic teams and events.

Below you will find the Treasure Hunter Pledge. Don't forget to pledge to your child daily.

## Kids at Hope: Treasure Hunter Pledge

As an adult and a Treasure Hunter,

I am committed to search for all the talents, skills and intelligence that exists in all children and youth.

I believe all children are capable of success. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

## What's Happening

### August 13

- Governing Board Meeting @ Laveen Education Center 6:00pm

### August 19

- No School—Full Day PD

### August 20

- AIMSweb Testing

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- Curriculum Night and Title I Parent Night 6:00pm

### August 24

- Galileo Testing

### August 31

- Booster Club Meeting 3:00 PM

### September 4

- Student of the Month Breakfast @ Cash Library 7:00 AM

### September 7

- No School: Labor Day

### September 9

- Early Release 11:30 AM

## Attendance Requirements (Arizona Revised Statute 15-802)

Any child between the ages of 6-16 years of age is required to attend school in the State of Arizona. The Truancy Procedure—If a child is habitually truant, a letter will be sent home advising the parent/guardian of the absences. If the child begins attending school on a regular basis no further action will be taken. If a child continues to miss school after the warning letter has been sent out, that child will be issued a citation for being habitually truant (A.R.S. 15-803.) The child will then be required to appear in Juvenile Court with their parent/guardian to explain the reason the child is not attending school as required by law. This applies to children 8 years of age and above. If a child under the age of 8 years old is not attending school, a warning letter will be sent home to the parent/guardian about the issue. If the truancy continues, the parent/guardian will be held responsible.

## On Time Arrival Requirements



School begins at 7:30am. A warning bell will ring at 7:20am to notify students to line up with their class to be picked up by their teacher and walk quietly to their classroom. A second bell will ring at 7:27 to urge students to get to class quickly, and a 7:30am bell will ring indicating the start of the school day. Students who arrive to class after the 7:30am bell rings are tardy and must have a Tardy Pass to enter. This is true for students who are even 1 minute late.

**Students who are tardy to school MUST sign in at the office.**

## Parents...



## Dismissal Change Requests/ Messages

**In order to help ensure that students receive messages related to dismissal changes (transportation/ pick-up arrangements) before the end of the day, we ask that parents to call the front office no later than 2:00pm.**

## Early Dismissal Procedures

Please be sure to allow up to **10-15 minutes** when needing to take your child out of school early, along with being sure to **provide proper identification**. We **cannot** release a child to any individual that is not listed on the child's pick up/emergency contact list.



## Birthday Treats/ Parties

### Friendly Reminder...

Parents, please be sure to coordinate with your child's teacher when planning to bring in treats for your child's birthday.



In addition, being that we do have children on campus with allergies, all treats/ snacks must be **STORE BOUGHT** only.

## SITE COUNCIL

Join us for our monthly site council meetings and learn more about what is happening at M.C. Cash. Take this opportunity to work with school staff and other parents to provide our students with the best educational opportunities. Site Council meetings are held the first Monday of the month from 4:00-5:00 pm. Site Council meeting dates are listed below:

September 14, 2015

October 12, 2015

November 9, 2015

December 7, 2015

January 11, 2016

February 1, 2016

March 7, 2016

April 4, 2016

May 2, 2016

## **Parent Involvement in Education Notice**

The Laveen School District, in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 15-102 and A.R.S. 15-341 and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act [PL 107-110, Section 1111(i)(6)], offers all parents and guardians of pupils enrolled at M.C. Cash, access to the resumes of instructional personnel. If you would like to review the resume(s) of your child's teacher(s), please contact the school at (602) 237-9120. We will schedule a time for you to review that information in the school office.



Are you interested in becoming a Roadrunner Booster Club Member? Please contact Mr. Carroll or the front office with your name, phone number and email address. Come join the fun!!

# Be Healthy ☀️ Be Happy



### **Breakfast: The most important meal of the day!**

*Eating a nutritionally balanced breakfast can help your child do their best every day.*

*Our breakfasts include whole grains, fruits, and vegetables.  
Milk and 100% juice are always offered.  
Join us 30 minutes before school.*

**Served free to all students, every day.**  
**It's a good start to a great day!**

**Dear Cash Families,**

**MC Cash Elementary is excited to be a P.B.I.S. school. P.B.I.S. is a school-wide, researched-based program that is designed to teach and promote positive behaviors demonstrated by our students. The program is called Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports or P.B.I.S.**

**PBIS is a framework used to clearly identify positive behaviors. These behaviors are expected of students in all areas of the school including classrooms, hallways, restrooms, the cafeteria, and the playgrounds. The PBIS model focuses on teaching, modeling, and then re-teaching positive behavior.**

**We will use “Cash Cash” and positive referrals to celebrate students’ positive behaviors at school. The MC Cash Elementary behavior expectations are detailed in our positive behavior matrix that is included in your student/parent handbook.**

**We have designed these behaviors around the theme “Roadrunners R.A.C.E. to excellence! R.A.C.E. stands for Respectful, Accountable, Committed to a safe school and Engaged. We expect all of our Cash Roadrunners to model positive behavior. Please ask your students about their R.A.C.E. behaviors and encourage them to work toward earning positive referrals and “Cash Cash”.**

**We are excited to work together to ensure that all of our students R.A.C.E. to excellence!**

# In a temporary living arrangement?

Are you currently experiencing temporary living arrangements due to eviction, job loss, or a traumatic event? Laveen Elementary School District offers services to families through the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

The act requires that children and families who are in a temporary living situation be offered services and supports. Services provided can include enrollment assistance, nutrition services, clothing or school supplies, community referrals, and in some cases transportation. If you are living in any of the following temporary circumstances: with another family or friend due to financial hardship, living in a shelter, transitional housing, in a hotel/motel, or an unaccompanied youth in foster care, you may fit the criteria for assistance under this act.

Please contact Kim Kennedy at 602-237-9100, ext. 3051, or at [kkennedy@laveeneld.org](mailto:kkennedy@laveeneld.org) to inquire further about qualifying for this program.



## Donations

The health offices are always in need of new or gently used uniform items and new underwear. If you come home with a change of office, please return them to the next child that may have been given a new pair. If you have had an accident at school, please bring a new pair back to school. Children that have frequent bathroom accidents are welcome to leave a spare change of clothes in the health office.



your child has come home with clothes from the health office, please wash and ready for need them. If your child has a change of underwear due to an accident, please be courteous and send a

## Gifted Education Program:

The Laveen Elementary School District believes that early identification is important for the intellectual and emotional health of gifted children because it enables early intervention. Consequently, the Governing Board of the Laveen Elementary School District has adopted a multifaceted approach to screening and identification. Students who exhibit gifted characteristics may be referred for gifted testing. Copies of referral forms are available at all district schools and the district office. Gifted referral forms will be provided to all parents or guardians upon request. Gifted services are provided at each school in the Laveen District.

Laveen's gifted program is designed to encourage excellence and optimal talent development among gifted students. Instruction for gifted students K-8 is individualized through differentiated instruction in the classroom on a daily basis.

Appropriate modifications are made in the learning environment and in the complexity and organization of content to be mastered. Learning and thinking process are emphasized. A variety of service options are provided to enhance the unique potentials of each gifted student. Please contact Rowe Van Meter, Gifted Education Instructional Coach for more information. [rvanmeter@laveeneld.org](mailto:rvanmeter@laveeneld.org)

**The Gifted Education L.E.A.A.P. Program welcomes back all the gifted students and their parents. This year's enrichment theme is "Building Intelligent Cities." Students will experience a multi-disciplinary exploration as they learn why people create cities, how cities evolve, how cities can be sustainable, and how they use technology to manage information, resources and energy. Look for newsletters and flyers on green paper for this year's gifted events including parent classes, field trips, and family enrichment nights.**