MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Pendergast Staff and Community,

What a year this has been for everyone. As your board president, and member of an amazing governing board, we are grateful to the students, staff, families and community who came together in support of each other and our schools and district.

On behalf of the entire board, Jose Arenas, Senator Martin Quezada, Hilda Ortega-Rosales, Susan Serin and myself, thank you doesn’t seem enough when expressing gratitude. However, in Pendergast District, we work to show our appreciation each day.

Every department and school did its part to provide an outstanding educational experience whether it be virtual or in person. As a parent of a first grade student and an educator, we learned together how to navigate new territory with devices and technology. The support was continuous and our staff made sure to check-in on a consistent bases.

As we look to the new year, we honor the past and all that we have experienced and look towards a promising future. In this issue of our Annual Report, you will see our accomplishments highlighted and things to look forward to. As a district we pride ourselves in innovation-discovery-teamwork-collaboration-critical thinking-creativity and leadership that happens everyday on our twelve campuses. Thank you for being part of Pendergast District where we empower excellence and success in all we do!

Jete White
Pendergast Governing Board President
Dear Pendergast Staff and Community,

After seven amazing years in Pendergast District, it was time for me to retire and pursue a new journey to spend more time with family. I am so proud of the work we have achieved and the accomplishments we have made together.

When I began in the district, my goal, along with our governing board, was to always make decisions that are in the best interest of our students. Together we built academies to provide excellence and innovation for our students, created the Eighth Grade Superintendent’s Student Council to build leadership capacity and college and career readiness for students, launched the B.E.E.S. Institute where we had a multitude of graduates who learned together and better served our diverse populations of students, and began Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life conference and movement where thousands of students and staff members came together to be empowered and learn how to eradicate bullying, youth issues and prevent youth suicide. We put our focus on the support for schools and through the strategic plan, elevated student achievement and professional development with our staff.

We began community programs such as our Lunch & Learns, passed elections and made Pendergast the pride of the West Valley. We did this together and now it is time for me to pass the torch to an outstanding educator and leader, with my deepest respect and regard, Dr. Jennifer Cruz. Dr. Cruz has already made positive contributions to the district with her Profile of a Graduate, new academies, and so much more. I believe in you and all the future will hold. Best of luck to each of you and I will always be with you as a Pendergast Bee-liever!

Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux
Pendergast Superintendent
INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE

The Pendergast Elementary School District is leading the way with a variety of new and innovative learning opportunities to choose from. We are very proud to offer the very best educational experience for our over 9,000 students, staff, families and the communities of Avondale, Glendale and Phoenix that we serve. Our twelve schools offer safe and secure campuses with individualized programs designed to help each student succeed and develop to his or her own potential.

OUR VISION
Empowering Excellence and Success

OUR MISSION
Pendergast Elementary School District provides a quality education for all students so they can compete globally in their future endeavors and aspirations.

OUR BELIEFS
Pendergast sets high expectations! We provide diverse educational experiences for all students to have the knowledge, skills and opportunities that prepare them for the future.

OUR MOTTO
We “BEE”-lieve in you!

“The experiences I received and lessons I learned in the Pendergast District are still making a huge impact on my life.”
- Hannah Pohlmeyer, Former Student at Canyon Breeze Elementary School
ABOUT THE PENDERGAST DISTRICT

In 1885, the Pendergast Elementary School District was established in a farming community serving 100 students in one school.

The educational philosophy was firmly rooted in the belief that the community, staff and parents must act as a “family,” providing the academic, social and emotional support necessary to nurture capable, independent young minds.

PENDERGAST BY THE NUMBERS

SPEAK UP, STAND UP, SAVE A LIFE

The Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life Conference went virtual this year and had over 10,000 attendees from over 250 schools worldwide attend the virtual conference in January to learn about preventing bullying and teen suicide.

PENDERGAST HAS 12 CAMPUSES

Pendergast has 12 campuses covering 20 square miles.

We serve approximately 9,000 preschool through 8th grade students.

GRANTS AWARDED

$15,196,778

5-STAR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Pendergast District is proud of our quality preschool programs. All of our preschool sites exceed quality standards. Preschool classrooms are located at three PESD school sites, including Villa de Paz (Highest Quality, 5-star rating), Desert Mirage (Quality Plus, 4-star rating) and Sonoran Sky (Quality Plus, 4-star rating). Our preschool classrooms provide a quality early learning setting, with highly-qualified staff focused on the health and safety of students including providing consistent, positive interactions to give young children the individual attention they need.

Our Students

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SERVING FAMILIES IN NEW WAYS

The pandemic gave us the opportunity to serve our families in new ways!

Since March, 2020, the Pendergast Elementary School District has served more than 2 MILLION MEALS including more than 60,000 via bus routes.

Our schools deployed over 4,000 CHROMEBOOKS and 200 WIFI HOTSPOTS.
Profile of a Graduate

The Pendergast Elementary School district provides a quality education for all students so they can compete globally in their future endeavors and aspirations.

- **Collaborator**
  - Demonstrates Emotional Intelligence, Interpersonal Skills, and Being Relationship Driven

- **Problem Solver**
  - Demonstrates a Growth Mindset, Critical Thinking, and Responsible Risk Taking

- **Communicator**
  - Demonstrates Ability to Convey Information, Express Ideas, and Possesses Active Listening Skills

- **Career Success Skills**
  - Demonstrates Initiative, Creativity, Academic Proficiency, and Leadership Skills

- **Character**
  - Demonstrates Integrity, Empathy, Perseverance, and Values Equity

- **Technology Skills**
  - Demonstrates Information and Media Literacy
Pendergast School District is excited to provide students with the opportunity to participate in our Academies. The goal of our Academies is academic excellence, with a balance of science, technological literacy, engineering, art, and mathematics.

**AMBERLEA ELEMENTARY**
- Redefining Academics Through Music - 1st Grade

**COPPER KING ELEMENTARY**
- Environmental Engineering & Science - 7th & 8th Grade

**GARDEN LAKES ELEMENTARY**
- GCON Design & Build - 7th & 8th Grade

**PENDERGAST ELEMENTARY**
- Cultural Awareness - 5th Grade
- Sustainable Design - 7th & 8th Grade

**SONORAN SKY ELEMENTARY**
- Agriculture Ecosystems - 3rd & 4th Grade
- Dual Language - Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

**SUNSET RIDGE ELEMENTARY**
- Dual Language - Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

**VILLA DE PAZ ELEMENTARY**
- Computer Science Academy - Kindergarten through 8th Grade

**ACADEMY EXPANSION ON THE WAY FOR 2021-22!**
EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

DESERT MIRAGE ELEMENTARY
- SPARK (Sensory, Patterns, Analytics, Rhythms, Kinetics) - Kindergarten
- Bobcats on Broadway Theatre - 1st Grade
- Atmosphere, Aerospace, Animation - 2nd Grade
- STEAM Exploration & Investigations - 3rd Grade
- Energy, Conservation & Efficiency - 4th Grade
- Leadership, Athletics & Arts - 5th Grade
- Orcutt | Winslow Planning & Construction - 6th Grade
- Innovation, Design & Entrepreneurship Next Level Leadership - 7th Grade
- Banner Children’s Hospital Medical & Forensic Sciences - 8th Grade

ASU Prep Digital
Arizona State University

Pendergast District Focuses on Educational Equity with ASU Prep Digital Partnership

The partnership with ASU Prep Digital offered accredited high school coursework and instruction for Algebra, Geometry and English, taught by a certified teacher virtually across all twelve schools twice a week live and asynchronously three days a week.

Getting this head start allows students to have room in their high school schedule to get ahead for college or career training.
COMMUNITY ENGAGING OUR PENDERGAST PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

We would like to thank our Partners in Education who’s generosity helps us provide an educational experience beyond what is possible with public dollars. These partnerships are vital in helping the community and Pendergast grow together.

COMMUNITY PARTNER VIRTUAL LUNCH & LEARN

Superintendent Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux hosts a bi-monthly Community Partner Lunch & Learn virtually. This is an opportunity to network with other businesses, organizations and agencies and learn more about partnering with the District and its twelve schools.

PARENT VIRTUAL LUNCH & LEARN

A Bi-monthly Parent Lunch & Learn are offered virtually with topics that help parents navigate the world of education. Parents have the opportunity to meet each other and talk about common interests and issues. Lunches are informal and held in both English and Spanish.
**Pendergast Community Center**
This state-of-the-art resource center serves families throughout the entire West Valley. This inclusive facility brings together health and wellness, fitness, social services and educational organizations focused on meeting the diverse needs of the community.

**Pendergast Family Resource Center**
Through a partnership with First Things First, the Resource Center provides quality services centered on a holistic view of early childhood education with neighborhood outreach as a core component. Call 623-772-2339 for more information.

**Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life Conference**
Encouraging students to be aware of warning signs and to speak up to a trusted adult about depression, suicide, grief, abuse, and bullying is the first step in saving a life. The 2021 Speak Up Conference was held virtually and had over 10,000 attendees from over 250 schools worldwide.
ENGINEN OUR COMMUNITY

PENDERGAST PRIDE CLUB
We recognize the need for families to have an affordable before and after school program. The P.R.I.D.E. Club provides a safe environment where staff promote student participation in multiple engaging activities.

PENDERGAST LEARNING CENTER
The Pendergast Learning Center features spaces for teacher training, workshops and professional development; meetings by district and community members; and a West Valley site for forums, meetings, parties, receptions, anniversaries, Quinceañera, and other special occasions.

McKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS SERVICES
The Pendergast District provides a liaison for students experiencing homelessness located at the Pendergast Community Center. The McKinney-Vento resource liaison provides support to related local and state agencies to problem-solve to best meet the needs of identified students and their families.
ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY

THE BE KIND PEOPLE PROJECT
The Be Kind People Project offers unique and culturally relevant youth development programs that effectively combine academics, character education, fitness, nutrition, digital citizenship, civic awareness, teacher appreciation, and family engagement.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS
This annual FREE event invites our community to come learn about what Kindergarten will be like for their child. District kindergarten teachers are there to help prepare students and parents for school with a Readiness Handbook and tips for success.

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE
BEE-LIEVE IN OUR FAMILIES! Working in partnership with the Pendergast Foundation, this annual event benefits our Pendergast community. Participants can pick up a Santa Bee Gift Tag Request, donate games, sports equipment, etc. or make a monetary donation to the Pendergast Foundation.
Witnessed or know of any potentially dangerous activities at your school? Let us know by submitting an anonymous tip.

Report Threats

Report Safety Concerns

Report Crimes

An anonymous way to assist in making your school a safer community

Tips are submitted using an online form with the option of including contact information

Builds positive connections between students, Staff and district officials

Helps resolve problems in a safe and timely manner

Fosters a safe and more caring environment

Download the FREE app to your smart phone.

When launching the app for the first time, you will be prompted to enter the school district code. This code will link your Quick Tip app to the district form. The school district code is pesd92.

Or access QuickTip by visiting the Pendergast District website at

www.pesd92.org/quicktip
DISTRICT AWARDS

- Pendergast Elementary School District received a Census Grant from the City of Phoenix
- National School Board Association - First Place Magna Award for ASU Prep Digital Program
- Board Docs 100 - National Award for the Pendergast Elementary School District Governing Board
- Everfi - District Champion National Award
- Verizon Innovative Learning Initiative Grant for Amberlea, Desert Horizon and Villa de Paz Schools
- Amazon Future Engineers Program Grant for 11 Pendergast Schools
- Microsoft Large Community Empowerment Funds to serve 5,500 Pendergast Elementary School District students

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Johnny Martinez, Educational Services, Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life Difference Maker Award
- Jill Helland, Principal at Garden Lakes School, Maricopa County Exemplary Principal Award
- Jodi Daly, 5th grade teacher at Desert Horizon School received a Desert Financial Fiesta Bowl Charities Wishes for Teachers Grant
- Candy McOwen, 1st grade teacher at Garden Lakes School was the recipient of the Suntec Teacher Award
- Shaylyn Savage, Special Education teacher at Sunset Ridge School and Tim Ramsey, 7th grade Writing teacher at Westwind School were featured as AZ Central’s Amazing Teachers of the Month Program for October and November respectively.
- Jodi Daly, 4th grade teacher at Desert Horizon School, School Connect Hero Award
- John Carlo Tulinao, 1st grade teacher at Amberlea School, Shell Urban Teacher National Award winner
- Mike Woolsey, Principal of Pendergast School, Grand Canyon University STEM Principal of the Month
- Laura Stockmar, Human Resources, Arizona School Personnel Administrators Association Support Staff Member of the Year
BUILDING ON SUCCESS

FINANCIALS

PROJECTS FROM THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

- Roofing
- Interior/Exterior Projects
- Classroom Renovations
- Restroom Remodels
- Water Fountains
- Flooring
- Fire Alarms
- Security Cameras
- Districtwide Signage
- Playground Improvements
- Special Systems
- HVAC
- Parking Lots
- Transportation
- Technology
- Fencing
- Intercom
- Bell Systems
- Energy Management

The community's on-going support for our students, schools and staff has been demonstrated through the approval of Bonds in 2015. The District has been using this bond funding to repair and improve our schools and facilities, as well as, to vastly improve and upgrade technology for student learning and District communication.
The Pendergast Education Community Foundation is here to inspire, promote, and support; education and extracurricular programs for students and teachers, charitable health services for students in need, and enable professional growth and development opportunities for future and current teachers through financial assistance and scholarship programs.

Inspire, promote and support events such as extracurricular and educational programs for students and teachers.

Inspire, promote and support charitable health services to students who might otherwise not be able to feasibly obtain such health services.

Enabling professional growth and development opportunities for future and current teachers through financial assistance and scholarship programs.

FOUR OBJECTIVES TO SERVE PENDERGAST

1. Support student teachers with scholarships to help lower education costs. Support teachers and district staff with career specific training. Over $200,000 in scholarships awarded to date!

2. Promote healthcare for our under served students by providing funds for things like eye exams and glasses.

3. Support the staff with events such as the perfect attendance celebration and giveaways.

4. Promote student/parent interaction by supporting district activities.

How You Can Help

The Pendergast Elementary Community Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization with Tax ID 26-3207544. Donations of any size are welcome and typically tax deductible.

http://pendergastfoundation.org/
The 8th Grade Superintendent’s Student Council members build a strong connection to the schools and the District. The SCC strives to be influential leaders in their school and to play an integral role in spreading positive messages about Pendergast throughout the community. This is achieved by building relationships with our community partners. The goals of the group are to prepare for the future and learn more about opportunities available in high school and beyond.

Members participate in a variety of service projects including the annual toy drive, color fun run and Love Our Schools Day. The council also sews over 1000 pillows with a pocket to hold a book to give to every kindergartener at the end of the school year for the Pillows for Kiddos project. The service projects and leadership experiences build up to the year-end trip to Northern Arizona University in the Spring.

Participating in this group also involves the students in the political process and helps them better understand the flow and structure of a governing body. This includes three of the council participants being elected as Student Governing Board Members.
The ESSER monies are COVID-19 Federal Recovery Funds that have been allocated to school districts from the years 2020-2022, to utilize across the country, including the Pendergast Elementary School District.

There are three phases of ESSER funding:

- **ESSER I** - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)
- **ESSER II** - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA Act)
- **ESSER III** - American Rescue Plan (ARP)

The funds are flexible and designed to help address local recovery efforts in response to COVID-19. They are used to support all schools, students, and staff. The district has allocated the funds prudently that will be used for supporting effective learning environments, educational technology, summer learning and afterschool programs, maintaining operation of and continuity of services, improve preparedness and response efforts, before and after school programs and improving air quality.

The focus of the Pendergast funds is on curriculum, ensuring students have access to before and after school programs, summer school, tutoring programs to assist with any learning loss due to COVID-19, and health and safety supplies.

The Pendergast Elementary School District is fortunate to receive these funds that will be used to support all students and all staff members and are all deemed to be reasonable and necessary.
PENDERGAST LEADERSHIP

GOVERNING BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT

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President

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