MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT
What are 10 things I love about the Pendergast Elementary School District?

1) The best thing about the Pendergast Elementary School District is that it is a fantastic place to work and go to school!

2) I love the way our District is completely student oriented. Every decision, from budget to programs to safety encompass one thought, what is best for our students.

3) The teamwork exhibited by the Pendergast Elementary School District Board. There are five members who serve on the board. We work as a team to establish policy, approve the budget and support our students and staff. Hilda Ortega-Rosales, Senator Martin Quezada and Jose Arenas have served on the board for a number of years, as have I. We just welcomed our newest member, Jete White to the board.

4) Pendergast goes the extra mile to ensure communication with its parents. The District communicates with parents through robocalls, newsletters and teacher calls. We also hold Community Cabinet Breakfasts and parent luncheons. At these events, the District showcases what is going on with student programs.

5) The educational opportunities for students are amazing! A few of our STEAM programs include medical, leadership, architecture, water conservation and more. We also offer dual language in three schools.

6) The District recognizes the importance of early childhood learning. We have three early learning centers located strategically throughout the District. These centers provide parent workshops, information on school readiness, as well as, information on health and nutrition. The early learning centers have story time, play groups, as well as, coffee time for parents and community.

7) Our students and staff stand up to bullying. Every morning, our students recite and live by the Bee Kind Pledge. Additionally, the District hosted the third annual Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life Conference with over 5,000 participants attending. The conference taught techniques on what to do if fellow students are harassed and bullied, as well as, the warning signs of someone who may be depressed and contemplating suicide. Students then continue the discussion and create action plans back at their campuses.
We always look forward to connecting with our students, staff, families and the communities we serve. In the forefront of our work is always our strategic plan we have set forth for success for students. You can learn more about the District by visiting our website at www.pesd92.org.

Remember, Pendergast is the District that BELIEVES in You! We hope you will join us at one of our community breakfasts, parent lunches, and school or District events. We are welcoming new families and promise to provide an outstanding education for the entire family.

Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux
Pendergast Superintendent
January 22, 2019 at Grand Canyon University, was truly a sight to behold. The GCU arena was filled with students, volunteers, law enforcement, business supporters and government officials, all committed to helping build a bright future for schools, districts, and communities.

BY THE NUMBERS

5000 students, staff and community members from 158 SCHOOLS and 38 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

9 POLICE CHIEFS
5 ASSISTANT CHIEFS
135 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Conference founders and dynamic leaders Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux, Pendergast District Superintendent, and Gina Godberehere, Northwest Bureau Chief of the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, met and formed the initial idea for the conference while being class members of Leadership West Class 22. Everyone who attended were inspired by the presenters, the Difference Maker Award Winners and others involved who all came committed to learn to Speak Up, Stand Up and Save a Life! Planning has already begun for the 2020 conference to be held next January.

Witnessed or know of any potentially dangerous activities at your school? Let us know by submitting an anonymous tip.

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Or access Quick Tip by visiting the Pendergast District website at www.pesd92.org/quicktip.

Jete White is the newest Pendergast District board member, beginning his first, two year term on January 15, 2019. Jete is an educator in his 10th year in education and has a wide array of experiences ranging from teaching English, social studies, and math, as an instructional coach, and currently teaching high school algebra. Jete holds a master’s degree in secondary education and a master’s in Administration.

Jete and his wife are the proud parents of two young daughters, Lauren and Katie. Lauren will begin kindergarten next year in the Dual Language program at Sonoran Sky Elementary. Jete ran for the Pendergast board because he felt there was not a current classroom teacher or parent of school aged children on the board and believes those voices are vital. Most important to Jete as a board member is doing what is best for students. That means fostering a culture that is solution-oriented and takes into account feedback from all stakeholders.
The Villa de Paz Elementary School Ballet Folklórico is an outstanding program that is under the direction of Gabriela Resendiz, community member, and Belinda Quezada, principal of Villa de Paz Elementary. The Ballet Folklórico started in November of 2017 with 40 students. The students range in age from 5 (Kindergarten) to 13 (8th grade). The purpose is to continue to teach students the history, art, riches, and beauty of the Mexican culture through dance. The focus of the group is on discipline and high academic achievement. Students build their self-esteem and confidence levels through their dancing and being able to speak about the meaning of the various dances. Pendergast is very proud of the students and all that they have accomplished, including performing at the Parada Del Sol Parade in Scottsdale on February 9.

The Villa de Paz community is fortunate to keep the history and Hispanic culture alive for generations to enjoy.

LEAD CONFERENCE AND TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Pendergast students and District advisors had an amazing opportunity to present at the Leadership, Experience and Development Conference in Washington, D.C. that offered leadership skills development to students and advisors. At LEAD, participants sharpened their leadership skills to improve their school culture and community while networking with their peers from around the country. Presenting at the conference and touring Washington, D.C. and George Washington University, the 8th Grade Superintendent’s Student Council combined modeling, mentoring and mindfulness for these twenty-four student leaders, representing all twelve schools in the Pendergast District.

The workshop they presented combined role playing, videos and discussion, so the audience could learn how to replicate this model of success. Student leadership in the year 2019 requires a new way of thinking and collaborating. In this workshop, participants learned how the award-winning Pendergast District is breaking new ground and innovating with the Eighth Grade Superintendent’s Student Council and the Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life movement!

BEE RECOGNIZED AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the outstanding individuals who contribute to the success of their schools and departments in the District. They have all been recognized at a board meeting by Dr. Matos DeBlieux and board members and received a certificate, a meal and a gift from Chick-fil-A in Avondale. Pendergast is proud of these amazing people who have set the standard of excellence for themselves and others.

DECEMBER

William Martin
Support Staff
Sonoran Sky

Lisa Donegan
Support Staff
Garden Lakes

Barb Leligdon
Media Specialist
Canyon Breeze

Jackie Lake
Dual Language Teacher
Sunset Ridge

JANUARY

Lynn Daniel
Language Arts Teacher
Copper King

Stefani Jenkins
STEAM Teacher
Garden Lakes

Rosie Luna
SIS Data Coordinator
Educational Services

DECEMBER

Lynn Daniel
Language Arts Teacher
Copper King

Stefani Jenkins
STEAM Teacher
Garden Lakes

JANUARY

Sam Almalak
Chartwells
Food Services

Rosie Luna
SIS Data Coordinator
Educational Services
ALL SCHOOLS - Accelerated Math Academy - Grades 7 & 8
The Accelerated Math Academy provides qualified students the opportunity to take Algebra 1 and Geometry, while still enrolled in their elementary school. This Academy accelerates math learning and provides extensions to increase college readiness.

For further information on STEAM programs, contact Cindy Wiste, Assistant Director of Math, Science and STEAM at cwiste@pesd92.org or 623-772-2296.

PENDERGAST DISTRICT STEAM ACADEMIES
The District’s signature Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) programs include personalized learning academies on specialized topics to meet the diverse needs and interests of Pendergast students.

Pendergast District Robotics Team - Open to Grades 6 through 8
The Robotics Team give students the opportunity to dive deep into the world of robotics and explore how computer programming and robot design can solve problems big and small! Putting the engineering design process to work, students work in teams to plan, build, test, and modify their own robotic creations.

Amberlea Leadership Academy - Grade 8
Students identify their passions about their community. They work as a team to determine the best forum to effect change in their communities. The goal of the academy is to inspire students to leverage real-life experiences for empowerment.

Environmental Engineering Academy - Grades 7 & 8
Students engage in project based learning challenges focused on sustainability, environmental engineering and stewardship.

Advanced Via Individual Determination (AVID) - Grades 3 through 8
The AVID Academy is focused on ensuring students are college ready by teaching skills and behaviors for academic success.

Dual Language - Kindergarten through Grade 3
The Dual Language Program in the Pendergast School District is an enriched project-based education program that uses two languages, Spanish and English, for the purpose of instruction beginning in Kindergarten.
Leadership, Athletics & Arts Academy - Grade 5
This academy integrates leadership, athletics, and the arts. Students are challenged to become champions on the playing field, and leaders in life. They learn the science behind the Arts and generate business plans. They combine hard work with a cooperative spirit to find success in athletics, leadership and academic learning.

Orcutt Winslow Architecture, Planning & Construction Academy - Grade 6
Students learn how to apply green concepts to the fields of architecture and construction. They explore dimensioning, measuring, and architectural sustainability and apply what they have learned to design housing units. Students engage in a hands-on building project when they work in collaborative groups to build small structures. They utilize a business plan to drive their designs.

Innovation, Design & Entrepreneurship Academy - Grade 7
Students continue the innovation from the Architecture and Design Academy, and become more adept at entrepreneurship. For instance, they compete in a mock bid to design an ideal commercial center in Dubai. Students study the parameters of the natural environment and innovate suggested structures that serve the community financial and recreational needs. Repeatedly during the year, they are asked to create innovative designs using Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to build and run a business.

Health, Medical & Forensic Sciences Academy - Grade 8
In the Health, Medical & Forensic Sciences Academy, students play the role of real-life medical detectives as they analyze genetic testing results to diagnose disease and study DNA evidence found at a crime scene. They solve medical mysteries through hands-on projects and labs, investigate how to measure and interpret vital signs and learn how the systems of the body work together to maintain and learn how the systems of the human body work together to maintain health.
GCON Design & Build - Grades 7 and 8

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Ethnic Studies Academy - Grade 5

Students study various cultures in this academy. They learn about culture, heritage, history, events and important celebrations. Students produce works of art, study events that have impacted groups, and learn about dignity and respect. Students use Defined STEM curricular tools in this academy.

Sustainable Design Academy - Grades 7 & 8

The Sustainable Design Academy supports students in becoming college and career ready by engaging in Design and Modeling. Students tackle community environmental challenges. For example, they design and build a tiny house using sustainable design materials. They also do deep analysis of factors impacting the environment. Students have launched secured web pages advocating for their sustainable designs.

Agriculture Ecosystems Academy - Grades 3 & 4

Students plant gardens and study the impact of their decisions on the environment. They analyze how their own actions can help conserve energy and resources. This academy is committed to students becoming deeply literate in math and literature to support future understandings of how ecosystems work together.

Dual Language - Kindergarten through Grade 2

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Computer Science - Grades Kindergarten through 8

This academy helps students develop 21st Century skills through engaging programming challenges. As an example, students created a digital application which could be played jointly by students who are blind and sighted, promoting interdependence. Students learn responsible digital citizenship. They also engage in the design process and apply coding to solve community challenges.
Thanks to the passage of the 2016 Bond, PESD has been able to update and upgrade offices, technology, bathrooms, flooring and more. Here are the Bond Project Highlights at the schools and districtwide that PESD is proud to share:

- School Front Office Renovations at Amberlea, Canyon Breeze, Rio Vista, Sonoran Sky, Sunset Ridge, Villa De Paz, Desert Mirage, Garden Lakes, Copper King, Desert Horizon, Pendergast and Westwind
- Classroom Renovations at Desert Mirage School
- HVAC System Controls Performance Contract
- Gutter Replacements at Villa de Paz and Garden Lakes
- Roofing Projects at Pendergast, Westwind, Canyon Breeze, Sonoran Sky, and Desert Horizon
- Water Fountain Upgrades at Amberlea, Canyon Breeze, Rio Vista, Sunset Ridge, Sonoran Sky, and Desert Mirage
- Painting Projects at Desert Horizon, Sunset Ridge, Westwind, and Amberlea
- Chrome Books, Personalized Technology Devices Districtwide for 6th - 8th grades
- Data Center Upgrades Districtwide
- Playground Equipment at Garden Lakes
- Phone Replacements Districtwide
- Warehouse Vehicles with 1 Transit/Courier Van & 1 Box Truck
- Upgraded Fire Alarms at Villa De Paz and Copper King
- Flooring at Garden Lakes and Sunset Ridge
- Bathroom Remodels at Copper King and Desert Mirage
- Camera Security System at Desert Horizon, Westwind, Canyon Breeze, Rio Vista, and Sonoran Sky
- Intercom & Bell Systems at Desert Horizon, Canyon Breeze, Rio Vista, and Westwind
PRIDE CLUB SUMMER DAY CAMP

June 3 to July 24

Summer is right around the corner and the Pride Club is kicking off its Summer Fun Day Camp from June 3 to July 24. Campers participate in weekly field trips, arts & crafts, indoor & outdoor games and so much more!

**Times:** 6:00 am to 6:00 pm
**Who:** Kindergarten to Grade 8
**Where:** Pendergast Community Center
10550 W. Mariposa Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85037

- $80 Registration Fee (Includes camp shirt, field trips and daily activities)
- One Week Session: $135 per week
- Session 1: $486 - June 3 to June 28
- Session 2: $486 - July 1 to July 24

To register, please visit the Pendergast Community Center, Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information, call 623-772-2322. Last day to register for all sessions is June 28.

FAMILY RESOURCES CENTER

The Pendergast Elementary School District, through a partnership with First Things First, have developed the Pendergast Family Resource Center providing quality, comprehensive, diverse and streamlined services centered on a holistic view of early childhood education with neighborhood outreach as a core component. The services offered create a unique collaboration between the educational environment, families and communities combined with staffing support from caring, knowledgeable professionals.

**FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER MISSION**

The Pendergast Family Resource Center is a family-centered, comprehensive, collaborative and high quality outreach program that supports the development, health and education of all Pendergast Elementary School District families and the surrounding community with a focus on families with children birth to age five.

**CALL OR VISIT US TODAY AT ONE OF OUR THREE LOCATIONS**

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Phoenix, Arizona 85037 
Phone: 623-772-2339 | Rio Vista Elementary RM #308 
10237 W. Encanto Blvd.
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Glendale, Arizona 85305 
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**WE CAN HELP CONNECT YOU!**

The Pendergast Family Resource Center is here to help you find community resources and information. All services provided by the Family Resource Center are offered at no cost.

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