



Pendergast Newsletter

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A note from the Principal

Mr. Mike Woolsey, Principal
Mrs. Stephanie Ward, TOSA

Office Hours
7:30-4:30

Release Times:
K-3rd 7:45- 2:15
4th-8th 7:45-2:55

Early dismissal
K-3rd 7:45- 12:15
4th-8th 7:45- 12:55

Attendance
623-772-2415

NEWS ALERT!
Please remember to send in your meal applications with your student as soon as possible!



It's hard to believe we are already into our second month of school. As I visit classrooms, I see students excited about their new classrooms and excited about learning. In reading, all grade levels are progressing nicely through Theme One of their reading program and reading intervention groups are formed and underway. Our teachers and new reading interventionists are working hard with your children to make sure they are reaching and exceeding their reading goals. The focus of many science classrooms is energy conservation and the elements that make our school green. We have teamed up with SRP to teach the students

about renewable energy, and recycling. Students are working through interactive lessons in our computer labs, and creating mini-books and wall displays. Math fact and number sense are two areas of focus in most math classes. Quiz your children on their math facts nightly to keep them on their toes.

I want to thank everybody that came out for our Grand Opening and Open House. We were so happy to see so many families come out to see our new school, meet the teachers, and take part in the library dedication. We have planned several more opportunities for

you to visit the school during the next few months with a *Kids at Hope* Family Breakfast on September 18th, a 1st-5th grade MAC-Ro Math Night on September 29th, and a Family Talent Show on October 29th. If you have questions regarding anything happening at Pendergast or would like to volunteer your time please contact the office.



PTO News

We love when parents can join our team to help the children of Pendergast. We are looking for parents to join our PTO (Parent-Teacher-Organization). This organization raises money and organizes the fun academic nights we hold at Pendergast. If you would like to join us please contact Debbie in the office. We meet once a month and are always looking for more parent support.



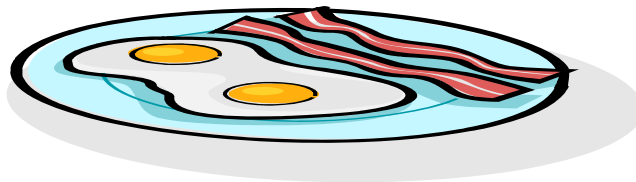
Kids at Hope 4-Aces Girls Club

Pendergast Elementary is excited to announce the Kids at Hope 4-Aces Club for girls in grades 6-8. Adolescent females have never faced greater challenges than there are today. The purpose of the club is to impact the school atmosphere while developing social skills and encouraging the academic success of young females. It is important that young girls have knowledge of things that bring them true empowerment: education, a sense of purpose, confidence, compassion and humility. There are essential adult relationships that are needed for all children to succeed. Parents if you would like for your daughter (s) to be a part of this phenomenal club please contact Beverly Powell, School Counselor at 623 772-2400



Kids at Hope Anchor Parent Breakfast

Our Kids at Hope Ace of Hearts is you, the anchor parent. You are responsible for your child's physical and emotional well being 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year in an unconditional way. We hope you can us on **September 18th** at 7am for a special breakfast to honor your relationship with your child. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria and all students and parents are welcome. Please rsvp to your child's teacher by Wednesday, September 16th if you plan on attending.



MAC-Ro Math Night

If your child is in 1st – 5th grade, join us on **September 29th** at 6pm in the Pendergast Cafeteria for Math Night. We will introduce you to the MAC-Ro Math Club, play fun math games, and provide resources for you to help your children at home. We will have snacks and prizes for students that attend and guarantee to make learning math fun for all!



IMPORTANT DATES

- September 16th –Early Release Wednesday
- September 18th –Kids @Hope Anchor Parent Breakfast/Picture Day– No Uniforms required
- September 29th –MAC–Ro 1st–5th Grade Math Night
- September 30th –Early Release Wednesday
- October 1st/2nd –Parent Teacher Conferences (Half Day of school)
- October 5th–9th –Fall Break (No School)
- October 14th– Early Release Wednesday
- October 15th –PTO Meeting @6pm in Library
- October 21st –Early Release Wednesday
- October 29th –Family Talent Show



Parent Survey

Thanks to all of the parents that participated in the Parent Satisfaction Survey last Spring 2009. Overall, 91% said that their children receive a quality education at Pendergast. Throughout the District, parents gave higher scores to every question in the survey. Satisfaction with Food Service/cafeteria in the District has improved by 8%. Your feedback is being reviewed by school and District staff to make sure we continue to provide a positive environment for your child. District results from the Satisfaction Survey can be viewed at www.pesd92.org

This year's flu season is expected to start earlier and be more severe than last year. We will see the seasonal flu as well as H1N1, or "swine flu". With that in mind, there are several steps you can now take to help protect your family and minimize the inconvenience that flu can cause at school and home. The Center for Disease Control makes the following recommendations:

- Students and Staff with influenza-like (flu) illness (fever with cough or sore throat) should stay home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100°), or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
- Children 18 years or younger with suspected or confirmed case of H1N1 influenza (swine flu) should not be given aspirin or aspirin -containing products due to the risk of Reye syndrome.
- Sick students should not attend alternative child care or congregate in other neighborhood and community settings.
- Students, faculty and staff should stringently follow sanitary measures to reduce the spread of influenza, including covering their nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, frequently washing their hands with soap and water, or using

Pendergast "Green Team" Tip of the Month

Americans earn about \$1 billion from recycling aluminum cans each year. The amount of aluminum recycled in one year could build 14 aircraft carriers. Instead of throwing those cans in the trash, start saving them and take them to the recycling center. This will put money back in your pocket and help save our planet. There is a recycling center at 83rd and Camelback in the Safeway parking lot.

