



SCHOOL NEWS

WESTERN PEAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Good Afternoon Falcon Family,

March is a very busy month at Western Peaks! We have several events scheduled for this month. Please see the next page of this newsletter for the calendar of events.

On March 15th, our last big fundraiser for the year will begin. This is a direct donation drive that the PTSA is holding to raise funds for classroom resources, teacher classroom grants, monthly staff treats, wall wraps for the school, classroom improvements, rewards for students, and outdoor shade installation for our parent pick up area. Donations can be made starting on March 15th using [THIS LINK](#). Please share this link with people you know. Thank you for supporting Western Peaks!

Teachers are entrusted with watching over and teaching our children, and to thank them for their efforts, the Arizona PTA launched the Teacher of the Month program in September 2015. Classroom teachers and specialists/special area/individual subject teachers are all eligible for nominations. Teacher of the Month winners will receive a monetary award and a certificate from the Arizona PTA. Please consider nominating a Western Peaks teacher! You can send an email to our PTSA stating who you are nominating and why you believe this teacher is deserving of this honor. Email our PTSA at westernpeakspta@gmail.com.

To prepare for the 2024-25 school year, Western Peaks will host a Kindergarten Showcase event on Tuesday, March 12th, from 5:30-7:00 pm. The Showcase is a great opportunity for parents of future Kindergartners to tour the school, meet the teachers, learn about the Kindergarten curriculum, and register your child if you have not already done so. Information about school meals, transportation, our PTSA, and before and after school programs available through Dysart's Community Education Department will be available as well. If you have a child who will be 5 before September 1, 2024, and will be ready to start Kindergarten this next school year, we invite you to join us for our Kindergarten Showcase! Please help us spread the word!

- ❖ Dysart schools are among the top-rated in the state of Arizona and provide a FREE, FULL-DAY Kindergarten program in a safe, caring environment. The Dysart kindergarten program follows Arizona state standards, and offers hands-on, real-life activities in the areas of Cognitive, Social, and Physical development. Parents can learn more about Dysart School's Kindergarten program at Dysart.org/Kindergarten.
- ❖ Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open for Dysart Schools. Parents may register their child online at Dysart.org/Registration or visit their local school. In order to register for school, parents must provide a birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residency. To determine the school boundary for your residence, please visit www.dysart.org/boundaries.

Western Peaks is currently hiring teachers for the upcoming school year, as our school is growing! If you know of anyone who is interested in teaching at Western Peaks and is appropriately qualified, please spread the word! Applications can be submitted online at Dysart.org/careers.

Sincerely,
Principal Brown

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March Calendar of Events

March 4th - 8th ~

Read Across America Week & Spirit Week -
Link to Spirit Week Flyer

March 5th ~

PTSA's Red Robin Restaurant
Night/Fundraiser, 5-9 pm

March 7th ~

Read Across America Family Night @ WPES,
5:00-6:30 pm

March 9th ~

Dysart's Festival of the Arts @ Valley Vista
High School, 10 am-3 pm

March 12th ~

Kinder Showcase @ 5:30-7:00 pm -- For
children/families entering Kinder in the
24-25 school year

March 13th ~

PTSA's Mod Pizza Restaurant Fundraiser,
all day

March 15th ~

PTSA Spring Fundraiser begins!

March 18th-22nd ~

Spring Break / No School

March 23rd ~

PTSA Sponsored Baseball Spring Training
Game at Surprise Stadium! Pre-purchase
tickets with this link!

March 22nd ~

3rd Quarter Report Cards available in Parent
Portal

March 29th ~

3rd Quarter Award Assemblies,
9:15-9:40 am - 2nd & 3rd Grades
10:00-10:25 am - 4th Grade
10:45-11:10 am - Kinder & 1st Grades

PTSA's Princess & Frog Dance,
6:00-7:30 pm

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Respectful, Responsible, and Kind!



Falcon Family

Falcon Family Expectations

Western Peaks has a school-wide behavior support system, using our Falcon Family expectations, to teach students school-appropriate behavior/expectations, reinforce students for following the expectations, and reteach students when they are not following the expectations.

Goal 2 of our Western Peaks Integrated Action Plan for School Improvement ~

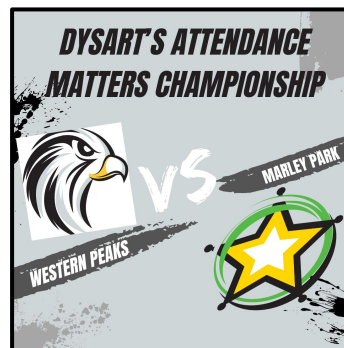
Reduce the number of office discipline referrals by 10% from the previous year, as evidenced by behavior data.

Behavior referrals greatly increased in February. Please speak with your child about how they can be Respectful, Responsible & Kind at school.

Western Peaks is in the Championship Dysart's Attendance Matters Competition!

We have been working diligently to increase student behavior this year, as attendance at school makes a big impact on a student's academic success! With increases week over week in our overall student attendance rate, we have made it into the district championship! Please help us win the district championship and beat Marley Park by sending your students to school all week. **The school with the highest increase in student attendance for the week of March 4th - 8th will win the championship!**

Thank you for your continued efforts!



February's Attendance & Behavior Data

Total # of Full Day Absences = 999
(Increase of 369 absences from January)

Total # of Half Day Absences = 311
(Increase of 41 half-day absences from January)

Total # of Tardies = 461
(Increase of 75 tardies from January)

Total # of Behavior Referrals this Year = 84

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Walk with the Maricopa County Library!
Take a picture with the Cat in the Hat!

Read Across America night

On the Places You'll Go! Dress like who you want to be when you grow up!

Purchase a treat from the Coreaphoria Food truck!

Join us for an evening filled with joy! With games, crafts, and even toys? Hungry for cookies, cakes or pies? Well try your luck to win a prize! Come and find a book that's just right, And join us for a literacy night!

Date of Event: Thursday, March 7th, 2024
Place: Western Peaks Elementary
Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Donate fresh store bought baked goods for the Bake Walk Game on Thursday, March 7th by 3pm!

Class with the most in attendance will win a class party by taking Candy!

Students **MUST** be accompanied by an adult for the evening!

Western Peaks Elementary School's
READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK
March 4th - March 8th

MONDAY Crazy Sock Day
Wear a wild and crazy pair of socks.

TUESDAY Crazy Hat Day
Wear a crazy hat to school today!

WEDNESDAY Wacky Wednesday
Wear all your wacky patterns, stripes, and polka dots.

THURSDAY Oh, the Places You'll Go!
Dress like what you want to be when you grow up!

FRIDAY Pajama Day!
Wear some comfy, cozy pajamas.

WESTERN PEAKS PTSA
UPCOMING EVENTS
MARCH 2024

05 MAR RED ROBIN NIGHT
Visit Red Robin anytime on 3/5 and Red Robin will give 20% back to the school and PTSA

13 MAR MOD PIZZA NIGHT
Visit MOD Pizza anytime on 3/13 and MOD Pizza will give 25% back to the school and PTSA

15 MAR SPRING FUNDRAISER
Help us raise funds through our Spring Fundraiser from 3/15-/3/30. Top classes win a classroom pizza party!

23 MAR SPRING TRAINING
Join us for a Spring Training Game at Surprise Stadium! Tickets are \$6 and \$7 dollars!

29 MAR PRINCESS & FROG BALL
Western Peaks Princesses celebrate a dance with their father, relative, or other guardian

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Donate to our Western Peaks Tax Credit & help support our before/after school extracurricular clubs, fine arts clubs & tutoring! We will put up a shamrock with your family name for every donation. Ask us for assistance!
Our school goal is \$20 per family!

Art Club, Music Club, Robotics Club, Basketball Club, Runners Club, Paws & Claws Club, Crochet Club & More!

Scan this QR code to access our DUSD Tax Credit site

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