



# SCHOOL NEWS

## WESTERN PEAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Welcome to November, Falcon Family!

This month, I want to express how very thankful we are to have each and every one of you as a part of our Falcon Family! Our students and families truly make Western Peaks Elementary a great place to be! Your partnership with us in your child’s learning is much appreciated. Being able to see so many smiling faces every day at school is a true blessing!

I hope that all of you are also thankful for being part of the Western Peaks Falcon Family. And if you are, I ask that you consider submitting an online review of Western Peaks, to let others in the community, and those new families moving into our community, know what a special place Western Peaks is! We would like to have online school reviews updated by current families. Please consider writing a school review on [GreatSchools by clicking here](#), [Google by clicking here](#), and/or [Niche by clicking here](#). Thank you in advance for reviewing us online!

### Western Peaks is an “A” School!

For a second year, the Arizona Department of Education has awarded Western Peaks with an “A” label based on our student achievement data! I am so proud of our students and teachers for their hard work and dedication to increase student achievement!!

### Increased Safety at School

We are excited to announce that we will be having a police officer on campus! This is accomplished through a program to ensure schools who do not have a School Resource Officers (SROs) assigned to their school will still have a police officer each day for increased student and staff safety.

In another effort to increase safety for our students, we ask that all parents of students who ride the school bus please speak with your children about safety at the bus stop. We have received reports of students “playing a game” by running into the street with cars approaching, and there have been some close calls. This is very dangerous! Please remind your children that they must stay off of the streets while waiting for the bus to arrive each day. Thank you!

### Attendance Matters!

Western Peaks wants to thank all parents for making school attendance a priority! By having your children here every day & ensuring they arrive on time, you are giving your child the gift of good school attendance & increased opportunities for student achievement! **If your child is absent, be sure to call the school office so that the absence can be marked as excused.**

Thank you for your continued partnership with us as we strive to provide your child with the best education!

Sincerely,  
Principal Brown

### Upcoming Dates

- Now - November 9th ~**  
Fall Fundraiser & Food Drive
- November 4th ~**  
Cross Country Meet, 8 AM @  
Cimarron Springs Middle School
- November 6th - 17th ~**  
Classroom Penny Wars (raising  
funds for Children’s Miracle  
Network)
- November 7th ~**  
Election Day ~ Be sure to vote!
- November 8th ~**  
PTSA Handel’s Ice Cream Night
- November 10th ~**  
Veterans Day / No School
- November 13th ~**  
No Preschool Classes Today  
PTSA Cafe Rio Restaurant Day,  
11 AM - 6 PM
- November 15th ~**  
PTSA Peter Piper Pizza Night,  
4-8 PM
- November 17th ~**  
Western Peaks Thanksgiving  
Luncheon (RSVP!)
- November 18th ~**  
Cross Country Meet, 8 AM @  
Cimarron Springs Middle School
- November 20th - 24th ~**  
Thanksgiving Break / No School
- November 29th ~**  
PTSA Top Golf Event,  
6-8 PM
- November 30th ~**  
Site Council Meeting, 4 PM

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## October's Attendance & Behavior Data

**Total # of Full Day Absences = 707**

*Decrease of 151 from September!*

**Total # of Half Day Absences = 244**

*Decrease of 85 from September!*

**Total # of Tardies = 336**

*Decrease of 26 from September!*

**Total # of Behavior Referrals = 23**

*Decrease of 14 from September!*

➤ **Year-to-Date = 89**

## ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



**ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**  
read well by the end of third grade

**MIDDLE SCHOOLERS**  
pass important courses

**HIGH SCHOOLERS**  
stay on track for graduation

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**  
earn their degrees

**WORKERS**  
succeed in their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



## Western Peaks PTSA MONTHLY EVENTS

August	September	October
1 - Back to school night 1 - Frios Popsicle truck 3 - Boo Hoo Breakfast 16 - Chipotle Restaurant night 16 - August PTSA Meeting 25 - Bingo Night 28 - Read-a-thon begins	12 - Freddy's 20 - Panda Express 22 - Family Trivia Night	2-6 Book Fair 4 - Doughnut with mom 12 - Raising Cane's 18 - PTSA meeting 27 - Trunk or Treat
November	December	January
8 - Handel's 13 - Cafe Rio 15 - Peter Piper Pizza 29 - Top Golf	6 - Sonic Night 14 - Fat Cats Spirit Night 20 - December PTSA	10 - Panera - Bell Rd 17 - Main Event Spirit night 26 - Glow Run
February	March	April
2-5 Book Fair 7 - Doughnuts with Dad 21 - PTSA meeting 22 - Handel's	5 - Red Robin 14 - Peter Piper Pizza 29 - Daddy Daughter Dance Spring Training - TBD	10 - Oregon's 17 - Mother/Son Bowling 18 - PTSA Meeting
May	June	July
2 - Traveling Museum 6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week 6-10 Culver's Week		



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