



SCHOOL NEWS

WESTERN PEAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Good Morning Falcon Family,

Read-a-Thon ~ One of our biggest fundraisers of the year, the Read-a-Thon has started! Students will be reading every day to request your donations for Western Peaks! Last year, we raised over \$25,000, and we were able to purchase equipment for our school grounds, as well as wall wraps to enhance the school hallways. Our goal this year is to raise at least \$25,000 so that we can continue our efforts of school beautification and improvements. Please spread the word, and we appreciate any donations! Donations can be made by clicking on the following link:

<https://WesternPeaksReads.pledge-drive.net>. If we meet our goal, I will get slimed!

September Social Studies Events ~ We are planning celebrations for a few events this month as part of our Civics education. On 9/11, Western Peaks will commemorate 9/11: National Day of Service & Remembrance. On 9/18, we will celebrate Constitution Day with learning activities about the U.S. Constitution, and on 9/25 we will celebrate Sandra Day O'Connor/Civics Day with instructional activities to learn about the importance of civics.

September is National School Attendance Month ~ Attendance at school matters - Every child - Every day! If your child's attendance is 95% or below, then they will fall behind. Days off add up to lost learning. Please read this graphic to see how absences, added up over the year, can affect your child's education.

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	ATTENDANCE MATTERS WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN? BE SMART BE THERE! <small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small>
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 days	
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	

September is also National Library Card Sign-Up Month! If your child does not have a library card for the Surprise Public Libraries, consider taking them to the library to get a card!

Please be sure to review the upcoming dates for the month of September. We have many events this month!

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

Sincerely,
Principal Brown

Upcoming Dates

August 28th - September 9th ~
Read-a-Thon Fundraiser!

September 4th ~
No School/Labor Day

September 11th ~
School-wide 9/11 Education Day
National Arts in Education Week

September 12th ~
PTSA Freddy's Restaurant
Night

September 18th ~
No Preschool Classes
School-wide Celebration of
Constitution Day

September 19th ~
National Voter Registration Day
Fall Picture Day!



September 20th ~
PTSA Panda Express Restaurant
Night

September 22nd ~
PTSA Family Trivia Night, 6-8 pm
@ WPES Cafeteria (must
purchase tickets prior to event)

September 25th ~
School-wide Celebration of
Sandra Day O'Connor Day /
Civics Day

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School Improvement Goals

Western Peaks is committed to continuous improvement, as we strive to deliver an exceptional learning experience to our young learners!

Administrators, teachers, & staff work with dedicated purpose each day to meet our goals. Below are the 23/24 school year goals for Western Peaks.

Goal 1: By May of 2024, 3rd & 4th grade students will increase proficiency scores on grade level standards for both Reading & Math by 3% as measured by the state assessment.

Kindergarten - 3rd grade students will increase the percent of students at or above Reading benchmark by 5% as measured by the Composite DIBELS Acadience Assessment.

Goal 2: By May of 2024, Western Peaks will have at least 85% of families & staff who are satisfied with customer service, as measured by the annual satisfaction survey.

Goal 3: By May of 2024, Western Peaks will reduce the number of office discipline referrals by 10% compared to the 22/23 school year, as evidenced by behavior data.

Safety Reminders!

The safety of our students & staff is our top priority! But we need your assistance too!

Please follow these safety protocols when driving near/on campus:

- ★ Wait until the crossing guard is **completely out** of the crosswalk before entering the crosswalk with your vehicle.
- ★ Before walking through a crosswalk, wait for the crossing guard to enter it & stop traffic first.
- ★ Drive slowly in school zones & on school campus.
- ★ Teach your child that it is never okay to say a threatening comment to others at school.

August's Attendance & Behavior Data

Total # of Full Day Absences = 728

Total # of Half Day Absences = 199

Total # of Tardies = 268

Total # of Behavior Referrals = 29

➤ **Year-to-Date = 29**

Quick Reference Guide

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