



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Thank you for continuing to practice safety during arrival and dismissal times. You are all doing a great job getting your children to school in a timely manner, your children's teachers and I appreciate this. To those of you I see in the morning in the student drop-off line, I am especially appreciative of your patience with other drivers as well as the quick "Good Morning!" and "Have a nice day!" Such a pleasant way to start my day! It truly is a Great Day to be a Falcon...Every Day! - Mrs. Sylvester

SIGNATURE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Your Falcons receive a variety of opportunities to display their artistic talents at the Fine Arts Academy. We are excited to see practices and rehearsals beginning for your budding performer. 3rd-5th grade singers are part of the Da Capo Choir while Accent is for your 6th-8th grade students with vocal ability. Our dancing Falcons participate in Fireflies (1st & 2nd), Imagery (3rd-5th), Elite Starz (6th-8th) and Ballet Folklorico. What a Great Day to be a Falcon...Every Day!

GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

2nd grade is focusing on phonics through two-letter blends. In Reading we are learning about characters, setting and events. In math we are adding single digit numbers, focusing on doubles to help us find the sum. In writing we are starting the writing process for our writing our portfolios.

4th grade students just finished their unit on the Artist Wayne Thiebaud. He creates painting based on food, in particular desserts. The 4th graders created their very own unique cupcake. The students draw, designed, and used tempera paint. You can see these delicious cupcakes online on the students Artsonia account.

6th grade is mastering their long division skills and learning about how heat energy is transferred at the molecular level!

7th grade social studies is working on our Martin Luther King Jr. posters and poems for the annual ASU MLK Jr. celebration contest. If students win they get to read their poem at the event and if their posters win ASU will turn their poster into an art book-mark to give to ASU students.

TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

Teachers are using a variety of applications to engage students in activities that make learning meaningful. Some apps include Nearpod, Flipgrid, Jamboard, Whiteboard, Quizlet, Kahoot, BrainPOP, and so much more! We are always amazed to see how much teachers and their students have grown in their use of technology. We are excited to see these platforms and apps used in the classroom to enhance student learning.

STUDENT AGENCY

Our school has dove into the material provided through the "All Things EQ Platform" to take the weekly mottos as a challenge to focus on each and every week. An area of character development that each one of us staff and students alike can work on and successfully master as each week progresses. We are in the process of hanging up the daily reminders throughout the school halls which are checks and balances of how we are showing up for ourselves and our peers.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

- I don't brag because I am happy with myself.
- I pay attention to what I tell myself.
- I know what I am looking forward to today.
- I make the most out of every experience.

SAFETY

Your kid may be small but it is important to teach basic contact details like your and your partner's name and contact number. Your kid should be able to share your contact number with someone in case of an emergency. Also, knowing where home is and any nearby landmark is also important. Help your kid memorize these with regular practice at home. Also, help your kid memorize a backup number to call, like a grandparent, uncle or aunt.

MYD

At Fine Arts Academy, our goal is to help students learn to assess their own behavior and understand how their actions effect their own learning and safety, as well as those around them.

We have used the MAKE YOUR DAY Citizenship program to help attain this goal. MAKE YOUR DAY is designed to help students understand that their actions impact those around them and that there are expectations to being a good citizen in all areas of life. The intent of the program is to provide a tool to help students improve their citizenship versus being punitive.

PBL HIGHLIGHT

Fine Arts Falcons in 6th-grade have been working on answering the question "What do you do when life hands you a difficult situation?" Reading about Helen Keller's determination to overcome her 'difficult situation' has inspired our 6th-grade Falcons. One of our very own 7th-grade Falcons made a guest appearance, describing to the 6th-graders what it is like to live with hearing loss. A perfect example of problem solving in the real world!

UPCOMING DATES

- ◆ 10/4 Governing Board Meeting
- ◆ 10/6—10/7 Student Led Conferences & Early Dismissal
- ◆ 10/10—10/14 No School—Fall Break
- ◆ 10/18 PTSA Meeting 6:30pm
- ◆ 10/18 Special Governing Board Meeting 6pm
- ◆ 10/26 \$1 Dress Down
- ◆ 10/28 Trunk or Treat

