



WHEELER ELEMENTARY

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Dear Wheeler Elementary Families,

It is with great excitement that I write this letter to welcome you to Wheeler Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year! We hope that you had the opportunity to relax this summer somewhere cooler or in the comfort of your home embracing your beautiful treasures! The teachers and staff at wheeler are so excited to welcome our students this school year, with many amazing new surprises!

This week we received amazing news from the Arizona Board of Education. Wheeler Elementary was awarded the \$500,000 (disbursed throughout 5 years) 21st Century Grant! The Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) initiative provides the only federally funded source dedicated exclusively to out-of-school-time programs. In Arizona, 21st CCLC programs build and sustain comprehensive out-of-school-time programs that provide high-quality academic enrichment opportunities for students after school. In August, we will be revealing the after school programing options for students and their families.

In addition, this year, Wheeler Elementary applied and was approved to become an AVID school. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. In elementary, AVID is implemented by teaching and reinforcing academic behaviors and higher-level thinking at a young age. Elementary students develop the academic habits they will need to be successful in middle school, high school, and college, in an age-appropriate and challenging way. Through AVID students learn organization, study skills, communication, and self-advocacy. AVID Elementary students take structured notes and answer and ask high-level questions that go beyond routine answers.

When you come back to our campus, you will be able to see that we have brand new furniture in our library, and there is new safety film installed on our windows, providing us an extra level of safety and privacy. We have been approved and are waiting for the heighten fencing and new pavement in our parking lot! We have so much to celebrate, and we are looking forward to welcoming our families and celebrating together!

Save the date:

8/2 Meet and Greet at 3:00-4:30PM

8/3 First Day of School at 7:40AM, Breakfast is served from 7:00-7:30AM

8/3 Kindergarten Parents Boohoo Yahoo Meeting at the Library 7:30-8:30AM

8/16 Back to School Bash 1:00-2:30PM

8/23 Professional Learning Day -NO SCHOOL

8/29 Open House/Title I Parent Meeting 5:00-6:30PM

Sincerely,

Dr. Rosalinda Rodriguez

Proud Wheeler Elementary Principal

