



Mustang Messenger

Sweetwater School

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Our Sweetwater Mission - Creating Leaders of Today and Tomorrow

Sweetwater Website: <https://www.wesdschools.org/sw>

August - September 2022

A Message from Ms. Smith, Principal

We are off to a fantastic start of our new school year and the transition for me being the new principal of Sweetwater has been wonderful. Thank you for your support and attendance at our Curriculum and Title I Parent Night. We are looking forward to many parent engagement opportunities this year with WESD being open for field trips, parent volunteers, after-school sports, clubs and family events including Trunk or Treat, Step It Up fundraiser and Family Bingo Night. The Sweetwater staff is highly motivated to continue the instructional strategies and interventions currently in place for student achievement and success. The Leader in Me is highly effective and provides excellent tools and strategies for all of us to be our very best. I love seeing all of our Mustangs showing such great leadership on campus. The Sweetwater staff and I encourage all parents to promote the 8 Habits of Leader in Me in your homes and share how you use them in your daily adult life.

Habit 1: Be Proactive - Between stimulus and response is the freedom to choose.

Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind

Habit 3: Put First Things First

Habit 4: Think Win-Win

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

Habit 6: Synergize

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

Habit 8: Use Your Voice

Midterm Reports for first quarter were sent home on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Please support your child's academic success by checking his or her current grades on ParentVUE and communicating with your child's teachers. If you need assistance with ParentVUE, please call our front office.

Lady Mustangs Volleyball, boys and girls Cross Country, Drama Club and Student Lighthouse are all in full swing with after-school activities. Please encourage your child to participate in any extracurricular activities to promote student ownership and fun at Sweetwater for them.

Please know that my door is always open for you to share any concerns or issues that we can address to make your child's school year a success at Sweetwater. Our PTO, Parent Lighthouse, is the fourth Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. both in-person and virtually followed by our Site Council starting at 6:30 p.m. Parents are always welcome to attend these monthly meetings.



Principal Susie Smith

Children Learn What They Live

By Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D.

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.

If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.

If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.

If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.

If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.

If children live with fairness, they learn justice.

If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.

If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.

If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

Parents and Guardians please follow these procedures for Parking Lot Arrival and Dismissal:

- Please use caution at all times in the parking lot
- Stay in the right lane for drop off and pick up
- The left lane is the pull through lane
- Place blue sign in front window with students grade, first name and last initial
- Pull all the way forward to close any gap in space in the line
- Only drop off or pick up students past the first crosswalk in the parking lot
- Do not park/block the reserved/handicapped parking spots
- If you choose to park and walk up to pick up your student, only cross the parking lot in the crosswalks
- Only parents with a reserved sign or handicapped sign may park and pick up in the reserved spots

Thank you for your patience and support as we work to keep Sweetwater safe.



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Governing Board: Tee Lambert, President • Nikkie Whaley, Vice President

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Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent



Sweetwater School, a proud member of the Washington Elementary School District, is pleased to support the #AttendanceMattersWESD campaign! In an effort to raise awareness of the importance of attendance, the #AttendanceMattersWESD campaign encourages parents to make every effort to have their child in school each day, on time. Although missing just one or two days each month might not seem like a lot, it can have a significant impact on the academic and social progress of our students. Follow along with us throughout the school year as we share celebrations and the importance of coming to school each day!

Did You Know?

- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance. Students should be in their classrooms at the scheduled start time.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

What You Can Do

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.

For more information, tips and resources on attendance please visit:
<https://www.wesdschools.org/attendance matters wesd>.

TAX CREDIT

Your donation provides WESD students the opportunity to succeed in extracurricular activities and will fund items such as; uniforms, equipment, stipends for coaches and sponsors. Donations can also fund scoreboards, marquees, playground equipment, library books, classroom furniture and more! You will receive a dollar-for-dollar reduction on your state income taxes. Taxpayers may receive up to a \$400 tax credit if filing jointly (\$200 if filing single) on their State income taxes by contributing to the Washington Elementary School District.

Donating is simple, visit www.wesdschools.org/taxcredit and you can enhance the education of a child in just a few steps.

Thank you for your support. For more information, contact 602-347-2737.



Attendance Updates



In order for absences relating to illness, doctor appointment, bereavement, family emergencies, or District-approved vacation to be counted as excused absences, the school must be notified of the absence prior to the absence, or the day of the absence by the parent or legal guardian. Absences that are not reported will be unexcused. Sweetwater School maintains a 24-hour attendance line where absences can be called in at any time of the day or night at 602-896-6511. Please leave a message after hours.

CALENDAR
September 2022
Sept. 1 - Volleyball Game vs Mountain View @ Mountain View
Sept. 5 - Labor Day - No School
Sept. 8 - Governing Board Meeting – 7 p.m.
Sept. 6 - Volleyball Game vs Arroyo @ Arroyo
Sept. 8 - Volleyball Game vs Maryland @ Maryland
Sept. 11 - Patriots Day
Sept. 12 - Volleyball Game vs ALT @ Arroyo
Sept. 15 - Volleyball Game vs Sunnyslope @ Arroyo
Sept. 19 - Volleyball Game vs Orangewood @ Arroyo
Sept. 20 - Volleyball Game vs Mountain View @ Maryland
Sept. 21 - Fund Raiser Kick Off
Sept. 22 – Return Your Golden Ticket
Sept. 22 - Volleyball Game vs Maryland @ Maryland
Sept. 22 - Governing Board Meeting – 7 p.m.
Sept. 26 - Volleyball Game vs Arroyo @ Arroyo
Sept. 26 - Site Council Meeting @ 5:30
Sept. 26 - Parent Lighthouse Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 27 - Volleyball Game vs ALT @ Arroyo
Sept. 28 – Spirit Day – Sports Theme
Sept. 29 – Picture Day – Special Education
Sept. 30 – Picture Day – General Education

Parent Lighthouse Team

The Sweetwater Parent Lighthouse team is composed of parents and teachers. This organization functions as our PTO. The Parent Lighthouse team mission is to develop our community by

- Fundraising to Assist Our School
- Providing Family Events
- Supporting All Stakeholders

Parent Lighthouse team meets regularly and all parents and teachers are invited to be a part of this group. For more information, please email Luanne Herman at luanne_85023@yahoo.com.

The 2022-2023 PLT Officers are:

- President: Helen Kester**
- Vice President: Cynthia Hattabaugh**
- Treasurer: Luanne Herman**
- Secretary: Jan Johnson**
- Facilitator: Dawn McMacken**

Looking Ahead



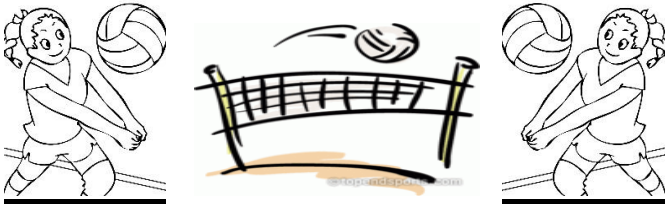
FALL BREAK: OCTOBER 10 - 14




Health Office Reminder

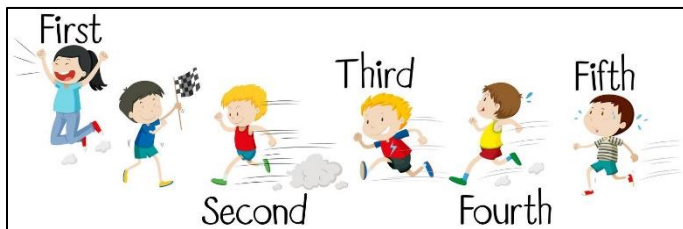
As a reminder, we ask parents to do a symptom check of their students before sending them to school. Please keep your student home if they have a fever, or have been vomiting. Your student must be fever free with no medication for 24 hours before they return to school. Call the health office with any questions at 602-896-6510.

Sweetwater Mustangs in the House



Girls Volleyball Team Coach Thompson

Vianey B.	Eliana G.	Esperanza G.
Jissel G.	Claire H.	Jayde H.
Kyrhianna H.	Gianna K.	Alyssa M.
Olivia O.	Aryanna P.	Rylee P.
Amiah R.	Summer R.	
Amy G. and Cynthia N. - Managers		
	GO MUSTANGS!	



Cross Country Team Coach Jones

Jaxon A.	Leonardo A.	Lucas C.
Carter C.-K.	Jaxson F.	Eliana K.
Alessa K.	Brielle P.	Austin S.
Carson W.	Amiah R.	GO TEAM!



Student Lighthouse Officers Mrs. O'Hair Advisor

Steven M.	President
Jissel G.	Vice President
Ryder F.	Treasurer
Rylee P.	Secretary
Tucker J.	Historian



Work hard. *Play harder!*

Fundraiser Kick-Off:

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Assembly #1: 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. (K - 4)

Assembly #2: 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. (5 - 8)

Return your completed Golden Ticket on Thursday, September 22, 2022 to be part of the fun!

Donation Deadline: Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Event: Monday, October 31, 2022

Event session #1: 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. (K - 3)

Event session #2: 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. (4 - 6)

Event session #3: 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. (7 - 8)

REGISTER: Go to our website link below or scan the QR code to get started.

www.StepItUpKids.com/Sweetwater85304



Accident Insurance Information

As a service to families, the WESD has entered into an agreement with K&K Insurance to offer low-cost accident insurance for students. To learn more, visit the WESD website at www.wesdschools.org/studentinsurance.

Substitute Teacher Hiring Fair

Monday, September 19, 2022

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Administrative Center— 4650 W. Sweetwater Avenue



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