



# Cactus Wren Elementary School

## Mission Statement

The mission of Cactus Wren School is to provide a safe environment that promotes academic and behavioral excellence while developing personal responsibility.

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Michelle Hall, Principal

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Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA), formerly known as AzMERIT, is coming for all students in third through sixth grade. Please mark your calendars for the dates your child will be testing. It is very important they are well rested and on time those days so they can do their best.



March 27: Science – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
March 28: Science – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
April 10: Writing 3-6 Grades  
April 11: Reading & Math Part 1 3-6 Grades  
April 13: Reading & Math Part 11 3-6 Grades

Cactus Wren's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CactusWrenElementarySchool>



## Calendar of Events

### March 2023

- 27 State Testing grades: 5 Science
- 28 State Testing grades: 5 Science
- 31 Field Day for grades: 4-6
- 31 Coffee with the Principal 7:15 a.m.

### April 2023

- 01 Kickball Game 10:00 a.m. (Student Council)
- 05 Field Day for grades: K-3
- 07 Otter Pop Sales (Student Council)
- 10 State Testing grades: 3-6
- 11 State Testing grades: 3-6
- 13 State Testing grades: 3-6
- 13 Governing Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Coffee with the Principal 7:15 a.m.

### May 2023

- 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 10 National School Nurse Day
- 11 Governing Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Coffee with the Principal 7:15 a.m.
- 23 Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony 9:00 a.m.
- 23 Last Day of school for students **Early Release**

**\*\*\*Every  
Wednesday is  
early release at  
1:00 p.m. \*\*\***

## Important Phone Numbers

**Front office:**  
602-347-2100

**Attendance line:**  
602-347-2111

**Health office:**  
602-347-2110

**KidSpace:**  
602-347-2129

**Social Worker:**  
602-347-2197

Governing Board: Nikkie Gomez-Whaley, President • Jenni Abbott-Bayardi, Vice President  
Kyle Clayton, Member • Lindsey Peterson, Member • Tamillia Valenzuela, Member

Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

**From our Health Office**

**Uniform Donation:**

We ask parents to donate any gently used uniform bottoms to the health office if your students have grown out of them. You can bring them or send them to the health office any day of the week between 7:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**Illness:**

Do a symptom check of your 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 602-347-2110. Thank you!

To call your student out absent for the day, please call our 24-hour attendance line (please leave a message after hours) at 602-347-2111.

**REGISTER YOUR FUTURE  
KINDERGARNER FOR  
JUMPSTART  
PROGRAM RUNS FROM MAY  
30 - JUNE 22  
(MONDAYS - THURSDAYS)**



Certified WESD teachers will provide fun and hands-on learning at no cost to families. Make friends, learn Kindergarten routines, and practice Kindergarten readiness skills. **Space is very limited.** We will be accepting registrations on a first-come, first-served basis. Your student must be enrolled for Kindergarten at Cactus Wren the next fall to participate in this program. Transportation is **not available** for Jumpstart. For any questions, please call our office at 602-347-2101.

**Student Council Presents...  
A Cactus Wren Parent vs. Student**

**KICKBALL FUNDRAISER GAME  
\$5.00 PER FAMILY  
THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 1  
10:00-11:00 A.M.**

Bring lawn chairs, running shoes and a water bottle. Parents wear white or light shirts. Students wear black or dark shirts. Pay the day of event at the gate on the kickball field. You must RSVP. Flyers were sent home last week. For any questions, contact our Student Council Sponsor Susana Watt at [susana.watt@wesdschools.org](mailto:susana.watt@wesdschools.org).

Important **SAFETY** Reminder: Please make sure your student comes to school with his/her student ID. Let the office know if you'll need to purchase a new one. Thank you!