



# 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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### IMPORTANT DATES:

**December 1:**  
Last Day of After School Academy

**December 2:**  
Site Council Meeting @ 7:45 a.m.

**December 3:**  
Boys Basketball Tournament at Cholla Middle School at 2:25pm

**December 8:**  
Family Reading Night @ 5:00 p.m.

**December 9:**  
Coffee with the Principal @ 7:15 a.m.

**December 9:**  
3 – 6 Spelling Bee (Time TBA)

**December 13:**  
Winter ARTS Celebration @ 5:00 p.m.

**December 16:**  
NO School (Professional Development)

**December 19 – January 2:**  
WINTER BREAK

**Tuesday, January 3, 2023:**  
Back to School!



### School Hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays: 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Your student needs to be at the gate by the playground by 7:25 a.m. Students arriving at school at 7:30 a.m. and going in through the front office will need to ask for a LATE PASS. If your child doesn't get a late pass, he or she will be marked absent and the parent will receive a phone call from our automatic attendance system. Please make sure your child arrives at school before 7:30 a.m. or gets a LATE PASS from the front office.

### Horas Escolares:

Lunes, martes, jueves, viernes: 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Miércoles: 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sus estudiantes deben estar en el portón de entrada (por el área de juegos) antes de las 7:25 a.m. Los estudiantes que llegan a la escuela a las 7:30 a.m. tienen que entrar por la oficina principal y pedir un PASE DE TARDANZA. Si sus hijos no obtienen un pase de tardanza se les marcará como ausentes y ustedes recibirán una llamada de nuestro sistema de asistencia automático. Por favor, asegúrense de que sus hijos lleguen antes de la 7:30 a.m. o que reciban un PASE DE TARDANZA de la oficina.



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## From our school's social worker

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### How Can I Help My Daughter Feel Better About Herself?

Helping your daughter gain self-awareness will guide her to discover her best qualities. If she can shift from focusing on her challenges to working with her strengths, her self-esteem will grow.

Here is an activity that will increase her confidence. Fold a piece of paper in half, lengthwise. Ask your daughter to write five challenges she faces on the left half of the paper. On the right half, work with her to list solutions to address each of the challenges. If your daughter writes, "I have the worst memory," help her counteract that with some solutions. Maybe she means that she is forgetful. Remind her that she can put a sticky note on her bedroom door, listing the things she needs to take to school.

**Capitalize on strengths.** Your daughter may have lost sight of her strengths due to the pressures of school or failed social interactions. Ask her to tell you about her strengths. Emphasize that they don't have to be academic skills; being a good listener or a good friend counts! Recognizing different facets of her personality will remind your daughter of her many gifts.

**Reframe the negatives.** If your daughter says, "I am not good at math," add the word "yet!" This implies that the challenge is not insurmountable. While your daughter may be struggling with math at this moment, there will come a day when her hard work will pay off.

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