

Thatcher Elementary School

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"NURTURING SUCCESS"



From the Desk of the Principal:

Dear Families,

You can feel the air cooling, the leaves beginning to fall, and—finally—get that Pumpkin Spice Latte you've been waiting for! I love this time of year. There is something special about October, and I especially enjoy seeing our school settle into the rhythm of a new year. Our classrooms have established routines, friendships are growing, and our classes are beginning to feel like little "class families."

As we move into October, I want to continue emphasizing our theme for this school year: Together We Soar. At Thatcher Elementary, we believe that helping children succeed is a team effort. When students, teachers, families, and our community work together, our children have the support they need to grow, learn, and soar. This month also marks the end of our first quarter, which means families will have an opportunity to meet with teachers for parent-teacher conferences. This is a great opportunity to learn about your child's academic progress, celebrate their successes, and talk with their teacher about ways we can continue to support their growth. I also want to encourage you to stay connected throughout the school year on ClassDojo and the (new) ParentVue app.

We appreciate you parents for all that you do. Your partnership matters, and when we work together, there is no limit to what our students can accomplish.

#TogetherWeSoar



Best, Mr. Anthony Vincent



JOIN US FOR OUR 2026



SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

October 5th-8th

Monday: 11:30-4:00
Tuesday: 11:30-4:00
Wednesday: 11:30-6:00
Thursday: 11:30-4:00



Scan the QR Code to create an Ewallet



Located in the KC Bldge - North of TES



Calendar Items:

October 2026

- 1 Picture Retakes
 - 5-8 Scholastic Book Fair
 - 6 Governing Board Mtg @ 5:30 pm
 - 9 No School - Fair Weekend
 - 12 No School - Columbus Day
 - 13-16 TES Red Ribbon Week
 - 14 Parent/Teacher Conf - Early Release
 - 15 Parent/Teacher Conf - Early Release
 - 26-29 THS Homecoming Week
- see thatcherud.org for activities schedule



November 2026

- 4 6th Gr to Fold Legacy Trio @ CFA
- 10 5th Gr Music Performance @ Cafeteria
 - 9:00 am - Nidiffer, Davis, Luster
 - 10:00 am - Lockridge, Gasca, Ruland
- 11 Veteran's Day - No School



Thanksgiving Break
Nov 25-27

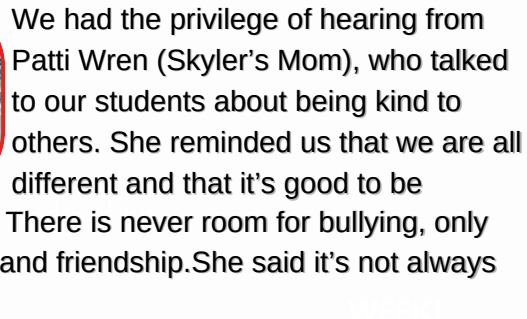
Notes from the NURSE'S OFFICE

We are discovering we have several friends who feel the need to visit the nurse daily for little things like a bumped knee from the day before or a headache because they are tired. While we love seeing them, please remind your child that our bodies experience bumps and minor aches sometimes, but they don't always need a nurse's attention. We want to make sure our nurse isn't overwhelmed with minor issues to treat those who truly need tended to.

Thank you for helping us keep our kids healthy!

-Students should not be on campus before 7:30 am - Breakfast & Lunch menus can be found at www.thatcherud.org -
- Lunch money can be added to your student's account at MySchoolBucks.com or by sending cash/check to the Office-

every smile every word every day



Skyler was just 12 years old when his life ended. You can read more of his story and the legacy his family continues online.



**BE
KIND
to
YOURSELF**



For any treats brought to the school for students, the following ingredients are prohibited:

- Potassium Bromate
- Propylpareaben
- Titanium Dioxide
- Bromenated Veg Oil
- Yellow Dye 5 & 6
- Yellow Dye 1 & 2
- Green Dye 3
- Red Dye 3 & 40

THATCHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Congratulations
Thatcher
Elementary!

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PERSEVERE – We keep trying,
even when things are hard.

RESPECT – We treat ourselves,
others, and our school with kindness.

INTEGRITY – We do the right thing,
even when no one is watching.

DETERMINATION – We work hard
and never give up on our goals.

EXCELLENCE – We always strive
to do our very best.

TOGETHER WE SOAR



SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR CIVICS CELEBRATION DAY

Thatcher Elementary School would like to give a huge shout-out to Thatcher Town Mayor Jenny Howard and Graham County District 2 Supervisor John Howard for spending time with our 5th graders today in honor of Sandra Day O'Connor Day!

Our students had the opportunity to experience local government firsthand as several students took on the role of a Town Council, working with "the people" to decide whether the community should build a park, a bridge, or a road. After hearing from their constituents and discussing their options, the Town Council reached a unanimous decision: build a bridge!

This hands-on experience gave our students a fun and memorable look at how local government works and how citizens can have a voice in the decisions that shape their communities. We are so grateful to Mayor Howard and Supervisor Howard for helping make civics come to life for our students!



Since 2020, Arizona schools have observed Sandra Day O'Connor Day with a dedicated day of civics education honoring Arizona's own Sandra Day O'Connor—the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Justice O'Connor was also a strong advocate for civic education and founded iCivics to help young people understand how government works.



"Do the best you can in every task, no matter how unimportant it may seem at the time. No one learns more about a problem than the person at the bottom."

- Sandra Day O'Connor



TUSD BREAKFAST

CAFETERIA HOURS

JDPS - 7:30-7:50 am
TES - 7:25-7:50 am
TMS - 7:25-7:50 am
THS - 7:00-7:50 am

PRICING

\$1.85 per student

Reduced = free for 26/27 SY

How to Pay:

- Cash - give to school secretary; or
- Card - ParentVue > Fee > Pay Fees > Meals

View the *MENU* or apply for
Free/Reduced Meals at:

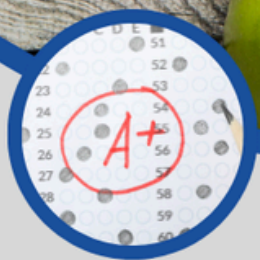


www.thatcherud.org



Free/Reduced Meal Application It's More Than a Meal Application!

DON'T FORGET TO
FILL THIS OUT AT
THATCHERUD.ORG



Filling out your Application benefits YOU & TUSD:

School Funding- Increase to e-rate funding and food service accounts

Internet Access- Eligible for discounted rates on internet services

School Meals- Free or Reduced prices on nutritious Meals

Academic Tests- Funds to help cover testing costs such as ACT

The information collected on meal applications for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) can do more than just provide free and reduced-priced meals.

You will be able to fill out your meal application online this year as part of the Registration/Verification process to take advantage of these additional benefits and ensure our schools continue to receive funding!

