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The Starblazer Chronicle

"Blazing a Path to the Stars!"

Reflecting and Moving Forward

After graduating from the University of Arizona, my initial job was teaching first grade in Fountain Hills, Arizona. I taught there for 5 years and then moved back to Lake Havasu City, where I graduated from high school and where my family lived.

For the last 30 years I have worked as an employee of the Lake Havasu Unified School District as a first and fourth grade teacher, a reading interventionist, an academic coach, and then the principal of Starline Elementary School. I am now ready to retire and move forward into a different aspect of my life.

My plan is to come back to substitute for the district. Substitutes are difficult to find so it has been challenging for teachers and support staff to be able to take a day off when they are sick. I also would like to reach out to tutor struggling learners. Another vision I have is to write church curriculum, specifically for the age range of 5–12-year-old children.

As the 2021-2022 school year draws to a close, the district will be sending out a survey link to ask for your input regarding Starline's next leader. The Human Resources Department will use the information to build a profile that will be shared with all of the candidates. A selection committee will be gathered which will include teachers, support staff, district level leaders, and parents. Over the summer, I will pass the baton onto the new leader. For the last 5 years, I have appreciated my role as the principal of Starline Elementary School because of the staff, students, and families that have touched my heart. I have grown as an individual and a leader. So many of you have left footprints on my heart. I appreciate living in Lake Havasu City and plan to give back to staff, students, and hopefully, the community. Teaching is my passion and I hope to continue to support in some capacity as I journey into my future.

With much appreciation,

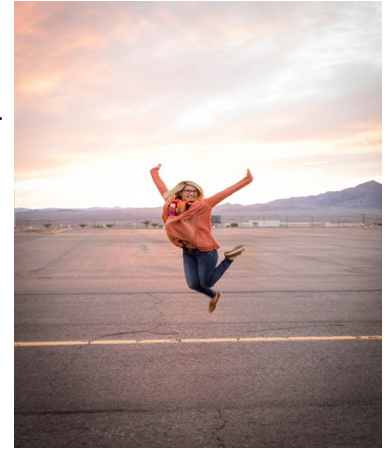
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WE ♥ OUR STAFF

Mrs. Rickard/Reading Intervention Paraprofessional:

Hello Starline Family! My name is Mrs. Dana Rickard and I am excited to join the Starblazer Team! My husband and I are from Lake Havasu and we have 2 amazing children. Our family stays busy camping in the desert and boating on our beautiful lake.

Reading is one of my favorite hobbies, and my goal is to encourage our students to become confident readers. Readers are Leaders!



Mrs. Branch/Reading Intervention Paraprofessional:

Hello, my name is Ann Branch and I have worked for the LHUSD for 14 years. This is my third year being part of Starline's reading intervention team. I enjoy working with students from kindergarten to fourth grade.

I have two beautiful grandkids that live in California and I spend my free time with them. My photo is from one of our trips to Hawaii, with my grandkids.

I am grateful to get to know more of Starline students and I excited to be part of this new reading intervention team!

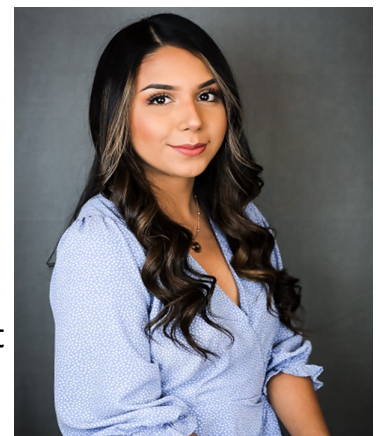


Ms. Betancourt/Reading Intervention Paraprofessional:

I am originally from El Paso, Texas. I moved to Havasu with my family and graduated from Lake Havasu High School. I completed my Bachelors in Biology from Arizona State University at Lake Havasu.

I enjoy spending time with my husband, my family, and our new puppy, Bruno.

I'm exploring my career options and I'm excited to learn more about education and possibly being a teacher in the future. I look forward to working with students and seeing my younger siblings on campus.



Important Reminders



Kindergarten Registration

When: March 1 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: Starline Computer Lab

Who: A Family Who Has a Kindergartener Starting School in August 2022

No Tardy Picnic



When: March 25 from 11:20-12:15 p.m.

Where: Starline Field

Who: Starline Families

*Bring a special lunch to share with your children and spend some time participating with them as they play on the playground and field!

State Testing: English Language Arts, Math, and Science

At the end of March through the beginning of April, fifth grade students will be completing the state science assessment. Then throughout the month of April, third through sixth grade students will be completing a reading, writing, and math state assessment. For the first time this year third graders will also be administered a reading fluency assessment.

Please support your children by making sure they eat breakfast, hopefully with some protein to feed their brains. Also, make sure they have plenty of rest each day, so they arrive to school ready to learn and do their very best at all times. Thank you SO much for your support!

Calvary Service Day

When: March 26 from 8:00-12:00 p.m.

Where: Starline Elementary School

Who: Calvary Volunteers and Starline Families



*Calvary Volunteers will be painting the nurse's office and a classroom. Families are welcome to come to clean up the campus- pick up trash, pull any weeds, wash window, sweep sidewalks and more. This is a fun day to give back to the community and our local schools. WE SUPER APPRECIATE THIS MAJOR ACT OF KINDNESS!



Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast

When: March 2 from 7:15-7:50 a.m.

Where: Starline Cafeteria

Who: All Starline Families

Cost: 18 and younger children eat for free. Adults are \$3.00. Please remember to bring the exact amount. Change cannot be given back so if you bring more than \$3.00, the extra amount will be placed on your child's lunch account.

Dr. Seuss Spirit Days and March Spirit Days

February 28: Cat in the Hat (wear a hat)

March 1: "I Can Read with My Eyes Shut" (wear a shirt someone can read)

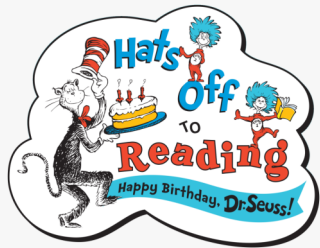
March 2: Green Eggs and Ham or Wear Green

March 3: Fox in Socks (wear crazy socks)

March 4: Put Me in the Zoo (wear animal print)

March 11: Sports Day

March 31: Rainbow Day



PTA Meeting and Dr. Seuss Night

When: March 2 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Where: PTA/Intermediate Commons and Gym

Who: All Starline Families

PTA Meeting: We will share our upcoming events and elect new membership at this time. If you are interested in running for aboard position, please email starlinepta@gmail.com.

Dr. Seuss Family Night: Please join us for a night of celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with reading, games, and cake. Email starlinepta@gmail.com if you would like to help planning or donating for this event.

*We APPRECIATE your input and involvement in Starline Events!

Camp Invention® is coming to Starline!



In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF), we are pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed Camp Invention® program to children entering **1st** through **6th** grade. This exciting, weeklong summer adventure provides opportunities for open-ended, hands-on exploration of science, technology, engineering and more! Rotating through a variety of exciting activities each day, children have fun collaborating with friends, thinking creatively and inventing their own solutions to real-world challenges.

The camp will run from June 6 – June 10 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm with an extended day offered until 5:30 pm for an additional \$80. The all-new 2022 Explore program will thrill both new and returning campers with an expedition full of far-reaching explorations, fascinating discoveries and exhilarating “a-ha” moments!

During this dynamic, high-energy program, young innovators will:

- Dive into cutting-edge ocean research as they adopt their own robotic fish, design and patent aquatic plants, and take their fish friend home in a mini tank.
- Discover real space exploration technology when they create Spacepacks and AstroArm devices, mine an asteroid and observe erupting ice volcanoes.
- Combine science and art to build their own robotic artist, engage in design thinking, make spin art and learn how inventions can change the way people create.
- Experiment with the fun of physics, engineering and gaming as they design, build and test their own mega marble arcades.

Early registration discounts available! Register using SUM25 by March 31 to save \$25, or SUM15 by May 18 to save \$15 off the registration fee.

Availability is limited, so visit invent.org/mylocalcamp or call 800-968-4332 to secure your child's spot today!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	28 Spirit Day: Cat in the Hat Day (wear a hat) 	1 Spirit Day: "I can Read With My Eyes Shut Day" (wear a shirt with something you can read) Kindergarten Registration Night 6:00 PM-7:00 PM 	2 Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast Spirit Day: Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast (wear green)  PTA Meeting/PTA Dr. Seuss Night 6:00 PM-7:30 PM	3 Early Release Spirit Day: Fox in Socks Day (wear crazy socks) 	4  Spirit Day:  "Put Me in the Zoo" <small>by Robert Lopshire</small> (wear animal print) NOVA Graduation- 5th grade	5
6	7	8  Governing Board Meeting @ 6:00 PM-9:00 PM	9	10 Early Release Million Word Luncheon 	11 Early Release 1:00 PM Spirit Day: "Green Day"	12
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20	21	22 Spring Picture Day 	23	24 Early Release	25 No Tardy Picnic 11:20 AM-12:15 PM 	26
27	28	29	30	31 Early Release Spirit Day: Rainbow Day 		