



# Cactus Wren Elementary School

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## Mission Statement

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



Kaylene Ashbridge, Principal

December, 2016

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Monday, December 5, 2016.....	PTO Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 7, 2016.....	Early Release @ 1:00 p.m.
Friday, December 9, 2016.....	Holiday Event: Santa is coming to CW @ 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 13, 2016.....	Site Council Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 13, 2016.....	Grades 3rd – 6th Winter Concert @6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 14, 2016....	Early Release @ 1:00 p.m.
Friday, December 16, 2016.....	Polar Express Night 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 20, 2016.....	Grades 4th – 6th Spelling Bee @ 1:00 p.m.



Cactus Wren School participates in the Box Top\$ for Education Program. Send your box tops in!



**Friday, December 23, 2016 - No School, Winter Break Begins**  
December 23 – January 6  
**NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK**

## Polar Express Night

Friday, December 16, 5:00-6:30 p.m.



**5:00-5:45 p.m.** Holiday Festival

The rooms of Building B will be open for pictures with Mrs. Claus, the dreidel game, plickers, a holiday craft (snowflakes), and karaoke.

**5:45-6:00 p.m.** Snack

Cafeteria will serve coffee, hot cocoa, and cookies



**6:00-6:30 p.m.** Mrs. Claus will read the Polar Express



## spelling bee



Tuesday  
Dec. 20  
1:00 p.m.



### Cold or Flu?

The weather is changing and with that comes cold and flu season. If possible, please send in a box of tissues or antibacterial wipes for your child's classrooms. What is the difference between a cold and the flu? The flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness and dry cough are more common. Colds are usually milder than the flu. People with colds are likely to have a runny or stuffy nose. If you have any questions, please call our Health Tech Office at 602-347-2110.



### ¿Resfriado o Gripe?

El clima está cambiando y con eso viene la temporada de frío y gripe. Si es posible, envíe una caja de kleenex o toallitas antibacterianas para los salones de clase de su hijo(a). ¿Cuál es la diferencia entre un resfriado y la gripe? La gripe y el resfriado común son enfermedades respiratorias, pero son causados por diferentes virus. En general, la gripe es peor que el resfriado común y los síntomas como fiebre, dolores corporales, cansancio extremo y tos seca son más comunes. Los resfriados suelen ser más leves que la gripe. Es probable que las personas con resfriados tengan secreción o congestión nasal. Si tiene alguna pregunta por favor llame a nuestra Oficina de Salud al 602-347-2110



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Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

**Teacher Interview Fairs**  
 Washington Elementary School District  
 4650 West Sweetwater Avenue  
 Glendale AZ 85304

Saturday, December 10, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, January 28, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, February 25, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Apply at [jobs.wesdschools.org](http://jobs.wesdschools.org). Questions? Call 602-347-2622

**WINTER CONCERT**  
 December 13 @ Cactus Wren Cafeteria

Melodies Being Played:  
 Rolling Along,  
 Hot Cross Buns,  
 Ode to Joy,  
 Sunkist Twist.

**Performance time:**  
**6:00 p.m.**



**Need Day Care before or after school? We have KidSpace at Cactus Wren: for information Please call 602-347-2129. Please don't drop your students off in the office before 7:15am. We can't supervise them. Thank you!!!**

**Stay Connected**

Did you know we are on Facebook? Please check out the Cactus Wren site! We post the amazing activities and events that occur at our school. The WESD site and our Superintendent Dr. Paul Stanton also have sites. Go to our sites and "like us." It will give you a flavor of what is happening. We know you can't be here every day, but our postings allow you to share in the fun and give you things to talk about with your children. In the past few months Cactus Wren has posted pictures of the AM Lego and Art class, the Fall Open House, Supt. Luncheon Nominees, Cross Country, Lunch Bunch Reading, Robotics' Class, Cactus Wren Academy Family events, VIP Luncheon, Blue Shirt Day, Bully Awareness Kick Off, the Child's Play Theatre, and so much more! So when your kids come home and you ask them, "What did you do today?" change it up and surprise them by sharing what you saw on Facebook. We have fun things planned for December. You can know those special events by checking out our web page, monthly calendars, flyers, and frequent dial-outs. We know how busy life can be, and we also know that you want easy ways to access what is happening at our school and district. Please know we want you to be "in the know" and stay connected with your child's school as you balance all the responsibilities of your life. The sites can be found: <http://cactuswren.wesdschools.org>

Cactus Wren Elementary © feeling thankful.

Cactus Wren celebrated its yearly VIP luncheon with a Turkey Trot supported by Coach Van Amburg, and cafeteria staff! We are thankful to our students, staff, and families who made this day special!



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