



Spring 2009

# OSBORN REPORTER

130 Years of Excellence in Public Education

Osborn School District #8

## OSBORN—AN AWARD WINNING DISTRICT!



### AZ SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Superintendent Wilma Basnett, PhD was recognized as the 2008 All Arizona Superintendent of the Year for middle sized districts by the Arizona Association of School Administrators. She has served Osborn for 21 years as Superintendent. She shares “this award with the entire Osborn Staff and Board who make the district not only ‘look’ good but ‘be’ good and continue to get better and better!”

*Board members Kelly Parker, Sarah Hall, Maxine Radtke, Superintendent Wilma Basnett, Board Members Marilyn Rollins and Dean Wolcott celebrate 2008 Total Board and AZ Superintendent Awards.*

### CLARENDON A+ SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

The Arizona Educational Foundation (AEF) has named Clarendon School an A+ School of Excellence. Since 1983, AEF has honored exemplary PreK-12 public schools in Arizona through the A+ School Award. Clarendon applied for the award by completing a lengthy application documenting a record of sustained high achievement and parent and community involvement. A rigorous site visit by the A+ review panel completed the process. In a separate award, Clarendon’s ballet program received the A+ Exemplary Program Award. We are proud of Clarendon staff and students as models of educational excellence.



## ADDITIONAL AWARDS

**TOTAL BOARD AWARD: OSBORN GOVERNING BOARD**

**BEST ELEMENTARY PARENT SATISFACTION IN MARICOPA COUNTY:  
OSBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS**

**A+ EXEMPLARY PROGRAMS: BALLET & STAR**

**ESPERANZA OUTSTANDING LATINO TEACHER: LUIS VALENCIA**

**THREE VALLEY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: OMS**

# LONGVIEW SCHOOL

## ALUMNUS LA DODGERS #16 ANDRE ETHIER VISITS



Principal Leslie Beauchamp and Andre Ethier with Longview Lancers #16 jersey

Andre Ethier inspired a gym full of admiring Longview Lancers with his message of perseverance and success! Andre's former teachers shared stories about Andre's early years and their memories of his parents' strong support for education. Andre spoke about his dreams and how education and perseverance helped him realize those dreams – going to college, playing baseball for ASU and finally, the major leagues.



Taipei Folk Dance Theatre performed at OMS

## CHINESE CULTURAL SUMMER CAMP

The Taipei Chinese Culture Summer Camp will be hosted by Longview School. At this unique camp Asian youth can explore their culture and students of other ethnic backgrounds will learn about Asian culture. Please visit: [www.OsbornSchools.org/news](http://www.OsbornSchools.org/news)

## LONGVIEW RECEIVES A+ RECOGNITION FOR STAR PROGRAM

The Longview Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect- STAR Positive Behavioral Intervention Support Program was selected to receive the A+ Exemplary Programs Award by the Arizona Educational Foundation. Judges called it "an exemplary program that deserves to be recognized as an A+ Award recipient." Since 2004, when the STAR positive behavioral intervention model was implemented, discipline incidents have been reduced by two thirds.

## MAYOR PHIL GORDON SPEAKS WITH FIFTH GRADE

A delegation of fifth grade immigrant and refugee students from Mexico, Russia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, and India met the Mayor at the door and escorted him to their classrooms where he spoke with students about the importance of education and fielded questions. Mayor Gordon's visit demonstrated the value of sharing ideas and gave Longview fifth graders a deeper appreciation of decision-making processes in city government. They also learned the value of effective writing skills!



Jazmine Toldeo, Asiya Awale, Sanam Eminova, Fatima Aslanova, Elaine Marxer, Mayor Phil Gordon, Principal Leslie Beauchamp, Timur Tayfurov, Satta Sandi, and Mary Holdorf

## READINESS BASKETS

Longview is hosting a series of ten workshops for parents and their zero to five year old children to prepare to enter school. The Readiness Basket English and Spanish workshops are sponsored by Arizona Literacy & Learning Center and facilitated by Partners in Participation. This successful series will end in May, but will begin anew next fall.

## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

As a student at Longview in the 1960's, I knew that Osborn Schools were special. We had great teachers who cared about their students, terrific programs in band, sports, and academics, and beautiful campuses. Other school districts looked to Osborn to lead the way.

Osborn Schools today are providing that same great education on even more beautiful campuses, with great programs in academics, sports, band, fine arts, and technology. The names have changed and the paperwork is far more demanding, but Osborn Schools still lead the way for others, with innovative programs, professional teacher training, and A+ schools.

Speaking of A+, Clarendon School is one of only 6 in the Valley to achieve the honored distinction of being an A+ school. In addition, the Clarendon-Encanto ballet program and the STAR program at Longview were named A+ programs. Whether you have children or great-grandchildren, I invite you to visit any of your schools. You will be proud of your schools and the wonderful children who attend them, and proud that Osborn continues to provide a great education for everyone.

Kelly Parker

## CHAMPIONS BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

Champions' district-wide program is offered in the Encanto Gym. They offer discounts for children enrolled between April 1-May 15, 2009. For more information call 1-800-246-2154 or go to: [www.discoverchampions.com](http://www.discoverchampions.com).

The Carpenter's Union continues to target Osborn and districts around the country with pickets and banners protesting construction work with a specific sub-contractor. While it appears Osborn has disputes with employees, this is not the case. Furthermore, work from contractors and sub-contractors continues to be of high quality. We assume such protests will continue until bond construction concludes in the fall. Please bear with us.

# ENCANTO SCHOOL

## ZEN GARDEN COMES TO ENCANTO

Clarendon's Zen Garden Club completed a peace garden in the third grade wing. Second grade students were given a model, tape measures, rakes, and lessons on maintaining the garden as next year's Peace Docents.



## READING PICNIC

Students and families celebrated reading at the annual Encanto Reading Picnic. Children brought blankets to sit on the grass and read books all morning. Parents joined for a savory lunch grilled by the Child Nutrition Department. Several teachers and Assistant Superintendent Patricia Tate dressed in character and read books to the students.



*Eric Yang and his father read together at Encanto's Picnic*



## CHAVEZ'S GRANDSON SPEAKS WITH ENCANTO DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Encanto Dual Language students got a rare opportunity to meet with Alejandro Chavez, Cesar Chavez's grandson after a short program for the entire school. Students learned about the activist and how they can make the world a better place.

## 21ST CENTURY SHOWCASE

Students demonstrated their skills with ballet, piano, yoga double-dutch jump rope among others to a packed house of family and friends at the recent 21st Century Showcase. Parents were impressed with the variety of programs available and the skill and discipline children master through their participation in each activity. Displays showcased other non-performance activities. First grade teacher Michelle Doherty coordinates the after school program; Encanto teachers act as instructors.



*Students experiment with rolling spheres at a Physics display during the Showcase event*



*Double Dutch All Stars Fitness Club*

# PARENTS CORNER

## MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT HOMELESS CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

If due to loss of housing and/or economic hardship, you must live in a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground, on the street, in abandoned buildings, in substandard housing, or doubled up with relatives or friends, then according to the McKinney-Vento Act, you are considered in transition and your children have certain rights to school services and resources. Unaccompanied youth are also eligible for services. For a complete list of homeless children's rights and for more information, please contact your school's Parent Liaison or Osborn's District Liaison. Thank you.

**OSBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT: ROBERTA FIGUEROA: 602-707-2566**  
**STATE COORDINATOR: FRANK MIGALI: 602-542-4963**

## SUMMER PARENT ACADEMY MAY 27 TO JUNE 25, 2009

**8:00-12:00 P.M. AT LONGVIEW SCHOOL**

- ♦ A multitude of adult education classes and coffee talks will be offered to District Parents.
- ♦ Special guests from the Osborn District and the community will be present at coffee talks.
- ♦ Childcare and Transportation will be available.
- ♦ Registration and Calendar of events will be available in May.

For more information or to register, please contact:  
**Roberta Figueroa, 602-707-2566**

# OPEN ENROLLMENT: WHY OSBORN?



**GREAT CENTRAL PHOENIX LOCATION!**  
**DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS K-7TH**  
**ART, MUSIC, PE, COMPUTERS & LIBRARY**  
**FOCUS ON INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT**  
**BEAUTIFUL, RENOVATED SAFE CAMPUSES**  
**GREAT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

## WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE OSBORN

### Parents say...

Each year we ask parents to let us know what they think about Osborn schools—here's a sample of what we hear:

- ✓ *“Our daughter attends Kindergarten – she loves her class activities, her homework, her friends and her teachers. She is thriving!”*
- ✓ *“I have had a child in dual language for two years and it has been an incredible experience with highly motivated teachers.”*
- ✓ *“The range of supports for families, the dedication of the principal and the extra-curricular activities are a model for what schools should be - a learning center for the community.”*

### SPANISH IMMERSION DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

KINDERGARTEN - 7TH GRADE

- ✓ Celebrating 10 Years of Biliterate Spanish English Dual Language Education
- ✓ Highly Qualified, Award-winning, Native Language Instructors
- ✓ Improved Performance on Standardized Tests



## **PROFESSIONALLY STAFFED “SPECIALS”**

- ✓ Weekly Special Area Classes: Art, Computers, Music, Physical Ed, and Library
- ✓ Highly Qualified Motivated Teachers
- ✓ Beautiful, Spacious, Well-equipped Special Area Classrooms, New Montecito Gym
- ✓ Band, Choir, Strings, and Nutrition Programs



## **FOCUS ON INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT**

- ✓ Osborn Trimester Benchmark Assessment to Ensure Each Student Learns
- ✓ Targeted Individualized Tutoring by Highly Qualified Teachers
- ✓ Gifted Student Clustering for Differentiated Instruction



## **OSBORN DEVELOPMENTAL PRESCHOOL**

- ✓ Certified Preschool Teachers in Every Classroom
- ✓ Unique Special Needs Inclusion
- ✓ Bilingual Instruction
- ✓ Student to Teacher Ratio less than 8:1

## **BEAUTIFUL RENOVATED & GREENER SCHOOLS**

- ✓ Cleaner Air, New Lighting, Purer Water & New Finishes in Every Classroom
- ✓ Low Water Use Fixtures, Low Energy Use Lights and Efficient Air Conditioning
- ✓ New Gymnasium, New Roofing, Renovated Baseball Diamonds and Fields

## **GREAT SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

- ✓ 21st Century After School Grants in Every School
- ✓ Unique Academic & Enrichment Classes Taught by Certified Teachers
- ✓ Free Breakfast, Snacks & “Late” Bus
- ✓ Showcase & Curriculum Events for Families



**Osborn School District #8**

1226 W. Osborn Road  
Phoenix, Arizona 85013

**Superintendent**

Wilma J. Basnett, Ph.D.

**Governing Board**

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Due to the economy and lower student enrollment we are tightening our belt for fall by reducing staff and consolidating spaces within each school. While these measures are necessary, we will continue the same high quality instruction. Tell your friends and neighbors about our award winning Osborn Schools and encourage them to enroll their children. We have Open Enrollment and more children mean more dollars for programs.

Bond construction is scheduled for completion in August—ahead of schedule and on budget! It will be a busy summer at all sites. The District Office will relocate to Solano while we get a much needed face lift. When complete, every classroom will have new carpeting and low energy use lighting; heating and air conditioning systems will be upgraded to use less energy and provide cleaner air and better circulation; water fixtures will be new low-water use fixtures. Additionally, we will have new roofs, playgrounds and renovated fields and parking lots on all sites. Come see the results of your bond dollars when school starts in August!

*Wilma Basnett, PhD*

## SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 12, 2009

### New Extended School Day

Beginning this fall, we will extend the school day for Kindergarten and Third Grade students by 45 minutes and for Seventh and Eighth Grade students by 10 minutes to maximize instruction. Start times remain the same for all students.



### 2009-2010 School Year

#### Start Times

Grades K - 6 ... 8:00 a.m.    Grades 7 - 8 .....8:45 a.m.

#### Regular Dismissal Times    Early Dismissal Times

Grades K - 2 ... 2:15 p.m.    Grades K - 2 ..... 11:30 a.m.

Grades 3 - 6 ... 3:00 p.m.    Grades 3 - 6 ..... 12:15 p.m.

Grades 7 - 8 ... 3:55 p.m.    Grades 7 - 8 ..... 1:00 p.m.

**STUDENTS DO NOT NEED TO LIVE IN THE DISTRICT TO ENROLL**

**PARA INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL SÍRVASE DE LLAMAR A NOEMI CORTES (602) 707-2016**

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Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the  
Administrative Offices at  
1226 W. Osborn Road.  
All parents and patrons are invited to attend.

### Designated Performing and Performing Plus Schools and A+ Programs (A+):

#### A+ CLARENDON SCHOOL (4-6) A+ School of Excellence

*Performing Plus School*  
1225 W. Clarendon, Phoenix, AZ 85013  
Sandy Meko, Principal 707-2200

#### ENCANTO SCHOOL (PK-3)

*Performing School*  
1420 W. Osborn Road, Phoenix, AZ. 85013  
Michael Robert, Principal 707-2300

#### A+ LONGVIEW SCHOOL (PK-6)

*Performing School*  
1209 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ 85014  
Leslie Beauchamp, Principal 707-2700

#### MONTECITO SCHOOL (PK-6)

*Performing School*  
715 E. Montecito Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85014  
Maria O'Malley, Principal 707-2500

#### OSBORN MIDDLE SCHOOL (7&8)

*Performing School*  
1102 W. Highland, Phoenix, AZ 85013  
Marty Makar, Principal 707-2400  
Victoria Brand, Assistant Principal

#### SOLANO SCHOOL (PK-6)

*Performing School*  
1526 W. Missouri, Phoenix, AZ 85015  
Karen Epps, Principal 707-2600