



OSBORN REPORTER

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OSBORN ACHIEVEMENT PART OF CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

On June 15th Osborn School District Assistant Superintendent Patricia Tate was invited to Washington DC to testify at a Congressional hearing in support of University-School partnerships. She presented evidence that Osborn District's 10-year partnership with Arizona State University West Campus has improved student achievement, teacher quality and teacher retention.

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Neighbors,
Good news! A study by ASU Morrison Institute and the Center for the Future of Arizona entitled "Why Some Schools With Latino Children Beat The Odds...and Others Don't" identified six characteristics of successful schools: clear bottom line of student achievement, ongoing assessment and data analysis, strong and steady principals, collaborative solutions, stick with proven academic programs, and modify/build programs to suit individual student's needs. All are common practice in our schools and probably help account for the gains in student achievement we've seen over the past few years. Our committed, intentionally focused staff members are also part of our students' success story.

It's nice to have research based validation that we're on the right track as we continue and further refine our efforts to increase student learning.

Thank you, too, for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,
Maxine Radtke, Board President

Osborn School District will hold a bond election on November 7 asking voters to approve a \$37,000,000 bond issue that will be used to repair roofs, replace carpeting, provide for safety and security measures, improve energy management systems, provide a new multi-purpose room for Montecito and new student transportation vehicles. These items are needed due to normal wear and tear to our aging buildings and equipment.

We believe that an investment in Osborn schools is an investment in the Osborn community. Good schools help maintain good neighborhoods. Cost to the average tax payer of a home valued at \$100,000 is about \$4.50 per month or about \$54.00 per year.

Remember to vote on November 7.

Wilma Basnett, Ph.D., Superintendent

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OSBORN MIDDLE SCHOOL

EARTHWATCH FELLOWSHIP RECEIVED

Monterey California Aug 30-Sept. 8, 2006
Donna Konkright, Science Teacher



Ms. Konkright has been teaching 7th grade science at Osborn Middle School for 18 years. In 2005 she completed her MA in Education-Curriculum and Technology at the University of Phoenix. She will be keeping a daily web log or "blog" to document her experience. Her students will be checking the blog site below to see what Ms. Konkright is doing with the Earthwatch scientists while in California. She says, "I am thrilled to be involved in the Earthwatch project. My goal is take the experience back to the classroom and expand my Environmental Unit to include real-life population studies of marine mammals."

<http://marinemammalsofmontereyteam3.blogspot.com>

MUSICAL THEATRE

Catherine Hilgers, Music Teacher

OMS has revamped its music department! One exciting new program is musical theatre. With maxed out classes, students are joining together to learn how to sing, dance, act, use stage makeup, lighting, and many other aspects of the stage. Each musical theatre class will perform a musical at two Osborn elementary schools, as well as the middle school. Be watching for more information. Let's go! On with the show!

WASHINGTON DC TRIP

Brian Holman, Social Studies Teacher

For the third year in a row, students, families, teachers and the community rallied toward the cause of sending fifty students to meet their Congressman and discuss issues and concerns with him in their nation's capital. During the year, each student picked an issue, researched it, found laws that had been proposed to address it, and then crafted their own legal solution to the problem. Arizona Congressman Pastor spent an hour discussing these topics with the students, who then toured the Capitol and saw Congress in action.



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SUMMER HAPPENINGS

SUMMER SCHOOL

More than 400 students attended this year's summer school at Montecito and OMS. The emphasis was on reading, writing and speaking English. Teachers developed engaging lessons focusing around science topics for students in grades 1-6 and a culinary arts theme for students in grades 7-8.



MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM

This fall 23 Osborn School District teachers are participating in high-quality graduate level coursework in mathematics, science and reading as part of a 5-year, \$10 million US Dept. of Education grant awarded to Arizona State University on the West Campus, Osborn School District and six other partner districts. State-of-the-art distance learning technology delivers content rich professional development through the Internet to our "reception room" at Montecito School. Courses are co-taught by university professors and exemplary classroom teachers to assure content accuracy and direct classroom application. These Content Academies contribute to our students' continued high achievement gains by improving teacher quality and teacher retention.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

NEW PROGRAMS

21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER 5 YEAR GRANT

We will be offering expanded After School, Tutoring, Adult, and Summer School classes at five schools! We have developed exciting partnerships with the Phoenix Zoo (Zoo to You Science), Phoenix Theatre (Dual Language Theater), Childsplay Theatre (Book to Stage Productions), Phoenix College (Adult Education), Christown YMCA (Swim/Lifeguard instruction, Martial Arts), and BookPals (Language Arts). Many of our teachers will be teaching additional classes on their subject of choice.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELING GRANT

Osborn is one of only four districts in Arizona to receive a Federal Elementary School Counseling Grant. This three-year federal grant will allow students to receive counseling services and psychiatric assessment at all schools in the Osborn School District.

American Legion Auxiliary
AZ Diamondbacks
Bank of America
Barns & Noble Bookstore
Basha's
Bead Museum
Bencomo's Entertainment
BHHS Legacy Foundation
Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Brophy & Xavier
Central High Student Govt
Century 21
City of PX PAC & Rec Center
ClotheAChild
Community in Schools
Costco
Desert Canyon Pediatrics
Devonshire Neighborhood Assn
Encanto alumni
Faith Lutheran Church
First Credit Union
Goodman's Furniture
JP Chase Morgan Bank
Kiwanas
Lions Club

Longview W Neighborhood Assn.
Make a Difference
Master Gardner's/Pond Gnome
Meridian Bank
Mervyn's
OASIS
Osborn Educational Foundation
Pharmacy Fellows VA Hospital
Price Kong
Professional Event Management
Rotary
Real Gift Foundation
Remax
Safeway
Salvation Army
SCF of AZ
Soroptomists
St. Joseph's Hospital
St. Mary's & Westside Food Bank
University of Arizona
Virginia Piper
Walmart
Washington Mutual
Wolters Kluwer Health
YMCA

LONGVIEW SCHOOL

DIAMONDBACKS PARTNERSHIP

Longview students and staff "set up camp" outside the Diamondbacks Chase Field August 6, 7, & 8, to collect needed baseball equipment for the Longview physical education department and sports program. This opportunity was granted through Tony Clark (Diamondbacks 3rd baseman) and the Baseball Tomorrow Fund supported by the National Baseball League. Along with the generosity of the Diamondbacks, Longview was overwhelmed by the response of the Diamondbacks fans as they donated equipment to the school.

On Sunday, August 6th, just prior to the beginning of the game, Dr. Berner and two students were formally presented the equipment (including new and used helmets, gloves, bats, etc.) and a monetary donation by Tony Clark himself! They were accompanied by a representative from the National Baseball League who had flown in from New York just for this event. It was an exciting time for all!



TEACH FOR AMERICA

Two fantastic individuals joined the Longview teaching staff this year from Teach for America, a national corps of outstanding recent college graduates who commit two years to teach in public schools and become leaders in the effort to expand educational opportunity for our nation's students. Ms. LeClerk, top, from Seattle, studied Business and Spanish. She realized she had the rest of her life to work and

do something for someone else... Ms. Kowalski, from New Jersey, studied Theatre and Spanish. She was attracted to teaching because she wanted to make an impact on her students' lives and work to help end education inequity.



ACHIEVEMENT

98.8% OF PARENTS PROUD OF OSBORN SCHOOLS

It is one thing to say how proud we are of our school's achievements, it is yet another to ask our parents. We did just that, and we were impressed that our students' parents like our schools as much as we do! When asked, 98.8% of parents responded that they were proud that their child attends Osborn Schools.

OSBORN STUDENTS RECEIVE HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT IN MATHEMATICS

This year, 27 graduating eighth grade students from Osborn passed the Algebra Qualifying Tests, effectively placing them into tenth grade mathematics, and giving them high school mathematics credit for the work they did in junior high. Congratulations to our students and teachers!

IMPROVED TECHNOLOGY

STUDENTS ALWAYS OUR PRIORITY

Osborn School District has made significant changes to its technology infrastructure this summer by adding a faster and more efficient network. Currently, all schools have mobile projection systems and five of our schools have wireless mobile labs. Each school has a modern computer lab and Osborn Middle School has three complete computer labs for student use. Technology is used not only in the classroom to improve instruction and access to information, but also throughout the district by teachers and administrators to improve the quality and content of instruction. Osborn created Trimester Benchmark Assessments in reading and mathematics which teachers access using a web portal. Teachers can share assessment information with a student's parents with the click of a mouse!

Projects in Process

- ◆ Installing 300 new student computers and laptops.
- ◆ Adding and upgrading math, reading and music software across the district.
- ◆ Mounting Projectors, Smart Boards and Classroom Performance Systems in OMS math classrooms.
- ◆ Renovating District and School websites for improved parent/teacher communication.



YOUR AZ TUITION TAX CREDITS AT WORK

WANT TO GET \$400 BACK ON YOUR AZ STATE INCOME TAX WHILE SUPPORTING OSBORN STUDENTS?

Arizona Law allows married tax payers filing jointly to donate up to \$400 (or \$200 singly) to a public school of their choice and receive an equal tax credit off their AZ taxes in April. The school will issue a receipt to submit with your tax return. This money is used to support extra curricular and after school programs.

PROGRAMS:

- ◆ General (where most needed)
- ◆ After school enrichment (tutoring)
- ◆ After school sports
- ◆ Field trips (or OMS' DC Trip)
- ◆ Music / Art (or Encanto/ Clarendon's Ballet Program)

YOU CAN MAKE A 2006 TUITION TAX CREDIT DONATION BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND DECEMBER 31, 2006:

- ◆ Go to www.OSBORNNET.org, our secure website; **OR**
- ◆ Make a check payable to the "Osborn School District" and submit with the form on the right.

I WISH MY 2006 AZ TUITION TAX CREDIT TO GO TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clarendon | <input type="checkbox"/> Montecito |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Encanto | <input type="checkbox"/> Osborn Middle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Longview | <input type="checkbox"/> Solano |

Program to be funded: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Donated: _____

**OSBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT #8
1226 W. OSBORN RD.
PHOENIX, AZ 85013**

2006-2007 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday - Monday	July 25-31.....	New Teacher Orientation
Tuesday - Friday	August 1-4.....	Teacher Report
Tuesday	August 2.....	Opening Meeting
Monday	August 7.....	FIRST DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS REPORT
Monday	September 4.....	Labor Day
Wednesday	September 13.....	½ day students, Professional Development teachers
Thursday - Friday	September 21-22.....	OMS Parent/Teacher Conference, 1/2 day OMS
Monday	October 2.....	40 th Day
Monday - Friday	October 9-13.....	Fall Recess
Wednesday	October 25.....	½ day students, Professional Development teachers
Thursday	November 9.....	½ day school - End of first trimester
Friday	November 10.....	Veteran's Day Observance
Thursday - Friday	November 16-17.....	Parent Teacher Conference K-6, ½ day students
Thursday - Friday	November 23-24.....	Thanksgiving Recess
Wednesday	December 6.....	½ day students, Professional Development teachers
Friday	December 22.....	Holiday recess begins
Monday	January 8.....	School resumes
Monday	January 15.....	Martin Luther King Day
Monday	January 22.....	100 th Day
Wednesday	January 24.....	½ day students, Professional Development teachers
Wednesday	February 14.....	½ day students, Professional Development teachers
Monday	February 19.....	President's Day
Friday	February 23.....	½ day students - End of second trimester
Thursday - Friday	March 8-9.....	Parent Teacher Conference K-8, ½ day students
Monday - Friday	March 12-16.....	Spring Recess
Wednesday	March 28.....	½ day students, Professional Development teachers
Friday	April 6.....	Board Declared Holiday
Monday - Friday	April 9-13.....	AIMS Testing Week
Wednesday	April 25.....	½ day students, Professional Development teachers
Wednesday	May 9.....	½ day students, Professional Development teachers
Wednesday	May 23.....	LAST DAY SCHOOL, ½ day students, full day teachers
Thursday	May 24.....	Last day for teachers

End of Trimester, Parent Conferences

First Trimester – November 9	63 Days
Second Trimester – February 23	60 Days
Third Trimester – May 23	57 Days
Total Days for Year	180 Days



**STUDENTS NEED NOT RESIDE
IN THE DISTRICT TO ENROLL.**

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1420 W. Osborn Road
Phoenix, AZ. 85013
Judi Gottschalk, Principal 707-2300

CLARENDON SCHOOL (4-6)

1225 W. Clarendon
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Sandy Meko, Principal 707-2200

LONGVIEW SCHOOL (K-6)

1209 E. Indian School Road
Phoenix, AZ 85014
Claudia Berner, Principal 707-2700

MONTECITO COMMUNITY SCHOOL (K-6)

715 E. Montecito Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85014
Judy Whiles, Principal 707-2500

SOLANO SCHOOL (K-6)

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

OSBORN MIDDLE SCHOOL (7&8)

1102 W. Highland
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Marty Makar, Principal 707-2400
Leslie Beauchamp, Assistant Principal

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