

Andersen Orbiter – 7/21/2015

Our School Vision – To Inspire, to Love, to Learn and to Lead with Purpose

Welcome all new and returning parents/guardians! We are so happy to have you and your student (s) at Andersen Elementary. Please feel free to come in and have lunch with your student or volunteer in the classroom or any event throughout the year. We love having you on campus! Just be sure that you always sign-in at the office and put a sticker on before you proceed to the classroom or anywhere on campus.

We will be sending our 'Andersen Orbiter' newsletter to keep you up-to-date on school news. Once you register, be sure to subscribe to the Andersen Elementary Homepage and Calendar. This will ensure that you will receive our newsletters! If you haven't already, be sure to subscribe to this year's teacher's webpage to obtain information from them weekly. You can also subscribe to other pages on the Andersen Elementary website (such as the PTO) and receive updates from them as well. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to email your child's teacher or call/stop by the office for assistance. Click on this link for directions to assist in subscribing or editing your website subscription. [Website Registration Instructions](#).

News/Events/Reminders

- **IMPORTANT -- Extracurricular Activity Fees! NEW!!** This year, parents will pay for ALL extracurricular activity fees (fees for field trips, clubs, etc.), through the Infinite Campus - Parent Portal. All fees will be considered a tax credit contribution that you will be able to utilize on your taxes. There will be a \$2 convenience fee assessed per transaction (not per extracurricular activity fee) for using Infinite Campus to make payments from your home, work or mobile device with the use of a credit, debit card or e-check. Our school will only accept debit, credit card or e-check payments on the Infinite Campus online payment system. We will not be able to accept cash or checks for these payments. We will assess the fees for field trips and any known clubs that have been formed to all applicable students as soon as possible. Please call our office if you have any questions or talk to your child's teacher. Click here for our [Quick Guide](#) on making a payment on Infinite Campus.
- **IMPORTANT - Grades (Infinite Campus - Parent Portal)** All progress reports and report cards will be obtained through Infinite Campus - Parent Portal. We will no longer be sending paper copies home. Please be sure to sign up for your parent account as soon as possible to see your student's grades! Simply follow the directions outlined in this link, [I.C. Parent Portal Online Grade Registration](#). Don't hesitate to contact the office for assistance.
- **Safety is our priority!** The drop off and pick up traffic patterns have been designed for the safety of our students, staff, and drivers. PLEASE continue to be patient as it will take

approximately 2 weeks before everyone new to our school gets the hang of our pick up and drop off process. Here are a few **tips** to help the pick-up process go more efficiently:

1. If you are picking up at car pick-up B, follow the traffic pattern to the **back west** parking lot and around to pick-up area. Be sure to **pull all the way up** to the loading area. **DO NOT cut in line in front of other parents** who are waiting. LEFT TURN's are NOT allowed in the afternoon into pick up B area.
 2. Please **DO NOT get out of your vehicle**. We will load your student in your vehicle.
 3. BE sure your orange paper with your students name on it is visible to our staff who will be locating your student for loading into your vehicle. This helps speed up car loading!
 4. **DO NOT move CONES**. Even if you see someone else do it. We have placed them strategically for safety and to maximize the flow of traffic.
 5. **DO NOT** walk across the grassy **greenbelt** between Pennington and our school. This is dangerous. You are walking into the flow of our traffic pattern when you do this. Students are not allowed to cross anywhere but the crosswalk areas.
- **Birthday Celebration Change**-- As a partner with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation we will no longer allow food to be brought for birthdays. We have alternative ideas. Click here for more information. [Birthday Policy](#).
- **Fire Safety** -- Our school is participating in a safety program with the Chandler Fire Department. Please click here for additional information regarding the program. [Fire Safety](#).
- **Student Accident Insurance** -- If you don't have other insurance, this student accident insurance might be of interest to you. Please click here for information on how to enroll online. [Student Accident Insurance](#).

What's Ahead?

- **July 24, 2015 - PTO Peter Piper Pizza** - Come meet your classmates at Peter Piper Pizza on Dobson and Chandler Blvd. (Bashas' shopping center) this Friday, July 24, 2014 from 5-8 p.m. for our PTO Family Dinner night. We'd love to see everyone there! Please click on this link for additional information regarding this event! [Peter Piper Pizza](#)
- **August 7, 2015 - Kaleidoeye Character Assembly for grades 3 - 5.**
- **August 10, 2015 - PTO General Meeting - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Media Center**
- **August 11, 2015 - Site Council Meeting - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Media Center.** Please contact the front office for more information about our Site Council.