

SCHOOL NEWS

Luke Elementary School • Jets in Flight

Dear Luke Families,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Luke Elementary. We are excited to begin the second year in our new building. The finishing touches have been completed on the South playground and athletic fields so our campus really looks great. Our maintenance staff has cleaned the entire building so we are ready for the start of school. Most of our staff is returning so you should see lots of familiar faces.

Luke had a great year last year both academically and activity wise. In terms of academics Luke has learned that our Arizona Department of Education Achievement Profile for the 2008-2009 school year has increased from "Performing" to a "Performing Plus" label. This is the result of our teachers providing focused instruction and our students meeting the goals set for them to increase their AIMS scores. Activity wise Luke had a lot of great events during the year including a number of well attended family dances. Our athletic teams did extremely well with Luke winning division championships in football, soccer and basketball.

You are receiving a lot of information today and we would like to highlight several key items. The yellow "Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application" should be completed by all families regardless if you think you qualify or not. The Student & Parent Handbook/Discipline Procedures is a valuable and important publication. The first page is an *Acknowledgements and Verification* page which should be signed and returned to school. Parents should be aware that all Dysart schools are expected to follow the procedures outlined in this publication. As an example, the 1st Offense consequence for seventh or eighth graders who fight (for whatever reason) is a five (5) day out of school suspension plus a police report. There have been revisions to the student dress code and families should review those. Electronic devices such as cell phones cannot be used on campus or on buses so students should keep such devices out of sight. Students needing to contact parents should ask their teacher, administrator or bus driver and use appropriate school communication methods.

Again this year parents will be able to monitor their student(s) academic progress through our Pinnacle Grade Book. Teachers will post information on assignments, grades and other information on a weekly basis. Just go to our Luke Website and click on Grade Book and enter the login information you received last year. If new to Luke you will be receiving this information in the next few weeks.

Here's to a great 2009-2010 school year. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

Best regards,

Jean Meier, Principal

J. Brad Johnson, Assistant Principal

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August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9	10 1st day of school	11	12	13	14	15
Welcome Back to Luke						
16	17	18	19 Curriculum Night K-3 5:00 or 6:30	20 Curriculum Night 4-8 5:00 or 6:30	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Baseball and Softball seasons start soon...listen to announcements for details.						
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Parents, Please join us for an evening to learn more about your child's upcoming year. We're hosting Curriculum Nights on Wednesday, 8/19 for Kindergarten through 3rd grades and Thursday, August 20th for grades 4-8. The sessions are at 5:00 or 6:30 and will be held in the students' classrooms. There will be a Title 1 informational meeting on both nights at 5:45 in the cafeteria. Ms. Meier, Luke's Principal, will be in the cafeteria both nights to speak with parents.

Parents—if your child is to go home other than their usual way. You must send a note. If the school does not receive a note, the child will be sent home in their usual way. If there is an emergency—please call the office at 623.876.7300 before noon if possible.

Luke's Office Hours
Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m. —4:30 p.m.
623.876.7300 phone 623.876.7305 fax
623.876.7325 cafeteria

Water Bottles are encouraged to keep the children hydrated. Please keep in mind that:

- Only water may be consumed in the classroom.
- Water bottles must be clear and have a pop-top that can be easily closed when not in use.

