



# ROBERTS NAYLOR K-8



## FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Words from Ms. Rosthenhausler

Hello Phoenix Families,

We are well into second semester and getting geared up for the Arizona State test. April is a very important month that will give the state a snapshot of student growth in Language Arts, Writing, Science and Math. Therefore, it is extremely important to send your student to school each day.

Make sure that your student is getting extra time at home to work on IXL Reading/Math or reading a book.

We will be having a Reading and Math Curriculum night in May from 5pm-6pm in the cafeteria. This will allow families to play and take home some reading and Math games.

Boys and girls track and field will begin soon, please drop by the office to pick up the athletic paperwork.

### Reminders for the Month:

- - Dress down day on Fridays, students can not reveal shoulders, wear ripped jeans or open toed shoes.
- Conferences will be held on Thursday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30 come by learn how you can get the most of your student's academics.
- Kinder round up Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 9am-11am. Tours will be available for parents and future kinders.
- We are gearing up for the AZ state test in April, please make sure your student(s) have good attendance.
- Students should be reading at home with parents, small siblings, big brother, or sister. This will improve reading fluency, comprehension, and expression.

We would like to discuss a topic that is extremely troublesome and very important when it comes to Robert Naylor Students. **VAPING** has become a losing battle for parents and school officials everywhere. In order for us to have any gains over this addicting habit we need to educate ourselves and our children. Many students ranging from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are amazed with the smell and taste and that many, many others around them have picked up the habit. Many children have picked up the habit by using the vape pens of their

parents and older students around them. It appears to be a cool thing to do. Vaping puts kids at risk for nicotine addiction. Vaping affects cardiovascular health. Use of vaping places children at risk for other substance use. We have now noticed that vape pens and cartridges have been made in the homes of unknown people. This is especially placing our children at risk for inhaling an unknown substance that can be harmful or even fatal. Please take time to talk to your child about the negative effects of vaping.

## What's Happening in the classroom?



We have some extremely exciting news for our current 7<sup>th</sup> graders, soon to be 8<sup>th</sup> graders next year 24-25. Palo Verde H.S has been working very hard to create a positive and successful head start for our students at Roberts Naylor. We will be taking a look at our best and hard-working 7<sup>th</sup> graders who want to get high school classes underway their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. The way it is going to work are students from Roberts Naylor will be taking a bus to Palo Verde H.S and attend three classes. They will have Algebra, Biology and Spanish in a newly furnished, high technology area just for their future freshman. Students will then be bussed back to our school to take reading, writing, social studies and an elective. At the end of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, they will have completed three high school classes before their first day of high school. This is an amazing opportunity to build confidence and school structure. Students will be chosen based on grades, behavior, maturity, attendance, and self-motivation. If you are interested in your student being involved in this program, please send me an email. [Bernadette.rosthenhauslerespinoza@tusd1.org](mailto:Bernadette.rosthenhauslerespinoza@tusd1.org)

