

Southwest Academy

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A word from the Principal:

Southwest Academy held our annual Culture Fair during the month of December. Our other AZ sites joined us and all of the students presented projects on Eastern Hemisphere travel. We want to thank the many district representatives that took time out of their busy schedules to support our students project-based learning experiences.

We sponsored several student field trips in December and January which included a visit to the ASU campus, the radio station, a senior trip to Dave and Busters, and the Odyssey Aquarium in Scottsdale.

We fully reintegrated three students to their home districts and we are in the process of reintegrating several more students part time in the new semester. This is exciting for our students to see their hard work and dedication to both improved academics and behavior come to fruition.

We were also excited to have Senator Allen, Chair of the AZ Senate Education Committee, tour our campus and invite us to present to her committee. Our students asked Senator Allen some very important questions about laws in Arizona.

We are now looking forward to our Annual Science Fair on February 27th.

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Providing dynamic, hands-on programming

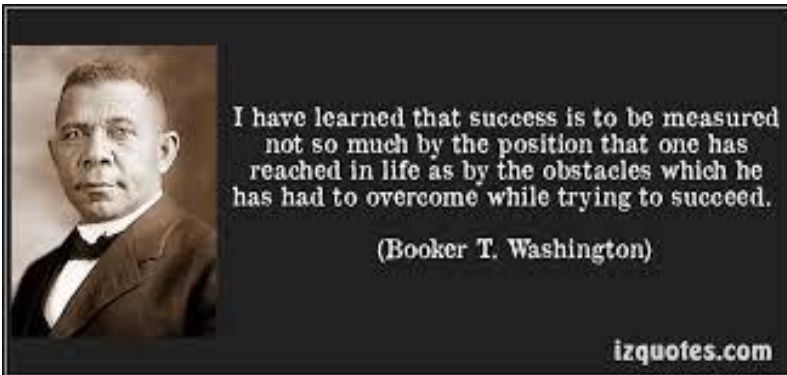
Elementary School:



Our young elementary class is learning social skills through peer partner work during math instruction. These students are making amazing progress!

**“No Refusal,
No Suspension,
No Expulsion”**

Middle School:



Middle school students in Ms. Marshall’s class watched a video of the “I have a Dream” speech by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Following the video, students completed an assignment about their dreams. The students dreamed that the nation would end racism, cure cancer, be happy and be a better place to live.

High School:

Ms. Linda’s high school science classes studied elements and the periodic table. Students then made their own crystals as part of a science experiment.



Mr. McBath's high school students visited the ASU Downtown Campus and the Radio Station. In December, students celebrated graduation for our December graduate at Dave and Buster's.

Offsite Classrooms:

Students in Sierra Linda Classroom memorized sections of our founding documents. ALL the students memorized sections of the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights. The memorization has helped them to appreciate the actual words of these great documents. The students are proud of their achievements. They are more excited to comment on the current and past political figures because they feel competent to compare them with the actual political documents that founded and continue to organize this great country.

Life Skills:



Ms.Jandl's Life Skills class visited Odyssey Aquarium Polar Experience in Scottsdale. It was fun to experience the extreme cold in our warm desert.

Honors Assembly:

Our honors assembly highlighted our students with perfect attendance, most improved academics, honor roll, principal's list.

We honored the following students for their great success.

Perfect Attendance: Andrew, Arnulfo, Marcus, Rey, Destin, Edward, Ruby and Isaiah

Most Improved Academics: Josh, Traylyn and Tinsley

Honor Roll: Connor, Michael Isaiah, Miranda, Rey, Alyssa, Marcus, Harry and Anthony

Principal's List Straight A's: Destin



Woodshop Class:

In woodshop, students have been working hard to create bookshelves that will be hung throughout classrooms at Southwest Academy. Throughout the process, students interviewed staff to determine the style of bookshelf they would like to see in their room, students then utilized concepts learned in math in the design process.



Occupational Therapy Corner

The Arizona Department of Economic Security/ Division of Developmental Disabilities provides needed supports to children/families who meet the following eligibility requirements.

- For children over the age of six years & have a diagnosis of
 - epilepsy
 - cerebral palsy
 - cognitive/intellectual disability or
 - autism

- The disability occurred prior to the age of 18
- Has substantial functional limitations in three of the seven major life areas.

If your family is in need of assistance, please visit the website:

[https://ddd.azdes.gov/dddeligibilityrequest/EligibilityRequirements.cshtml.](https://ddd.azdes.gov/dddeligibilityrequest/EligibilityRequirements.cshtml)

Upcoming Events

- **February 19: No School for Students – Presidents’ Day**
- **February 27: Science Fair at Southwest Academy**
- **February 28: Early Release**

This month’s PBIS Focus is reducing disturbing.
Students will focus on decreasing referrals for disturbing.