

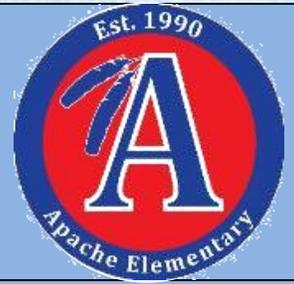
Ice Cream Social 2016



See the full Ice Cream Social album on [Apache Facebook](#)



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Dear Apache Families,

Your children hit the ground running this year. They are busy learning and growing. Our halls and classrooms are full of the sound of happy children.

Our campus has never looked better. Thank you to Miss Candy who works tirelessly to take care of everything and everyone.



Thank you to Barb, Karen, and Wendy our front office staff who help each and every family quickly become a part of our Apache community.

Thank you parents for your patience as 700 students arrive at school in the morning and leave at the end of the day.

Kindergarten-2nd grade pick up: Our front circle drive is for parents of kindergarten, first, and second grade students during the 2:50-3:00 parent pick up. If you have a young child and an older sibling, please come at 3:00 when your older student will also be ready. Your younger child's teacher will keep them until a sibling or you arrive.

5th-8th grade pick up: We have more students than ever coming by car. Please pull up as far as you can. This helps the congestion on John Cabot.

Your support makes Apache the wonderful place it is for children. Parents + Students + Staff = AWESOME happening for Apache kids.

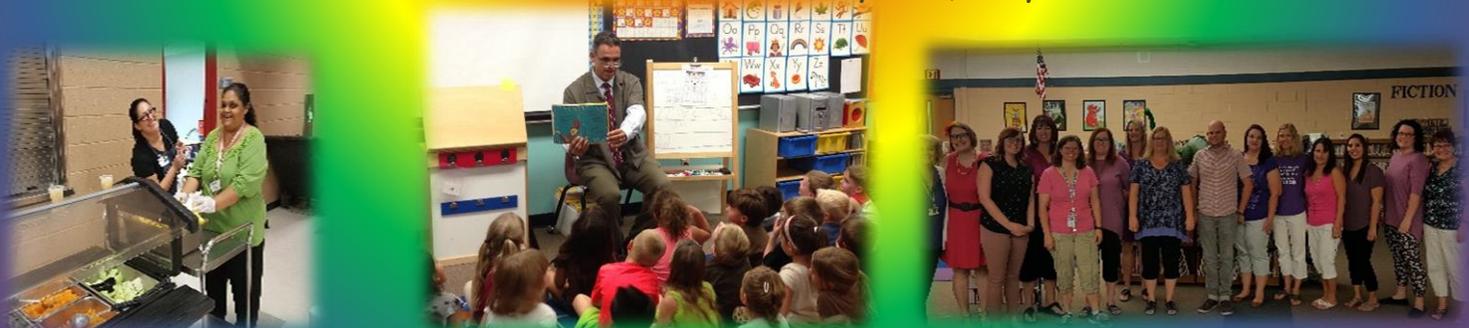
Heidi Caine

Celebration of Color

The Kindergarten students celebrated colors on weeks 2 and 3. They reviewed colors and learned how they are spelled. Many staff and older students participated too.



For BROWN day, Mr. Brown read to the kindergarteners. In character Mr. Brown read the Dr. Seuss book "Mr. Brown says Moo, can you?"



Welcome to Apache

Kindergarten-Alyssa Ellingson Greetings!

My name is Alyssa Ellingson McGonigle. I am excited to teach Kindergarten at Apache; I am so honored to be here! I have transferred from another district where I also taught Kindergarten. Kindergarten is my favorite grade to teach!

I was born and raised in Minnesota. Three years ago my daughter and I moved to Arizona- it was quite an adventure! I met my husband here and we have a son who is 1 year old now.

I went to college in a very small town in Iowa where I graduated Cum Laude in Childhood Psychology & Development as well as Early Childhood Education.

In my free time I enjoy taking my children to fun new places to explore!



Third - Diane Jones

I am Diane Jones. I was born and raised, right here, in Arizona. I received my B.S. in Business Administration from N.A.U. in Flagstaff, in 1987. I have four fantastic children. My only son, now 28, is married to a beautiful woman, and they are currently over-seas as he is in the Army. My three daughters, ages 26, 21, and 18, all reside in the Phoenix area (two of them with me). I am happily engaged to a wonderful man, an Army Retiree, who is now working in Government Service. I graduated this past May, 2016, from N.A.U. North Valley Campus, with my Master of Elementary Education. I am blessed and thrilled to be at Apache Elementary, teaching Third Grade!



Seventh - Jennifer Mundy

Hello! I am absolutely thrilled to be at Apache. I have been in the Peoria District for fourteen years. During that time, I have taught 4th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Recently I taught 8th grade at Coyote Hills, but my son has been at Apache since 2nd grade. After seeing all the neat things that happen at Apache, I decided it was time to come on over and what a great decision that was!

In my spare time, I enjoy running, swimming, reading, and playing the piano. There isn't a whole lot of spare time though lately because over the summer I bought a house! Between that move and starting at Apache, life has been busy, but I wouldn't have it any other way. Thank you for welcoming me to the Apache family!



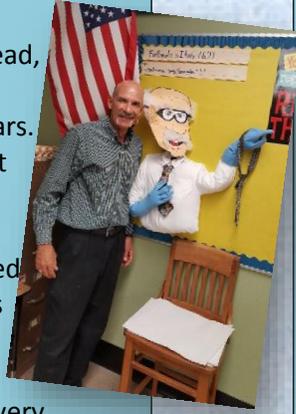
Seventh - Erica Drew

Mrs. Drew just moved back to Arizona after teaching in Texas for 10 years. This is her 25th year in education and all those years have been spent working with 6th, 7th and 8th graders. She has been married to her high school sweetheart for 25 years and she has a daughter that is a senior at Mountain Ridge. Mrs. Drew is thrilled to be back in the Valley and teaching at Apache!



Eighth - Brian Little

I have degree in Forestry from NAU. The recession hit the year my wife and I graduated, so there were no forestry positions to be found. Instead, we worked in Canada, teaching wilderness survival to troubled teens for a couple of years. We went back to Arizona for our family. I got started teaching when we were asked to be dorm parents at a boarding school in Kenya, East Africa. We went for two years and stayed for 13! Came back to Phoenix to put our kids in college, and wound up with a Masters in Education from GCU. I am honored to be a part of the Apache team. You have all been very welcoming. You are a fantastic family to belong to!



Resource - Sarah Cummings

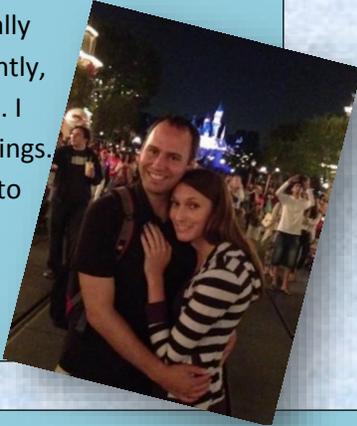
Apache is amazing! I'm so lucky to be here. This is my thirteenth year in the Peoria district where I have worked with students in Kinder through 8th grade. We have two daughters and a nephew who lives with us. I love spending time with them and our 100 pound chocolate lab. I also volunteer so I don't have much spare time but I love to read and go jeeping! I'm so excited to be a part of the Apache family 😊

Mrs. Cummings



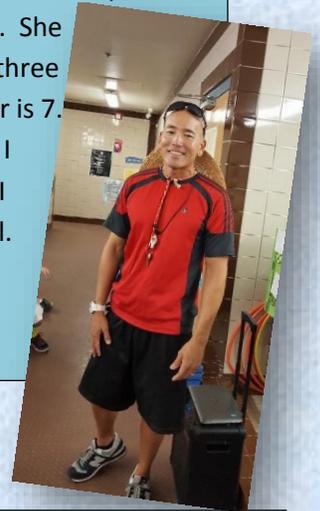
Speech - Jared Woodruff

I just recently moved to Arizona from the frozen desert of Utah. I'm excited for some hot desert weather. I was married to my sweetheart in 2014. I enjoy playing sports especially basketball. My wife has recently, talked me into playing tennis. I like to read and learn new things. I love travel especially going to Disneyland and theme parks. I'm very excited to become a part of Apache Elementary.



PE - Ryan Yamauchi

I am Ryan Yamauchi the third PE teacher at Apache for this year. I am married to Trisha. She is also a teacher in PUSD. We have three boys; Jacob-21, Alec is 16, and Conor is 7. I love spending summers in Hawaii. I also love swimming and fishing and I spend my off time coaching baseball.



Chorus - Katherine Stremel

Katherine Stremel is very excited to be at Apache this year! She is teaching 5-8 Choir at Frontier in the mornings and at Apache in the afternoon. Over the summer she visited her family and spent some time hiking in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado where she is from. Ms. Stremel went to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa where she studied vocal performance and music education. She is a Choir Kid to the core and is so excited to work with students on discovering their voice and love for music here at Apache.



Sixth - Krista Lyman

Hello everyone! I am super excited to be at Apache this school year! I've taught both 5th and 6th grade but I absolutely love 6th grade math, which is what brought me to Apache! I'm thrilled about my decision, especially after meeting such amazing students and staff within the school and seeing all the activities that Apache has to offer. I'm so happy that both my daughter and I are able to be part of such an amazing community!



William H. Johnson

Name William H. Johnson was an artist who made use of primitive style painting in conjunction with what was considered a "folk" style, using bright colors and two-dimensional figures to depict the experience of African-Americans during the 1930s and '40s. He traveled through Europe and was exposed to new kinds of artistic creations and artists.

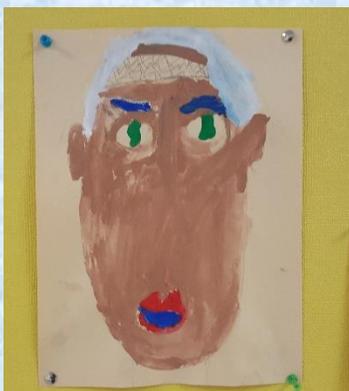


"Three Friends" painting



Art - David Pischke

My name is David Pischke. I taught English for the last ten years at Sunrise Mountain and Liberty High Schools. I received a Masters of Fine Arts from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 2013. I'm happy to be at Apache with my wife and son who is in third grade. (My other son will be a kinder-Warrior next year!)



Expressive portraits with realistically-shaped eyes and mouths
Tempera on paper
2nd Grade



EXPRESSIVE PORTRAITS BY SECOND GRADE FROM MR. PISCHKE'S ART CLASS.



Student Council News



Student Council Camp at Camp Shadow Pines in June. We had 7 students from Apache attend the 3 day camp to learn leadership skills, communication, and teamwork. Three of the campers are part of this year's officers, two were members at large, and 2 were outgoing 8th graders. Mrs. April Rodriguez attended as a teacher leader.



Campers: Callen Rodriguez – this year's VP, Emma Grenier – this year's treasurer, Kelsie Ramos – this year's Historian, Ryan Orr- member at large, Ryan Stovall – member at large, Simone Tamura out going 8th grade, Jaimes Clark – outgoing president and 8th grader)



The students were challenged and taught how to problem solve. The camp had rotations for lessons, campfire, hayride, amazing race, STEM challenges and many other opportunities. Apache student council was well represented and brought back many ideas to share with our council to help create a fantastic year!

2016-2017 Student Council Officers

President: Izzy Hernandez
 Vice President: Callen Rodriguez
 Secretary: Alexis Aguilar
 Treasurer: Emma Grenier
 Historian: Kelsie Ramos



No school Monday, September 5th, in honor of Labor Day.
 No classes Tuesday, September 6th for Professional Development for district staff.

AdvancEd Accreditation

Our school district is undergoing AdvancED accreditation this year. Thank you to members of our school's Site Council, PTSO and Instructional Leadership team who meet together to compile input about Apache. AdvancED is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of schools and school systems to help schools improve and to ensure that all learners realize their full potential. They will be coming to PUSD in January.



2016-2017 Apache Football Team

Coach Ira and Coach Guenter

Alex leyva
Angel Navarro
Axzavier Nvarro
Aydan Guenter
Brandon Perin
Bryce Cord
Cameron Hughes
Chad Mcdonald
Ezequier Figueroa
Garrett Goodman
Grant Parmenter
Matt Cruz
Max Jimenez
Nic Defio
David Lee
Riley Albertson
Robbie Maple
Tyler Kartak



Cross Country team and schedule to follow
Coaches Trujillo, Schlueter, Yamauchi

Football/Volleyball Game Schedule 2016

Monday, August 29 @ Peoria Elementary
Monday, Sept 12 @ Sundance Elementary
Monday, Sept 19 @ Apache vs. Cheyenne
Monday, Sept 26 @ Apache vs. Skyview
Monday, Oct 3 @ Ira Murphy
Tuesday, Oct 11 @ Apache vs. Santa Fe
Wednesday, Oct 12 @ Apache vs. Peoria
Traditional

All Games start at 4:30 PM
Tournaments follow regular season

2016-2017 Apache Volleyball Team

Coach Barlow & Coach Pocock

8th graders

Alexis Aguilar
Alexandra Scales
Madison Reese
Jewels Jefferson
Isabel Hernandez

7th Graders

Darby Schwaner
Arianna Anzar-Navarro
Isabelle Ochoa
Emma Grenier
Grace Deines
Lia Deblanc



Upcoming
Meetings:
Aug 30 &
Oct 4

PTSO

August/September 2016

E-mail: PTSOApache@gmail.com
Facebook: Apache Elementary School PTSO

Parent Teacher Student Organization



Fall Festival! Friday, October 28 6-9PM

Join us for a huge inflatable slide, a rock climbing wall, an obstacle course, human hamster balls, a bungee run, a bouncy house just for the little ones, games, food, vendors, DJ and dancing, and more! *Last year, this was the most attended, most talked-about, most extravagant event in Apache's history!* Families came out in droves, had a blast, and raised \$3000 for Apache.

Get involved!

Do you have a business? We are seeking vendors, silent auction donors, and community partners who would like to make a monetary donation or donate a baked good for the cake walk. We are also seeking volunteers for one-hour time slots the night of the festival.

Thanks for your support!

What is the PTSO?

We are a group of family members, Apache staff, and students who work together to support our school. We organize community events, we raise funds to support projects that better Apache, and we support the teachers and staff.

How do I join?

Forms are available in the office. Or, simply send us an email with the following: names of family members who wish to join, best contact number, and the names, grades, and teachers of your Apache kids. We charge no dues but you are welcome to make a donation of \$10 or any amount, and it's tax-deductible.

When and where do we meet?

PTSO meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of the month at 3:30 in the library. See you there! If you can't make a meeting, keep up with us on Facebook, this newsletter, and over email, and join in the fun during one of the many times of year we need helpers.

Positions Open!

The PTSO Board currently has two open positions: Community Events Chair and Fundraising Chair. Serving on our board is a great way to contribute your talents to your children's education and really make a difference. Let us know if you are interested!



Our second annual school Read-a-Thon will kick off in early **September**. This is a great fundraiser because it encourages reading and gets the school year off to a good start. Last year Apache raised \$6000 with this event! Kids get prizes for reading the books they love, and friends and family find this a worthy cause to support. If you have any questions once the materials come home, don't hesitate to email us at PTSOApache@gmail.com. Thank you!



Our Back-to-School Ice Cream Social was so much fun! Many thanks to DJ Louie & Co for donating their talents and bringing the party! Thanks also to the Albertsons at 91st & Bell and 83rd & Deer Valley who donated food and supplies for the 4th year in a row! Thank you to the Girl Scouts and to all the parents, students, and staff members who volunteered their time!



Our Woo Hoo breakfast for families of Kindergartners was a success! PTSO made the families feel welcome, let them know how to get involved, and answered their questions. Mrs. Caine and Mr. Brown explained what their Kindergartners' days would be like and helped them feel reassured.



Spirit Day Fridays and Apache T-Shirts

Every Friday, students and staff are encouraged to wear our school colors—red and blue. Teachers are invited to tally the number of students who participate and send it in to the PTSO. We then determine the class winners in three grade categories: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8.

Winners get to display the traveling trophy in their classroom for the following week.

Would you like to purchase a school shirt for your child and/or yourself? PTSO has red and blue shirts on sale for \$10. Feel free to send us a note with the student's name, color, size, quantity, teacher, grade, and payment—checks payable to Apache PTSO or cash. Please include your best contact information as well. The office staff or your child's teacher will put it in our PTSO mailbox, and we will send the shirt home with your child.

We love seeing our Warriors showing their Apache pride!



Box Tops Collection Drive

Before you recycle, check your packages for Box Tops labels. Please clip and save these. In conjunction with National Elementary Honor Society, we'll be having a collection drive this fall. Students can bring them in and help their class win a party! These little labels add up to thousands of dollars for our school!

PTSO's Mission

Our objective is to create a strong sense of community among our students, families, and staff and to support our students' education. We do this by raising funds and providing volunteers for community events, for purchases to improve Apache, and for teacher/staff appreciation.



Shop 'til You Drop—and Benefit Apache!

Shoparoo: Download the free Shoparoo app (Apple App Store or Google Play) for your mobile device and create your account. Select Apache Elementary School, under Peoria, AZ, as your recipient. Each time you make a purchase, snap a pic of your receipt with the app. You will be awarded points that translate into money for the school.

Amazon Smile: Designate the Apache PTSO as your charity and we'll get a little love every time you shop at smile.Amazon.com!

Pogo Pass: A Pogo Pass is a one-year pass that gets you into several different venues around town. Some of the great venues included are the Phoenix Zoo, Pump It Up, and Castles-n-Coasters, as well as sporting events like Diamondbacks games. When you use the promo code APACHE at check-out, your PogoPass will only cost \$39.98, and the PTSO will receive \$5 per pass. To see the full list of venues and events included in the pass and to purchase passes, simply go to pogopass.com and use APACHE as your promo code. Fun for a whole year!

PTSO Meeting Schedule

3:30 PM – Library

August 30

October 4

November 8

December 6

January 10

February 7

March 7

April 4

May 2



PTSO Board

President: Tressa Rappold

Vice President: Bridget Brooks

Treasurer: Marc Edwards

Secretary: Corinne Yee

Teacher Appreciation Chair: Tricia Evans

Community Events Chair: Position Open

Fundraising Chair: Position Open

Donations

The Apache PTSO is a 501c3 tax exempt charitable organization. Donations from individuals and businesses are tax-deductible. We appreciate all assistance and put it to good use enhancing our school!

