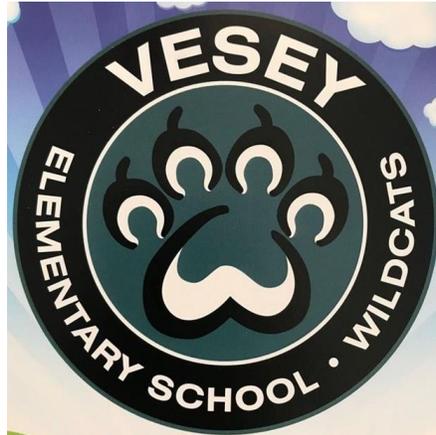


# Vesey Elementary News

January 2021



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## January Events



**Monday , January 18th-** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-no classes

**Tuesday, January 26th 6pm-7pm** Vesey Open House -Zoom link is <https://tusd1.zoom.us/j/83303736652>

## The Principal's Podium: A Letter from Mr. Uhrig



Welcome Back Families,

I hope that you were able to enjoy the Winter Break and that you are all safe and healthy. We are excited to begin a new year and we are hopeful that we can be able to have our kids join us at the school once it is safe to be together. We are continuing to meet virtually and our kids are doing a great job adapting to this new style of learning. I want to thank you all once again for your support of your child during this pandemic closure. We have been able to work with your child daily and our support staff continues to make our mission move forward. Our teachers are diligent and they have been exceptional with their lesson planning and delivery. We are growing more comfortable with Zoom learning and we are always here to support you and your child. We have benchmarks approaching and we are preparing for the AZ Merit Testing coming soon. Please continue to support your child with their daily attendance and please feel free to contact us if you need any assistance. Stay safe and we are looking forward to

our reunification soon.

Respectfully,

***Jeffrey M. Uhrig MA.Ed./MBA***

***Very Proud Principal***

***Vesey Elementary School***

***(520) 908-4600***

## Counselor's Corner

Hello my beautiful children at Vesey and the amazing staff I have had the privilege to work with for the last 10 years. It is with sadness but hope, I tell you that I am leaving Vesey. My last day is the 22nd of January so I will not be able to say goodbye as I wish. I will miss you soooooo much. Know that I will always love you all and hold you in my heart. You have been a family to me and given me confidence, happiness and delight.

My family and health circumstances make it necessary for me to leave and move to Gallup, New Mexico and support my daughter and grandchildren. I will cherish the little cards and mementos you have given

I am leaving you in very good hands. Ms. Allie is a wonderful counselor and will be here for you and I encourage you to get to know her and go to her with your troubles. I will be here for two weeks if you need to talk or process.

So this is goodbye my lovelies but not forever, I would welcome any visits you want to make if you come to Gallup, New Mexico and I will drop in when I come to visit Tucson. Be safe, be respectful, be responsible and be exceptional as I know you all are.

--Sheila Lofgreen



## Possible Preschool Option



Vesey is considering offering on-site preschool services to families, and would like to know how many families would be interested! The preschool would be offered from 9:15am to 3:25pm, except on Wednesdays, which would end at 2:25 (these are the same as our regular school hours). The program will have a required tuition (fee), meaning that this service will **not** be free, and there will **not** be transportation services available. Additionally, children enrolled in the preschool must already be potty trained. If you have any questions about this possible program or would like to express your interest, please contact our front office at (520) 908-4600!

## Student Attendance



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*Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!*

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

## When Do Absences Become a Problem?

CHRONIC ABSENCE 18 or more days

WARNING SIGNS 10 to 17 days

SATISFACTORY 9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Article from <https://www.attendanceworks.org/>

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## Parent Volunteer Opportunity

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Parents, Guardians & Vesey Staff:

Your feedback & participation is needed! 😊  
Please join Vesey's Attendance Committee to help support the  
success of our students.  
For questions and to sign up, please contact:

Rachel Lopez, Vesey School Social Worker  
[rachel.lopez@tUSD1.org](mailto:rachel.lopez@tUSD1.org)<sup>[1]</sup>  
908-4691

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## Newsletter Suggestions



Vesey Parents/Guardians,

We want Vesey's newsletter to be useful to you and your family.

What would *you* like to see in our newsletters? If you have any feedback or suggestions about the information you would like to see in future newsletters please let us know.

Please contact Allie Kerr, one of Vesey's school counselors, at (520) 352-9014 or email [alexandra.kerr@tUSD1.org](mailto:alexandra.kerr@tUSD1.org) with your suggestions.

## Community Resources



### TUSD Family Resource Centers provide:

- District information and resources
- Referrals to community resources
- Clothing bank and food pantry services
- Classes and workshops for parents, guardians, and other adult caregivers
- Access to computers and internet
- Support for School Choice applications

**Southwest Family Resource Center 6855 S Mark Rd.**

**Phone: (520) 908-3980 Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**(Closed 1:00-1:30 p.m. for lunch)**

A banner for Utility Bill Payment Assistance. The background is dark blue with a yellow border at the bottom. At the top, it says "UTILITY BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE" in white. Below that, the website "pima.gov/UtilityBillsHelp" is written in white. In the center, there are logos for the City of Tucson and Pima County. To the left, there is an icon of a green envelope with a dollar sign and a white envelope with a water drop and a lightbulb. To the right, it says "We Can Help" and "Many Options 1 Click" with a red arrow pointing to the right. Below that, it says "Make a payment plan TODAY - Shut-offs start 2021". A small icon with a checkmark and the text "Se habla español" is also present.

### Utility Bill Assistance

Visit [Pima.gov/utilitybills-help](https://pima.gov/utilitybills-help) now for assistance with water, gas, electric, garbage and sewer bills.

Available to both City of Tucson and Pima County residents.



### **Casa de los Niños**

Vesey Elementary is partnered with Casa de los Niños to assist with addressing students' behavioral and emotional needs.

Services available to students include assessment, case management, therapy, group sessions and psychiatric services.

If you are interested in these services, please contact Vesey counselors or social worker to request that a referral be submitted for your student.

### Parent Support Resources



Would you like support with communicating more effectively with your student?

Are you wondering how to support your student's online learning and want to improve your technology skills?

Use the links below to register for FREE upcoming online parent support opportunities being offered by Amistades:

Familia Adelante: <https://forms.gle/XywJDck3SXUiEYpF9>

Padres Comprometidos Ed Tech: <https://forms.gle/GGih7hspX3s321R16>

Both programs are FREE and are open to ALL Vesey families and will begin in January 2021.

Incentives are provided by Amistades to parents/students who complete each program.

For more information about Amistades go to: <https://amistadesinc.org/>



# Familia Adelante

**Strengthen the Latino Identity and a sense of belonging. Designed to reduce cultural stressors. We will create cultural resilience and strong communication with our children.**



**Will we see you at the meeting?  
January 25, 2021  
5:30PM — 6:30PM**

**Contact  
(520) 222-6094**

**Email:**



**[melanlecornejo@amistadesinc.org](mailto:melanlecornejo@amistadesinc.org)  
[jalmetadeo@amistadesinc.org](mailto:jalmetadeo@amistadesinc.org)**



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## **PADRES COMPROMETIDOS ED TECH**

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**SUPPORTING LATINO PARENTS WITH DIGITAL  
SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF DISTANCE LEARNING.**

### **Lessons will address topics including:**

- Digital Literacy 101
- Navigating Video Conferencing Platforms
- Connecting Families and Schools Virtually
- Creating a Positive Learning Space in the Home
- English learners & Virtual Learning: School Instruction & Language Support
- Social Emotional Needs of Youth

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**REGISTER NOW FOR CLASSES STARTING  
IN JANUARY 2021!**

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