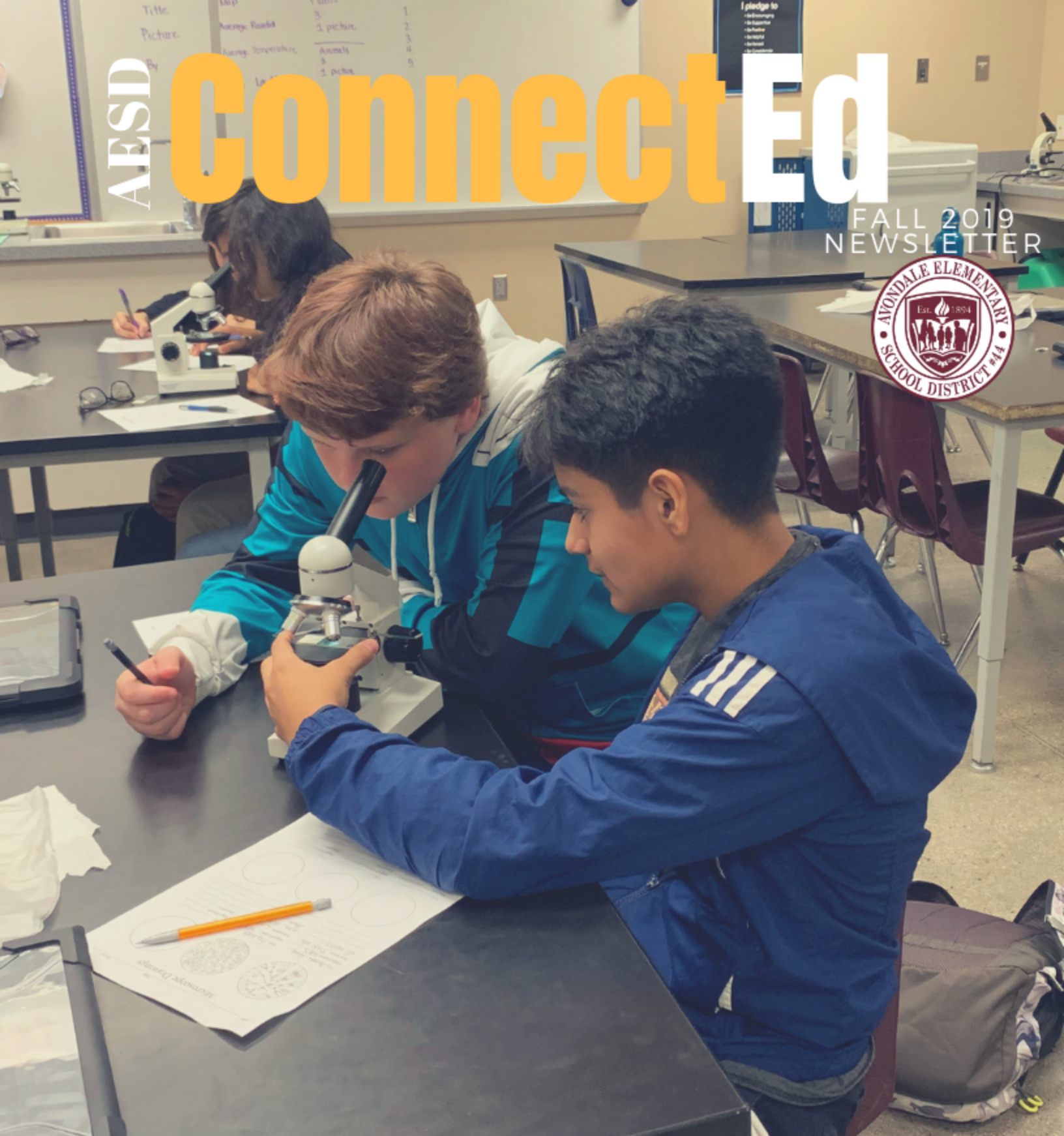


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NEWSLETTER



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AVONDALE FIRE AND
MEDICAL

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UNITING THE
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THIS IMPORTANT
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR
SUPERINTENDENT



MENTORING AVONDALE

Avondale Fire and Medical and Avondale Middle School have teamed up to support and mentor our middle school students. Through the partnership with Avondale Fire and Medical, the school hopes to provide middle schoolers with positive role models and the ability to visualize avenues for a productive future. Increasing student motivation and building accountability are important factors that AMS hopes to gain from the program.

Dave Wagner, Battalion Chief with Avondale Fire and Medical, says this partnership is a great way to get members involved with the school and connect with kids in the community. "We hope to provide guidance, motivation and inspiration to the students at AMS," says Chief Wagner.

The mentorship program is a pilot program that evolved as a result of practices that are currently happening at AMS. The sixth through eighth grade campus has seen improvement in attendance, students academics and overall behavior as a result of these opportunities.

Research shows that if boys have a connection with a caring adult by age 15 and girls by age 12, they will have an increased chance of success. When students build relationships with an adult that holds them accountable, students will perform better academically, behaviorally and socially. Thirteen firefighters will visit the campus regularly and mentor the future generation of leaders.

A GREAT YEAR AHEAD

As we wrap up the first few months of the 2019-2020 school year, Superintendent Dr. Betsy Hargrove shares a message to our community.

Thank you for choosing the Avondale Elementary School District - your district of choice. We look forward to working with our families and community to continue to grow and excel with our innovative, award-winning programs.

[Read Dr. Hargrove's letter here](#)





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Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 18 days of school per year - that results in two days missed per month. AESD teamed up with the community to raise awareness on the importance of attending school daily and the outcomes it can have on children.

Community leaders such as fire and police departments, mayors, senators and state representatives, the AESD Governing Board, teachers and counselors came together to spread awareness on this educational epidemic.

The Avondale District reduced the number of chronic absenteeism at 70 percent of their schools in the last two years.

Click on the videos above for important messages about attendance.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?³

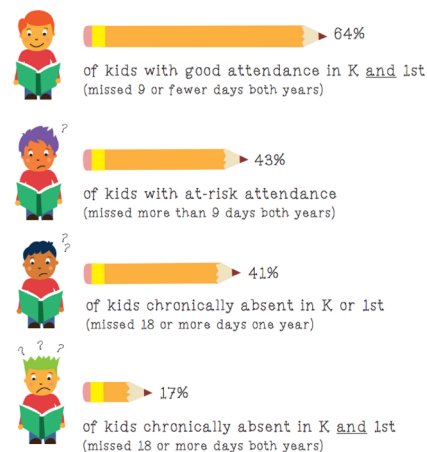


Chart from Attendance Works

AESD ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE OVERRIDE

What does the district additional assistance override pay for?

- Add & enhance safety and security infrastructure and equipment
- Upgrade technology including the following:
 - digital curriculum hardware and software
 - student curriculum and computer programing devices
 - classroom and instructional materials
- Renovate and improve school facilities equipment, furniture and fixtures
- Purchase pupil transportation vehicles

What happens if the override does not pass?

The district would be unable to enhance safety and security throughout our campuses. We would also be unable to offer the most current technology to our students and instructional resources would not align to new curriculum standards. Additionally, the district would be unable to replace older school buses.

What is the cost for the average homeowner?

\$4.53 per month or \$0.15 per day

The election will be a mailed ballot only election. No polling places will be provided. Ballots will be mailed to qualified electors residing within the District no earlier than 27 days prior to the election and no later than 15 days before the election of November 5, 2019.

Early voting materials may be obtained by contacting the Maricopa County Elections Department.

Enhancements to School Security

We care very deeply about the safety and security of every student, staff member and visitor to our campuses. National events add urgency to our focus on additional safety measures. Implements this year have included video doorbell systems at all our school sites and district office. We are happy to share that the feedback and comments have been positive from our staff and families.

We will be having a national speaker present safety trainings to staff, 6-8th grade students and parents on October 23rd and 24th.

An email will be sent days before with the time and location.

