

July/August 2018

## SchoolMessenger: Emergency Notification System

### ***SchoolMessenger: Consent for Mobile Notifications***

Under the Federal Communications Commission(FCC) Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), PVSchools will need consent from parents to send nonemergency school-related voice broadcast messages via an autodialer system. It's important to know that when filling out your Emergency/Information Card for the 2018-19 school year, there will be a provision for parents to review and sign for school-related notifications. [Download to learn more about the consent.](#)



### ***SchoolMessenger: SMS Text Messaging for School Emergency & Priority Broadcasts***

PVSchools implemented a SMS text messaging alert feature for high priority and emergency broadcast messages. All parents and guardians are encouraged to take advantage of this feature for emergency and/or high priority messages. If you are a parent or guardian and haven't already signed up to receive high priority and emergency text messages, [just follow the quick steps.](#)

**Back to School Guide**



## ***Top 5 Back to School Tips***

As summer vacation begins to wind down, the first day of school - **Tuesday, Aug. 7th** - will be here before you know it. [How will you prepare your child for this change?](#)

## ***Top 5 Tips to Ease Back to School Stress***

Thinking about heading back to the classroom after having a fun and relaxing summer vacation may be stressful for some children. [How will you help your child cope with going back to school?](#)

## ***Back to School Safety Tips***

As the first day of school approaches for PVSchools students - **Tuesday, Aug. 7th**, we wanted to provide you with some [important safety tips](#) for you and your child.

## ***Immunization Requirements for School Age Children***

Before school starts on **Tuesday, Aug. 7th**, you may want to check with your child's pediatrician to make sure his or her [immunizations are up-to-date](#).

## ***Tips for Bus Riders***

Beginning a school year holds many new possibilities and opportunities. One of those opportunities is the chance to ride on the big, yellow school bus. It may seem a simple task: get on the bus and the bus takes you to school or home; however, there is much more to [riding the bus](#) that parents and students should know.

## ***Learning Starts on the First Day of School***

At PVSchools, [learning starts on the first day of school](#) - **Tuesday, Aug. 7th**. Our teachers spend the few days before the start of school developing lesson plans and organizing their classrooms in order to be ready to teach students on the first day of school. Additionally, many of our teachers attended professional development workshops during the summer to prepare for the new school year.

## ***What Parents Need to Know About Kindergarten***

It's one of the most important milestones your child will have - [starting kindergarten](#). For some children, this will be their first experience in a school

setting, while others may have attended a pre-kindergarten program prior to kindergarten.

## ***How to Successfully Transition Your Child to a New School***

Starting the new school year can be stressful, especially if your child is changing schools. Whether your family has moved, your child is transitioning from elementary school to middle school or middle school to high school, or you're looking for better educational opportunities for your child. [Learn how you can successfully transition your child to a new school.](#)

## ***Transitioning from Elementary School to Middle School -- Middle School Success Tips***

The leap from elementary school to middle school is a big one. Students entering middle school are no longer the big fish in the pond. [Learn more with our middle school success tips.](#)

## ***How to Keep Your Child Organized Throughout the School Year***

Every parent wants their child to be successful in school. [Being organized](#) is the key to being and staying successful.

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# **District News**

## ***PVSchools Mobile App***

Did you know that PVSchools has a mobile app to keep families and employees better informed and connected to what's going on in our district? The PVSchools app is available for both iPhone and Android smartphones. [Learn more about the features of the mobile app.](#)



## ***New Principal, Assistant Principal Assignments for the 2018-19 School Year***

The PVSchools' Governing Board has named four new principal and two assistant principal assignments for the 2018-19 school year. [Learn more about our new principals and assistant principals.](#)

## ***Volunteer Opportunities at PVSchools***

Volunteers play an integral role in the lives of students and staff in PVSchools. At PVSchools, we welcome and encourage our parents and community members to volunteer. [Learn how you can volunteer in PVSchools.](#)

## ***Young Women Broaden Horizons Through PVSchools Internship Initiative***

This summer, a group of extremely talented young women had the opportunity to intern in the [PVSchools Women in Technology](#) (PVWIT) program, an initiative spearheaded by the Information Technology Department.

## ***Put Your Evenings to Good Use - Night Classes Start Aug. 8th!***

For some students, taking high school classes in a traditional classroom setting may not be an option due to athletic schedules, work schedules or family commitments. [Sweetwater Community School](#) is now enrolling students for [1st Quarter night classes](#), which start on Wednesday, Aug. 8th. The deadline to enroll is Tuesday, July 31st.

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## **Upcoming Events**

### ***First Day of School***

The first day of school is Tuesday, Aug. 7th!

### ***VIP Orientation***

The next Volunteer in Paradise (VIP) orientation is Wednesday, Aug. 8th from 9-11 a.m. at PVSchools [Community Resource Center](#). If you're interested in attending, please [register for the orientation](#).

### ***Early Release - Teacher Professional Development***

The first Early Release day for Teacher Professional Development for the 2018-19 school year is Tuesday, Aug. 28th.

### ***Labor Day Recess - No School***

Schools and district offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

For district recess and governing board meeting dates, please [view the PVSchools Calendar](#).

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## **Staff & Student Highlights**

At the end of the 2017-18 school year, **Stephanie Surratt's** 8th grade Social Studies class at [Mountain Trail Middle School](#) won first place in the large classroom category of the iCivics Arizona program. iCivics Arizona is a program of the Arizona Supreme Court and the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education. The purpose of iCivics Arizona is to expand the use of iCivics.org throughout Arizona to encourage the development of informed active citizens.

**Marcy Christner** and **ElizaBeth Warner**, Gifted specialists at [North Ranch Elementary School](#), were selected as Kahn Academy Ambassadors 2018-19.

In total, there are 500 Ambassadors world-wide and 15 are from Arizona.



Carsen Jones, Hailey Nabity, Ninad Kulkarni, Bader Alrifai, and Hayden Paoletti

**Pinnacle High School** students were able to enhance their business skills, expand their networks, and participate in more than 70 business and business-related competitive events at the **Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference**, which was held June 28-July 1 in Baltimore.

Several students in the **North Valley Arts Academies** (NVAA) Music Technology program participated in the **Hit Like A Girl** and **Beats By Girlz** annual drum programming contest exclusively for female producers. This year the Rhythm Technology category was added to the contest. The following NVAA students from **Desert Cove Elementary School** and **Shea Middle School** made it to the finals category in the contest: **Scarlett Bumgarner, Alison Freed, Cait Iseri-Ramos, Carolina Woodruff, and Skylar Pirkey.**



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