



YPS Community News

2021-2022: Reconnecting for Our Future

Upcoming Calendar Events:

- September 6th—LABOR DAY: No School
- September 13th—Governing Board Mtg, 6pm
- September 16th—FFA Meet & Greet, 5:30pm
- September 23rd—Free Speech & Hearing Screening for Birth to 5
- October 4—Governing Board Mtg, 6pm
- October 11-15—Fall Break, No School

NOTEWORTHY EFFORTS:

Ray and Josh—Kudos for getting the tractor with mower up and running. Now if we can just find more hours in the day...

Stephanie—for completing the Annual Audit and the ADE Fiscal Monitoring with flying colors!!

Eric and Dena—for a spectacular start to this year's version of Wednesday afternoon sports!

Ron and Greenhouse Students—for cleaning up and organizing the greenhouse in preparations of this year's growing!

You Are Invited

Community Members are encouraged to be a part of our Citizenship Character-building at 7:45 every morning, at the flagpole.

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Strategic Goals Update—Where are we now?

Following guidance from the Governing Board, Superintendent-Principal Patrick O'Donnell and the YPS staff are implementing a 10-year Strategic Plan. This first year focuses on improving the appearance and efficiency of the buildings and grounds, as well as improving the academic offerings. You will notice various contractors around campus, as well as activity on the grounds. We are continuing to reduce clutter, which has built up over the years.

YPS staff is currently developing plans to improve the appearance of the grounds and the regular maintenance of the facilities and vehicles. These plans will focus on Preventive Maintenance, while allowing necessary repairs or replacement. These Preventive Maintenance plans will be created by January 15th, even though actual maintenance, repair and replacement is still happening.

Another area of improvement is the opportunities for enhanced learning for students. We are still seeking a Science/Math teacher for the 7-12 grades. We are also developing a program to allow community members to share their talent or hobby with students. This will expand the current opportunities our staff is able to provide.

Mr. O'Donnell is welcoming and open to meeting each member of the YPS Community. His desire to move YPS forward is evident as seen in the efforts so far. His ears are open and he wants to hear ideas and concerns. Please make a point to connect with Mr. O'Donnell.

Why is YPS always seeking Grant Money?

Firstly, YPS and the Governing Board are grateful for the support from our community, especially the private land-owners. YPS is working diligently to ensure good, positive stewardship of the money we receive. YPS is debt-free, owing no outside entity for any asset or equipment. But, YPS is part of a select group in Arizona. It's all based upon the school funding formula.

School funding in Arizona is determined by a formula approved by the Arizona Legislature. Part of the formula is the tax-rate for each school-district. County Treasurers collect property taxes to distribute among the entities entitled to a portion. There are 14 school-districts in Arizona that do not get the full amount of taxes from their land-owners to meet the legislated formula. These districts have too little privately-owned land to generate the full amount of revenue. The districts are considered "tax-capped." Young Public School is one of these districts.

Therefore, even though we receive more than 88% of the tax revenue we should get to operate according to the formula, our spendable amount is always short. To make up the difference we seek outside funding, like grants, to fill the hole.

UPDATES

-We currently have 47 students in K-12

-Grant funding is still paying to complete work on the old red brick building. Looking to get the Weight-room back open after - Christmas.

-Our HS students have begun filling out surveys to receive Career and College information. Seniors are also received some scholarship information. More to come!

-Our FFA program is slowly restarting. Thursday, September 16th, 5:30pm is a Meet and Greet. Light refreshments will be served.

Current Openings:

-Teacher: Jr/Sr High Science-Math

If you are interested in applying, please email Stephanie for an application: srider@youngschool.org

Position details have been posted at the school, around town, as well as on our website. If you are interested in working or vol-