Welcome to the second half of an outstanding 2015-2016 school year! This past fall we experienced many accomplishments by the students of Greenway High School. In the classroom, our students and teachers worked hard to meet both local and district academic expectations. On the athletic fields and courts, the Demons were recognized for their outstanding play and sportsmanship, including many sectional and state recognitions. Also, our students volunteered countless hours of service which has made an impact within our own community and those in need throughout the state. We believe our success is a direct result of the hard work by our students, teachers, coaches and especially you, the parents.

As we continue into the spring semester, we truly believe these factors will be the driving force of our continued success.

From the Principal

We hope to keep seeing parents on campus, supporting our athletes during various sporting events as well as attending the several concerts and shows put on by our award winning performing arts department.

We want to thank our parents and community members for their involvement and commitment to the Greenway community; we understand our students cannot succeed without you.

-Principal Ed Barnes
During this season of giving, it’s important to remember those organizations that are making a difference in our community. There are a number of commendable organizations nearby and one of those organizations directly benefits the students of Glendale Union High School District.

**ISEE Foundation**
The ISEE Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community organization that supports the mission of the Glendale Union High School District. The Foundation was established in 1983 to enhance collaboration between the business community and the Glendale Union High School District. The Board of Directors and friends of the foundation raise money to benefit students in the Glendale Union High School District.

The ISEE Foundation goals align with those of the Glendale Union High School District. The Foundation’s mission is to provide additional resources for schools and students and to build strong school/community partnerships.

The ISEE Foundation is grateful for contributions of any amount at any time throughout the year. Individuals may claim a tax deduction for donations made to the foundation. You can consult your tax adviser regarding your personal tax benefit.


**Tax Credit Program**
An additional giving option that will benefit the students of the Glendale Union High School District is a tax credit donation through the state of Arizona.

Arizona law provides a tax credit for contributions to public schools which support extracurricular activities and character education programs.

You can help Glendale Union High School students while possibly lowering your tax bill by making a donation.

The state tax credit is available to all qualifying individual Arizona state taxpayers. You do not need to have a child enrolled in a school to take advantage of this state tax credit. It is always best to consult a tax adviser to learn if you qualify for the dollar-for-dollar credit.

A tax credit is different from a deduction, because you may subtract the whole contribution from the amount of taxes you may owe the state of Arizona. An individual may contribute as much as $200, and a couple filing jointly may contribute as much as $400 to a public school and receive the money back in the form of a tax credit.

Tax credit donations can be made online or by completing a form at [www.guhsdaz.org](http://www.guhsdaz.org).

To be eligible for a state tax credit in 2015, your contribution must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2015.

**Upcoming Events Around Campus**

**SimpMed Trip at the Arena** - Both our Boys and Girls Basketball Teams take on Willow Canyon at Talking Stick Resort Arena on Monday, December 21st. The Girls play at 6:30 am and the Boys play at 10:15 am. The event also includes performances from our Danceline, Choir singing the National Anthem as well as Baird and Drumline Performing. The cost is $10 for adults, $5.00 for students 5 and over. The seating is open so you can get a court-side seat for all of that. Parking is Free in the garage attached to Talking Stick Resort Arena.

**Phoenix SUNS Gorilla at Greenway High School** - He was so much fun last year that we just had to have him back! The Phoenix SUNS Gorilla will be at Greenway on Thursday, January 7th. There is a special schedule that day: with our Boys Freshman Boys at 4:00pm, the Freshman Girls at 5:30 pm and the Boys Boys at 7:00pm. Save the date! You don’t want to miss the Gorilla!!

**JV Freshman Wrestling Tournament** - Do you like wrestling? If so you will get to see some great action as teams from all over the valley converge on Greenway High School on Saturday, January 9th. Freshman wrestling will wrestle from 9 am to noon with JV Wrestlers starting at 1:00 pm.

**Book Drive** - Educators Rising is conducting a book drive for underprivileged students in Arizona. Please bring in your gently used or new books from now until March 1st. Our goal is to collect 1,000 books or more. So everyone bring in one book from your house. It can be for any age.

**Driver Education** - The next Driver education session will begin Jan. 30 through Feb. 6. The cost is $210 and you must have your permit or driver license in order to register for the class. Registration is at Moon Valley High School bookstore, off Cactus Ave. and 35th Ave.

**Check Out ParentVue**
As parents please continue to be involved in your child’s education. Your Parent VUE app is a great opportunity to monitor your child’s progress. Parent VUE adds 15/7 access to your child’s grades. If you would like access to your Parent VUE, please contact Christa Rivera at 602-919-8501.

To be eligible for a state tax credit in 2015, your contribution must be received or postmarked by April 13, 2016.

**Update from Student Services**

**ECAPS, Financial Aid and Graduation**
Freshman ECAPS

This winter counselors met with freshmen and their parents to plan out their next four years. Every year, counselors schedule appointments with every freshman and his/her parents in order to help plan for the future. They discuss what the student might want to do for college and career as well as what steps they need to take in high school to reach those goals. With a strong goal in mind, and the support of parents, teachers, and counselors, Greenway students are on the right track for the future.

Graduation 2016

Graduation for the class of 2016 is quickly approaching. The spring semester is the final semester for seniors, and along with filling out their applications for financial aid, college and careers, it’s also time to start thinking about making arrangements for celebrating their very special graduation day. Greenway High School will graduate the class of 2016 at Grand Canyon University on May 25 at 8PM. This year, each senior will be granted 6 tickets for families to attend. If families need more than six tickets, they may purchase extras for $5 a ticket from the Greenway bookstore.

Junior/Senior Financial Aid Night

January might be the beginning of tax season, but it’s also the beginning of financial aid season for applying to college. Did you know that you need to have your tax records in order to fill out your student’s FAFSA (federal application for student aid)? Greenway High School will be holding a financial aid informational night January 11, at 6:30 PM in the auditorium. Learn about the types of financial aid available, the pros and cons of each type of aid and what students and parents of graduating seniors should do immediately to process their FAFSA applications.

**Volleyball Wins D3 Championship**
Head Coach Sarah Peterson and the Demon Volleyball team finished their magical season by winning the D3 State Championship. Along the way they won the Section 4 Championship, The Ceil Billings Tournament, On the Edge Tournament, and the Kayenta Township Tournament.

**Another Successful Greenway Reads**
Greenway held its annual book talk night, Greenway Reads, on November 5. At this event, teachers volunteered to read books that they then discussed with students. Now this year, we were pleased to welcome authors Austin Aalan and Amy Nichols. The 50- students in attendance began their evening with a question and answer session with the authors during which the students gained meaningful insight into the writing process.

Each year we host Greenway Reads because being able to discuss books is beneficial to the reading and learning process. It promotes a positive reading environment, provides students with reading role models, gives students options for reading materials, makes reading fun, and gives an opportunity for students and adults to connect through a book. Reading is important, and the Greenway staff wants your child to model this for the students!