

# THE FW INSIDER

## FWHS SPORTS HALL OF FAME

You are invited to attend the Flowing Wells High School Sports Hall of Fame Ceremony! Join us on September 15, 2023 in the Flowing Wells High School cafeteria. Doors open 4:45 and dinner begins 5:00. The ceremony will start at 5:30pm. This year's 2023 Flowing Wells Sports Hall of Fame inductees include Chris Bostic (Class of 2010), Angela Mammon Clarke (Class of 1999), The 1978-79-80 State Championship Wrestling Teams, and Dr. David Baker. Tickets are \$10 per person. If you would like to buy tickets, please contact Mark Brunenkant or click the following link: <http://sh.fwsupport.org/F8JYQ>.

## MEET THE FW DATABASE TEAM

Our database team has a new member! Joining Cha Duran, Database Administrator and Stephanie Schorey, Database Systems Specialist, is Stacey Chappell, Database Technician! This power team has been "all in" supporting new and returning student enrollment, revving up Power School and Power Teacher, and jump starting a whole host of instructional software to help get the new school year off to a great start. Stop by and say hello next time you're at the District office!



## EMAIL AUTO FORWARDING

Every District employee has a Gmail account in order to provide access to Google Classroom, YouTube, and other Google applications. However, your District Outlook account is your primary email account and will be used for official District communications. To avoid having to check both accounts, please set your Gmail account to auto-forward to your District Outlook account by following these steps. If you previously have completed these steps, you do not need to repeat them as your auto-forwarding settings will remain in effect.

1. In your web browser, search for Gmail and then log in with your FWUSD Google Gmail Account (ie: [jane.smith@fwusd8.org](mailto:jane.smith@fwusd8.org)).
2. Select Settings using the "gear" icon in the upper right-hand corner, then select "See all settings."
3. Select "Forwarding and POP/IMAP" from the upper tabs.
4. Select "Add a forwarding address" and enter your FW Outlook email (ie: [jane.smith@fwusd.org](mailto:jane.smith@fwusd.org)), then select "Next." You will be asked to confirm; answer "Proceed." A confirmation code and email will be sent to the forwarding email address. Enter this code into the designated field in your Gmail settings, or simply click on the link in the confirmation email.
5. Still in Gmail settings, select the radio button next to the statement "Forward a copy of incoming mail to..." and select your [fwusd.org](mailto:fwusd.org) email address from the drop-down window.
6. Scroll to the bottom of the settings page and select "Save Changes."

## PUBLIC SCHOOL WORKS DUE

A friendly reminder that your Public School Works training must be completed by Friday, September 29th. If you have difficulty accessing the content, or you need additional support, please contact Danielle Rubio at 8822.

## FW BUSINESS OFFICE EARNS AWARD

Congratulations to Stacy Trueblood and the Business Office team for earning the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (again!). The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by an organization and its management.



## DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR TEACHERS

In an effort to help with teacher recruitment and retention, the Arizona School Administrators organization (ASA) has partnered with the Famous Friends Foundation, which has received funding from a generous donor who wishes to assist teachers in rural and urban areas of Arizona with down payment grants for home purchases. This is limited to teachers who are first-time homebuyers and teach in Title I schools in rural or urban areas of Arizona.

The following announcement comes from Famous Friends: Calling all teachers in underserved rural and urban areas of Arizona who want to become first-time homebuyers! We know that student loan payments and the high cost of rent has made it difficult to save for a down payment. Famous Friends is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to help teachers, nurses, police officers and other local heroes purchase a home and plant roots in their community. We provide down payment grants that do not have to be paid back and help with the entire mortgage process. Please reach out to us at alex@famousfriends.org if you are a first-time homebuyer and work in a Title I school.

## ASBA CLASSROOM GRANTS

Don't miss this opportunity! The Arizona School Boards Association is giving back to teachers with \$500 ASBA Classroom Grants awarded to teachers to enhance classroom learning for their students. Grant winners will be selected each quarter. Follow this link to learn more: <https://azsba.org/awards/classroom-grants/>

The Flowing Wells Educational Foundation (FWEF) mini-grants will also be available this year in mid-September and due in mid-October. More information about FWEF mini-grants will be available soon.

## EDUCATOR RETENTION SURVEY

Governor Hobbs created the Educator Retention Task Force by Executive Order in February 2023 to make recommendations to improve educator retention in Arizona. The Task Force is focused on elevating the voices and perspectives of Arizona educators as it seeks to address our educator retention crisis. The Task Force has created a survey to hear directly from Arizona educators and former educators about what encourages them to stay in the profession and what factors have led others to leave the profession. If you are a current educator in an Arizona public district who is teaching in the current school year, a former educator in a Arizona public district who recently left the profession in the last three years, or a current K-12 school counselor, psychologist, social worker, speech-language pathologist or education support professional in an Arizona public school, you are encouraged to participate. The survey is open through August 31st and can be accessed using the following link: [https://links.asu.edu/AZeducator\\_voice](https://links.asu.edu/AZeducator_voice)

## HR AND BUSINESS OFFICE INFO

Some important reminders and information as we start the school year. Be sure to check your pay information in Employee Self Service (ESS) to ensure that your pay and deductions are correct. If you notice an error or have any questions, please send an email to the Business Office at payroll.account@fwusd.org. Also, if you have life insurance through the District, please make sure that your beneficiaries are up to date. If you would like to change your beneficiaries, please contact Stacie Stuart to send you the form. Additionally, employees have access to Jorgensen Brooks for resources in mental health, personal growth, family life, relationships, and much more! You can receive confidential and no cost short-term counseling by either calling 520-575-8623, going online at <https://jorgensenbrooks.com/jbg-personal-care/> or through the app at [www.jorgensenbrooks.com/app](http://www.jorgensenbrooks.com/app). The app has a searchable database of over 5,000 articles, resources, and links. Jorgensen Brooks offers monthly seminars in various areas. The PDF calendar list is available on our FW website on the Human Resources page and also shown below.

THEME	ONLINE SEMINAR*	DESCRIPTION
JAN	<b>Self-Care and Nature</b> <i>Days of Sunshine</i> Available on Demand Starting Jan 27th	Explore the benefits of getting outdoors as a part of your self-care routine.
FEB	<b>Overcoming Loneliness</b> <i>Tackling Loneliness</i> Available on Demand Starting Feb 21st	Learn practical steps on how to overcome loneliness and build better connection with others.
MAR	<b>Setting Boundaries</b> <i>Set Boundaries and Boost Your Wellbeing</i> Available on Demand Starting Apr 21st	Look at the benefits of having healthy boundaries, and how we can practice setting boundaries in everyday lives.
APR	<b>Sustainability</b> <i>Guiding Your Family to Greener Living</i> Available on Demand Starting Apr 18th	Explore the steps towards greener living and how to guide our family to living more sustainably.
MAY	<b>Listening</b> <i>Are You a Good Listener?</i> Available on Demand Starting May 16th	Discussion on the benefits of being a good listener, and learn practical tips on how to be a better listener.
JUN	<b>Points of View</b> <i>Keeping an Open Mind</i> Available on Demand Starting Jun 20th	Discover how to keep an open mind about yourself and others and the benefits of keeping an open mind.
JUL	<b>Parenting Questions</b> <i>Overcoming Parental Guilt</i> Available on Demand Starting Jul 18th	Find out how to overcome parental guilt and continue to do your best.
AUG	<b>Money Management</b> <i>Digging Deep</i> Available on Demand Starting Aug 15th	Explore how to have smart financial management and learn practical steps on getting out of financial ruts.
SEP	<b>Gratitude Mindset</b> <i>The Gratitude Habit</i> Available on Demand Starting Sep 19th	Discover how to build gratitude habits in our daily lives.
OCT	<b>Reactions</b> <i>Pause, Breathe, Resume</i> Available on Demand Starting Oct 17th	Learn how to notice our own thoughts and how we react to them, and channel energy when handling challenges.
NOV	<b>Caregiving</b> <i>Caring for the Caregiver</i> Available on Demand Starting Nov 21st	Explore how to take care of yourself and cope with caregiver stress while supporting your loved ones.
DEC	<b>Embrace Change</b> <i>Making a Change</i> Available on Demand Starting Dec 19th	Learn how to make a change for the better and learn practical tips to embrace the discomfort of change.

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