



SchoolNews

H I G H L A N D L A K E S S C H O O L



March, 2017

MAIN # 623-376-4300

ATTENDANCE # 623-376-4390

Mark Anderson, Principal
Wendy Doucet, Assistant Principal

From the Principal, Mark Anderson...

Students in grades 3-8 will take the **AzMERIT** state assessment (replacing AIMS) **March 28th through May 4th**. A detailed schedule listing the exact testing dates for each grade level is included in this newsletter. This is a test of students' progress in learning Arizona's Academic Standards for reading, writing, and math.

Along with the test taking tips below, it is very important that on their designated testing dates, **students come to school, arrive on time, and are not signed out for appointments**. If your child leaves during the middle of a test, according to state guidelines, they will not be able to make it up.

Helpful test taking tips:

- Make sure that your children get enough sleep. Remember that old saying about eight to ten hours of sleep a night? Being well rested is perhaps the most important and unfortunately most overlooked aspect of health when trying to stay focused.
- Make sure that your children eat healthy. Often times in our busy schedules we forget to take time out for our most obvious needs. If your children are not eating well, we cannot possibly expect them to perform well in school, or anything else. Try and avoid heavy foods that may make him/her groggy and avoid high sugar food. Make sure they are eating right.
- Encourage your child to do well, but don't pressure him/her, you may stress him/her out. It is important for your child to stay relaxed on the test.
- Keep a positive attitude about tests.
- Make sure that your child gets up early enough so that he/she will be on time to school.
- Please do not schedule appointments on your child's designated testing dates. Students who leave school before completing a particular test are ineligible to continue the test for that session.
- Talking about the test with your child can relieve stress about test taking.

Highland Lakes has worked hard to prepare your child for these assessments, and we know they will do a great job. By following these suggestions, your child will have an even better chance of showing their true ability. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask. Thank you for all that you do. Being a parent is the most important job there is.





Arizona's Statewide Achievement Assessment
for English Language Arts and Mathematics

April

2017

AZ Merit Testing Schedule

Grades 3-8

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Grizzly (8 th) - Writing	4 5 th /6 th REN - Writing Panda (7 th /8 th) - Writing	5 6 th - Writing Polar (7 th) - Writing	6 4 th - Writing REN (7 th /8 th) - Writing	7 ½ Day
10 Grizzly – ELA 1/Math 1	11 Grizzly – Math 2/ ELA 2	12 5 th – Writing 4 th & 8 th - Science	13 3 rd - Writing	14 NO SCHOOL
17 Panda – ELA 1/Math 1	18 5 th /6 th REN – ELA 1/Math 1 Panda – Math 2/ ELA 2	19 5 th /6 th REN – Math 2/ ELA 2 REN – ELA 1/Math 1	20 6 th – ELA 1/ Math 1 REN – Math 2/ELA 2	21 6 th – Math 2/ ELA 2
24 Polar – ELA 1/Math 1	25 3 rd – ELA 1/Math 1 Polar – Math 2/ELA 2	26 3 rd – Math 2/ELA 2	27 5 th – ELA 1/Math 1	28 5 th – Math 2/ELA 2
1 4 th – ELA 1/Math 1	2 4 th – Math 2/ELA 2	3 MAKE-UPS	4 MAKE-UPS	5

Building Bearific Behavior

Highland Lakes will be working on a different set of skills each week, throughout the school year. Please encourage your students to participate and model the behavior each week.

Skills will be part of the morning announcements!
For the month of November



Mar. 6th – Stand up for what is right; don't give in to peer pressure

Mar. 13th – Be respectful by waiting your turn

Mar. 27th- Complete your assignments and turn them in on time

Mrs. Doucet's Word of the Day

Mon. 3/6 – HABITATION – the act of dwelling in or living permanently in a place

Tues. 3/7 – ILLUMINATE – make free from confusion or ambiguity; make clear

Wed. 3/8 – PRISTINE – completely free from dirt or contamination

Thurs. 3/9 – POTENTIAL – existing in possibility

Fri. 3/10 – SERENITY – the absence of mental stress or anxiety

Mon. 3/13 – **hamper** – hinder; obstruct

Tues. 3/14 – **kindle** – to start a fire

Wed. 3/15 – **noxious** – harmful; poisonous; lethal

Thurs. 3/16 – **placid** – calm; peaceful

Fri. 3/17 – **counterfeit** – fake; false

Mon – Fri. March 20st – March 24th – NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

Mon 3/27 – **conspicuous** – obvious to the eye or mind

Tues. 3/28 – **hangar** – storage area for a plane

Wed. 3/29 – **nuance** – something subtle; a fine shade of meaning

Thurs. 3/30 – **plagiarism** – taking credit for someone else's writing or ideas

Fri. 3/31 – **renown** – fame

CONGRATULATIONS HIGHLAND LAKES MATH TEAM!!!

The Highland Lakes Math Team received a trophy for Third Place in the MathCounts Arizona Central Chapter Competition out of 16 schools and were invited to compete in the Mathcounts Arizona State Level Competition. Also, Grace Xu received a trophy for winning 2nd place in the chapter competition out of 103 competitors. Four students, Grace Xu, Liam Nelson, Ethan Donahey and Aiden Bowers, will participate in the State MathCounts competition on March 18 as the Highland Lakes team.



2017 Highland Lakes School

ART FAIR

March 28th 4-7pm

- Art Contest Winners announced at 5:30pm
- Food: Pizza meal, popcorn, drinks and other concession items on sale \$.50 - \$3.50
- Take home your child's framed artwork for \$25.00.
- Order framed, colored reproduction of your child's art.
- Ways to Pay: Cash, check (make out to Highland Lakes PTSO) or credit.
- Can't make the show? You can still make a purchase by sending in cash or check to your homeroom teacher.



Proceeds from the event
benefit the
HLS Art Department

Highland Lakes PTSO

2017 Spring Fling

Friday, April 7th 5pm – 8pm

Unlimited Ride Band

\$10 ages 6 and up
\$5 ages 5 and under
Adults are Free

Raffle Basket Tickets

\$1 each
Buy \$10 and get one
free (pre-sale only)
Drawing at 7:30 pm

Activity Punch Cards

\$2 or \$5
increments

Unlimited Ride Band

Kiddie Land
Zorb Balls
Climbing Wall
Super Slides and more...

Use your Activity Punch Card for

Carnival Games
Cake Walk
Popcorn
Cotton Candy

Pre-Sale

Now: Online or Order form
April 3rd-6th: before and
after school

Food - use cash or card

Claudine's Kitchen
Fontana's
Modern Tortilla
Rita's

NEW THIS YEAR

Pick up your online and
order form pre-sale
tickets at the event gate
highlandlakesptso.com

to buy online, sign up to volunteer or
find out more information

VOLUNTEERS

Adults: earn raffle tickets
Students: earn a \$5 discount on a ride band



PTSO

Highland Lakes School

Spring Fling 2017

Pre-Order Form

Your Name	
Your Student's Name	
Your Student's Teacher	
Your Phone Number	

	All Inflatable Wrist Band Ages 2-5	All Inflatable Wrist Band Ages 6+	Student Volunteer Wrist Band \$5	\$2 Activity Punch Card	\$5 Activity Punch Card	Raffle Basket Tickets(buy 10 get 1 free)
Quantity						
Price Each	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$1.00
Total						

Amount Enclosed: _____

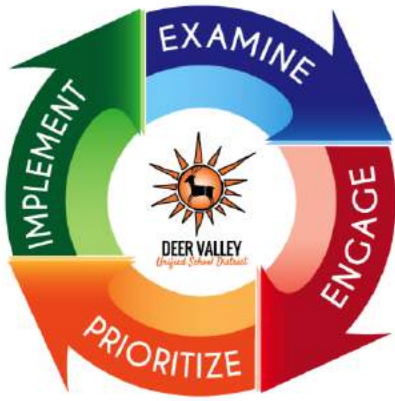
NEW THIS YEAR: Pre-orders will be available at the event entry gate.

To Pre-order with a credit card go to <http://www.highlandlakesptso.com/spring-fling-2017.html>

To Volunteer for the event go to <http://www.highlandlakesptso.com/volunteer-spot.html>

Make checks payable to Highland Lakes PTSO

Payment Type	Amount Paid	Date Order Filled	Order Filled By	Check #



Deer Valley Unified School District Strategic Planning Focus Groups

DVUSD is gathering input from ***all stakeholders*** in support of crafting a refined strategic plan to achieve our vision and exceed organizational goals through 2023. The strategic planning process includes examining current status, engaging stakeholders, prioritizing objectives, and implementing a strategically aligned plan throughout the district. Students, staff, parents, business partners, and community members are invited to attend a focus group session to help shape the future of Deer Valley Unified School District as we strive to graduate lifelong learners who will successfully compete, lead, and positively impact the world.

Dates, Times, and Locations

Wednesday, 10/12/16, (GBR, 4-6 pm)

Thursday, 2/23/17, (GBR-East, 4-6 pm)

Wednesday, 11/9/16, (GBR-West, 4-6 pm)

Saturday, 3/11/17, (GBR, 1-3 pm)

Wednesday, 1/18/17, (GBR, 8-9 am)

Thursday, 4/13/17, (GBR, 4:30-6:00 pm)

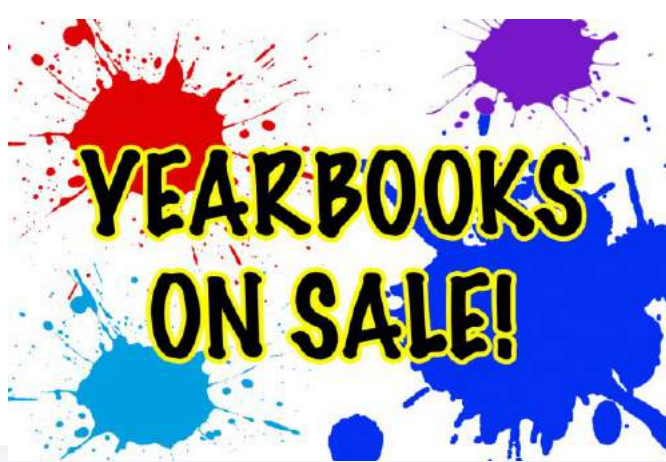
Wednesday, 1/18/17, (GBR, 9:30-10:30 am)

Tuesday, 5/2/17, (GBR, 2-4 pm)

Please click on the link below to select the session of your choice:

goo.gl/s1W66W

Contact Cherryl.Paul@dvusd.org or Courtney.Mallada@dvusd.org
for additional information.



Reserve your copy of the 2016-2017 Highland Lakes yearbook today!

Middle School: Order the Hard Cover \$35
Elementary: Order the Saddle Stitch \$20

Orders taken Online ONLY do not send in money

<http://tiny.cc/hlsyearbook>

*all orders are subject to a \$1.50 Processing Fee



Jamba Juice®

Blend in the Good.™

Jamba Juice will be on campus every Tuesday
after school from 3:15 - 4:00

Smoothies are \$2 for small and \$3 for a large
20% goes back to HLS

WANTED

VOLUNTEERS



Seeking volunteers for the March Art Fair, April Bear Buck Store, Spring Fling, and Teacher Appreciation week

Interested?

Sign up at <http://www.highlandlakesptso.com/volunteer-spot.html> or

Contact Us at highlandlakesptso@gmail.com

REWARD



PTSO Meeting ELECTIONS

FRIDAY, MARCH 31st 9:00 AM



JOIN US TO VOTE IN THE BOARD FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

Nominate NOW !Vote at March 31st Meeting

Nominations & Elections for 2016-2017

- ☒ I want Highland Lakes School to be one of the best schools in Arizona.
- ☒ I want my child to have a great school year – to learn and to have fun!
- ☒ I want all the students at HLS be successful.

If the above statements are true, then “help us help Highland Lakes”. Dedicated teachers, staff, and **PARENTS** make Highland Lakes great!

We need volunteers to serve as Board Members, Committee Chairs and general volunteers for 2017-2018. Nominate yourself or someone else. All Committee Chair positions can be shared. Want more details, visit our website to find out what we do:

<http://www.highlandlakesptso.com/home.html>

Questions or to nominate? Contact us via email at highlandlakesptso@gmail.com, or leave a message at the front office.

Elections are held at the PTSO General Meeting on Friday, March 31st at 9:00 am in the front office conference room.

Elected Officers	Current Nominations
President	Jill Glennie
Vice President	Kelly Amling
Secretary	Tina Nunziato
Treasure	Kerry Andriuk

Open Committee Chair Positions

Art Fair
Box Tops
Bear Buck Store
Copy Cats
Concessions
Donations and Sponsorships
Family Night
Spirit Wear
Grant Writing
Holiday Shop
Talent Show
Teacher Appreciation
Volunteer Coordinator

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY	EVENT
MARCH 20TH-24TH	No School SPRING BREAK
MARCH 28TH	4-7PM ART FAIR
MAR 28TH-MAY 4TH	AZMERIT TESTING WINDOW
MARCH 31ST	9AM APRIL PTSO GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 31ST	9AM CHARACTER ASSEMBLY
APRIL 7TH	4PM 2017 SPRING FLING
APRIL 13TH	3:40 PM TALENT SHOW REHEARSAL
APRIL 19TH	10:30 - 12:30 FINAL BEAR BUCK STORE FOR 2017
APRIL 20TH	3:40 PM TALENT SHOW REHEARSAL
APRIL 21ST	6:00 PM HLS TALENT SHOW
MAY 1ST - 5TH	NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 5TH	9AM MAY PTSO GENERAL MEETING
MAY 12TH	9AM CHARACTER ASSEMBLY
MAY 23RD	5PM 8TH GRADE PROMOTION
	CHECK THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR A COPY OF THE 2016-17 AND 2017-18 DISTRICT CALENDAR

* Only students that are buying a picture package will be photographed for individual pictures. All elementary students will be photographed with their class for their class picture.



CLUB	SPONSOR	OPEN TO	ROOM	DAY	TIME
2:14	MR. DUNN		COMPUTER LAB	FRIDAYS	8:00-8:30
ANIME	MS. NICK	MS ONLY	217	MONDAY	3:30-4:30
CHESS	CHESS EMPORIUM	FEE BASED	207	MONDAY	3:30-4:35
COMMUNITY GARDEN	MRS. CRABTREE	K-8TH GRADE	308	MONDAY	3:35-4:15
COSTA RICA TRIP	MS. STEGH	8TH GRADE			
EXPLORING LATIN	MRS. CRABTREE	4TH-8TH GRADE	308		
NJHS	MRS. SNYDER	8TH GRADE	310	WEDNESDAY (EVERY OTHER)	8:00-8:30
PUBLIC SPEAKING/ DEBATE	MRS. CRABTREE	6TH-8TH GRADE	308		
RECYCLING CLUB	MRS. SCHRADER	K-8TH GRADE	404	WEDNESDAY	7:50-8:30
ROBOTICS	MR. SHOOP	6TH-8TH GRADE	308	MONDAY & TUESDAY	3:30-5:30
RUBIK'S CUBE	MS. POTTS	RENAISSANCE	216	TBD	3:30-4:30
STUDENT COUNCIL	MRS. SNYDER	7TH- 8TH GRADE	310	TUESDAY	3:30-5:00
UKELELE CLUB	MRS. SANDOVAL & MRS. SCHRADER	3RD-8TH GRADE	404	THURSDAY	3:30-4:30
WASHINGTON DC TRIP	MS. TANG	8TH GRADE			
WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS	MRS. SCHRADER & MR. ROCKEY	ORCHESTRA /BAND STUDENTS	404/403	WEDNESDAY	3:30-4:00
YEARBOOK	MRS. VERLEI	7TH-8TH GRADE	304		
YOUNG REMBRANDTS		FEE BASED	220		

HUNGRY BEAR CAFÉ NEWS

Celebrate Breakfast in March

Come join us in the cafeteria for breakfast every morning to celebrate National School Breakfast Week! Research shows children who eat school breakfast are more likely to:

- Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math • Have better concentration • Be more alert • Retain more of what they learn
- Participate in class • Maintain a healthy weight

For questions about your HLS Cafe, contact Patsy Favela, our cafeteria manager.

Patsy Favela

patsy.favela@dvusd.org

623-376-4314

BREAKFAST

8:30-8:45

Student: \$1.25

Reduced: \$.30

Adult: \$1.50

LUNCH

Student: \$2.60

Reduced: \$.40

Adult: \$3.50 (with a cup)



Applications for free and reduced priced meals will be available to all enrolled students in DVUSD. The application will be available at the following locations:

- HLS main office or cafeteria during regular school year
- Online at ezmealapp.com
- Distributed to all students during the first week of school. Please return all paperwork directly to the cafeteria manager.



Student Account

You can credit your child's account by check, cash, or at EZSCHOOLPAY.com (\$2 fee). Checks or cash can be dropped in the front office box. Please include the student name and their ID



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

13

Mini Turkey Corn Dogs
with a Corn Muffin
Steamed Green Beans
Tasty Diced Mixed Fruit

14

Crispy Chicken Sandwich
Buttered Corn
Chilled Applesauce

15

Chicken Soft Tacos
Garbanzo Beans
Seasonal Fresh Fruit

16

Breakfast for Lunch:
French Toast Sticks
Sausage Links
Gold Rush Juice
Seasonal Fresh Fruit

17

Hand Tossed Pizza
Crisp Romaine Salad
Juicy Sliced Pears

20

SCHOOL CLOSED
Spring Break

21

SCHOOL CLOSED
Spring Break

22

SCHOOL CLOSED
Spring Break

23

SCHOOL CLOSED
Spring Break

24

SCHOOL CLOSED
Spring Break

27

Beef Hot Dog
Baked Sweet Potato Fries
Sweet Pineapple Chunks

28

Chicken Parmesan
with a Breadstick
Garden Peas
Chilled Sliced Peaches

29

^{NEW!} Burrito Bowl:
with Shredded Beef
and Fiesta Rice
Ranch Beans
Seasonal Fresh Fruit
Rice Krispies Treat

30

Teriyaki Chicken
with 'Fried' Rice
Steamed Broccoli
Seasonal Fresh Fruit

31

Hand Tossed Pizza
Cauliflower
with Ranch Dip
Tasty Diced Mixed Fruit

FIND it Fast



FOOD AND NUTRITION

For nutrition, snack lists, this months menu, and other cafe news and policies go to dvusd.org, click on FIND it Fast.

FROM THE NURSE:



Why can't I give your child Tylenol or Ibuprofen?

State law and school district policy strictly regulate how medications are to be given at school. Two conditions must be met before medications may be administered at school:

1. A parent or guardian must provide the medication. The school nurse is not permitted to dispense medication that is not provided by the parent or guardian. If you foresee that your child may need an over-the-counter medication sometime during the school year, please provide it in the original container. It will be kept in the nurse's office and given only to your child as needed.
2. A consent form must be completed and signed by the parent or guardian. Forms are available in the nurse's office.

Prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs are, after marijuana and alcohol, the most commonly abused substances by Americans 14 and older. It's time to make these medications unavailable to others! (<https://www.drugabuse.gov/drugs-abuse/prescription-drugs-cold-medicines>)



Lock up your medications! Go on Amazon and search for "medication lock boxes."

Get rid of your medications! The Glendale Police Station/Fire Department has a disposal box in their lobby. That's a block away! 6255 W. Union Hills Rd., Monday thru Friday from 7:00 to 5:00 (no liquids or needles).



GOT DRUGS?

**EXPIRED & UNWANTED
MEDICATION COLLECTION
THROUGHOUT ARIZONA**

Go to...

WWW.ACPA.NET

To Find a Collection
Location Near You!

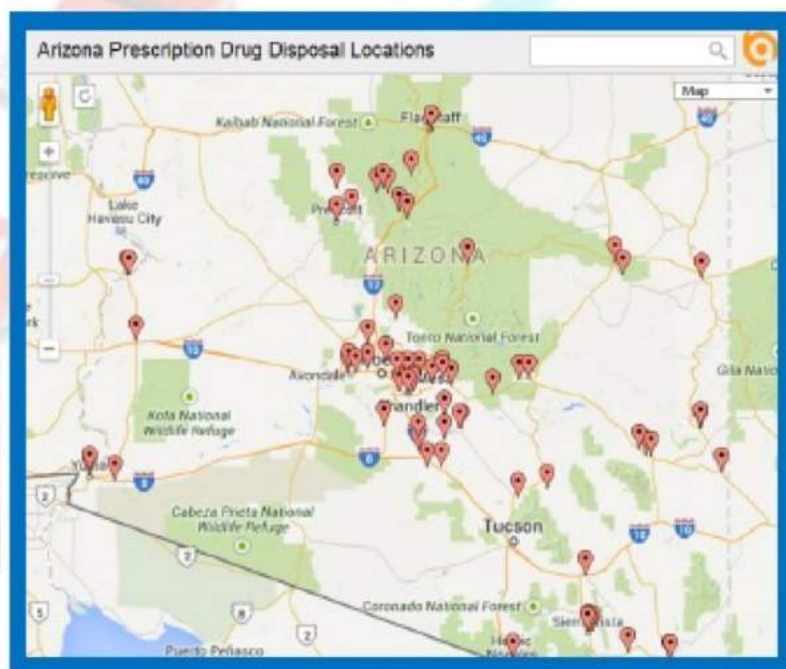


YES - Accepted

- Prescriptions
- Prescription Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medications for pets

STOP

These items are **Not-Accepted** at this collection unit.



Visit DEA's interactive website on the dangers of legal and illegal drugs at:
www.justthinktwice.com

HLS CARES!



The Highland Lakes National Junior Honor Society is collecting soda tabs that will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. The project will continue throughout the entire school year. Please save your soda tabs at home and/or at your place of business and periodically send them to school with your student. They may be turned in to your child's teacher or to the front office. We are sure we can make a difference in a family's life! Thank you for your support!



SWIFT CHARITIES

Deer Valley Unified School District has partnered with Swift Charities for Children to help raise money for children's charities and our schools. DVUSD schools have a Swift Charities for Children clothing collection box on campus (located in the far South end of the Middle School parking lot). Swift Charities for Children has offered to take all clothing donations made by our students and turn them into cash for children's charities and our school. So next time you clean out your closets, remember to bring all of your donations down to the collection box at school.



BOXTOPS for Education
Keep clipping those boxtops! We are currently counting from the Feb deadline. Keep clipping there is one more before the end of the school year.

Next deadline:

Friday, May 5, 2017

**For each deadline an ice cream party will be awarded.
Thank you.**



Clothes Closet at Vista Peak

FREE student run program providing clothing to our community.

The Clothing Closet provides clean, quality clothing at NO FEE to members of our Deer Valley Family. Our extensive collection provides options for men, women, and children.

We also collect clothing year round! All sizes, gently used, clean or new. Men's, Women's Children's (all ages), coats, gloves, scarves. We will deliver and pick up for Free to any of our Deer Valley school locations.

We believe that much-needed clothing can make a difference for our families in need.

Please Contact Josie Bardsley with any questions

19825 N. 15th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85027

623.445.3925 | josie.bardsley@dvusd.org



RESERVED PARKING

The car pool parking spots are reserved for those registered with the TRP program. The other reserved spots were won at school events. Please use courtesy and do not park in those spots.

Parents please be considerate of our families that live close to school and respect our neighbors when picking up and dropping off students.

When signing out your student, *please be sure and bring photo ID into the office with you.*

SIGNING OUT

To ensure that our academic time is respected, we are asking that parents do not sign out their children between **3:15 and 3:30**. Fifteen minutes a day, added up over a month represents almost a full day of classes missed.

NO PARKING

There is no parking or waiting on 63rd Avenue from Union Hills to Utopia. If you park or wait on 63rd Avenue, tickets will be issued.

PARKING LOTS

Please remember that our parking lots get very hectic in the morning and afternoon. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended along the curb at any time. Remember, our main focus is to keep all of our students safe.

Transportation will no longer allow us to write emergency bus passes for students that do not normally ride a bus. If you have an emergency situation that requires your student to go home with another student that rides a bus, you must call transportation directly at 602-467-5096.



VISITOR

Parents must sign in at the front office **and show ID** before entering campus at any time. This includes before school.

VISITING

Parents are encouraged to visit the school. All visitors to the school must report to the school office upon arrival including **before and after school**. **Picture ID is required**. You must sign in and show ID to receive a visitor's badge. For those who wish to visit a classroom during the school day, it is expected that the teacher and the principal be contacted in advance to arrange a day and time for such visit to avoid any conflicts with the school schedule.

CLASSROOM PARTIES

The procedure to not allow pre-school children on the school campus for parties has been in place for some years.

Whether pre-school children or siblings attend class parties is a school decision until a district-wide procedure is developed. Highland Lakes does not allow pre-school children or siblings to attend class parties.

SCHOOL FUNCTION

A 'School Function' is defined as being an activity to which all parents are invited. Location of the function is anywhere on or off your campus. If all parents are invited to the special event, siblings are also allowed to attend school special events (concerts, spelling bees, plays, kindergarten end of year graduations, etc.). The siblings must be under the direct supervision of a parent/guardian during their visit to the school campus.

PARENTS & SIBLINGS ON CAMPUS

- ★ Parents who walk their children to the classroom before school must sign-in in the front office and show ID.
- ★ Parents may eat lunch with their children in the cafeteria after signing in and showing ID.
- ★ Pre-school children may accompany parents to lunch in the cafeteria.
- ★ Parents are not allowed on the playground.

VOLUNTEERING

Parents who volunteer on a regular or reoccurring basis will need to attend a basic volunteer training. Trainings last approximately 30 minutes and you will receive all necessary volunteer materials.

Overnight field trip chaperones must be fingerprinted. You **MUST** attend a training **PRIOR** to being fingerprinted. Fingerprints take 8 weeks for results to be returned to us; allow plenty of time for this to be done.

You can visit <http://www.dvusd.org/Page/30647> to check the district wide training schedule.

HLS will have training in the library on:

February 2 - 5:30 pm

Pre-school children or siblings of current students shall not accompany parents while the parent is serving as a volunteer on the school campus. Please refer the Volunteer Handbook.

Text Message Alerts

If you are not receiving text message alerts from the district office and would like to, just text the letter "Y" to 68453

CHILD FIND

Child Find requirements under state and federal law are that all individuals with disabilities from birth through age 21 be identified, located, and evaluated for early intervention or Special Education services. If you know of someone who may qualify for these services, please encourage them to call their local school at 623-376-4301 or the district at 623-445-5000!

POWER SCHOOL

You can access your student's grades and attendance records at any time through Powerschool. Bring your picture ID to the front office to pick up your password.

PEST CONTROL



Monthly pest control spraying in the kitchen will be the 1st Tuesday of every month at 4:30 p.m.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Details and FAQ:
dvusd.org/openenrollment

To Apply:
openenrollment.dvusd.org/application

2016 TAX CREDITS

The maximum tax credit for 2016 for filing married joint is \$400 and for filing single or head of household is \$200. To learn about how your tax credit can be used and to submit online go to <http://dvusd.org/taxcredit>

CUTS Program: (Court Unified Truancy Suppression)

To encourage and improve school attendance, Deer Valley Unified School District has implemented a truancy program in partnership with Maricopa County Juvenile Court. Highland Lakes will be tracking attendance very closely. Your child is expected to be at school every day, unless there is an excused reason not to be. A student that is absent more than ten percent (18 days) of the required number of school days per year is considered to have "excessive absences" whether the absence is excused or unexcused. If a student should start a pattern of excessive absences, you will be contacted by letter or phone. The education of your child is extremely important to us. This program is another way of working with the community to ensure a quality education for all students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the front office at 623-376-4300

AFTER SCHOOL ROCKS

School Attendance VS After School Activities

If your student is not at school during the school day, he or she may not attend after school activities. After school activities may include sports events, dances, concerts, club attendance, etc.

ATHLETES

If you are planning on participating in any sport this year, you must complete the eligibility requirements as detailed on our website www.dvusd.org/domain/817. All forms will need to be turned into the athletic coordinator **prior to any tryouts for any sport at Highland Lakes School.**

Student athletes must also complete the online Brainbook course. Information regarding registration can be found on the district website as well. This is a district policy and every middle school is required to comply. Physical forms are available in the front office. These forms are good for the entire school year, regardless of how many sports you play. The district is also requiring that all athletes provide proof of medical insurance. Rider policies can be purchased through the district.

Due to District budget constraints, a \$3.00 admission fee will now occur at all middle school sporting events. Admission fees will help cover transportation, officials, and equipment.

HOMEWORK LAB

Highland Lakes School will be instituting an after-school homework lab for students.

The purpose of the homework lab is to provide a supervised environment for students to work on assignments. One or two teachers will be present to assist students with various subjects. Some National Junior Honor Society students may also be assisting. Registration takes place every quarter throughout the school year.

Homework Lab is open to ALL Highland Lakes students. We will meet in Room 310 for K-8 graders on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. The fees are \$30.00 for one day a week for the entire quarter or \$60.00 to participate in both days each week. Checks should be made out to Highland Lakes School. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Snyder.

For Pre-k, preschool, before and after school enrichment classes, school age care, early childhood development and a wide range of academic and athletic programs, visit the Community Education Site at:

<http://www.dvusd.org/communityed>

Highland Lakes School Mission Statement

Preparing today's learners to become tomorrow's leaders through technology, inquiry, common core standards and global citizenship.

Principal: [Mark Anderson](#)

Assistant Principal: [Wendy Doucet](#)

Nurse: [Karen Hurst](#)

Counselor: [Kathryn Coleman](#)

Main Phone #: (623)376-4300

Attendance: (623)376-4390

Fax: (623)376-4380

Address: [19000 N. 63rd Ave., Glendale, AZ 85308](#)

Start Time = 8:45

End Time = 3:30

Early Release = 12:05

Office Hours = 8:00-4:00

Mascot: Bears

Colors: Blue & Green

Contact Site for Information Regarding Student Pick up:

Highland Lakes School - 623-376-4300

District Office - 623-445-5000

In case of emergency involving student evacuation, the following site has been designated as a relocation site.

Evacuation Location: Deer Valley High School

18424 N 51st Ave, Glendale, AZ 85308

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DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-2017 District Instructional Calendar

JULY						
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Jul. 4 - Independence Day Observed
Offices Closed
10-Month Employees

AUGUST						
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Aug. 3- New Teachers
Aug. 5- Continuing Teachers
Aug. 9- 9-Month Employees
Aug. 10- First Day for Students
Aug. 19- Staff Dev. - Early Release

SEPTEMBER						
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Sep. 5- Labor Day - No School
Sep. 9- Staff Dev. - Early Release
Sep. 30- Fall Break - No School

OCTOBER						
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Oct. 3- Fall Break - No School
Oct. 7- Staff Dev. - Early Release
Oct. *24-*28 Parent Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER						
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Nov. 4- Staff Dev. - Early Release
Nov. 11- Veterans Day
Nov. 23-25- Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER						
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Dec. 9- Staff Dev. - Early Release
Dec. 22-23- Early Release 9-12 (Final Exams)
Dec. 23- Early Release K-12
Dec 26-Jan. 6- Winter Break

JANUARY						
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Dec. 26-Jan. 6- Winter Break
Jan. 13- Staff Dev. - Early Release
Jan. 16- Martin Luther King - No School

FEBRUARY						
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Feb. 8- Student Release Day (K-12)
Feb. *13-17 Parent Teacher Conferences
Feb. 20- Presidents Day- No School

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Mar. 3- Staff Dev. - Early Release
Mar. 20-24- Spring Break

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Apr. 7- Staff Dev. - Early Release
Apr. 14- Spring Day - No School

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May 5- Staff Dev. - Early Release
May 16-17- Senior Final Exams
May 18- Last Day Seniors - DVHS & SDOHS
May 19- Last Day Seniors - BGHS, BCHS & MRHS
May *23- HS Final Exams - Early Release (9-11)
May 24- HS Final Exams - Early Release
Last Day Students - Early Release
May 25- Last Day 9-Month Employees
Last Day Teachers
May 29- Memorial Day- Offices Closed

JUNE						
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Jun. 2- Last Day 10-Month Employees

Teacher Contract Days.....185
Student Contact Days.....180
40th Day.....Oct. 6, 2017
100th Day.....Janu. 20, 2017

Grading Periods
1st Quarter..... Oct. 14, 2016 - 45 days
2nd Quarter..... Dec. 23, 2016 - 46 days
3rd Quarter..... Mar. 17, 2017 - 47 days
4th Quarter..... May 24, 2017 - 42 days

Graduation Dates - May 19 & 22
*May 19- Early Release - DVHS & SDOHS Only
*May 22- Early Release - BGHS, BCHS & MRHS Only



DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017-2018 PreK-12 Instructional Calendar

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Jul. 4- Independence Day Observed
Offices Closed
Jul. 24- **10-Month Employees**
Jul. 31- New Teachers

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Aug. 2- Continuing Teachers
Aug. 4- 9-Month Employees
Aug. 7- First Day for Students
Aug. 25- Staff Dev. - Early Release

SEPTEMBER						
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Sep. 4- Labor Day - No School
Sep. 15- Staff Dev. - Early Release
Sep. 21-22- Fall Break - No School

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Oct. 6- Staff Dev. - Early Release
Oct. 9- Fall Day - No School
Oct. *16-*20- Parent Teacher Conf. Week
Oct. 19-20- Early Release (PK-12)

NOVEMBER						
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Nov. 3- Staff Dev.- Early Release
Nov. 10- Veterans Day Observed
Nov. 20-24-Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER						
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Dec. 1- Staff Dev.- Early Release
Dec. 21-22 -Early Release 9-12 (Final Exams)
Dec. 22- Early Release
Dec. 25-Jan. 5- Winter Break

JANUARY						
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Dec. 25-Jan. 5- Winter Break
Jan. 15- Martin Luther King Day - No School
Jan. 26- Staff Dev.- Early Release

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Feb. 7- Student Release Day for
Staff Professional Development
Feb.*12-*16 Parent Teacher Conf. Week
Feb. 15-16- Early Release (PK-8 ONLY)
Feb. 19- President's Day- No School

MARCH						
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Mar. 2- Staff Dev.- Early Release
Mar. 26-30- Spring Break

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Apr. 6- Staff Dev.- Early Release
Apr. 27- Spring Break Day

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May 4- Staff Dev.- Early Release
May 23-24- Early Release 9-12 (Final Exams)
May 24- Last Day for Students - Early Release
May 24- Last Day 9-Month Employees
May 25- Last Day for Teachers
May 28- Memorial Day- Offices Closed

JUNE						
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40th Day.....October 4, 2017
100th Day.....January 22, 2018

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1st Quarter.....October 13, 2017 (46)
2nd Quarter.....December 22, 2017 (44)
3rd Quarter.....March 16, 2018 (47)
4th Quarter.....May 24, 2018 (43)

Graduation Dates
May 24 & 25, 2018