



School News

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



Deer Valley Unified School District

February 2024

MAIN # 623.376.4300

ATTENDANCE # 623.376.4390

Mark Anderson, Principal

Danielle Ware, Assistant Principal

From the Principal, Mark Anderson...

February is sort of a transition month in Arizona where it's not quite winter and not quite spring. It's a beautiful month and reminds us why we live here.

February is a very productive month at Highland Lakes. Teachers continue to analyze classroom/district assessment data to create standards-based lessons that meet all students' academic needs. Along with academics, to ensure we are developing a well-rounded student, we continue to focus on our students' social and emotional needs.

AASA, our state standardized test, will be here before we know it. The testing window is in April. We are currently working to determine the exact testing schedule for each grade level. More details will follow soon. Our teachers and students are working hard to build deep understandings and a focused knowledge base on state standards and test taking skills. With all this work, we still have time to celebrate our successes and build enduring friendships.

At Highland Lakes we are so proud to have an incredible staff and community that work tirelessly to support our students. We are honored to receive an A-rating that reflects the rigorous and nurturing environment that grows today's learners into tomorrow's leaders! We have an open door policy, so please call or come see us anytime. Thank you for all that you do as a parent and have a great day....or not.....the choice is yours!



MAKE IT A GREAT DAY,
OR NOT.
THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

Upcoming School Events

February 2024

- Thurs 8**
 - 12:05 Early Release Half Day
 - Teacher Potluck
 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- Friday 9**
 - 12:05 Early Release Half Day
 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 13-15**
 - Haldi Fundraiser- 10% Off In-Store or Online
- Friday 16**
 - 2 pm PLC Early Release
- Wed 21**
 - 8:30 am Bear Buck Store
- Friday 23**
 - 2 pm PLC Early Release
 - 5pm -7pm Out of This World Dance

[Click for the District 2023-2024 Calendar](#)

March 2024

- Friday 1**
 - Read-A-Thon
 - 8:45 am PTSO General Meeting
 - 2 pm Kona Ice
 - 2 pm PLC Early Release
 - 6 pm PTSO Zoom Meeting
- Friday 5**
 - 9 am PTSO General Meeting
 - 3:30 pm Kona Ice
 - 5pm PTSO General Zoom
- Friday 8**
 - 2 pm PLC Early Release
 - 2pm Kona Ice
- week 11-15**
 - **NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK**
- Wed 20**
 - 8:30 am Bear Buck Store
- Friday 22**
 - 2 pm PLC Early Release
- Friday 26**
 - 2 pm PLC Early Release
- Friday 29**
 - **NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK DAY**

[Elementary \(K-6\) Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-ups](#)

[Middle School \(7/8\) Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-ups](#)



CLUB	SPONSOR	OPEN TO	ROOM	DAY of the week	Meeting time
Drama Club	Wild	4th - 8th	Gym	Monday & Wednesday	7:45-8:30 am
Student Council	Mills/Knierim	7th - 8th	211		During DSS
Anime Club	Nick	7th - 8th	217	Thursday	3:30- 4:30 pm
Book Club	Elam	3-6th	221	Thursday	8:00-8:30am
Friday Basketball	B. Nelson	7-8th	Gym	Friday	3:30-5:00 pm
Origami Club	Elam	3-6th	221	Tuesday	8:00-8:30 am
Mootiques (Movie club)	Miller	6-8th	304	Tuesday	8:00-8:30 am
Mariachi Ninos del Desierto	Schrade	6-8th	404	Tuesday	3:40-4:30 pm
Volleyball Open gym	McKee	7-8th	Gym	Tuesday	3:30-5:00 pm
Dungeons & Dragons	Unthank	7th-8th	203	Monday	3:30-4:45pm
2:14	Nelson	6th - 8th	307	Friday	8:00- 8:30 am
Recycling Club	Schrade	4th - 8th	404	Friday	7:50-8:30 am
NJHS	Miller	8th	304		

*Please check with sponsor on the date that club will start meeting

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8

Our teachers and staff deserve a home cooked meal during this busy week.

We would love for you to make a donation for our potluck lunch!!

Return this form to school or **sign up online** : <https://signup.com/go/zyYXraU>

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I will drop off a food item to the school front office by or at 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 8

- Main Dish
- Main Vegetarian Dish
- Side Dish
- Dessert

I will bring supplies for the event and drop them off in the front office ANYTIME BEFORE Thursday, February 8

- I want to help with setup or cleanup (30 minute commitment)
- 12 pack of Soda (Diet Coke, Coke, Dr. Pepper, Sprite)
- Tea (Sweetened or unsweetened)

FAQ:

How many are we serving? About 130

What serving size should I bring? Aim to serve at least 12.

Can you keep my dish hot/cold? Yes we have electricity for crock pots and warmers and fridge space. Please use disposable liners.

Will I get my dishes back? Yes, disposable is great but mark your items you want back with your last name and you can pick them up in the front office the day following the event.

When do I drop off my items: Morning of the day of the event @front office

More questions?: Email highlandlakesptso@gmail.com



HLS Garden Club Permission Slip

3:45pm to 4:30pm

Student Name (please print): _____

Homeroom teacher and grade: _____

Parent Name and Contact Phone Number (*print*):

I give my permission for _____ to attend HLS Garden Club after school

February 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and March 5th, 12th Students will meet in the school garden (or in case of bad weather, room 103)

Student will be (circle one) picked up walk home Bear's Den

Parent Signature: _____

***Students must bring gardening gloves and wear closed-toe shoes to participate.**

There is no cost to join garden club, but please consider donating gardening items such as soil, rakes, shovels or gloves.

Sarah.crabtree@dvusd.org

Room 103



CELEBRATION

Students celebrating the 100th day of school! 2nd grade did lots of activities and had a "100 Hershey Kisses" scavenger hunt. 1st graders visited with the residents of Inspira Arrowhead! Check out the links below for the news coverage!



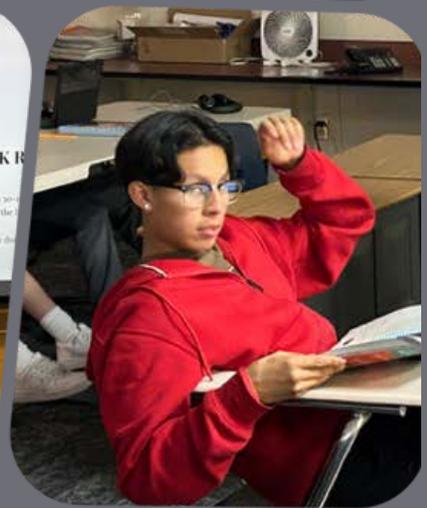
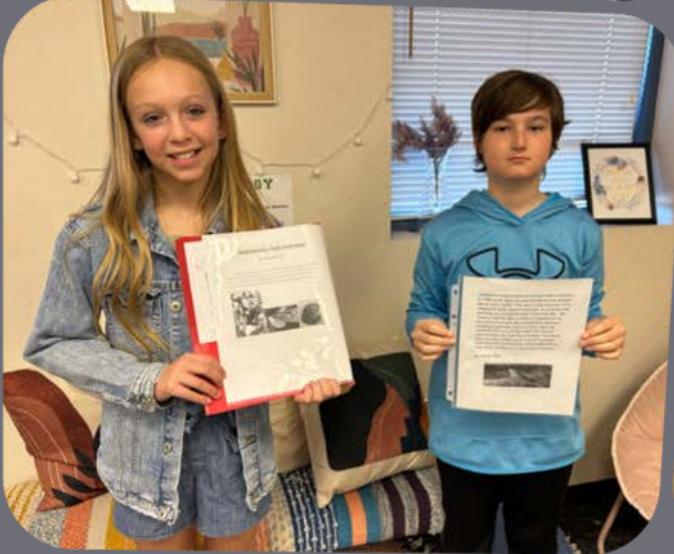
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READ: 180



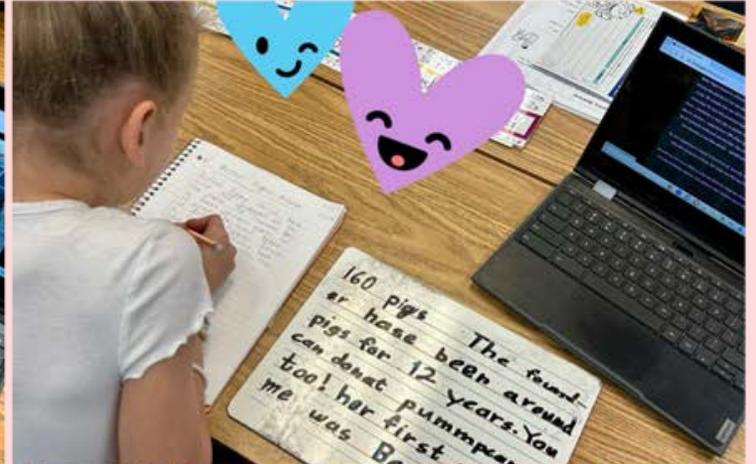
In Read 180, middle school & 5th grade students are working on book reports with choice boards. This intervention helps students grow their lexile levels by incorporating Read 180 whole group lessons, Software, & independent reading. We have recently added journaling and reading logs so students can independently choose books of interest and practice their writing skills further. All students just completed writing essays and paragraphs while responding to a given prompt. Middle school students have been reading different works of Dystopian fiction, such as *The Lottery* and *Hunger Games*. 5th & 4th graders are currently reading about animal adaptations and inventions.

Students are so excited to "Choose" different book activities to present their book reports to their Read 180 class! Kindness is our focus for February, so students will be writing letters to family members, teachers and friends.

MRS. MCCORMICK'S 2ND GRADE CLASS SERVICE PROJECT



Anyone big or small can make a difference! The class collected 42 blankets for the Better Piggies Rescue to keep piggies warm during the colder months as they are very sensitive to cold. The students researched the sanctuary, its history and its mission then wrote reports on their findings.



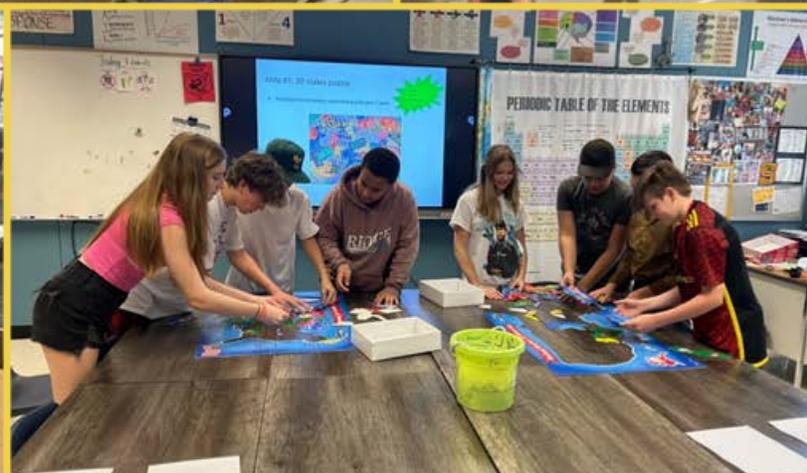
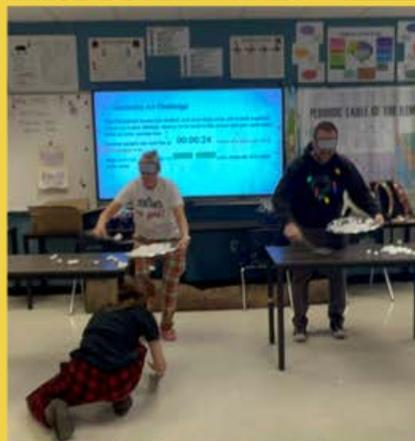
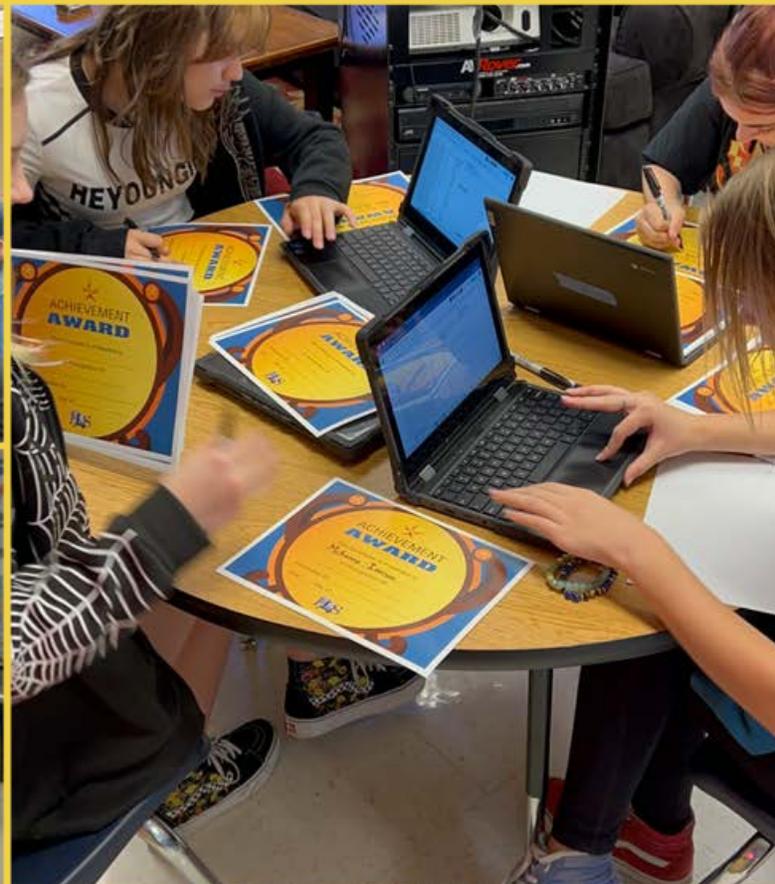
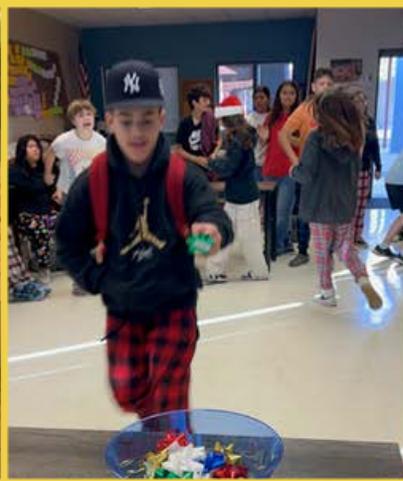


Thank you to all the students that donated yarn to the 2024 Elementary Yarn drive. These pictured students are the winners of some awesome prizes. We can't wait to create artwork using the yarn.



<https://www.donorschoose.org/Mrs.Sindelar>

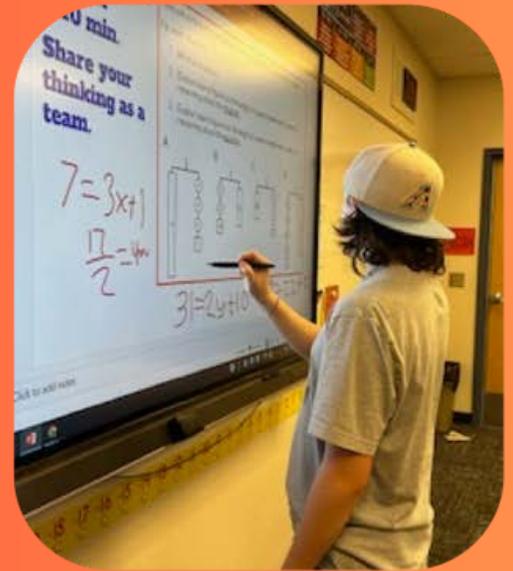
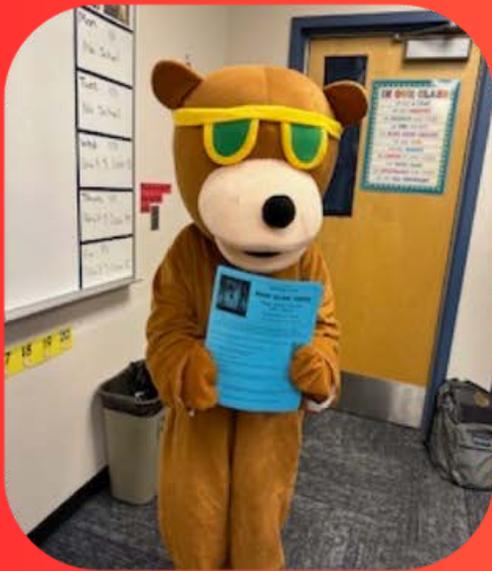
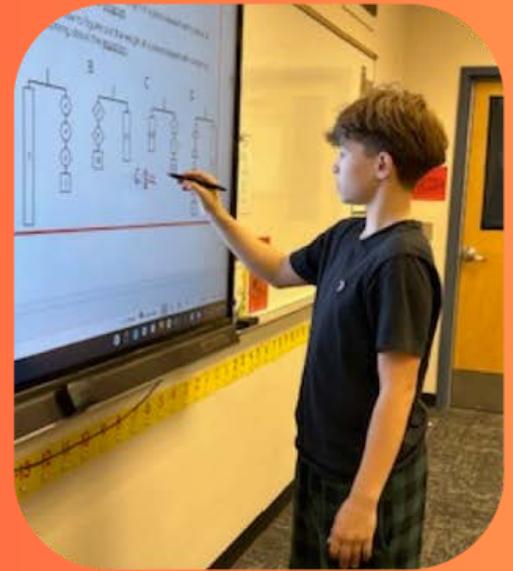
The Middle School Leadership Class has been working hard this year with PTSO to create activities and incentives for students to be ROARsome every day with Elementary ROAR Assemblies, Middle School Bear Buck Stores, DSS Competitions and Quarterly Behavior Rewards including Water balloon Fight and Movie Day.



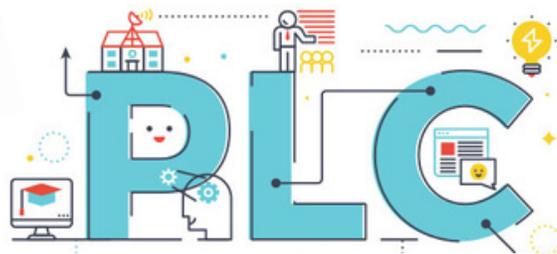
Congratulations to our ROAR Character honorees who were recognized for: ALWAYS ACHIEVING



Mrs. Slavick 7th Grade



SUCCESS STORIES



Professional Learning Community Fridays

3rd Grade Success: January

Third grade teachers regularly collaborate together. Our PLC meeting times are dedicated to assessment analysis, both to ensure measurement of the standards and to drive further instruction. We also provide feedback to the District departments on assessments.

We have taken our Social Studies standards and curriculum and created a year long map that includes additional supplemental materials.

Our team has regular conversations on teaching and supporting the ROAR matrix, including evaluation of student understanding and practice.

Middle school Success: January

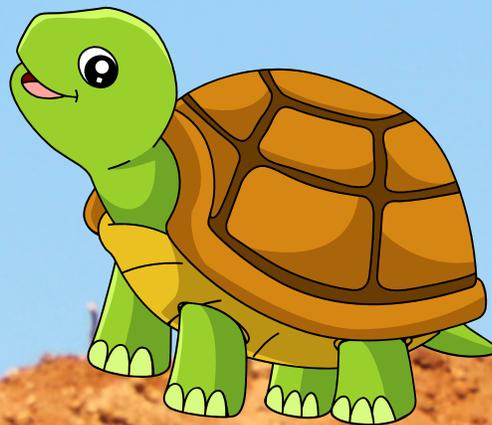
Teachers have been continuing training with Dr Harris learning strategies to use in the classroom for stress, trauma, and resiliency. They have also completed a suicide prevention training. In addition they have been working with their partner school to create common assessments that align with the state standards that are being taught.

Dirt For Yert!

Fundraiser for Refurbishing our School Garden and Tortoise Habitat so we can Bring Yertle Back to HLS!

**Before School:
Hot chocolate**

**After School:
Snacks**



**Begins Monday, January
29th- Friday, Feb 9th**



HIGHLAND LAKES SCHOOL'S

**OUT OF
THIS
WORLD
FAMILY
DANCE**

FEB 23 | 5-7PM

**DJ AND DANCING
SELFIE PHOTO BOOTH
ICE CREAM MAN
RIOS TACO SHACK TRUCK
CONCESSIONS**

***CHAPERONES
REQUIRED**





PLS JOIN US @ HALDI'S FOR HIGHLAND LAKES FUNDRAISER

FEBRUARY
13 - 15, 2024
[3 DAYS]

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Highland Lakes Fundraiser
10% of all labor cost donated to school

623-282-5932



Ends March 31st

**Junk Removal • Handyman Services
Welding Repairs**

Appliance Removal, Garage Clean Outs, Mattress Removal, Furniture Removal, Trash Removal, Tenant Clean Outs, Faucets, Toilets, Garbage Disposals, Ceiling Fans, Drywall Patches, Lighting, TV Mounting, Safety Grab Bars, Caulking, Hanging pictures and mirrors, and more.

<https://www.phoenixhandymanandwelding.com>

HLS Annual Read-A-Thon

SAVE THE DATE to Support HLS

Friday, March 1st as K-6 celebrates

“Read Across America Day” and Dr. Seuss’s Birthday

What is a Read-A-Thon? A Read-A-Thon is similar to a Walk-A-Thon where students set goals to read or listen to a set amount of books during a 2½ block of time during the school day. Students will collect pledges from sponsors to encourage them to reach their reading goals. The more they read, the more money we can raise. Our goal is to have every Highland Lakes student collect at least \$25 in pledges. That's just asking five sponsors for \$5.00 in pledges.

What will my money be used for? The money raised will be used to purchase reading materials for students in grades K-6. The reading materials (DRA2 Kits, 95% Group Phonics Kits, leveled books, literature studies, etc) will be used by teachers to provide further instructional reading support in the classrooms.

Are there any prizes or incentives other than raising money for our school? The students who bring in the most pledges for their grade level (K-6) will be able to select a mini theme basket. All items will be on display in the 500 building cabinet by the end of February.

NEW THIS YEAR ... we will be accepting donations online but the traditional envelope will also go home. Check those backpacks for more information by the end of February!



HIGHLAND LAKES

YOU'RE INVITED!



WHEN:
FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST
4-8PM

WHERE:
KTR GLENDALE
18295 N 83rd Ave

PASSES

2 HOURS

\$24

4 HOURS

\$27

15% of ticket sales will
go to your school!

Present this flyer in paper or electronic
form upon arrival!

[Click for Waiver or Scan QR Code](#)

WAIVER



KTR GLENDALE

18295 N 83rd Ave, Glendale AZ 85308

www.glendale.ktr-centers.com

(602) 457-4606

The Highland Lakes PTSO is seeking in-kind donations for their upcoming Bingo event and Teacher Appreciation raffle baskets. Examples of acceptable donations include new electronics, signed sports or entertainment merchandise, Airbnb, hotel, spa stays, event or experience passes, or any other items that the community would be excited to bid on or gift to an HLS Teacher or staff member.

Donations are essential for the success of these events, and they can significantly increase participation while also helping to cover all the expenses incurred. In-kind or experience donations are welcome and can help support essential programs like music, arts, and PE, classroom needs, supplemental subscription programs, and other beloved programs like the Bear Buck Store for students.

Providing material donations can help offset the costs of the event. If you or someone you know has a valuable connection or material item to donate, please reach out to the Highland Lakes PTSO at Highlandlakesptso@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity!



2024-2025 PTSO Board Nominations will happen at the March General Meeting on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 8:45am and during the evening Zoom at 6pm. Elections will be held at the May General Meeting.

- We need volunteers to serve as Board Members, Committee Chairs and general volunteers for 2024-2025.
- Nominate yourself or someone else. All Committee Chair positions can be shared.
- Find out more about us on our [website](#).
- Questions or to nominate Email: highlandlakesptso@gmail.com or leave word in the front office.



CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S HIGHLAND LAKES SCHOOL YEARBOOK!

Customize Your 2 Free Pages

Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

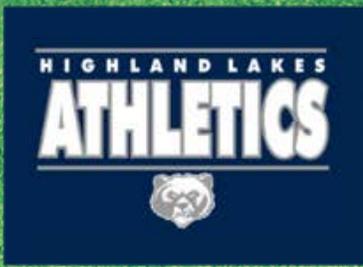
The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

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Go to this Link to Order

www.dvUSD.org/hl-yearbook

**Elementary Book \$30
Middle School Book \$40**



NEWS

SPRING SPORTS

Boys & Girls Basketball

8th Grade Tryouts: Monday, February 26th & Tuesday, February 27th

7th Grade Tryouts: Wednesday,

February 28th & Thursday, February 29th

after school from 3:45-5:15ish.

Check in with Mr. Nelson in Gym Lobby

Track & Field

No Tryout Necessary.

Practice starts Monday, February 26th after school 3:45-5:15ish.

REGISTER MY ATHLETE

Before an athlete can participate in any way they must have all paperwork completed and on file.

- Go to <https://registermyathlete.com> website to submit all physicals and other required paperwork prior to athletic participation.
- There is a \$60 participation fee which is payable online only at

<https://azdeervalley.intouchrecepting.com>

Gym Event Admission	
Adults	\$4
Family Pass (10 punches)	\$30
DVUSD Employees (with ID)	Free
DVUSD Students	Free

Find Game Schedules at
<https://www.dvUSD.org/domain/817>

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HUNGRY BEAR CAFE NEWS

MENUS

Get your menu info online!

- Go online to myschoolmenus.com
- Go online to the DVUSD website to download a printable pdf at <https://www.dvUSD.org/Page/242>

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS

Apply online at www.EZmealapp.com or get a form from the front office. For more information, contact 623-445-5166. Students who applied and were approved for meal assistance and associated benefits last school year are eligible for the same benefits through 9/11/23, or a new application is processed. If a new application is not approved by 9/11/23 your student(s) will pay the full meal price until re-certified.

PAYING FOR LUNCH

Load up your student(s) account with lunch funds online at ezschoolpay.com or drop a check to the front office.

- **DVUSD is waiving all EZ School App convenience fees from now through September 30th.**
- **You can drop off cash/check in the front office to be credited to your students account. Include your students name and number on the envelope.**

BIRTHDAY BUCKET

Parents now have the option of ordering a Birthday Party Bucket from the cafeteria!

The bucket will be delivered to your student's class at a designated time and location, making it super convenient for teachers and parents. Get the online form at:

<https://www.dvUSD.org/Page/65635>

Breakfast \$1.50

Lunch \$2.95

Reduced \$0

Cafe Manager Renee Denner



renee.denner@dvUSD.org | 623-376-4314 | @DVUSDNutrition

FEBRUARY 2024



Additional Entree Choices



Monthly Entree: Double Cheese Quesadilla with Salsa Cup

Grab & Go:

- **Elementary:** Turkey Stick, String Cheese, Pretzels, Grahams, Fresh Apples, Baby Carrots
- **Middle Schools:** Chicken Caesar Salad with Heartzels

CHOW OPTIONS

Grades 7 & 8 only

- 2/1: Kielbasa Dog
- 2/5: Spicy Chicken Sandwich
- 2/12: BBQ Rib Sandwich
- 2/19: Meatball Sub
- 2/26: Cheeseburger

Fresh Sides

Fresh baby carrots and garden side salads are offered daily in addition to the featured daily vegetable.

New Pork Vegetarian

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menu subject to change. DVUSD Food & Nutrition Staff is proud to serve meals to your students.

Monday



President Harry S. Truman signed the National School Lunch Act on June 4, 1946. Though school foodservice began long before 1946, the Act authorized the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The legislation came in response to claims that many American men had been rejected for World War II military service because of diet-related health problems.

Breakfast for Lunch

French Toast Sticks
Sausage Links
Cheesy Potato Bake
Warm Cinnamon Apples

12 Heart Shaped Chicken Nuggets
Maple Waffle
Cheesy Green Beans
Mixed Fruit Cocktail

No School



26 Chicken Nuggets & Graham Crackers
Potato Smiles
Orange Wedges

Tuesday

6 Beef & Bean Chili & Cornbread
Tossed Romaine Salad
Fresh Fruit

13 BBQ Chicken Drumstick
Texas Toast
Ranchero Beans
Corn Cob
Fresh Fruit

Breakfast for Lunch

20 Confetti Pancakes
Sausage Links
Frozen Veggie Slush
Strawberry Cup
President's Day Educational Snack

27 Taco Stick
Bean Dip
Applesauce

Wednesday

7 Personal Pan
Cheese Pizza
Two Bean Salad
Peach Applesauce

14 Valentine's Day
Personal Pan
Cheese Pizza
Romaine Salad
Strawberry & Cream Frozen Fruit Cup, Heart Grahams
Strawberry Milk

21 Personal Pan
Cheese Pizza
Fresh Carrot Sticks
Fresh Winter Fruit Salad

28 Personal Pan
Cheese Pizza
Romaine Salad
Fresh Winter Fruit Salad

Thursday

1 Turkey Meatballs in Sweet Chili Pineapple Sauce with Brown Rice
Seasoned Green Beans
Fresh Clementine

8 Half Day
Chicken, Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Baby Carrots
Veggie Juice
Blue Raspberry
Frozen Fruit Slush

15 Teriyaki Chicken & Fried Rice
Steamed Sunshine Carrots
Fresh Strawberries

22 Spaghetti in Meatsauce
Dinner Roll
Romaine Salad
Diced Mangoes

29 Orange Chicken & Brown Rice
Steamed California Blend Vegetables
Fresh Strawberries

Friday

2 National Tater Tot Day
Beef Hot Dog
Tater Tots
Assorted Fruit

9 Half Day
BBQ Chicken Jerky
Sunflower Seeds
Veggie Juice
Raisins, Cheez Its
Baby Carrots

16 Pulled Pork Sandwich
Seasoned Fries
Chunked Pineapple

23 Crispy or Spicy Chicken Sandwich
Cheesy Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Strawberries

MEAL PRICES
Breakfast: \$1.50 paid, \$.00 reduced
Lunch: \$2.95 paid, \$.00 reduced

Breakfast



An assortment of site-based favorites are offered daily, including cereal, oatmeal choc. chip bars, bagel w/ cream cheese, plus the monthly feature.

Monthly Feature:

- Ham & Cheese Croissant



Meals also include assorted fruit, juice & milk



Local fat-free and 1% white or non-fat chocolate milk available daily





COMMUNICATION

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

POWERSCHOOL: 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.

ONLINE PAYMENTS AND TAX CREDITS:

Access this through the online payment portal at: <https://az-deervalley.intouchrecepting.com>

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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.

HLS POLICIES

ATTENDANCE 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. **Please report all absences to the attendance line at 623.376-4390.**

PEST CONTROL

Pest control sparying will occur once a month.

ATHLETES

If you are planning on participating in any sport this year, you must complete the eligibility requirements as detailed on our website <https://registermyathlete.com>

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. PHOTO ID REQUIRED.

TRANSPORTATION

Any issues or questions with the bus need to go directly to transportation at 602-467-5096.

PARKING

- There is no parking or waiting on 63rd Avenue from Union Hills to Utopia. If you park or wait on 63rd Avenue, tickets have been issued.
- 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.
- 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.
- It's against the law to park in the handicap spots (even for a second) without a handicap parking permit. Please keep these spots open for families that need them.
- Parents please be considerate of our families that live close to school and respect our neighbors when picking up and dropping off students.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers on campus (including field trips) need to have training and fill out yearly paperwork. For all the details visit: <https://www.dvusd.org/volunteering>

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: Danielle Ware

Nurse: Kristina Koan

K-6 Counselor: Jake Epel

7-8 Counselor: Tara Larsen

Main Phone #: 623-376-4300

Attendance: 623-376-4390

Nurse: 623-376-4310

Fax: 623-376-4380

Address: 19000 N. 63rd Ave., Glendale, AZ 85308

Start Time = 8:45AM

Grade	Daily Release	PLC Fridays	Half Day
K/nder	3:20	1:50	11:55
1st - 8th	3:30	2:00	12:05

Office Hours = 8:00AM-4:00PM

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

The Deer Valley Unified School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, or religion in its programs and activities.





2023-2024 Instructional Calendar

(8/17/22)

JULY 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

July 4 - Independence Day
Offices Closed

July 31 - First Day for Students

AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 - Early Release - 90 min

SEPTEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Sept. 4 - Labor Day - No School
Sept. 1, 15, 22 - Early Release - 90 min
Sept. 25 - Fall Break Day - No School

OCTOBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Oct. 6, 20, 27 - Early Release - 90 min
Oct. 9 - Fall Break Day - No School
Oct. 12-13 - K-12 P/T Conferences - Half Day

NOVEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Nov. 3 & 17 - Early Release - 90 min
Nov. 10 - Veterans Day Observed
Nov. 20-24 - Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Dec. 1 & 8 - Early Release - 90 min
Dec. 14 - HS Half Day
Dec. 15 - K-12 Half Day
Dec. 18 - Dec. 29 - Winter Break

JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Jan 1 - New Year's Day No School
Jan. 2 - Staff Development - Full Release
Jan. 12, 19, 26 - Early Release - 90 min
Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King- No School

FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

Feb. 2, 16, 23 - Early Release - 90 min
Feb. 8-9 - K-8 only P/T Conf. - Half Day
Feb. 19 - Presidents Day - No School

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Mar. 1, 8, 22 - Early Release - 90 min
Mar. 11-15 - Spring Break
Mar. 29 - Spring Break Day

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30				

***No Early Release Days during State testing
April 26 - Early Release - 90 min

MAY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

May 3 & 10 - Early Release Days-90 min
May 16 - Last Day for students - Half Day
May 27 - Memorial Day - Offices Closed

JUNE 2024						
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

	First Day of School
	Early Release Days - 90 min
	1/2 Day Release - See campus web pages for release times
	1/2 Day Release - Parent Teacher Conferences
	Last Day of School
	Graduation Dates
	No School - Federal Holiday or Break

Graduation Dates
May 16, 2024 MRHS=1:30 pm, BGHS=4:30 pm
May 17, 2024 SDOHS=9:00am, DVHS=12 noon, BCHS=2:30 pm
May 16 is last day of school - 1/2 day for all students

Grading Periods	
1st Quarter.....	Oct. 6, 2023 (48 days)
2nd Quarter.....	Dec. 15, 2023 (43 days)
3rd Quarter.....	Mar. 8, 2024 (46 days)
4th Quarter.....	May 16, 2024 (43 days)

Teacher Contract Days.....	
185	Student Contact Days.....180
40th Day.....	Sept. 26, 2023
100th Day.....	Jan. 16, 2024

Early Release (90 min) PLC / PD Days	
1st Semester	2nd Semester
Aug. 4	Jan. 12
Aug. 11	Jan. 19
Aug. 18	Jan. 26
Aug. 25	Feb. 2
Sept. 1	Feb. 16
Sept. 15	Feb. 23
Sept. 22	Mar. 1
Oct. 6	Mar. 8
Oct. 20	Mar. 22
Oct. 27	Apr. 26
Nov. 3	May 3
Nov. 17	May 10
Dec. 1	
Dec. 8	
No Early Release Days during State testing	

No School - Federal Holiday or Break Days	
Sept. 4	Labor Day Recess
Sept. 25	Fall Break
Oct. 9	Fall Break
Nov. 10	Veterans Day
Nov. 20 - 24	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 18 - 29	Winter Break
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan. 2	Staff Development
Jan. 15	ML King Jr. Day
Feb. 19	Presidents Day
Mar. 11 - 15	Spring Break
Mar. 29	Spring Break Day

Last day for students - May 16
Last day for teachers - May 17
1st semester = 91 days
2nd semester = 89 days