



# SchoolNews

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



Deer Valley Unified School District

October, 2016

MAIN # 623-376-4300

ATTENDANCE # 623-376-4390

Mark Anderson, Principal

Wendy Doucet, Assistant Principal

## *From the Principal, Mark Anderson...*

October is here, the temperature is starting to change, and we are almost through our first quarter of school. The week of October 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our parent-teacher conferences. Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. Building a positive relationship with your child's teacher is very important. Approaching education as a unified team will increase your child's academic success.

As many of you know, HL is continuing our focus on Higher Order Thinking (HOT). Here are some quick facts about HOT:

- No one thinks perfectly or poorly all the time.
- Memorizing something is not the same as thinking about it.
- You can memorize something without understanding it.
- Thinking is done in both words and pictures.
- There are three main types of intelligence and thinking: analytical, creative and practical.
- All three intelligences and ways of thinking are useful in our everyday lives.
- You can improve your thinking skills by understanding the processes involved in thinking.
- Metacognition, thinking about thinking, is part of higher order thinking.

A great way to help reinforce this strategy is to ask high level questions at home. This is a great way to encourage your children to become more critical thinkers. Here are some examples to get you started:

- How is \_\_\_ similar to \_\_\_?
- Can you see a possible solution to \_\_\_?
- What would happen if \_\_\_?
- Is there a better solution to \_\_\_?
- How many ways can you \_\_\_?
- Can you create new and unusual uses for \_\_\_?
- Can you explain what must have happened when \_\_\_?

Thank you for all that you do as a parent. Together we will accomplish great things for the children attending Highland Lakes School.



# 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 October:



**Week of Oct. 3rd** – Learn the names of all the helping adults on campus

**Week of Oct. 10th** – Display fantastic hallway behavior

**Week of Oct. 17th** – Pay attention in class! Teachers work hard to prepare lessons for your learning

**Week of Oct. 24th** – Congratulate others when they do well, and when they don't

**Week of Oct. 31st** – Be responsible by bringing all materials to class daily

## Mrs. Doucet's Word of the Day

Mon. 10/3 **NO SCHOOL** (Fall Break)

Tues. 10/4 **HAUGHTY** – behaving in a superior, arrogant way

Wed. 10/5 **ADVERSARY** - Someone who offers opposition

Thurs. 10/6 **APPREHENSIVE** – in fear or dread of possible evil or harm

Fri. 10/7 **APTITUDE** – inherent ability

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Mon. 10/10 – **BANISH** – ban from a place of residence, as for punishment

Tues. 10/11 – **BARRICADE** – block off with barriers

Wed. 10/12 - **CIRCUMFERENCE** – the size of something as given by the distance around it

Thurs. 10/13 – **COMMOTION** – confused movement

Fri. 10/14 - **CONCOCTION** – any foodstuff made by combining different ingredients

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Mon. 10/17 **CONTRITE** – very sorry about something

Tues. 10/18 – **PRECOCIOUS** – manifesting unusually early development and maturity

Wed. 10/19 - **ASSERTIVE** – bold, confident, self-assured

Thurs. 10/20 – **FUTILE** – incapable of producing any useful results

Fri. 10/21 – **INGRATIATE** – bring oneself into favor or good graces of another

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Mon. 10/24 – **ABATE** – to reduce in amount, degree, or intensity

Tues. 10/25 – **OVERT** – done or shown openly; not secret or hidden

Wed. 10/26 – **INTRINSIC** – belonging naturally; essential

Thurs. 10/27 – **FORMIDABLE** – inspiring respect through being impressively powerful

Fri. 10/28 – **PROPENSITY** – an inclination to behave in a particular way

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## **SPIRIT WEEK ~ OCTOBER 10-14TH**

### **Morning Madness Monday**

PJ Day or something casual (Dress Code Applies)

### **TuTu Tuesday**

Show off those amazing Tutu's

### **Walt Disney Wednesday**

Disney Hats or Attire

### **Jersey Thursday**

Wear the jersey or T-shirt of your favorite team (ASU, U of A, or NAU etc..)

### **Black Out Friday**

All Black!!!





**Thank you to our event coordinator, Teresa Alvarado, and everyone who came out to Peter Piper Pizza. We brought in \$843!! Congratulations to Ms. Thompson's and Mr. Hauser's 3rd hour for winning class pizza parties.**





**The whole school was excited to shop at this years first Bear Buck Store event. Thank you Amanda Glenn and all our volunteers who make this happen every month.**








**From our Friday project- students had to create shelters using "foraged" materials. The structures had to withstand wind and rain (simulated with a leaf blower and hose) and hold at least two people**





# Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Elementary conferences will be held the week of October 24th. Elementary teachers will contact parents to set up a conference appointment.**

24	25	26	27	28
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**Middle School conferences will be held on October 27th from 1:30 pm-8:00 pm. Middle school teachers and/or academic teams will send out information on signing up for conferences. This information will be available on their team and individual websites as well.**

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**Congratulations to all the September Character Count Students of the Month who won the award for KINDNESS**





**THANK YOU MISS TINA FOR ALL YOU  
DO FOR HLS!**





Arghh Mateys, it's time for

# The Book Fair!

**WHEN:** Monday Oct 24th- Friday Oct 28th.

**HOURS:**

24th: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

25th 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

26th 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**27th 8:30 am - 7:00 pm**

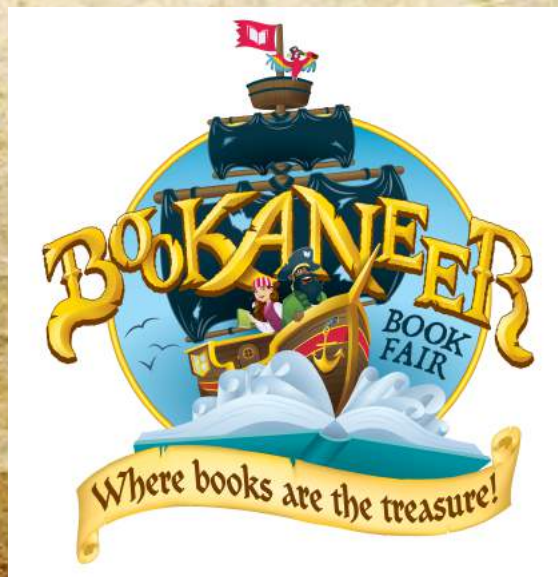
28th 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Volunteers are needed for set up, break down and to help during the sale. Sign up to help at:

<http://www.highlandlakesptso.com/volunteer-spot.html>

Most students will have an opportunity to preview the Book Fair so keep an eye out for their wish lists.

Proceeds from our book fair allows us to continue to keep our library stocked with current and exciting reading materials.







**Artist** Bayleigh Foster (Bayleigh220)  
**Project** Name Creatures

A few  
great  
examples  
of  
“Name  
Creatures”



**Artist** Iryna Iziumska (Iryna19)  
**Project** Name Creatures

You may have recently received an email from Artsonia, our school’s free online art gallery. If you already have an Artsonia account for your child, you are set to go and no need to input any new info. If Artsonia is new to you, you have received an email with a parent permission code to activate your child’s account. You can go directly from the link in the email or you can visit <http://www.artsonia.com/parents/> to input that code to have access to your child’s photographed art. If you are having any problems or need the email resent, please email me at **[allison.mastroddi@dvusd.org](mailto:allison.mastroddi@dvusd.org)** and I can input the code for you and get you all set up. Artsonia is a great way to share your child’s artwork with family, friends and each other. You can also view other artwork made at Highland Lakes to see what else is happening in the Art Room!

Thank you for supporting the Arts at Highland Lakes!

Mrs. Mastroddi





# School Nurse

*Of the Year*

**Congratulations to our Nurse Karen for winning the  
“School Nurse of the Year Award”**

**Check out our appreciation video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCVIBbj1hZo>**





# Dance through the Decades

Hosted by:  
Highland Lakes Elementary PE Department

**THURS, NOVEMBER 3RD**  
**6 - 8 PM**

Each grade level will be performing a dance  
from their decade.

Kinder - 1st the 50's @ 6:30 pm

2nd the 90's @ 6:45 pm

3rd the 70's @ 7:00 pm

4th the 60's @ 7:15 pm

5th the 80's @ 7:30 pm

6th Present Day @ 7:45 pm



Bring the family to join in the fun. Pizza and snacks will be sold to feed your dancing family. Parents are encouraged to join their children and dress in their favorite decade costume.



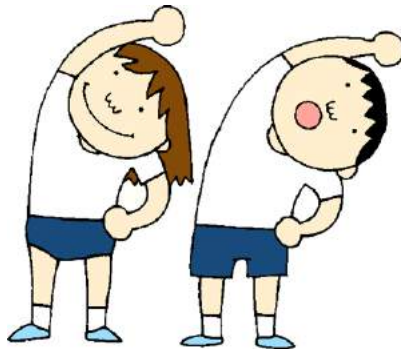


Highland Lakes

Pound Fitness

Family Workout

Highland Lakes Elementary Physical Education department is presenting their first fun, fabulous, family fitness workout.



Come rock out with Mrs. True and Mrs. Dudzinski, your favorite P.E. teachers! Join us from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm October 20th to participate in a rockin' fun workout!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to show your inner rocker with your kids!





The Bearathon is coming, **NOVEMBER 16TH** to be exact!

For those of you new to Highland Lakes, the Bearathon is the only major fundraiser sponsored by the PTSO. Every student on campus participates in the run during school hours.

**October 28th** kicks off our pledge drive, where students ask family and friends for pledges either per lap or flat donation. It is a healthy, fun way to raise funds *without* having to sell cookie dough or magazines. **The best part of it is, 100% of net funds stay right here at Highland Lakes.** In 2014 we raised \$21,000, 2015 we raised \$26,000 and this **year our goal is \$35,000 and to raise funds for our Ben's Bells Kind Campus Mural.**

We will also be having a fun family restaurant event to celebrate the start of the Bearathon. Be on the lookout for more information as we are planning for this event to be lots of FUN!!



**SAVE THE DATE**

Raffle  
to win a  
Kindle

**Tuesday, October 25th**

**5:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Heroes Pub and Grub**

*A local business and 2016 HLS Bearathon Sponsor*

**59th Ave and Union Hills Dr**

Support Highland Lakes School by eating a Delicious meal!

10% is going directly back to Our school!





# Sign up for important updates from HLS PTSO.

Get information for **Highland Lakes School** right on your phone—not on handouts.

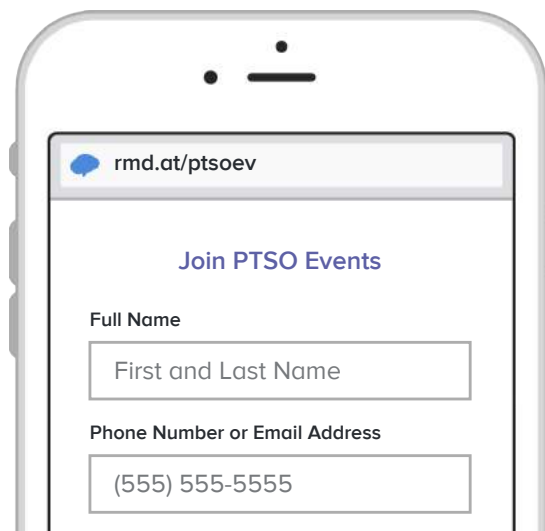
Pick a way to receive messages for **PTSO Events**:

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/ptsoev](https://rmd.at/ptsoev)

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message [@ptsoev](https://t.me/ptsoev) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@ptsoev](https://t.me/ptsoev) to **(224) 324-3103**.

*\* Standard text message rates apply.*



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [rmd.at/ptsoev](https://rmd.at/ptsoev) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

# Pre-order your 2017 Harkins Loyalty Cup and T-Shirt! Makes a great gift!



**\$5.50**

Enjoy \$1.50 soft drink refills through the end of 2017.  
Includes first fill FREE!



**\$25**

Receive a FREE medium popcorn every time you wear your Loyalty T-Shirt to the movies through the end of 2017

## Option One:

Order and pay online by October 28, 2016  
(Delivery Mid November)

[HTTP://HIGHLANDLAKESPTSO.COM/HARKINS.HTML](http://HIGHLANDLAKESPTSO.COM/HARKINS.HTML)

## Option Two:

Return this form with payment to school by by  
October 28, 2016 (Delivery Mid November)

Loyalty Cup  X \$ 5.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Loyalty Shirt  X \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

make checks payable to: Highland Lakes PTSO



# Thursday October 27th

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 dinner!!

Return this form to school or sign up online at:

<http://www.highlandlakesptso.com/volunteer-spot.html>

Item	Item Description	Your Name	Email Address	Phone #
Main Dish				
Main Vegetarian				
Side Dish				
Dessert				
*Diet Coke Cans				
*Diet Pepsi Cans				
*Dinner Plates (50+ Paper)				
*Dessert Plates (50+ Paper)				

\*\*Drop off in the front office anytime between now and the event.

## FAQ:

How many are we serving? About 80

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.

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: 4:00 PM the day of the event @front office

More questions?: Email [highlandlakesptso@gmail.com](mailto:highlandlakesptso@gmail.com)

# CAUSE AN EFFECT



**Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Highland Lakes School Music Department. Come in to the Chipotle at 20004 N 67th Ave in Glendale on Tuesday, November 1st between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM.**

**Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Highland Lakes School Music Department.**



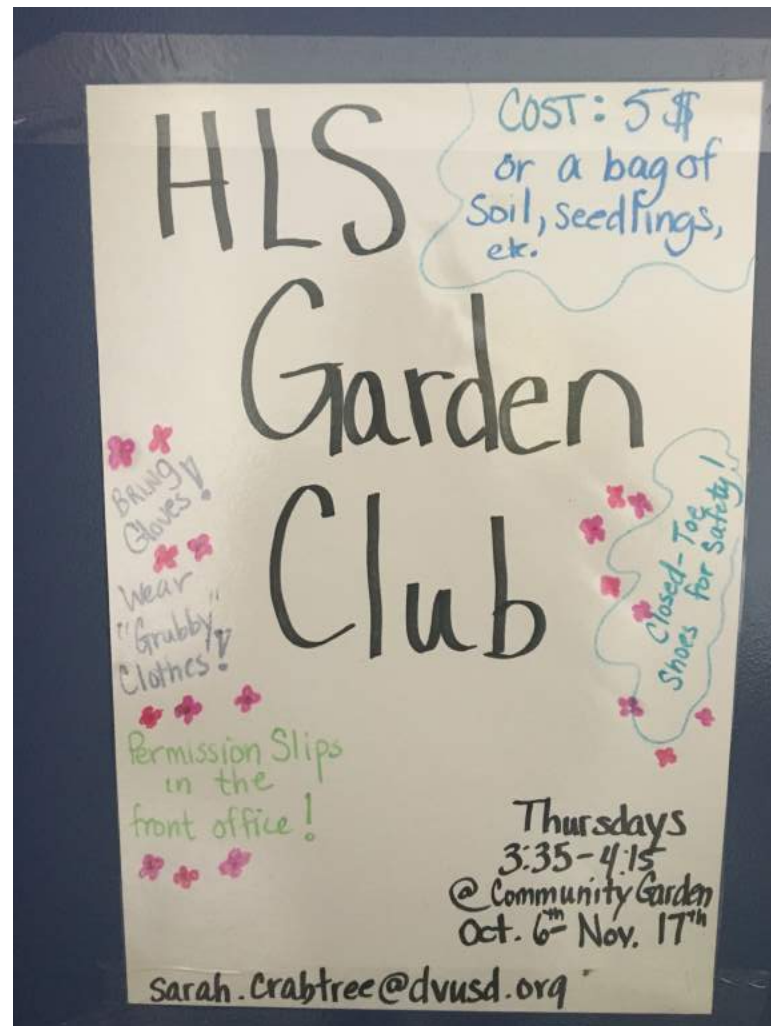


# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY	EVENT
OCT 10-14	SPIRIT WEEK
OCT 14TH	 FIRST BOX TOPS CONTEST DEADLINE
OCT 14TH	FIRST QUARTER ENDS
OCT 17TH	SECOND QUARTER STARTS
OCT 19TH	11 AM OCTOBER BEAR BUCK STORE
OCT 20TH	6PM - 7PM POUND FITNESS FAMILY WORKOUT
OCT 21ST	9 AM VOLUNTEER TRAINING IN THE LIBRARY
OCT 24-28TH	8:30 - 4:00 BOOK FAIR (THURS OPEN UNTIL 7:00 PM)
OCT 25TH	5:30 PM - 8:00 HEROES PUB AND GRUB FAMILY NIGHT
OCTOBER 27TH	12:05 EARLY RELEASE
OCT 27TH	1:30 PM - 8 PM MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
OCTOBER 28TH	12:05 EARLY RELEASE
OCTOBER 28TH	BEARTHON PLEDGING STARTS
NOVEMBER 1ST	4-8 CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR HLS MUSIC DEPARTMENT
NOVEMBER 3RD	6 PM DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES DANCE NIGHT
NOVEMBER 4TH	12:05 EARLY RELEASE
NOVEMBER 11TH	 NO SCHOOL VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 8TH	 ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 16TH	BEARATHON FUN RUN DAY
NOVEMBER 16TH	FALL PICTURE RETAKE DAY
NOVEMBER 23RD-25TH	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING RECESS
	CHECK THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR AN UPDATED COPY OF THE 2015-16 AND THE 2016-2017 DISTRICT CALENDAR



DAY	ROOM	TIME	CLUB NAME	FOR	CLUB SPONSOR
MONDAY	217	3:30 - 4:30	ANIME CLUB	7-8	MS. NICK
MONDAY	GYM	3:45 - 4:30	TABLE TENNIS CLUB	1-8	MRS. DUDZINSKI
MONDAY (STARTS OCT)	308	3:35 - 4:15	COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB	ALL	SARAH CRABTREE
TUESDAY	404	7:50	RECYCLING CLUB	4-8	HOLLY SCHRADE
TUESDAY (JAN ONLY)	308	8:00	EXPLORING LATIN	4-8	SARAH CRABTREE
WED- (OCT&NOV)	308	8:00	PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATE	6-8	SARAH CRABTREE
THURSDAY	404	3:40-4:30	UKULELE CLUB	3-8	MRS. SANDOVAL
FRIDAY	CLAB	8:00-8:30	2:14	7-8	COACH DUNN





# FROM THE NURSE:



A heart-felt “Thank You” to the many volunteers who helped with mass vision and hearing screening on October 6. We got done 2 hours ahead of schedule and they deserve all the credit.

Kelly Amling  
Dolly Anderson  
Susan Bodnar  
Eve Buck  
Keri Jo Chorpenning  
Jodi Davis  
Erin Getting  
Mario Gioia  
Amanda Glenn  
Dana Heller

Tiffany Heller  
Carla Ilioi  
Michelle Lewis  
Julie Mattingly  
Carol Miles  
Tina Sanchez  
Julie Stallman  
Gloria Surico  
Jennifer Whitaker

Just the sheer number of those who helped is overwhelming. Thank you for all your hard work and everything you do for Highland Lakes!



# HUNGRY BEAR CAFÉ NEWS

## 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)

Did you know? National School Lunch Week was created in 1962 by John F Kennedy. Over 30 million students are served healthy school lunches EVERY school day! Fruits and vegetables are served at every school lunch AND a self-serve fruit and vegetable bar is available daily! All grains are whole grain rich!

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

Patsy Favela  
patsy.favela@dvusd.org  
623-376-4314



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](http://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](http://EZSCHOOLPAY.com) (\$2 fee). Checks or cash can be dropped in the front office box. Please include the student name and their ID number on the check

10 Hand Tossed Pizza Crisp Romaine Salad Juicy Sliced Peaches	11 Asian Chicken Nuggets Baked Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Seasonal Fruit	12 Crunchy Chicken Tacos Refried Beans Chilled Applesauce Fresh Baked Cookie	13 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce with a Breadstick Green Beans Fresh Seasonal Fruit	14 Fish Sticks in a Boat Seasoned Corn Frozen Fruit Friday
17 Hand Tossed Pizza Cucumber Coins with Ranch Dip Tasty Diced Mixed Fruit	18 NEW! Chicken Strips Ranch Beans Fresh Seasonal Fruit	19 Mac N Cheese Steamed Broccoli Chilled Applesauce	20 Beef Teriyaki Dippers with Brown Rice Steamed Sunshine Carrots Fresh Seasonal Fruit	21 BBQ Rib Sandwich Seasoned Curly Fries Delicious Mandarin Oranges
24 Hand Tossed Pizza Crisp Romaine Salad Juicy Sliced Pears	25 Orange Chicken with Brown Rice Golden Corn Fresh Seasonal Fruit	26 Beef Soft Taco Refried Beans Tasty Sweet Pineapple Chunks	27 EARLY RELEASE Protein Punch Bag: NEW! Turkey Stick and String Cheese Cheez-its Lunch Punch Cinnamon Applesauce	28 EARLY RELEASE Rockin'ola Bag: Yogurt and Granola Red Ribbon Grahams Gold Rush Juice Fresh Apple Slices Carroteenies

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Hand Tossed Pizza  
Steamed Broccoli  
Strawberry Craisins



**YOLO. Be Drug Free™ - Celebrate Red Ribbon Week October 23-31.**  
Take a stand against drugs. Join kids, parents, teachers and citizens across America by taking the drug free pledge at [www.redribbon.org/pledge](http://www.redribbon.org/pledge). Help kids grow up safe, healthy and drug free. #RedRibbonWeek #YouOnlyLiveOnce

FIND it Fast



FOOD AND NUTRITION

**For nutrition, snack lists, this months menu, and other cafe news and policies go to [dvusd.org](http://dvusd.org) , click on FIND it Fast.**

= Vegetarian entrée

= entrée contains Pork



# 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

Last year we earned over \$1600 for our school simply by cutting out BoxTops! Thank you for your support.

Our first Box Tops collection deadline is **Friday, October 14, 2016**.

Please start collecting as many as possible because the class that has the most will enjoy a delicious ice cream party!

Collection bags were sent home in August, but feel free to submit them in your own bag with your student's name and teacher name.

Our contest deadlines for the rest of the year will be:

**Friday, February 10, 2017**

**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. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85027

623.445.3925 | [josie.bardsley@dvusd.org](mailto: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.

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 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Union Hills to Utopia. If you park or wait on 63<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 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
- ★ Parents may eat lunch with their children in the cafeteria after signing in.
- ★ 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:**  
**October 21 - 9:00 am**  
**December 12 - 3:30 pm**  
**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](http://dvusd.org/openenrollment)

To Apply:  
[openenrollment.dvusd.org/application](http://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](http://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

MARCH						
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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