



April, 2019

MAIN # 623-376-4300

ATTENDANCE # 623-376-4390

Mark Anderson, Principal
Ryan Pletnick, Assistant Principal

From the Principal, Mark Anderson...

Highland Lakes School has been working hard to prepare your children for the AzMERIT assessment that began April 2nd. We feel that we have done a great job and know that your children are very prepared to show what they have learned.

Elementary students completed their testing on April 12.

Middle school students will be testing April 3, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Fourth grade and eighth grade students completed their AIMS testing on April 8.

Tests will be administered between 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. If a student has not completed their test by 11:00 they are given additional time. Please see our website for additional testing information: highlandlakes.dvusd.org

Along with the test taking tips below, it is very important that during testing **all students come to school every day, arrive on time, and not be 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 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 during testing. 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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
TUES AND THURS	4:00 - 4:45 POUND FITNESS ROOM 411
APRIL 15TH	LAST DAY FOR 2019 TAX CREDIT DONATIONS
APRIL 17TH	APRIL BEAR BUCK STORE
APRIL 17TH	3:30 PM K-3 TALENT SHOW REHEARSAL
APRIL 18TH	MAUAI KEA SHAVED ICE AFTER SCHOOL
APRIL 19TH	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK DAY
APRIL 22ND	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK DAY
APRIL 24TH	3:30 PM K-3 TALENT SHOW REHEARSAL
APRIL 25TH	6:30 PM 2ND GRADE PLAY
APRIL 26TH	KINDER CAP AND GOWN PICTURES
APRIL 26TH	4PM - 10PM YOGURTOLOGY FAMILY NIGHT
APRIL 26TH	6PM K-4 TALENT SHOW
MAY 1ST	6:30 SPRING CHOIR CONCERT
MAY 2ND	6:30 SPRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT
MAY 3RD	9AM 4TH - 6TH GRADE FIELD DAY
MAY 3RD	9AM PTSO GENERAL MEETING
MAY 3RD	KONA ICE 12:05 EARLY RELEASE
MAY 6TH - 10TH	NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 10TH	ART CONTEST SUBMISSIONS DUE
MAY 10TH	9AM CHARACTER ASSEMBLY
MAY 14TH	4PM - 7PM ART FAIR
MAY 15TH	4PM - 7PM McDONALDS MCTEACHER NIGHT
MAY 15TH	FINAL BEAR BUCK STORE
MAY 16TH	6:30 SPRING BAND CONCERT
MAY 17TH	2:00 6TH GRADE DANCE
MAY 17TH	5PM 8TH GRADE DANCE
MAY 22ND	5PM 8TH GRADE PROMOTION
MAY 23RD	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 12:05 EARLY RELEASE



Volunteers....

Very Important people!

Outstanding!

Love to be helpful!

Understand children!

Needed for many things!

Teachers value them!

Enjoy helping children!

Enthusiastic adults!

Ready to help!

Special people!

Thank you HLS

Volunteers!

**Volunteer Appreciation Week was
April 7th-13th but we appreciate you EVERYDAY**

#HLSTEACHERSROCK





**2018-2019
Teacher
of the
Year**



**Mrs.
Curtis**

We are so very proud
and not one bit
surprised to
announce that Mrs.
Curtis has been
awarded the 2018-
2019 Teacher of the
Year Award.
Congratulations!!!!

Our very own 5th grade teacher, Ms. Thompson, has been teaching, mentoring, and wowing our students and staff with her knowledge of tech in the classroom. We are excited she will be a presenter at DV Tech Fest this summer. She will be presenting the following sessions:

-  Cultivating Collaboration with Google
-  Unleash the Power of Google Slides
-  Getting Started with Google Sites
-  Elevate Your Learning: Twitter for Educators

**Cultivating Collaboration
with Google**

Tuesday, June 4
2:30 - 4:00 PM

#DVUSDTech



**Getting Started with
Google Sites!**

Wednesday, June 5
8:00 - 9:30 AM

#DVUSDTech



**Elevate Your Learning:
Twitter for Educators**

Wednesday, June 5
9:45 - 11:15 AM

#DVUSDTech



**Unleash the Power
of Google Slides**

Tuesday, June 4
8:00 - 9:30 AM

#DVUSDTech



#dvusdtch #extraordinary

HLS Read-A-Thon Winners

Through ALL of the hard work and dedication of our K-6 students, we were able to raise over \$4,900! The money will be used to purchase reading materials to provide further instructional support in the classrooms. Thank you to everyone who participated!

A special shout out to all of our grade level winners:

Joel in Mrs. Hayden's class

Cash in Mrs. Sprankle's class

Paul in Mrs. Brown's class

Ava in Mrs. Clark's class

Daisy Rose in Ms. Yahner's class

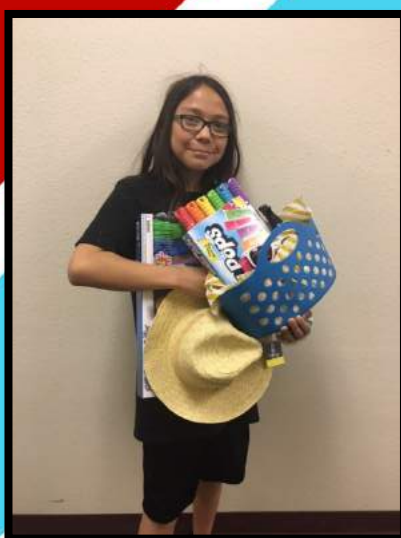
Raiden in Mrs. Thompson's class

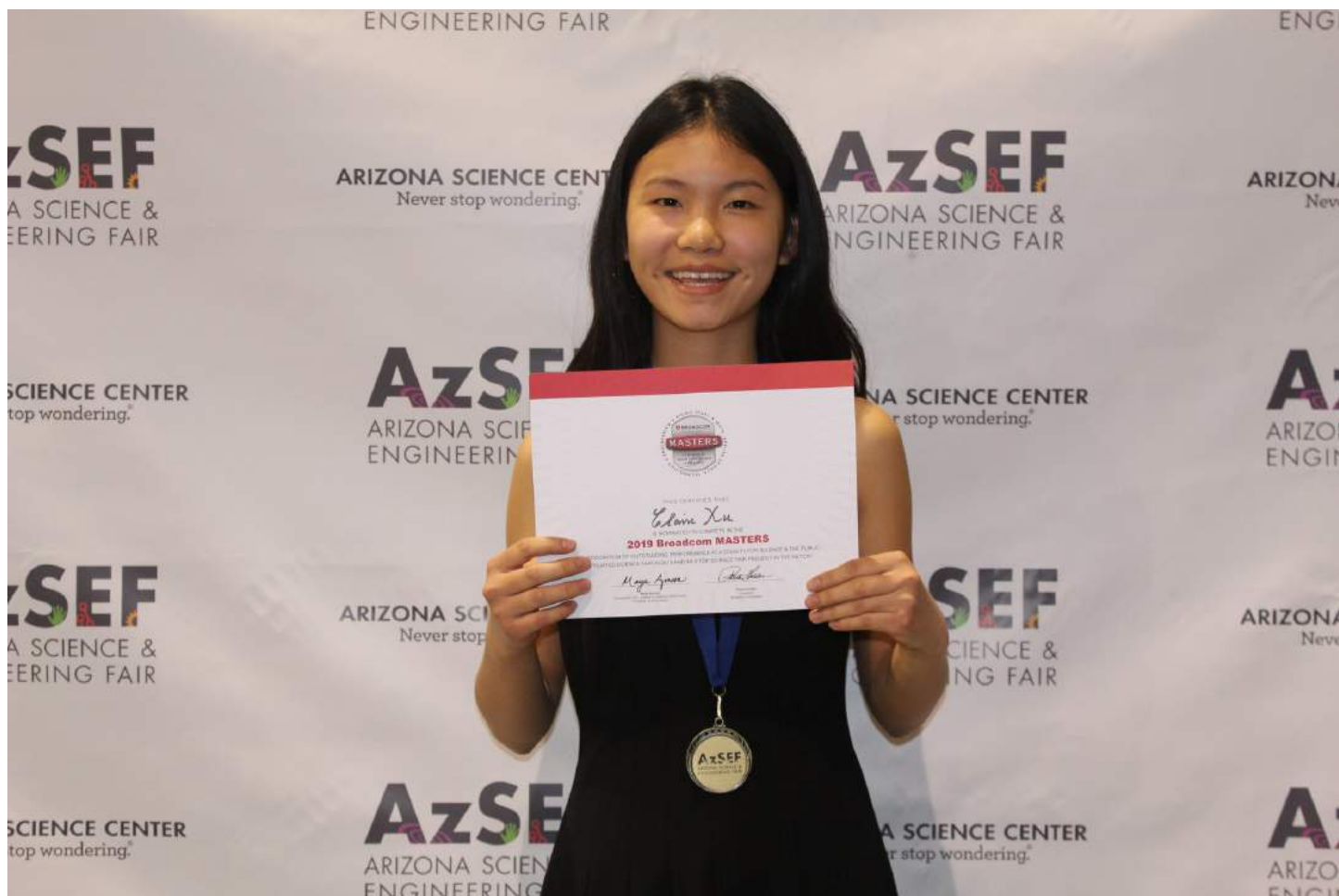
Isabella in Mrs. Stutesman's class

We are EXTREMELY proud of our Highland Lakes Readers!!!

Congratulations ☺

The greatest prize is reading itself!



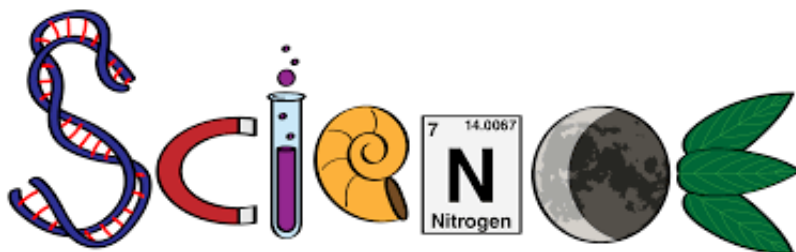


The Arizona Science and Engineering Fair (AzSEF) is the state science fair for Arizona. Managed by Arizona Science Center, AzSEF brings together first-place winners from school, homeschool, district, county and regional science fairs across Arizona to compete for thousands of dollars in prizes and scholarships.

Highland Lakes sent (3) teams to the Jr. Division (open to 5th-8th).

Congratulations to 7th Grader, Claire Xu, who took first place in her division of Computer Science. She is invited to compete on the National Level at the 2019 Broadcom Masters.

Claire's projects asked the question, "Does Social Media Have a Positive Impact?". Claire wrote a python code which tracked the most recent posts of 15 accounts, the number of retweets, likes, and number of followers. She then went through and found the top 1000 out of all 15 accounts and categorized them as positive, negative, or neutral. Then she made a formula to calculate a number value for positive and negative and discovered that positive was larger. Here conclusion, social media can have a positive impact.





CONGRATULATIONS COACH DUNN AND TEAM

Boys' Basketball State Runner-Up – Deer Valley High School

The Deer Valley High School Boys' Basketball team competed for the second year in a row in the state championship game. The team entered the tournament with high hopes of taking home the 4A title. Players and coaches showed grit and true sportsmanship throughout the tournament and especially during the championship game. Unfortunately, they once again had to settle for the runner-up position.

This team has gone undefeated at regions and have been ranked first or second in the state for the past two years. The senior-dominated lineup includes players that have been playing varsity since their freshman season -- with some players who have been friends since kindergarten. Five players from this year's team will go on to play college ball. The team volunteers with the special needs program at CCV, wraps gifts for the Heart of the City program, and provides Christmas gifts each year for a needy family within DVUSD.

Congratulations to Deer Valley High School for becoming the Boys' Basketball State Runner-Up.





CONGRATULATIONS OUR 8TH GRADE SOFTBALL TEAM ARE DIVISION II CHAMPS!



Photo Credit: Lori Metivier



Battle Three 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place



**Bhavana
Vinodh and Sarah Qiu will
represent HLS at the
district battle**



**CONGRATULATIONS to all of our
Battle of the Books Teams for completing all three battles.**



From Mrs. Schrade: 2019 ES
and MS All-State Orchestra.
HLS was represented well
by seven amazing students!
@ Perry High School
(Gilbert, Arizona).











Thank you everyone who came to the March General Meeting, nominations for the 2019-2020 board were made as follows:

Jacqueline Netzel - President
Jessica Sorensen - Vice President
Liz Wolcott - Secretary
Marcus Stricklin - Treasurer

All **P**arents, **T**eachers, **S**tudents, are invited to our next General Meeting on **Friday May 3rd at 9:00 AM**. We will **vote in the board** and also *take nominations* for committee chair positions. If you cannot make this date or time, feel free to email us by May 1st if you are interested in a position [@ highlandlakesptso@gmail.com](mailto:@highlandlakesptso@gmail.com).

Open Committee Chair Positions
Bear Buck Program
Family Dances (Daughter, Son)
Concessions
Art Fair
Book Fair
Holiday Shop
Grant Writing
Harkins orders
Copy Cats
Donations Chair
Grade Level Parent Liasions K-8



THE TALENT SHOW



Congratulations to the following
students who will be performing in the
K-4th grade talent show

Allison W.
Andrea A.
Breises J.
Cyrus H.
Elizabeth A.
Emma W.
Jacob P.
Jacqueline B.
Kalista S.
Kamrin D.
Katelyn A.
Laila W.

Lucy D.
Luke W.
Madeline H.
Oliver H.
Owen A.
Ruby B.
Samantha S.
Scarlett S.
Sean W.
Shriya S.
Sophie F.
Zoe S.

**Save the Date for Friday, April 26th at 6:00 PM
to watch the show!**

Highland Lakes School PTSO

— INVITES YOU TO —

GET IN THE SPIRIT

WITH YOGURTOLOGY®

Come and support
HIGHLAND LAKES SCHOOL PTSO

FRIDAY,
APRIL 26TH 2019
4-10PM

VISIT YOGURTOLOGY
IN GLENDALE AT:
20241 N. 67th Avenue Ste A-7
623-825-1315

 @YogurtologyArrowhead

Mention '**Highland Lakes
PTSO**' at the register
for a portion of the
sales to go to us!



2019 Highland Lakes School

ART FAIR

May 14th 4pm - 7pm

- Art Contest Winners announced at 5:30pm
- Concessions will be open
- Take home your child's framed artwork for \$25.00.
- Fun art activities
- 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

2019 HIGHLAND LAKES SCHOOL ART CONTEST

Directions: Please type or print clearly. Completely fill out the form down to and including the required signatures. Each student is allowed to enter **one piece per category**.

**ARTWORK IS DUE TO FRONT OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MAY 10, AT 3:30PM IN
"ART SHOW COLLECTION BOX".**

*All submissions will be displayed during the Art Fair on Tuesday, May 14th from 4 – 7 pm.
Awards will be presented at 5:30 pm.*

Grade _____ Age _____

Grade Division (check one)

____ Primary: Kindergarten – 2nd Grade
____ Intermediate: Grades 3-5
____ Middle/Junior: Grades 6-8

Arts Area (check one)

____ Photography
____ Visual Arts
____ 3D Art (i.e. clay, sculpture, etc.)
____ Computer/Digital Art



Title of Work: _____

Photography and visual arts: Give the dimensions of the work in inches, including mat.

Length _____ Width _____

Photography: Location and Date of shot: _____

3D & Visual Arts: Describe the medium (paint, clay, etc.): _____

------(fold here)-----

Student's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

I grant the PTSO permission to display, photograph, or publish on HLS and/or DVUSD website, my work submitted for this Art Fair. I affirm that all visual, photography and 3D art is my own original work.

Student Signature

**ARTWORK IS DUE TO FRONT OFFICE ON FRIDAY, MAY 10TH BY 3:30PM IN
"ART SHOW COLLECTION BOX".**



Join Us!

For a Night of Food, Friends, Family and FUN!!

A PORTION OF ALL SALES GO BACK TO HLS

**Wednesday
May 15, 2019
4pm - 7pm**

**Here's the FUN part,
your teachers will be the friendly faces
behind the counter and
drive-thru.**

**You can expect to see:
Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Yahner, Mrs. Tang, Mrs.
Sandoval, Mrs. Schrade, Mrs. Hart, Mrs.
Brichta, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Currier, Mrs.
Hein, and more...**

McDonalds
67th and the 101
20227 N 67th Ave
Glendale, AZ 85308





We have a special treat, Rita's will be at the following spring events:

April 25th 2nd Grade Play

May 1st Spring Choir Concert

May 2nd Spring Orchestra Concert

May 16th Spring Band Concert



Field Day: 4-6 Friday May 3rd

Remember to dress appropriately with comfortable athletic shoes and clothes. Hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and water bottles are suggested for students and teachers! Please have the students put their name on their water bottle.



KONA ICE

HEY, KONA ICE IS COMING...

**Field Day:
4-6 Friday
May 3rd**

\$3

\$4

\$5

**\$3 refills
when you
bring your
cup back**

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The deadline to order the
2018-2019 Elementary or Middle
School yearbook was
Friday, April 12th.

If you ordered a book, it will be delivered to you on
Wednesday, May 15th. We will have a limited
number of books available to sell after May 15th.

DID YOU MISS THE DEADLINE?

Good News...you can still order a book. Bad news?
You have to pay for shipping. Just go to this link to
order and for FAQ's.

<https://www.dvusd.org/domain/7978>



of Trees
Planted in HLS
name so far:
425



CLASS OF 2023

**Save the Date
8th Grade Promotion will
be
May 22, 2019
5:00 PM at HLS**

Student Dress

Girls- Dresses, skirts and blouses, or pants outfits. Skirt length must be respectable; no mini-skirts or floor length skirts. No backless, strapless, or spaghetti strap dresses or blouses. Please avoid high heels for safety reasons.

Boys- Dress slacks or dress jeans, dress shirts. Suits/sport jackets and ties are optional.

**Details on practice, parking,
and seating are coming soon!!**



An #Extraordinary Opportunity!

The Deer Valley Education Foundation is excited to once again offer your 7th and 8th grade students an opportunity to apply for a chance to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama this summer! Attached is the application.

The Deer Valley Education Foundation Space Academy Program will provide winning DVUSD 7th or 8th grade students with tuition and travel expenses to attend Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama during the summer of 2019. Runners-up will each be awarded a Barnes & Noble gift card. This information will also be posted on the DVEF website at www.dvef.org

Interested 7th or 8th grade DVUSD student applicants must attach and submit an original, typed, informative, well organized essay in 500 to 1,000 words telling us “Why I Want to Attend Space Academy/Camp”. Such information as career goal, personal interest in and experience with space, science, and/or math; what they know about space; and how they hope Space Academy/Camp may benefit their future life choices, plus some additional information the committee may want to know about them should be included. The essay must be the student’s original work.

Essays will be judged by an independent selection panel to become a finalist for a DVEF Space Academy Program scholarship. Finalists will then be scheduled for an interview with the selection panel. These interviews are tentatively scheduled for either May 15th or May 16th, 2019 at the District Office (20402 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix), and will be approximately 15 minutes in duration. Finalists will be notified of the results by DVEF. Finalists might be presented at a DVUSD School Board Meeting (20402 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix) in August.



Applications must be completed and submitted to DVEF (at the D.O.) by Friday, May 3rd, 2019.

This is an excellent opportunity for your students! Please be supportive of this program and be sure to recommend it to those students who you know would be interested! The Space Camp website is <https://spacecamp.com/?cat=Space>



Deer Valley Education Foundation
SPACE ACADEMY PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP
2018-2019

Thanks to a donation from GRAD'S PHOTOGRAPHY, The Deer Valley Education Foundation (DVEF) Space Academy Program will award scholarship(s) to winning 7th or 8th grade student(s). Scholarship(s) will fund tuition and travel expenses to attend Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama during the summer of 2019. Runners-up will each be awarded a Barnes & Noble gift card.

CRITERIA:

Interested 7th or 8th grade DVUSD student applicants must attach and submit an original, typed, informative, well organized essay in 500 to 1,000 words telling us "Why I Want to Attend Space Academy/Camp". Be sure your personality shines through! The essay must be the student's original work.

Your essay MUST be accompanied by this cover page completed and signed in the appropriate places, and a letter of recommendation written by one of your current or past science or math teachers. Applications must be completed and submitted to your teacher. All essays are due to DVEF at the District Office by May 3, 2019.

Your essay will be judged by an independent selection panel to become a finalist for a DVEF Space Academy Program scholarship. Finalists will then be scheduled for an interview with the selection panel. These interviews are scheduled tentatively for either May 16 or May 17, 2019 at the District Office (20402 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix), and will be approximately 15 minutes in duration. Finalists will be notified of the results by DVEF. Finalists might be presented at a DVUSD School Board Meeting (20402 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix) in August, 2019.

Specific travel dates and other arrangements will be made between the parent/guardian of the selected student(s) and the DVEF office. Any questions can be directed to the DVEF office at (623) 445-5012 or (623) 445-5014.

Student Name (please print neatly)

Date of Birth

School	Grade	Student's Age on June 1, 2019
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Home Address	City	Zip
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By signing below, I attest that the attached essay is my own original work.

Student's Signature

Date

I/We, parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student submitting this application, are aware of our son/daughter's intent to apply for a Space Academy Program scholarship through the DVEF Space Academy Program. I/We have read the above, and also give approval for our son/daughter to apply for the Space Academy Program scholarship through this program. I/We understand that this scholarship is to be used during the summer of 2018 at the Space Academy located in Huntsville, Alabama.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Printed Name

Date

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Parent/Guardian's Contact Phone Number

Parent/Guardian's E-Mail

From Nurse Karen

Scoliosis: Scoliosis is defined as a lateral curvature of the spine. In 80% of cases, the scoliosis is idiopathic, meaning that it is not known what has caused the curvature. This type of scoliosis **may not cause pain and can go undetected**. However, if detected early, it can usually be treated so it will not cause any permanent problems or disabilities.



6th Grade Scoliosis Screening

The purpose of school screening is primarily to identify the child at risk of scoliosis, not to actually diagnose a spinal deformity. Please keep in mind that a more thorough spinal exam should be performed by your child's doctor during their annual physical.

Here is how I screen for scoliosis: Students will remain fully clothed. The student will be asked to bend forward at the waist with knees straightened and their arms hanging toward the floor (as if they are ready to dive into a pool). I will look up their back and check for any deviation. Any questionable results from this initial screening will be rechecked, and then parents will be notified if a follow-up evaluation is indicated.

If you have a child in the 6th grade and you do **not** want your child to be screened, please provide a note (with your signature) to the school nurse. If I do not receive a note from you declining scoliosis screening by April 23rd, I will assume that I have your permission to screen your child in the manner described above. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me, Karen Hurst, RN, BSN, at 623-376-4310.

Lice: We have had a couple cases of lice in the middle school. Six to twelve million children age 3 to 11 get lice every year in the United States alone. They're little but they're a big nuisance and don't be surprised if they bring out emotions that you didn't know you could have. In reality, lice don't care how often your child washes their hair. Here is how to check your child for lice:

http://pediatrics.about.com/od/headlice/ht/808_findng_lice.htm. If you have any questions or need help identifying particles you see in your child's hair, please let me know and I will check. If your child does have lice, please let me know! **Open communication is the key to preventing the spread of lice.**

As far as products to use if your child has lice, here is an expert's opinion:

<http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/head-lice/expert-answers/super-lice/faq-20193486>

I guess we **should** be reassured that head lice haven't been implicated in the transmission of any diseases – other than head lice, that is.

HUNGRY BEAR

Cafe

NEWS

Breakfast

Served 8:30 - 8:45 AM

Students	\$1.50
Reduced	\$0.30
Adults	\$2.00

Lunch

Students	\$2.80
Reduced	\$0.40
Adults	\$3.75

Free and Reduced Meals

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.

If you are new to DVUSD your eligibility from your previous school does not carry over. Families are responsible for any charges accrued on a student's account until an approved application is on file.

For the 2017-2018 school year the deadline for re-applications is **September 19, 2018**. If no re-application is received by September 19th your student(s) will pay the full meal price starting September 20, 2018 until an application is received.

Please return all paperwork directly to the cafeteria manager.

Student Accounts

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 number on the check and envelope.

Policy on Unpaid Meal Charges

The Food & Nutrition Department understands that sometimes a student's meal account will run low or go into the negative. To ensure that all students are being treated equally as well as to ensure that we are being fiscally responsible with our limited resources, we want to make our meal charge policy known to all parents.

Grades Pre-K Thru 8
It is the policy of the Deer Valley Unified School District to provide a complete meal to all students. In the event a student's account has insufficient funds to pay for the meal, the account is charged.

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

Parents/guardians shall be contacted for payment through phone calls and written notification.

À la carte purchases are not permitted when the account is in a negative balance. For more information, please read our K-8 parent letter.

Pizza every
Friday and
1/2 Day

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 <https://www.dvUSD.org/volunteering> to check the district wide training schedule.

December 4, 2018 9:00 AM
March 5, 2019 9:00 AM

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.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Details and FAQ:
dvusd.org/openenrollment

To Apply:
openenrollment.dvusd.org/application



PEST CONTROL

Pest control spraying will occur once a month.

2018 TAX CREDITS

The maximum tax credit for 2018 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>

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.

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

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.

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

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.



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.

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: [Ryan Pletnick](#)

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

2018-2019 PreK-12 Instructional Calendar

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

Jul. 4 - Independence Day Observed
Offices Closed
Jul. 24 - School Offices Open
Jul. 31 - New Teachers Begin

AUGUST						
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Aug. 2 - Continuing Teachers Return
Aug. 7 - First Day for Students
Aug. 24 - Staff Dev. - Early Release

SEPTEMBER						
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Sep. 3 - Labor Day - No School
Sep. 10 - Fall Break Day - No School
Sep. 21 - Staff Dev. - Early Release

OCTOBER						
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Oct. 5-8 - Fall Break Days - No School
Oct. 12 - Staff Dev. - Early Release
Oct. 18-19 - Parent Teacher Conferences
(Early Release - PK-12)

NOVEMBER						
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Nov. 2 - Staff. Dev. - Early Release
Nov. 12 - Veterans Day Observed
Nov. 21-23 Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER						
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Dec. 7 - Staff Dev. - Early Release
Dec. 20-21 - Early Release 9-12 (Final Exams)
Dec. 21 - Early Release PK-12
Dec. 24-Jan. 4 - Winter Break

JANUARY						
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Dec. 24-Jan. 4 - Winter Break
Jan. 21 - Martin Luther King - No School
Jan. 25 - Staff Dev. - Early Release

FEBRUARY						
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Feb. 6 - Student Release Day PK-12
Feb. 14-15 - Parent Teacher Conferences
(Early Release - PK-8 only)
Feb. 18 - President's Day - No School

MARCH						
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Mar. 1 - Staff Dev. - Early Release
Mar. 18-22 - Spring Break

APRIL						
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Apr. 5 - Staff Dev. - Early Release
Apr. 19-22 - Spring Break Days

MAY						
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May 3 - Staff Dev. - Early Release
May 14-15 - HS Final Exams: BGHS-MRHS
May 15-16 - HS Final Exams: BCHS-DVHS-SDOH
May 20 - BGHS & MRHS ONLY - Early Release (Graduations)
May 22-23 - HS Early Release
May 23 - Last Day for Students - Early Release
May 27 - Memorial Day- Offices Closed
May 31 - School Offices Close

JUNE						
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Grading Periods

1st Quarter..... Oct. 12, 2018 - 45 days
2nd Quarter..... Dec. 21, 2018 - 46 days
3rd Quarter..... Mar. 15, 2019 - 47 days
4th Quarter..... May 23, 2019 - 42 days

Teacher Contract Days.....185
Student Contact Days.....180

40th Day..... Oct. 3, 2018
100th Day..... Jan. 17, 2019

Graduation Dates

May 20 - Mon. MRHS (2:30), BGHS (5pm)
exams May 14, 15
May 24 - Fri. SDOHS (9:30), DVHS (12p),
BCHS (2:30) exams May 15, 16