



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

September 2021

MAIN # 623-376-4300

ATTENDANCE # 623-376-4390

Mark Anderson, Principal

Danielle Ware, Assistant Principal

From the Principal, Mark Anderson...

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I know that this year will be especially good for the students at Highland Lakes. The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time. Kindergarten students and their parents are anxious about the new adventure that they are about to begin, and returning students are wondering about what changes the new school year will bring for them. Teachers are planning exciting lessons for their students and are looking forward to helping your child succeed. We are working very hard to make certain that our students are developing strong academic, social, and emotional skills.

There is a new energy this year that seems to be contagious. Along with the new energy, we have also added the following staff members to the Highland Lakes School family:

Courtney Duprest - First Grade
Kathryn Dinis - 2nd Grade
Tricia McCormick - 2nd Grade
Brandy Martin - 2nd Grade Renaissance
Danielle Sindelar - Elementary Art
Amber Logan - 7/8 Art
Ashley Boortz - K-6 Counselor
Isidra Andrade Bermudez - Monitor
Rosa Farmer-Bonilla - Crossing Guard
Tiffany Meador - Paraprofessional
Elisha Colson - Special Education Teacher
Peter Mason - Adaptive PE Teacher

Each teacher brings their own energy and expertise to our campus and I truly believe they are all excellent additions to our staff. The new teachers in partnership with our returning staff will continue to offer your children the high quality of academics you have grown to expect from the HL's educational community.



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER



2

> 4:30 Back to School Skate Party at Great Skate



3

> 2pm PLC Early Release



6-7

> NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY RECESS



9

> Picture Day



10

> 9:30 PTSO General Meeting
> Club Rush during Lunch



16

> 4pm Bruster's Ice Cream Family Night



17

> 2pm PLC Early Release



24

> 2pm PLC Early Release



28

> 4pm Abuelos Family Dinner Night

OCTOBER



1

> 2pm PLC Early Release



8

> 9:30 PTSO General Meeting



11-12

> NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK



21-22

> 12:05 Half day
> Parent Teacher Conferences



27

> 4pm Peter Piper Pizza Costume Party



29

> 2pm PLC Early Release

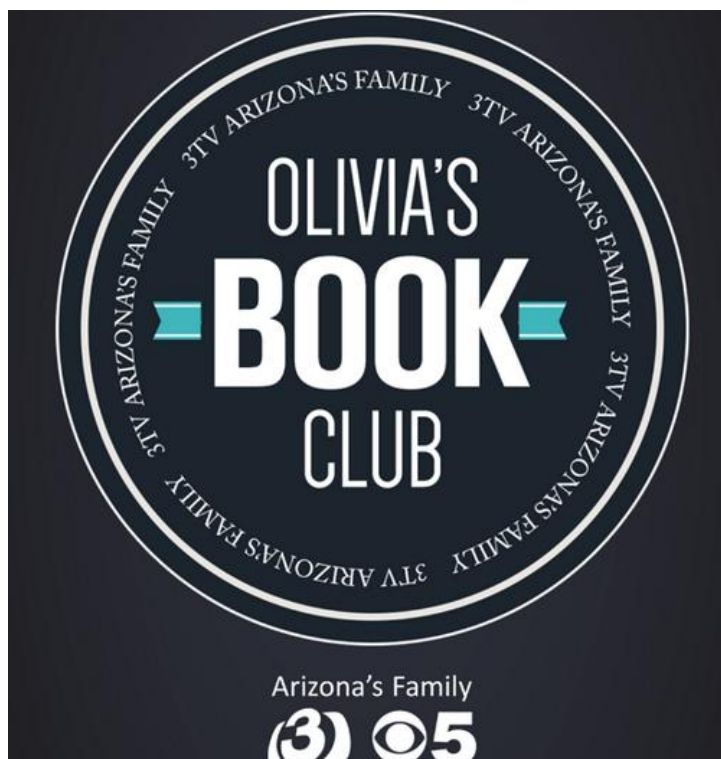
SAVE THE DATE
FUTURE FRESHMAN NIGHT
TIMES-TBD
Barry Goldwater- 11/4
Sandra Day- 11/8
Boulder Creek-11/15
Mountain Ridge -11/16
Deer Valley- 11/17



CLUB	SPONSOR	OPEN TO	ROOM	DAY	TIME
UKELELE CLUB	MRS. SCHRADE	4TH-8TH GRADE	404	MONDAY	3:40-4:30
KINDNESS AMBASSADORS	MRS. SCHRADE	3RD -8TH GRADE	404	TUESDAY	3:40-4:30
CARDS FOR KINDNESS	MRS. SINDELAR	4TH - 6TH	513	TUESDAY	3:30-4:15
TEXTILES CLUB	MS. LANTRY	7-TH-8TH GRADE	209	TUESDAY	3:30-4:30
GARDEN CLUB	MRS. CRABTREE & MRS. UNTHANK	2-8TH GRADE	GARDEN	WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM
RECYCLING CLUB	MRS. SCHRADE	4TH-8TH GRADE	404	FRIDAY	7:50 AM
214	MR. DUNN	6TH-8TH	307	FRIDAY	8-8:30 AM
ANIME	MS. NICK	7TH-8TH	217	TBD	3:35 -4:30
NJHS	MRS. SMITH	8TH GRADE	TBD	TBD	TBD



Is your club missing? [Click here](#) to let us know your club info to be listed in the newsletter and HLS website.



JENNIFER DEIBEL

"A Dance in Donegal"

Our very own Mrs. Deibel was featured on [azfamily 3TV CBS 5](#)! She spoke about her newly published book, "A Dance in Donegal" during Olivia Fierro's Book Club. Way to be [#extraordinary](#), Mrs. Deibel!

"Jennifer Deibel spent nearly a decade living in Ireland and Austria, building a family and a deep love for all things Irish. That passion for the Emerald Isle and the Gaelic tongue is still with the Arizona schoolteacher, and fueled her passion for writing her debut novel, "A Dance in Donegal" from Revell Books.

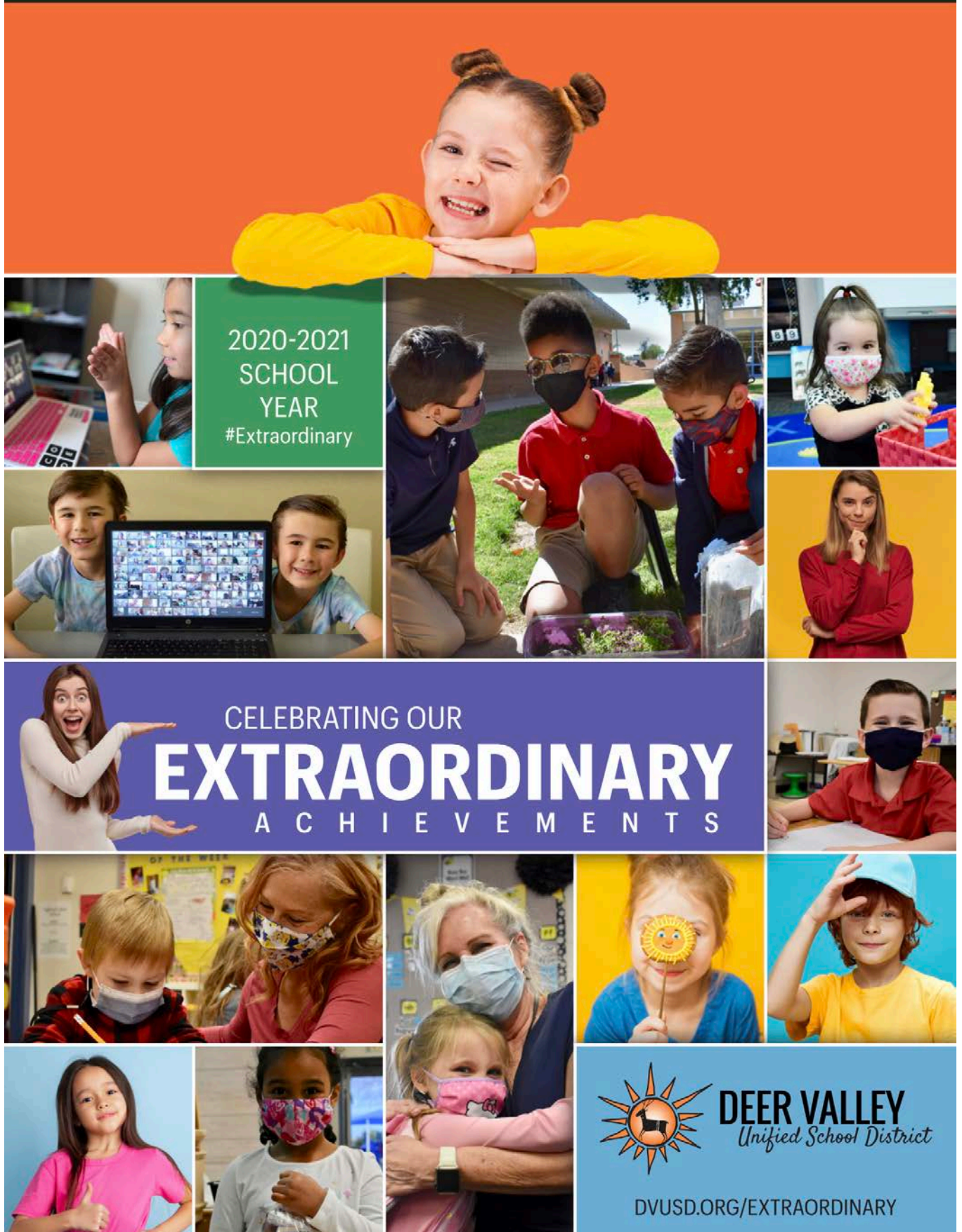
Jennifer talks to Olivia about making a "perfect cuppa", life in the desert as compared to a land of green, and how she identifies with her protagonist, Moira. "A Dance in Donegal" follows Moira from Boston to Ireland in 1920, following through on her mother's dying wish for her daughter to teach in the village where she once lived. There, Moira finds a missing piece of herself, and discovers mysteries surrounding her family's past."

Check out the episode at: https://www.azfamily.com/podcasts/olivias_book_club/olivias-book-club-jennifer-deibel-a-dance-in-donegal/

Book Club



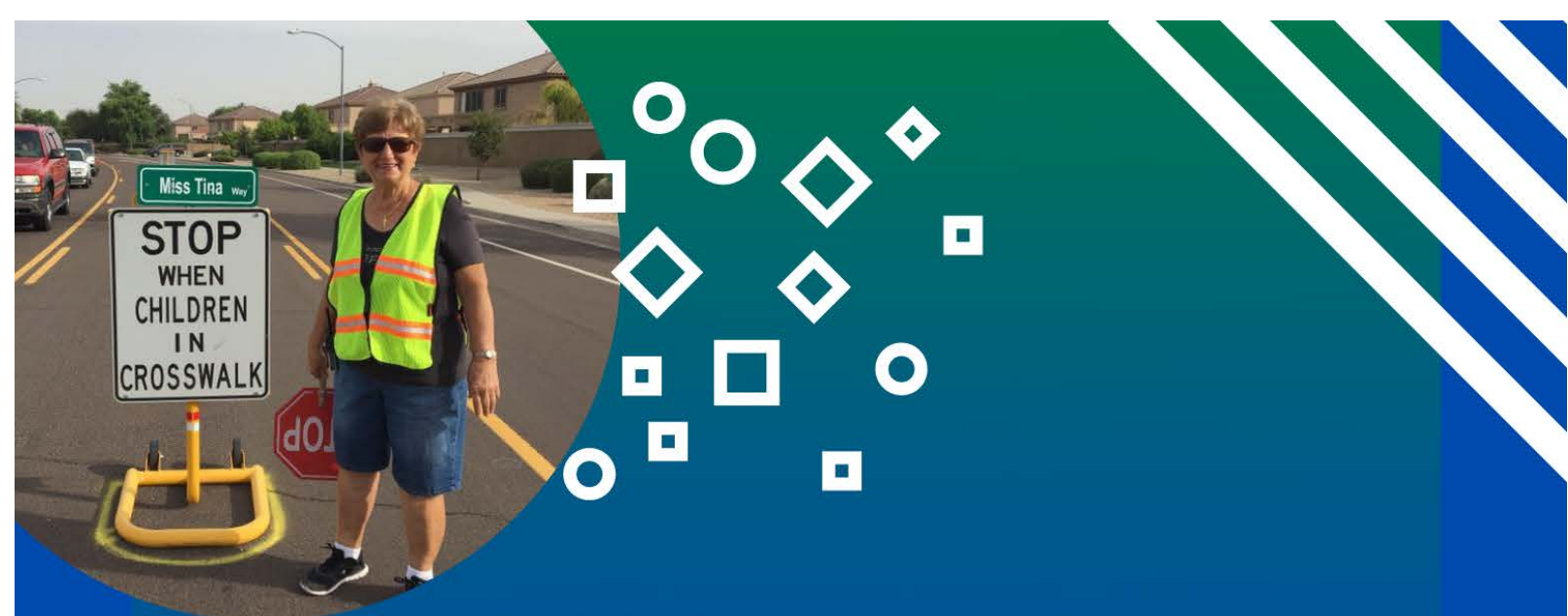
MRS. HOWEY'S 1ST GRADERS ENJOYING THEIR MONTHLY BOOK FROM THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK READING CLUB PROGRAM! THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO THIS PROGRAM!



Check out all 23 pages of our amazing student accomplishments in the 2020-2021 School Year!

Highland Lakes highlights include:
5 Students with AzMerit High Scores
9 Students in All State Orchestra

<https://www.dvusd.org/Extra>



HLS NEEDS YOU!

**JOIN OUR TEAM OF AMAZING
CROSSING GUARDS**

1-2 HOURS A DAY
HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS OFF

Call 623.376.4300
<https://careers.dvusd.org/>



ATTENDANCE POLICY

Absences

Parents/Guardians **must** call in their students absence to the attendance line 623-376-4390. This includes full day and partial day absences.

Tardy

If your student will arrive to school late due to an appointment, please **call** the absence in to the attendance line 623-376-4390. When your student arrives to campus, please come into the office with them or send them in with a doctors office note/excuse.

Bring Your ID

As a reminder, everyone picking up their student(s) needs to have their ID with them. We do not check out students without proper ID.



CREATIVE PUBLICATIONS

THE BEAR DEN

HIGHLAND LAKES SCHOOL ** SPREAD KINDNESS, NOT GERMS!



READ

Keep up with all the happenings at HLS by reading our weekly newsletter.

Bookmark the link (it's always the same) and check back weekly for updates:

<https://www.smore.com/z5etu>



WATCH

Watch the daily announcements!

Bookmark the link (it's always the same) and check back DAILY!

<https://www.dvusd.org/domain/10247>



BUY YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY

BUY

Buy your 2021-2022 yearbook TODAY!

- Customize 2 free pages
- MS Book \$36.62
- Elementary Book \$25.00
- 10% off if you order by Sept 30th

<https://www.dvusd.org/hl-yearbook>

**10% Discount when You Purchase the
Highland Lakes School
Elementary K-6 & Middle School 7-8
Yearbook by September 30th!**



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.

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

1 Go to <http://dvusd.org/hl-yearbook>

K-6 Price: **\$25.00**

7-8 Price: **\$36.62**

*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: **Mar 26**

TreeRing



HIGHLAND LAKES PTSO

BACK TO SCHOOL SKATE PARTY

Admission: *\$10 and includes
Skate Rental, Slice of Cheese
Pizza, and a small drink

*All Guests pay to support the school fundraiser

Thursday September 2nd
4:30 - 7:00 PM

Great Skate
10054 N 43rd Ave
Glendale, AZ 85302
623.842.1181
www.greatskateglendale.com



Bruster's Fundraiser Night

Thursday
September 16th
4pm - 10pm

Mention HLS when
you order and 20%
comes back to the
school!



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real ice cream

A
Scoop

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Bruster's Real Ice Cream

17115 N 51st Ave, Glendale, AZ 85308 • <http://brusters.com>

YOUR BUSINESS HERE



BUSINESS PARTNER BENEFITS

Promotion of your business to an established audience of over 1000 families and their extended families through a variety of different ways such as:

- Facebook, Instagram, Twitter
- Our Website with 10,000+ visits a year
- Our donation website Pledgestar which gives local and nationwide exposure
- Our electronic marquee which is seen by all local traffic on 63rd Ave
- Event t-shirts which is worn by staff and students for years after the event
- Event printed materials which is distributed to all our families
- and more....



INTERESTED? CONTACT US BY OCTOBER 15th @highlandlakesptso@gmail.com

Highland Lakes School PTSO

BEARS SPIRITWEAR



Tshirts • Pullovers

Order Online:

<http://highlandlakesptso.com/store>

Orders will be delivered
to students classroom.

Allow 2-3 weeks for procesing & delivery.



K&M Creations, LLC



kandmcreations4you@gmail.com



The annual drink drive was a success! Thank you everyone who donated items and their time. Special thanks to our NJHS students for helping with the curbside drop-offs. Congratulations Classroom Winners:

*K-1st— Mrs. Wild
2nd, 3rd, 4th- Mrs. McCormick
5th/6th - Mrs. UnThank
7th/8th - Mr. Verlei 1st Hour*

GET CONNECTED

Webpage: [highlandlakesptso.com](https://www.highlandlakesptso.com)

You can find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @hlsptso

Email: highlandlakesptso@gmail.com

Subscribe to our Calendar:

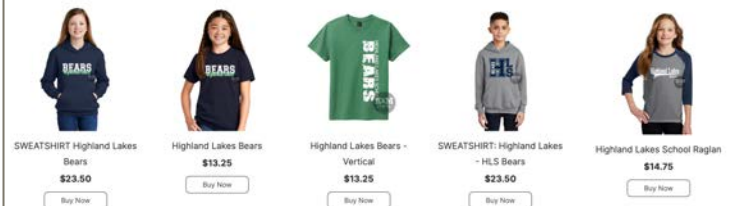
<https://www.highlandlakesptso.com/calendar>

Volunteer with us:

<https://www.highlandlakesptso.com/parents>

SPIRIT WEAR STORE

<https://www.highlandlakesptso.com/store>



How to Support HLS through the PTSO

- Sign up for our retail programs
- Volunteer
- Check out our family restaurant nights
- Come to our meetings
- Become a sponsor
- Support the BEARATHON (Coming this November)

Get all the details at:
<http://highlandlakesptso.com>

We will be meeting the 2nd Friday of each month, online (for now), at 9:30 am.

<https://www.highlandlakesptso.com/meetings>

We hope everyone has been enjoying the newly installed water bottle refill stations that are available all over campus. This project was made possible by YOUR support during the annual Bearathon!



From Nurse Kristina

The World We live In
by Karen Hurst

We don't answer our phones if it's an unknown number
because we think telemarketing calls are a bummer.
No one's worth talking to if we didn't program their name.
They can always leave a message that we'll check just the
same.

But maybe it's the school nurse and something has occurred.
Maybe Billy, Bobby or Sue's eyes are now blurred.
Or even worse, maybe something more serious has happened.
Maybe Billy, Bobby or Sue's toe just got flattened.

There's a chance your child is in my office bawling
so please program your phone so you see I am calling.
It's so easy to be your child's hero --
just program "School Nurse" as 623-376-431zero.

COVID-19 Dashboard Updates

An updated COVID-19 dashboard has been posted to dvusd.org/dashboard. This dashboard includes the number of active positive COVID-19 cases at each campus location. The numbers displayed reflect student and staff cases. The district will continue releasing these dashboards on a weekly basis until further notice.

If your child shows any signs of illness or symptoms of COVID-19, he/she should not go to school.

According to the Maricopa County Department of Public Health, COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Gastrointestinal Symptoms (Stomach Ache, Diarrhea, Nausea or Vomiting)



Please keep the following websites bookmarked for future reference:
www.dvusd.org/covidreporting
dvusd.org/safetyplan
www.dvusd.org/symptoms



NEWS

FALL SPORTS

Volleyball

August 9th to October 23rd

Cross Country

August 9th to October 23rd

Spiritline

August 9th to October 23rd

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball

November 1st to January 29th

Wrestling

November 1st to Mid January

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball/Softball

February 7th to April 20th

Track and Field

February 14th to April 15th

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

**[https://
registermyathlete.com](https://registermyathlete.com)**

website to submit all physicals and other required paperwork prior to athletic participation.

EVENT ADMISSION

Adults

\$4

Family Pass (10 punches)

\$30

DVUSD Employees (with ID)

FREE

DVUSD Students (with ID)

FREE

V B SCHEDULES

Games Start at 4:30 pm

8th Grade Volleyball

Monday, September 13th at DV Middle

Wednesday, September 15th at HLS

Monday, September 20th at Sonoran Trails

Wednesday, September 22nd at HLS

Wednesday, September 29th at HLS

Monday, October 4th at Hillcrest

Wednesday, October 6th at HLS

Thursday, October 14th at Desert Sky

7th Grade Volleyball

Monday, September 13th at HLS

Wednesday, September 15th at Hillcrest

Monday, September 20th at HLS

Wednesday, September 22nd at Desert Sky

Wednesday, September 29th at DV Middle

Monday, October 4th at HLS

Wednesday, October 6th at Sonoran Trails

Thursday, October 14th at HLS

Playoffs/Championships TBD



<https://www.facebook.com/HLSathletics>

*Schedules subject to change
Updates online at: dvusd.org/Page/79061



Meet your 2021-2022 7th and 8th Grade Volleyball Teams!



8th Grade Girls Team

Heejin Kim, Hailey Berg, Ashlyn Riley, Danika Newberry, Julia Bustamante, Kailey Cota, Leia Malick, Audrey Morgan, Jaida Teraji, Leah Quick, Mia Hodor, Mae (Hailey) Stewart, Isabelle Darnell



8th Grade Boys Team

Ethan Girnius, Robert Riley, Landon Williams, Leyton Gafford, Logan McDonald, JJ Allen, Logan Unthank, Brody Kirby, Ryland Knapp



7th Grade Girls Team

Lucy Morast, Sam Smith, Jackie Bojorquez, Peyton Pamula, Julieanna Aguebor, Molly Martin, Karina Kunz, Addison Barrette, Solei Lee, Makayla Patti, Madison Dalberg, McKarthi Vickers



7th Grade Boys Team

Kayden Jones, Kaiden Perez, Quincy Jenkins, Kaeden Lutz - Beuter, Adrian Jucan, Rocco Gioia, John Schrade



Meet your 2021-2022 Cross Country Team



XC 2021 Team

Angela, Isabelle, Tress, Teagan,
Isaac, Ali, Greyson, Jacob,
Tyler, and Henry.

HLS XC is looking for any
parent volunteers willing
to help run the two home
meets this year at HLS
(9/23 & 10/7). Contact
Mr. Verlei for more info.



XC SCHEDULE

Meets Start at 4:30 pm

2021 Highland Lakes Cross Country

Wednesday, September 8th @ DVHS
Tuesday, September 14th @ DS
Thursday, September 23rd @ ST
Thursday, October 7th at HLS
Championship Meet TBA

*Schedules subject to change
Updates online at: <https://www.dvusd.org/Page/>

Art Room

Trash to Treasure

Are you cleaning out your craft supplies?

Our Middle School Art classes would love any of these items!
Drop items off at the front office or have your child bring them
to art class any time.

Sticks - at least 1 foot
long, and at least dime
thickness



Paint pens



Sharpies - assorted colors

Acrylic paint

Yarn and ribbons



Faux Flowers and Plants

Unique beads/gems



Packing tape

Felt

You can also check out the
Amazon Wish List.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3NX33E5YNYSVE?ref_=wl_share



Art Room

Trash to Treasure

Our Elementary Art classes would love any of these items as long as they are CLEAN.
Drop items off at the front office or have your child bring them to art class any time.

Sour Cream, Cottage Cheese, and Yogurt Containers- with lids, any size (washed)

Bubble Wrap and Amazon Bubble Mailers

Yarn- any colors

Faux Flowers and Plants

Crayola Crayons & Markers

Plastic Egg Cartons

You can also check out the Amazon Wish List.

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2YWTOREZDMYUQ/>





SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION



MEALS ARE FREE TO ALL STUDENTS FOR 21-22 SY

Children need healthy meals to learn. Deer Valley Unified School District will be offering healthy meals to all students at **no cost every school day in School Year 2021-2022**. Your child(ren) can receive a free breakfast and lunch every school day regardless of your household's income. Funding for this benefit is provided by the U.S Department of Agriculture.

We are committed to offering nutritious and convenient meals. Our cafeterias offer a variety of entrée options daily, one of which is always vegetarian. School lunches offer five meal components daily (fruit, vegetable, grain, protein, and milk). Although students are encouraged to take all five, they need to choose at least three of the five components, one of which needs to be a fruit or vegetable.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



We promote everyday protective measures. Every cafeteria manager is a certified Food Safety Manager and our department follows a HACCP-based food safety program.



Cleanliness is important to us. We continually wash and disinfect our hands and equipment.



Tables and surfaces are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized between use.



We provide touchless checkout and have eliminated all self-serve food and beverage bars and stations.

NUTRITIONAL QUALITY

Federal nutrition regulations require school meals meet specific standards. School meals include:



A wide variety of fruits and vegetables



All grains are 50% or more whole grain



Fat-free or 1% milk



Foods free from trans fats and low in sodium, total fat, and saturated fat

DID YOU KNOW....



We support American agriculture by following the Buy American provision in the service of nutritious meals to our children.



We use local farm-raised ingredients such as fresh milk and produce when possible.



We always offer at least one vegetarian entrée every day. Vegetarian entrées are denoted by a carrot symbol on the menu.



Menu options containing pork are denoted by a pig symbol on the menu.

MEAL APPLICATIONS AND RELATED BENEFITS



Although meals are free this year, families are encouraged to submit a meal application because certification may be used for other programs, such as P-EBT, funding for your school, reduced registration fees for academic tests, discounted rates for internet service, and more!



Free and reduced-price meal applications are distributed to students during the first week of school and can also be found online at www.EZMealApp.com or www.dvUSD.org/mealassistance.



Students who were eligible for benefits last year are eligible for the same benefits the **first 30 days** of the new school year.



All students must submit a new application no later than **September 14, 2021** to continue meal certification and related benefits, if eligible.



Find more at www.dvUSD.org/mealassistance, or by contacting our office at (623) 445-5166.

Curbside Meals for Online Learners



Curbside multi-day meal packs are available for virtual learners and other children not attending a DVUSD school in person.



Meal bundles are available at select locations via an on-line, pre-ordering system. Check www.dvUSD.org/food for locations and ordering information.



Each meal pack will include breakfast and lunch for 5 days. Some meals will require additional preparation at home.

SNACKS & INDIVIDUAL PORTIONS



Although each student may receive one FREE breakfast and lunch per day, there are charges for individual portions (including milk), as well as snack items.



All snack and beverage items sold in the cafeteria are required to meet national Smart Snack Standards.



A la carte items vary by school. Please contact your cafeteria manager with questions.



Parents may contact their student's cafeteria manager any time to place restrictions on a student's ability to purchase snacks.



Restrictions can be made in several different ways including: setting daily spending limits, allowing snacks on certain days only, or blocking all snack sales.



A la carte purchases are not permitted when a student's meal account has a negative balance.

MENUS HAVE GONE DIGITAL

Download the MY SCHOOL MENUS App and experience the interactive approach to menus. To view from your desktop, visit www.dvUSD.org/nutrition or the menu button on your school's website.



Look up nutritional information



View allergens and filter out foods



View menu items for dietary preference information.



Menus are easy to print from any desktop computer.

TO DOWNLOAD:

Scan here or search 'My School Menus'



MORE INFORMATION

For more information on Food & Nutrition programs and services go to www.dvUSD.org/nutrition.

You may also contact your school cafeteria manager directly. Contact information may be found on the DVUSD Nutrition website.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

MEAL ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

When a student is enrolled in school they are given an ID number from the school's front office that they will keep throughout their time at DVUSD. This is also their meal account number. In the secondary schools, this number or the bar code on their student ID, will be used for a la carte transactions or to make a deposit on their meal accounts. In elementary schools, cafeteria personnel will use the number to access student accounts for transactions.

Parents can add money to a student's account in three different ways:



Cash: With cash in the cafeteria.



Check: Students may bring a check to the cafeteria. Checks should include their student ID and phone number.



Online: Payments can be made at www.EZSchoolPay.com using Visa, MasterCard, or Discover card for a small transaction fee. Parents can also use EZSchoolPay to view student spending and set up low balance reminders **at no cost**.

MEAL ACCOUNT BALANCES, PAYMENTS AND REFUNDS

- ◆ Both positive and negative account balances carry with your student from year to year and school to school.
- ◆ With meals FREE to all students, now is a great time to pay down your student's meal account.
- ◆ À la carte purchases are not permitted when the account has a negative balance.
- ◆ Graduating or withdrawing student account balances can be transferred to younger siblings, donated to assist students in need, or refunded.
- ◆ Refund requests for graduating seniors and those not returning to DVUSD, must be submitted by June 30 of each school year. Requests should be submitted to DV.Lunch@dvUSD.org. Student name & ID#, parent/guardian name and mailing address should be included in request.



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

Make it **easy** to celebrate their student's birthday!

The Birthday Party Bucket provides healthier snacks for students and simplifies the process of birthdays!

The box will be delivered to your student's class at a designated time and location, making it super convenient for your teacher and our parents.

All items are Smart Snack compliant. Please contact your kitchen manager for questions and availability. <https://www.dvUSD.org/Page/65635>



Birthday Snack Order Form

Easy and Fun Snacks Provided by
DVUSD Food & Nutrition 2021-2022

Child's Name _____

Teacher* _____ Rm# _____ Grade _____

Delivery Date** _____ Delivery Time** _____ # of Children** _____

Message to be included on card _____

Contact _____ Phone _____

* All orders must be pre-approved by teacher

**Confirm delivery date, time and # of children with teacher prior to ordering

Orders must be placed at least 2 weeks in advance and must be pre-paid

All orders will be delivered in party tub with a birthday card & party hat for birthday student and party napkins for class.

Item	Allergens (Top 8)	Quantity	Price Each	Total Price
Fruit Snacks (Berry or Mixed Fruit) (1.55oz)			.75	
Rice Krispies Bar (1.41oz)	Milk, Soy		.75	
Brownie Bar	Wheat, Soy		.75	
Chocolate Chip Cookie & Milk	Wheat, Egg, Milk		1.00	
Birthday Cake Ice Cream Cone	Wheat, Milk		1.00	
Smart Popcorn			1.00	
Total Due				

Please submit order to your child's school cafeteria. Payments may be made from your student's meal account, or by cash or check. Please make check payable to DVUSD.

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:

<http://dvusd.org/openenrollment>

To Apply: <http://openenrollment.dvusd.org/application>



PEST CONTROL

Pest control spraying will occur once a month.

2022 TAX CREDITS

The maximum tax credit for 2021 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 <https://registermyathlete.com>

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: [Danielle Ware](#)

Nurse: [Kristina Koan](#)

7-8 Counselor: [Kathryn Coleman](#)

K-6 Counselor: [Ashley Boortz](#)

Main Phone #: (623)376-4300

Attendance: (623)376-4390

Fax: (623)376-4380

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

Start Time = 8:45AM

	Regular Release	PLC Fridays	Half Day
Kinder	3:15	1:45	12:50
1st - 6th	3:25	1:55	12:00
7-8th	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

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2021-2022 Instructional Calendar

JULY						
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

July 5 - Independence Day Observed
Offices Closed

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

Aug. 2 - First Day for Students
Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 - Early Release - 90 min

SEPTEMBER						
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		

Sep. 6-7 - Labor Day Recess - No School
Sep. 3, 17, 24 - Early Release - 90 min

OCTOBER						
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

Oct. 11-12 - Fall Break Days
Oct. 1, 8, 29 - Early Release - 90 min
Oct. 21-22 - K-12 P/T Conferences - Half Day

NOVEMBER						
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				

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Observed
Nov. 22-26 - Thanksgiving Recess
Nov. 5 & 19 - Early Release - 90 min

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	31	

Dec. 3 & 10 - Early Release - 90 min
Dec. 16 - HS Half Day
Dec. 17 - K-12 Half Day
Dec 20-31 - Winter Break

JANUARY						
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

Jan. 3 - Staff Development Day
(full release)
Jan. 14, 21, 28 - Early Release - 90 min
Jan 17 - Martin Luther King - No School

FEBRUARY						
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					

Feb. 4 & 11, 25 - Early Release - 90 min
Feb. 17-18-K-8 only P/T Conf. - Half Day
Feb. 21 - President's Day - No School

MARCH						
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		

Mar. 4, 11, 25 - Early Release - 90 min
Mar. 14-18 - Spring Break

APRIL						
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

April 15 - Spring Break Day
***No Early Release Days during State testing (testing ends on Apr. 22)
Apr. 1, 29 - Early Release - 90 min

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

May 6 & 13 - Early Release Days-90 min
May 19 - Last day for students Half Day
May 20 - Last day for teachers
May 30 - Memorial Day - Offices Closed

JUNE						
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		

	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, 2022 - SDOHS, DVHS, BCHS - Times TBD
early release for SDOHS, DVHS and BCHS

May 17, 2022 - MRHS and BGHS - Times TBD
early release for MRHS and BGHS

Grading Periods

1st Quarter..... Oct. 8, 2021 (48)
2nd Quarter..... Dec.17, 2021 (42)
3rd Quarter..... Mar. 11, 2022 (47)
4th Quarter..... May 19, 2022(43)

Teacher Contract Days.....186

Student Contact Days.....180

40th Day..... Sep. 28, 2021
100th Day..... Jan. 18, 2022

Early Release (90 min) PLC / PD Days	
1st Semester	2nd Semester
Aug. 6	Jan. 14
Aug. 13	Jan. 21
Aug. 20	Jan. 28
Aug. 27	Feb. 4
Sept. 3	Feb. 11
Sept. 17	Feb. 25
Sept. 24	Mar. 4
Oct. 1	Mar. 11
Oct. 8	Mar. 25
Oct. 29	Apr. 1
Nov. 5	Apr. 29
Nov. 19	May 6
Dec. 3	May 13
Dec. 10	

* No Early Release Days during State testing - through April 22nd

No School - Federal Holiday or Break Days	
Sept. 6-7	Labor Day Recess
Oct. 11-12	Fall Break
Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Nov. 22 - 26	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 20 - Jan 3	Winter Break
Jan. 17	ML King Jr. Day
Feb. 21	President's Day
Mar. 14 - 18	Spring Break
Apr. 15	Spring Break Day

Student last day - May 19
Teachers last day - May 20

1st semester = 90 days
2nd semester = 90 days