

December, 2019
MAIN # 623-376-4300
ATTENDANCE # 623-376-4390

Mark Anderson, Principal Ryan Pletnick, Assistant Principal

From the Principal, Mark Anderson...

Happy Holidays! It is hard to believe that the school year is half over. So far, it has been an exciting year full of good things happening for our students.

In the coming year, please remember to extend a helping hand to those around you. No matter how small, helping others in need is something that teaches children humility, empathy, and the ability to think past their worlds. Giving to others in need brings out the true meaning of the holiday season.

So that our staff may enjoy their holiday we will be closing the front office at 1:30 p.m. on December 20th.

Enjoy the Holidays!



B-Be Respectful E- Engaged A- Act Responsibly R-Respectful S-Safe

Mr. P's Way to be!



December

2 → Stand-up!

9 → Include others

16 → Be Positive

Happy New Year



CAUGHT BEING KIND

Mrs. Schrade is not only our amazing orchestra teacher extraordinaire but did you know she is the head kindness ambassador on campus? She leads the Kindness Club, the Recycling Club, and the Ukulele Club. She also runs the Bens Bells Be Kind Program and watches over the upkeep of our Be Kind Mural.

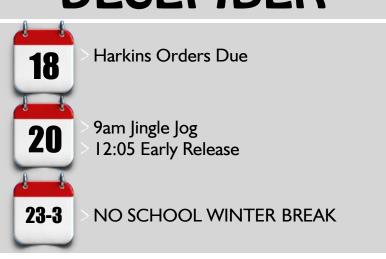
Thank you Mrs. Schrade for being the amazing role model of what kindness looks like!



UPCOMING

SCHOOL EVENTS

DECEMBER



JANUARY







Highland Lakes Jingle Jog Friday, December 20 9:00 am

K-6 students and parents are invited to participate in our annual Jingle Jog!

All participating students will receive hot chocolate and a candy cane.....

Be there with your bells on!

DONATION DRIVE! C KEEP IT GREEN WHEN YOU CLEAN

HOSTED BY:

Highland Lakes Music Department



BRING YOUR ITEMS TO:

DATE AND TIME:

Highland Lakes School 19000 N. 63rd Ave. Glendale, AZ 85308

January 6th-17th, 2020

Questions email: Holly.Schrade@dvusd.org

Learn More online: https://fundrive.savers.com/e/springcleaningformusic

KEEP YOUR ITEMS OUT OF LANDFILLS WHILE HELPING US RAISE FUNDS

WE EARN FUNDS FOR THESE ITEMS:

CLOTHING

BEDDING / TOWELS P KITCHEN ITEMS

ACCESSORIES

CDS, DVDS

ELECTRICAL ITEMS

TOYS & GAMES

KNICK-KNACKS

SPORTING GOODS

LESS GAS, MORE GREEN PRECOLLECT WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND MAKE ONE TRIP TO DROP OFF ALL YOUR ITEMS!







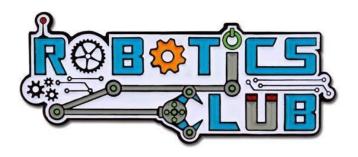
Created in 2016, the Fiesta Bowl Charities Wishes for Teachers, powered by DriveTime program grants classroom wishes to teachers across the state of Arizona. The Fiesta Bowl organization saw that many teachers spent their own money to enhance their classroom experience and developed a program to aid teachers in that effort. As a way to support, celebrate and honor Arizona educators, teachers are invited to fill out an online application detailing their school and classroom wish. Wishes are selected by a random drawing to receive a \$5,000 grant. Highland Lakes School had TWO teachers who received \$5000 grants this year!! Congratulations Mrs. Chavarria (5th Grade) and Mr. Mathew (7/8 Grade Social Studies). This is Mr. Mathews second year winning this grant!!



Mrs. Chavarria has been able to purchase (7) Chromebooks, (10) Science Kits and (5) Google Expedition VR Googles.



Mr. Mathew will be purchasing as many Chromebooks as he can so that he can assign work, tests, and research in class without having to wait for a shared cart to open up.



Congratulations to the HLS Robotics Club who competed in the Arizona FIRST LEGO Competition this month. Team: **Mongooses – That's a Cool Name** and **The One Inch Pythons** represented HLS in the elementary and middle school brackets. Competition was exciting and both teams grew in their knowledge of robotics and teamwork!

Special congratulations to **Mr. Shoop** who took home the *Mentorship Award* and to parent volunteer and coach **Walt Cook** who dedicated his time and knowledge to getting the team ready for competition.





MR. ROCKEY • MRS. SCHRADE • MS. JOHNSEN

Our Winter Concert Series was AMAZING





























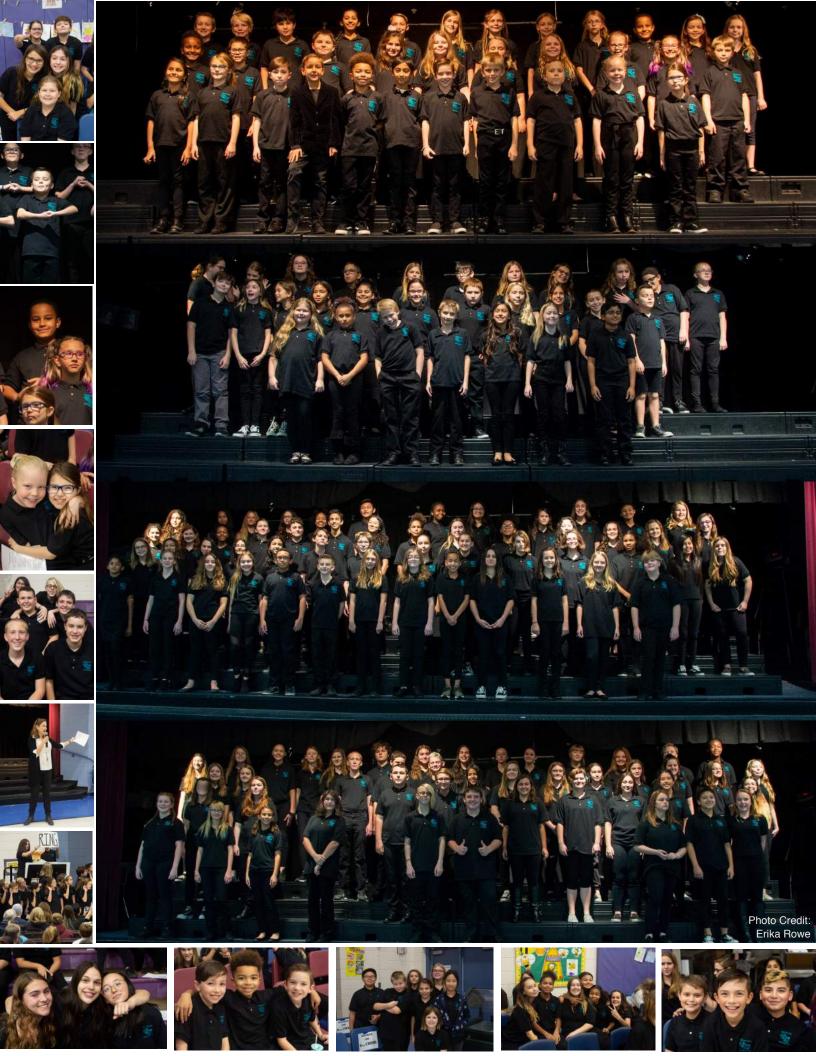


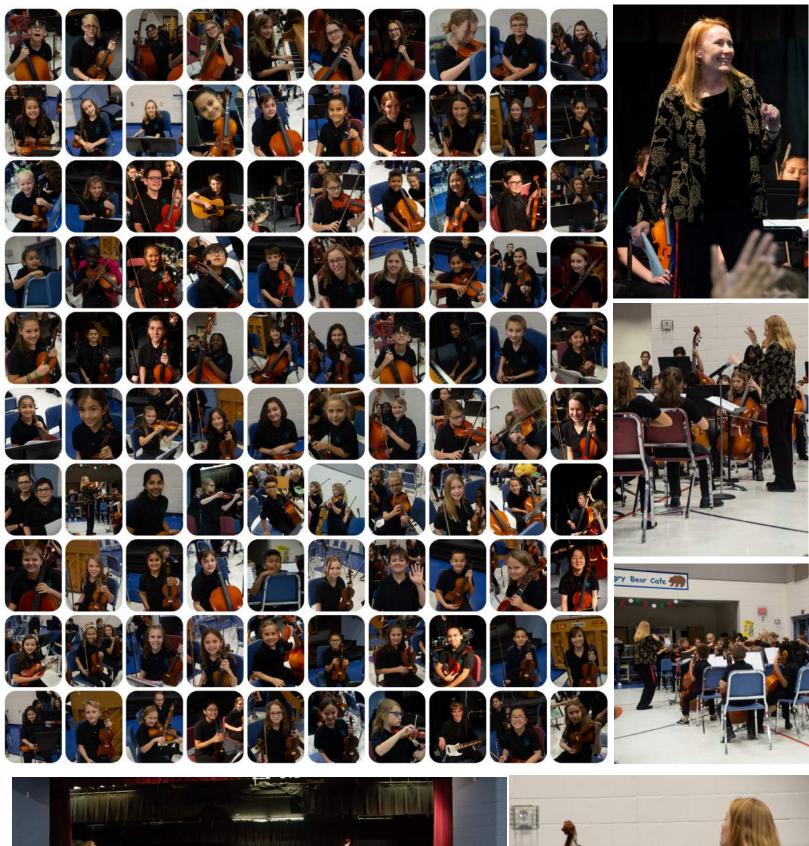
















Highland Lakes PTSO

DANCE ITHYOUR DAUGHTER C K H

> FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24TH 5PM - 8PM

TICKETS GO ON SALE IN JANUARY

\$20 PER COUPLE AND \$5 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL STUDENT

DANCEWITH YOUR DUDE Friday

February 7th 5pm - 8pm

Tickets go on sale in January \$20 per couple and \$5 for each, additional student





Thank you HLS for a very successful Bearathon!! Congratulations to our top earning classes who won their teacher \$100 bill. Alex Wells also took home the electric scooter and the Lindenmeier family won 4 tickets to Disneyland.

Top Class in K-3: Mrs. Hayden and Mrs. Wild





Top Class in 4-6: Mrs. Chavarria



Top Class in 7-8: Mrs. Verlei



1st Grader Alex Wells won the Electric Scooter



Our next PTSO meeting will be January 10th at 9:00 AM







OPEN HOUSE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW | MEET THE TEACHERS

MEET THE STUDENTS | Q&A

THURS JAN 30, 2020

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE 4:30 BRIGHT CHILD INFORMATION 4:45 PRESENTATION AND MEET & GREET

5PM - 6PM





Engaging Students and Supporting Their Potential

THE DVUSD RENAISSANCE HIGHLY GIFTED & MUSIC ACADEMY AT HIGHLAND LAKES FOCUSES ON HIGHLY GIFTED LEARNERS WITH A PASSION FOR DEVELOPING DIVERSE MUSICAL TALENTS.

VISIT OUR WEBPAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION: HTTPS://WWW.DVUSD.ORG/GIFTED



Thursday, January 30, 2020 5:30 - 7 p.m. at all DVUSD K-6 and K-8 schools

Join us on **Thursday, January 30 th, 5:30 - 7 p.m. at all DVUSD K-6 and K-8 schools** to enroll your child in kindergarten, take a look at classrooms, learn more about the program, meet teachers, and more!

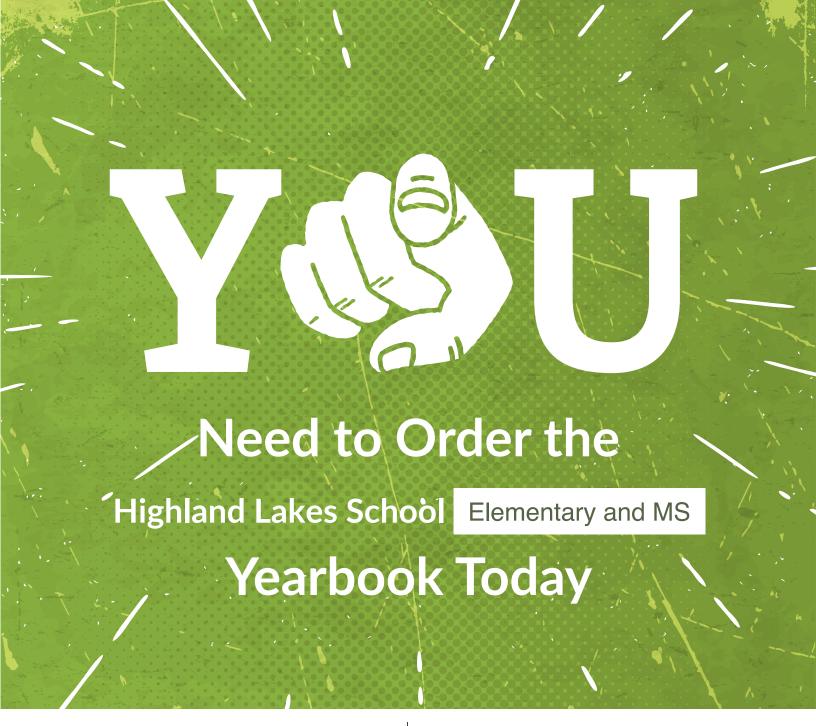
The Kindergarten Experience At Deer Valley!

In order to register, parents will need to bring:

- Original birth certificate or a certified copy
- · Immunization records
- Proof of residence (utility bill, house payment receipt, rent receipt, escrow document or lease agreement)
- Identification
- · and legal guardian or custody papers if applicable

www.dvusd.org/kindergarten www.facebook.com/dvusd





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.

ORDER ONLINE TODAY:

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

\$25 ELEMENTARY BOOK \$35 MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK

Deadline: Mar 20





CLUB	Sponsor	OPEN TO	ROOM	Day	TIME
UKELELE CLUB	MRS. SCHRADE	3RD-8TH GRADE	404	MONDAY	3:40 - 4:15 PM
ELEMENTARY ART CLUB	MRS. KRYSTEK	3RD - 6TH GRADE	513	MONDAY	3:30 - 4:30 PM
MS ART CLUB	MRS. GETTYS	MS ONLY	513	MONDAY	3:30 - 4:30 PM
STUDENT COUNCIL	MRS. LANTRY AND MS. QUILENTE	MS ONLY	209	MONDAY	3:45 - 4:30 PM
NJHS	MRS. SMITH	8TH GRADE	313	TUESDAY	3:45 - 4:30 PM
KINDNESS AMBASSADORS	MRS. SCHRADE	4TH -8TH GRADE	404	1ST AND 3RD TUESDAY	8:00 AM
PEP CLUB	MRS. YAHNER	4- 6TH	214	TUES	3:30-4:30
MATH CLUB	MRS. BEHRENS MRS. SMITH	6TH - 8TH GRADE	205	WEDNESDAY	3:30 - 4:30 PM
UNPLUGGED CLUB	MRS. MARTIN	4 TH - 8TH	221	*WEDNESDAY	3:30 - 4:30 PM
ANIME	MS. NICK	MS ONLY	217	WEDNESDAY	3:30-4:30 PM
KIVA	MRS. TANG	MS ONLY	316	THURSDAY	3:40-4:40
ROBOTICS CLUB	MR. SHOOP	CLOSED	310	THURSDAY	3:30-4:30
RECYCLING CLUB	MRS. SCHRADE	4TH-8TH GRADE	404	FRIDAY	7:50-8:30 AM
2:14	MR. NELSON	MS ONLY	COMPUTER LAB	FRIDAY	8:00-8:30 AM
GARDEN CLUB	MRS. CRABTREE	3RD-8TH	GARDEN	WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM
RUBIX CUBE CLUB	MRS. POTTS	CLOSED	216	VARIES	BEFORE AND AFTER

^{*}Unplugged Club will not meet on these days 10/2, 11/6, 12/4, 1/8, 2/5, 3/4, 4/8, 5/6

HUNGRY BEAR



NEWS

Breakfast

Served 8:30 - 8:45 AM

Students \$1.50 Students \$2.80

Reduced \$0.30 Reduced \$0.40

Adults \$2.00 Adults \$3.75

YUMMY JANUARY FEATURES

- → Chicken Sausage & Chees Flauta
- Brown Sugar Oatmeal with Dried Fruit and Cheese Stick

HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 6th: Join us for lunch "Under the Sea" and feel like you are in the tropics basking in the sunshine. Our tropical feast includes crispy fish strips with tartar sauce, cheesy fish crackers, warm sunshine carrots and tropical pineapple!

SPECIAL DAYS IN JANUARY

6 Under The Sea
Crispy Fish Strips
Cheesy Fish Crackers
Warm Sunshine Carrots
Tropical Pineapple
*No Grab-n-Go Boxes



Cafe Manager Renee Denner renee.denner@dvusd.org 623-376-4314

BREAKFAST BEFORE THE BELL

Lunch ...

Feel rushed in the morning? Do your students have time to eat breakfast? Let us feed them a nutritious breakfast before the bell.

- → Kids who eat school breakfast score 17.5% higher on math test scores
- Eating breakfast reduces absenteeism and tardiness.
- ➡ Every breakfast includes choice of entree, fruit, 100% fruit juice and a choice of a local non-fat 1% white milk.

























VISITOR

<u>Parents must sign in</u> at the front office <u>and show ID</u> 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

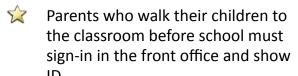
The procedure to not allow pre-school children on the school campus for parties has been in place for some years.

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 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.

October 4, 2019 9:00 AM January 24, 2020 9:00 AM April 3, 2020 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

2019 TAX CREDITS

The maximum tax credit for 2019 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.

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.

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

SCHOOL BUS

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

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

PARKING LOTS

Please remember that our parking lots get very hectic in the morning and afternoon. Please do not leave you 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: Kristina Koan

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

PLC Early Release Friday = 2:00

Half Days: 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

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





Highland Lakes School 19000 N. 63rd Avenue Glendale, AZ 85308 623.376.4300 Phone 623.376.4380 Fax highlandlakes.dvusd.org Dear Highland Lakes Parents and Guardians,

We hope you are enjoying your summer and are finding ways to stay out of the heat. As many of you are planners, we wanted to make sure you have had an opportunity to see next year's school calendar, which is available on our district's website at https://www.dvusd.org. The calendar can be found under the "Our District" tab.

Throughout the school year, elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools will dismiss early for *Professional Learning Community* time. Professional Learning Communities, or PLCs, are school improvement models aimed at improving student learning for each individual student. Early release days provide consistent professional development so that our teachers have time to work with their peers and focus on best practices for student achievement.

For your quick reference, the early release days for the 2019-20 school year are:

1st Semester

August 16, 23, & 30 September, 13, 20, 27 October 11, 25 November 1, 8, & 22 December 6, 13 2nd Semester
January 10, 17, & 31
February 7, 14, & 28
March 6, 13, 27
May 8, 15

✓ No early release days in April due to State Testing.

On the above early release days, school will end 90 minutes earlier than our usual end time. That early release time will be **2:00pm for Highland Lakes**. For families who need before or after-school programs, whether it be for just an early release day or for the entire school year, Before and After School programs are available. Information can be found on the district's website at https://www.dvusd.org under the "Parents & Students" tab then "Community Education".

There are no adults to supervise students after school ends. Unless they are remaining on campus to attend a before/after-school program, all students must be picked up by 2:00pm. Buses run exactly 90 minutes earlier every early release Friday afternoon. You will find the Start and Dismiss schedule on the District Website under the "Parents & Students" tab then "Early Release Times".

Thank you and we look forward to seeing our classrooms filled with students on August 7 at 8:30am.

Please watch for additional important start of school information coming in the next few weeks. Our office re-opened on Wednesday, July 24. Office hours are 7:30am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday.

Have a great remainder of the summer!

Sincerely,

Mark Anderson

Mark Anderson Principal

SUPERINTENDENT Curtis Finch, PhD

GOVERNING BOARD Jenny Frank Ann O'Brien Ann Elizabeth Ordway Julie Read Darcy Tweedy



2019-2020 Instructional Calendar REVISED May 2, 2019

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Jul. 4 - Independence Day Observed Offices Closed

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Aug. 7 - First Day for Students Aug. 16, 23. 30 - Early Release Days-90 min

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Sept. 2 - Labor Day - No School Sept. 13, 20, 27 - Early Release Days-90 min Sept 30 & Oct. 1 - Fall Break Days

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Oct. 11 & 25 - Early Release Days-90 min Oct. 14 - Fall Break Day Oct. 17-18 - K-12 P/T Conf.-Half Day

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Nov. 1, 8, 22 - Early Release Days-90 min Nov. 11 - Veterans Day - No School Nov. 27-29 - Thanksgiving Recess

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Dec. 6 & 13 - Early Release Days-90 min Dec. 19 - HS Half Day

Dec. 20 - K-12 Half Day Dec. 23-Jan. 3 - Winter Break

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Dec. 23-Jan. 3 - Winter Break Jan. 10, 17, 31 - Early Release Days-90 min Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King - No School

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Feb. 7, 14, 28 - Early Release Days-90 min Feb. 17 - President's Day - No School Feb. 20-21-K-8 only P/T Conf-Half Day

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Mar. 6, 13, 27 - Early Release Days-90 min Mar. 16-20 - Spring Break Days

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Apr. 10 - Spring Break Day

No Early Release Days in April due to State Testing

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May 8 & 15 - Early Release Days-90 min May 21 - Last day for students - Half Day May 25 - Memorial Day - Offices Closed

JUNE						
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	First Day of School
	Early Release (90 min) - PLC / Prof. Development
$\overline{}$	1/2 Day Release - Parent/Teacher Conferences
$\overline{}$	1/2 Day Release - See campus web pages for release times
	Last Day of School
	Graduation Days
	No School - Federal Holiday or Break

Graduation Dates

May 18 (Monday) BC=2 pm, MR=4:30 pm, BG=7 pm (BC, MR and BG will have early release on May 18) May 19 (Tuesday) SD=2 pm, DV=4:30 pm (SD and DV will have early release on May 19)

Grading Periods	
1st Quarter	Oct. 11, 2019 (45)
2nd Quarter	Dec. 20, 2019 (45)
	Mar. 13, 2020 (48)
4th Quarter	May 21, 2020 (43)

Teacher Contract Days186 Student Contact Days181
40th Day Oct 4 2019

40th Day Oct. 4, 2019	* No Early Release Days
100th Day Jan. 17, 2020	April due to State Testin

ı	Early Release (90 min)
	PLC / PD Days

1st Semester	2nd Semester
Aug. 16	Jan. 10
Aug. 23	Jan. 17
Aug. 30	Jan. 31
Sept. 13	Feb. 7
Sept. 20	Feb. 14
Sept. 27	Feb.28
Oct. 11	Mar. 6
Oct. 25	Mar. 13
Nov. 1	Mar. 27
Nov. 8	May 8
Nov. 22	May 15
Dec. 6	
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	No school - Federal
_	Holiday or Break Days

Sept. 2	Labor Day
Sept. 30 - Oct. 1	Fall Break
Oct. 14	Fall Break
Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Nov. 27 - 29	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 23 - Jan 3	Winter Break
Jan. 20	ML King Jr. Day
Feb. 17	President's Day
Mar. 16 - 20	Spring Break
Apr 10	Spring Break Day

Student last day - May 21 Teachers last day - May 22

1st semester = 90 days 2nd semester = 91 days