



School News

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



Deer Valley Unified School District

December 2021

MAIN # 623-376-4300

ATTENDANCE # 623-376-4390

Mark Anderson, Principal

Danielle Ware, 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.

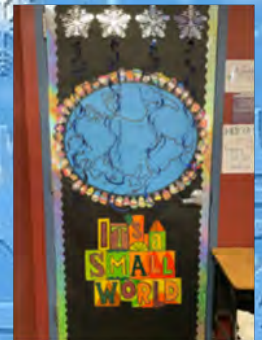
In the coming year, please remember to extend a helping hand to those around you. No matter how small, helping others in need is something that teaches children humility, empathy, and the ability to think past their worlds. Giving to others in need brings out the true meaning of the holiday season.

So that our staff may enjoy their holiday we will be closing the front office at 1:00 p.m. on December 17th.

Enjoy the Holidays!



HLS Holiday Doors 2021



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

DECEMBER



17

- > 12:05 Half day
- > Second Quarter Ends



20-4

- > **NO SCHOOL WINTERBREAK**



JANUARY



4

- > Happy New Year!! Return to School from winter break



5-6

- > 2pm Spelling Bee



10

- > Raising Cain's Family Night



14

- > 2pm PLC Early Release



17

- > **NO SCHOOL MLK Holiday**



21

- > 9:30 PTSO General Meeting
- > 2pm PLC Early Release



25

- > 5-6pm Renaissance Open House



26

- > BEAR BUCK STORE



28

- > 2pm PLC Early Release



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
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	MRS. UNTHANK	6TH-8TH	TBD	TUESDAY	3:45-4:30
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	WEDNESDAY	3:35 -4:30
NJHS	MRS. SMITH	8TH GRADE	CONTACT MRS. SMITH	WEDNESDAY	CONTACT MRS. SMITH
STUDENT COUNCIL	MRS. COLEMAN AND MRS. GIRNIUS	7TH-8TH	LIBRARY	THURSDAY	8:00 AM

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

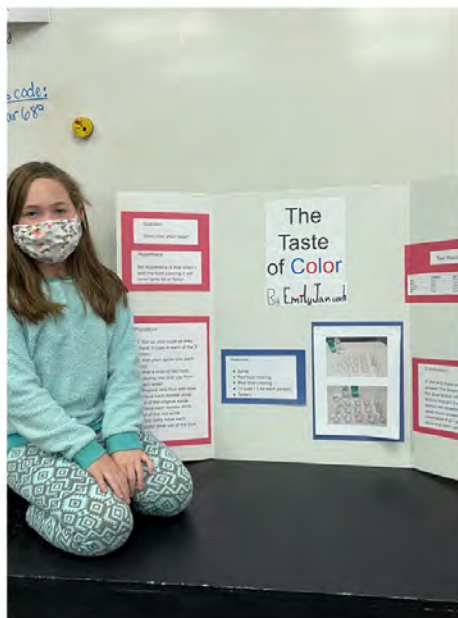
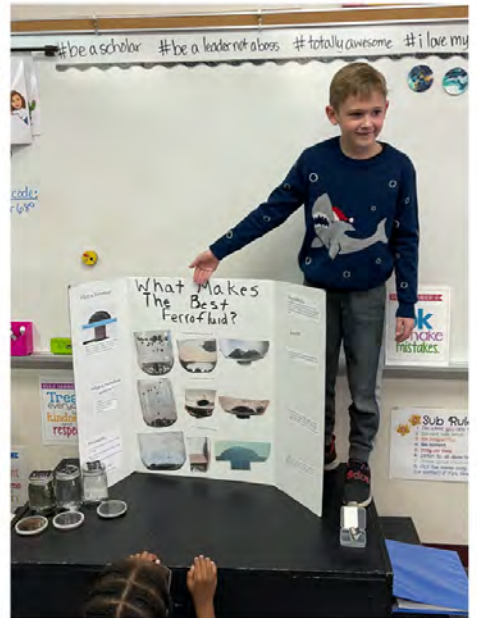
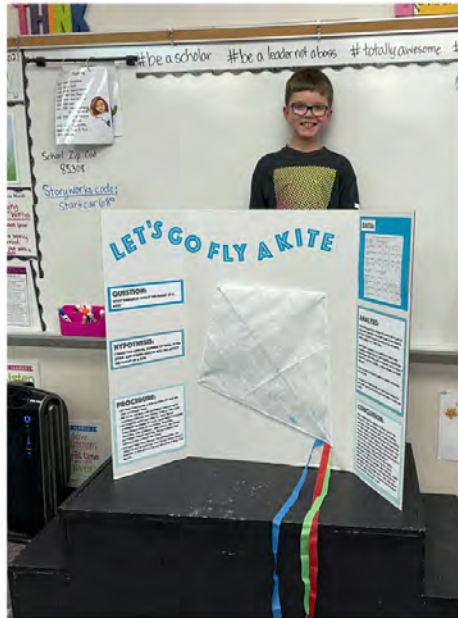
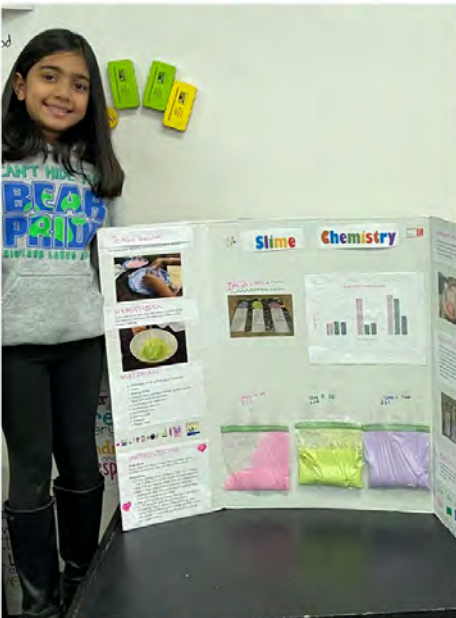
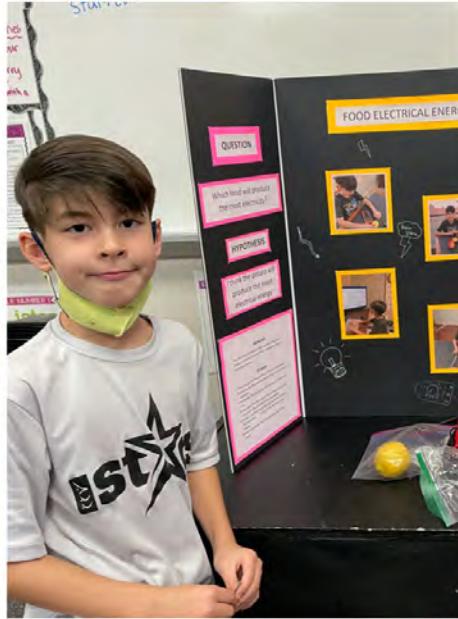


December Bear Buck Store



Renaissance Projects

Mrs. Amos's third grade Renaissance class building marble runs and showing off some of their Science Fair projects.





OPEN HOUSE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW | MEET THE TEACHERS
MEET THE STUDENTS | Q&A

TUES JAN 25, 2022

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE 4:45
PRESENTATION AND MEET & GREET
5PM - 6PM



FIFTH GRADE ROCKS

Students donated items and created care packages to support NICU Moms and nurses. Extra money was used to purchase dinner for all nurses and to replace the printer used to take pictures of preemies for parents.





MR. ROCKEY • MRS. SCHRADER • MS. JOHNSON

CONCERT SEASON SUCCESS





Yarn Drive

Elementary Art is collecting yarn in January. Students will be entered into a raffle for a *Gallery Deluxe Art Set* or an *Art Project Book*.

Just bring in yarn in exchange for a raffle ticket and chance to win!



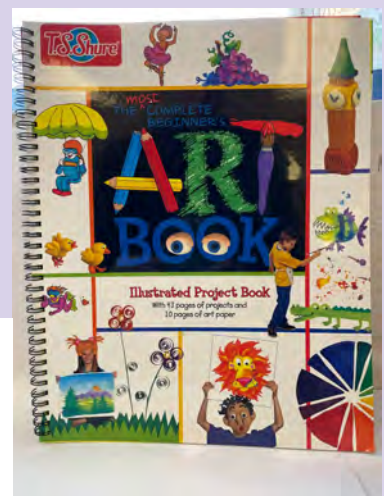
Gallery Deluxe Art Set

Drawing pencils, oil pastels, colored pencils and watercolors are the four mediums emphasized in this art set.

This deluxe Professional art set includes:

- 24 colored pencils
- 24 oil pastels
- 24 markers
- 24 large watercolors
- 4 no.2 drawing pencils
- 3 mixing palettes
- 2 natural brushes
- tube of white paint
- pencil sharpener
- eraser

**TWO
WINNERS!**



Email Mrs. Sindelar with questions.

Students can bring yarn to the art room before or after school or during YOUR art class.

5th grade Art students created clay pinch pots and added a handle, that turned their creation into ceramic mugs. Students are seen here adding color to the mugs using a variety of glazes. Glazing takes patience and vision, since the colors aren't exactly what will be seen after firing the mugs in the kiln.



To go along with the mug, students created their own weaving loom to make a mug rug (coaster). Yarn donations give students many colors to choose from in their weaving. These two projects, the Clay Mug and Mug Rug, really allowed the 5th grade Art students an opportunity to explore ceramics and fiber arts. Together the projects make a wonderful finished display. If you have any yarn at home, Art is always happy to have more yarn donations.

What Happens on "PLC" Early Release Days?

Before beginning a unit on Informational text reading standards, the **English Language Arts PLCs** created and administered a pre-test using **School City**. The results of said pre-test enabled each teacher to create a series of lessons and forge a path towards proficiency designed solely for their student population.

In the ensuing months, the team perused, compared, and analyzed the data from their common formative assessments (CFAs) as well as the district benchmark test. They looked for data trends, strengths, weaknesses, assessment validity, and employed their findings in planning for how they primarily use their instructional time. The team has spent a fair amount of time pinpointing strategies for tier II and tier III students whose needs are often nuanced and specific.



Additionally, the teachers who've produced successful assessment results have shared their learning plans and strategies with the group so all can implement a successful approach. Just as their reading data has centered around informational text standards, so will their writing data.

Recently, the ELA team compiled several options for the informative essay prompt which included all necessary materials for teachers and students.

By compiling essay options, each teacher is able to select the prompt & documents which are most aligned with their students' needs and interests. Again, time has been dedicated to developing a toolbox of strategies for teaching informational essay writing to tier II and tier III students and to support their specific learning needs throughout the writing process. Once students have completed their essays and each teacher has scored their own, the team will spend a day sharing and grading each other's essays. This will allow them to reflect upon their own grading practices, share fruitful teaching strategies, and reflect on these discussions as they begin planning for their argumentative essay unit in the spring.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR 2021-2022 YEARBOOK YET?



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 School

THANK YOU FOR
EVERYONE WHO MADE
THIS YEARS
BEARATHON SO
SUCCESSFUL! WE BLEW
THROUGH ALL THE
GOALS WITH A FINAL
NUMBER OF \$78.4K



MR. ANDERSON WITH HIS BLUE
AND GREEN HAIR

PRIZE WINNERS



Mr.
Shoop

TOP CLASS 7-8



Mrs.
Yahner

TOP CLASS 4-6



Mrs.
Amos

TOP CLASS K-3

HOVER BOARD WINNER
JULIE OLARIU



DISNEY TICKET WINNER
ISLA DUARTE



MS GIFT CARD WINNERS
ISABELLA WATSON,
AUTUMN RUDOLPH,
WILLIAM PIERCE,
DELANEY PATTERSON,
JULIA BUSTAMANTE
AND ISABELLE BEGAY



NEWS

COME CHEER ON YOUR HLS BEARS!



7th Grade Basketball Home Games

***Games Start at 4:30 pm**

Wednesday, January 5th DV@HL

Wednesday, January 12th ST @HL

Playoff round - Tuesday, January 25th
Championships- Thursday, January 27th
at Desert Sky

8th Grade Basketball Home Games

***Games Start at 4:30 pm**

Monday, January 10th HD @ HL

Playoff Round - Wednesday, January 26th
Championships - Saturday, January 29th at
Mountain Ridge HS

WRESTLING

1/6/22 @ Highland Lakes vs
Deer Valley Middle & Hillcrest

1/13/22 @ Hillcrest vs Desert
Sky & Hillcrest

Conference Championship

1/22/22 @ Desert Sky vs
Hillcrest, Deer Valley Middle,
Desert Sky, and Sonoran Trails



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

*Schedules subject to change

Updates online at: dvsd.org/Page/79061

EVENT ADMISSION

Adults \$4

Family Pass (10 punches) \$30

DVUSD Employees (with ID) FREE

DVUSD Students (with ID) FREE

HUNGRY BEAR
Cafe
NEWS



In November, Highland Lakes Administration served the traditional Thanksgiving lunch to over 1,000 students and staff! We are so grateful for our school. Happy Holidays!

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

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.





2021-2022 Instructional Calendar

JULY						
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July 5 - Independence Day Observed
Offices Closed

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

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

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

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

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

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

APRIL						
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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						
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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						
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	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