



Deer Valley Unified School District

School News

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

Sept/Oct 2023

MAIN # 623.376.4300

ATTENDANCE # 623.376.4390

Mark Anderson, Principal

Danielle Ware, Assistant Principal

From the Principal, Mark Anderson...

October is here, the temperature is starting to change, and we are through our first quarter of school. I hope everyone has an opportunity to meet with their child's teachers for parent teacher conferences this month. Building a positive relationship with your child's teacher is very important to further ensure we are providing the best possible academic environment.

Approaching education as a unified team is proven to be a very important factor in our student's success.

Thank you for your continued support, Highland Lakes School would not be what it is without you. Enjoy all of October and we are looking forward to an amazing second quarter...



Upcoming School Events

October 2023

- Thurs 12**
 - 9:30 am Teacher Potluck
 - 12:05 Early Release
- Friday 13**
 - 12:05 pm Early Release
 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- Thurs 19**
 - 4:00 pm Peter Piper Pizza Boo Bash
- Friday 20**
 - 2 pm PLC Early Release
- Wed 25**
 - 9am Bear Buck Store K-6
 - 4:15 pm In-N-Out Spirit Night
- Friday 27**
 - 2 pm PLC Early Release

November 2023

- Friday 3**
 - 9am PTO Meeting
 - 2 pm PLC Early Release
 - 2 pm Kona Ice
 - 6pm PTO Zoom Meeting
- Friday 10**
 - NO SCHOOL VETERANS DAY**
- Friday 17**
 - 2 pm PLC Early Release
- WEEK 20-24**
 - NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK**
- Friday 22**
 - 2 pm PLC Early Release

Digital Citizenship Spirit Week

| Monday October 16 | Tuesday October 17 | Wednesday October 18 | Thursday October 19 | Friday October 20 |
|---|--|---|--|--|
|  <p>Balanced</p> <p>HAT DAY!</p>  <p>Wear your thinking cap to reflect on how we BALANCE OUR TIME USING TECHNOLOGY</p> |  <p>Informed</p> <p>Neon Day!</p>  <p>Wear neon colors to remind us to always HIGHLIGHT AND VERIFY SOURCES!</p> |  <p>Alert</p> <p>Silly Socks Day!</p>  <p>Wear your silliest socks to show how we are learning about OUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINTS!</p> |  <p>Engaged</p> <p>CyberHero Day!</p>  <p>Dress as a hero to show how we USE TECHNOLOGY TO BE A FORCE FOR GOOD!</p> |  <p>Inclusive</p> <p>School Shirt Day!</p>  <p>Wear your school shirt to show how we TEAM UP FOR DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP!</p> |
| <p>Self-Awareness & Management</p> <p><i>How do I feel when I use technology?</i></p> <p><i>How can I balance my time?</i></p> | <p>Media Literacy</p> <p><i>How do I know what is fact and what is fiction?</i></p> | <p>Responsible Decision-Making</p> <p><i>How can I make responsible decisions online?</i></p> | <p>Relationship Skills</p> <p><i>How can I be kind online?</i></p> | <p>Social Awareness</p> <p><i>How can I contribute to a positive online environment?</i></p> |

[Click for the District 2023-2024 Calendar](#)

Save the Date & Click for More info on --->
[Future Freshman Nights](#)

- **Aspire Nov 9th**
- **Barry Goldwater Oct 30th**
- **Boulder Creek Nov 13th**
- **Deer Valley Nov 8th**
- **Mountain Ridge Nov 16th**
- **Sandara Day Nov 6th**



| CLUB | SPONSOR | OPEN TO | ROOM | DAY of the week | Meeting time |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Drama Club | Wild | 4th - 8th | Gym | Monday & Wednesday | 7:45-8:30 am |
| Student Council | Mills/Knierim | 7th - 8th | 211 | Friday | During DSS |
| Anime Club | Nick | 7th - 8th | 217 | Thursday | 3:30- 4:30 pm |
| Jewelry Club | Hein/Hayden | 3-6 | 501 | Monday | 3:30-4:00 pm |
| Book Club | Elam | 3-6th | 221 | Thursday | 8:00-8:30am |
| Friday Basketball | B. Nelson | 7-8th | Gym | Friday | 3:30-5:00 pm |
| Origami Club | Elam | 3-6th | 221 | Tuesday | 8:00-8:30 am |
| Mootiques (Movie club) | Miller | 6-8th | 221 | Tuesday | 8:00-8:30 am |
| Mariachi Ninos del Desierto | Schrade | 6-8th | 404 | Tuesday | 3:40-4:30 pm |
| Volleyball Open gym | McKee | 7-8th | Gym | Tuesday | 3:30-5:00 pm |
| Dungeons & Dragons | Unthank | 7th-8th | 203 | * | * |
| 2:14 | Nelson | 6th - 8th | 307 | Friday | 8:00- 8:30 am |
| Recycling Club | Schrade | 4th - 8th | 404 | Friday | 7:50-8:30 am |
| NJHS | Miller | 8th | 304 | | |

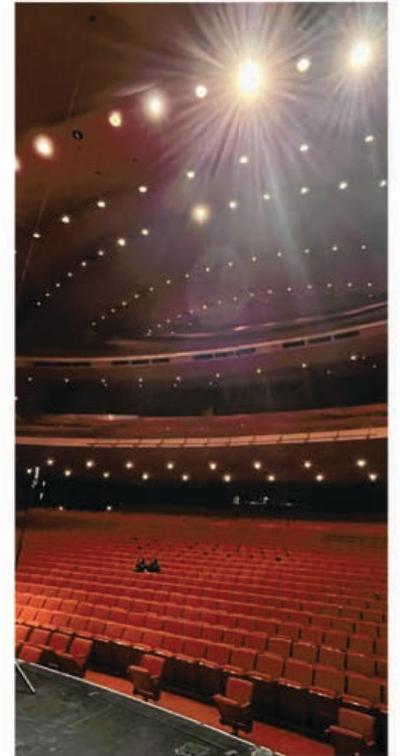
*Please check with sponsor on the date that club will start meeting

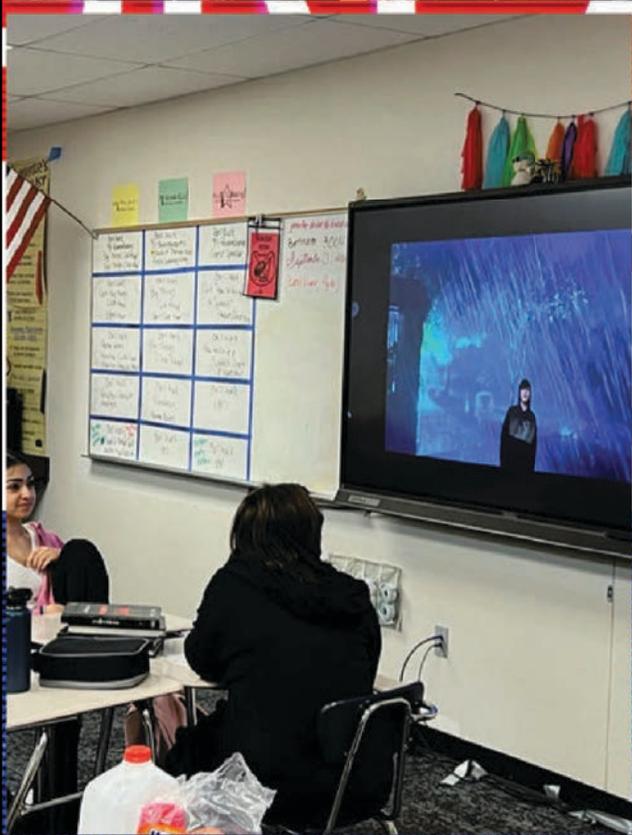
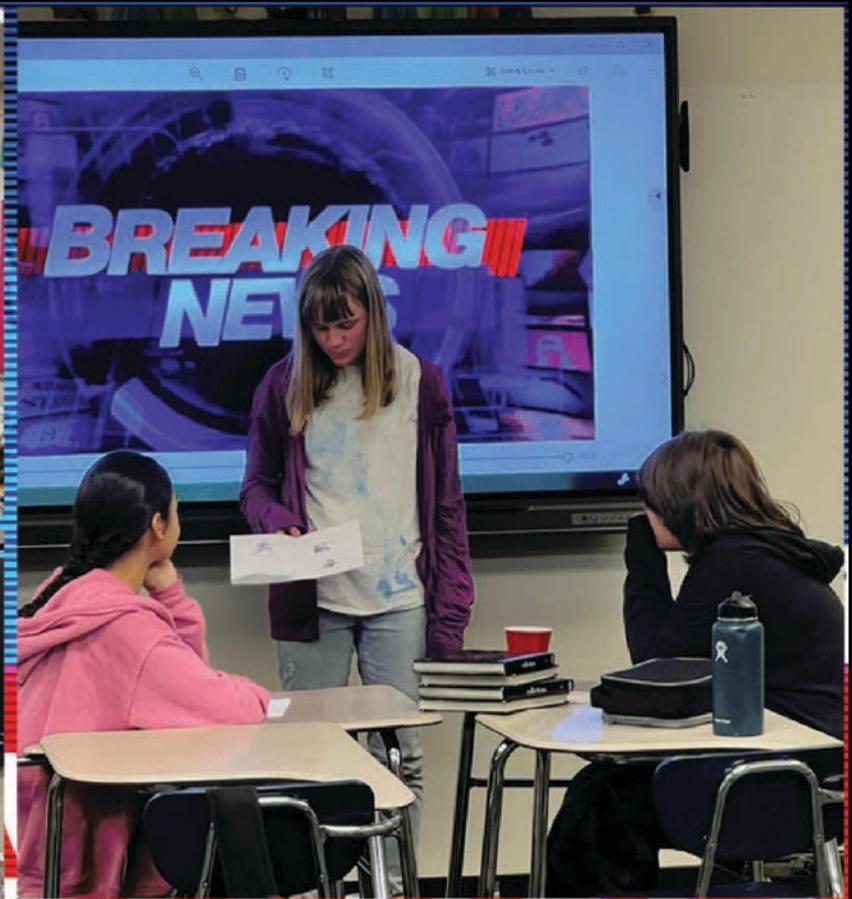
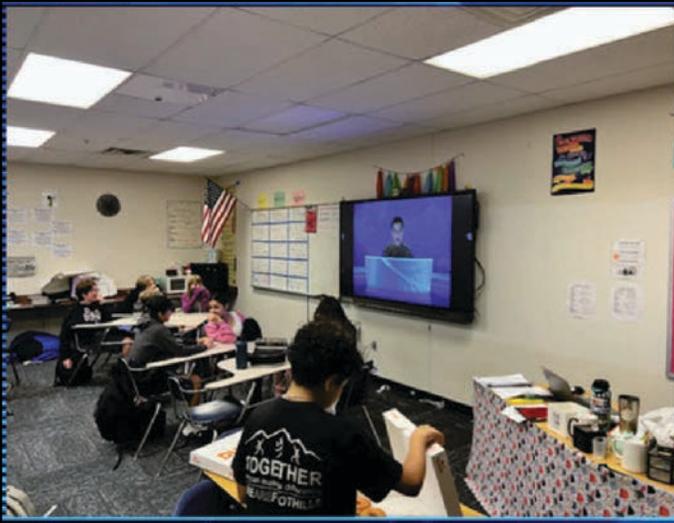
Gideon Cox
Shriya Saravanan
Madeline Hall
Kara Hoppenworth

8th Grade Band Students from Highland Lakes were selected to participate in ASU Honor Band with other students from all over Arizona.

The Concert took place at Gammage Auditorium on Saturday September 30th and was AMAZING!

Congratulations to these Fantastic 8th Grade Musicians :)





Students in Mrs. Deibel's Advanced ELA class presented their extension projects during DSS. All students were required to complete a choice board project for their final assessment of the standard. However, some students chose to complete the optional Extra Oomph option attached to their project. Some students recorded their news script and edited to look like a real news broadcast. Others created a full newspaper in which to showcase their article. They were then invited to a donut party to present their projects to their friends and administration."

SEPTEMBER BEAR BUCK STORE



MRS. MCCORMICK'S 2ND GRADE CLASS
SEPTEMBER 2023



BE CARING
ENGAGEMENT
ACT RESPONSIBLE
RESPECTFUL
SAFETY

EACH MONTH OUR PTSO HOSTS THE
"BEAR BUCK STORE" WHERE OUR
ELEMENTARY STUDENTS CAN SPEND
THEIR HARD EARNED BEAR BUCKS!!
YOU EARN BEAR BUCKS BY DISPLAYING
GREAT CHARACTER!

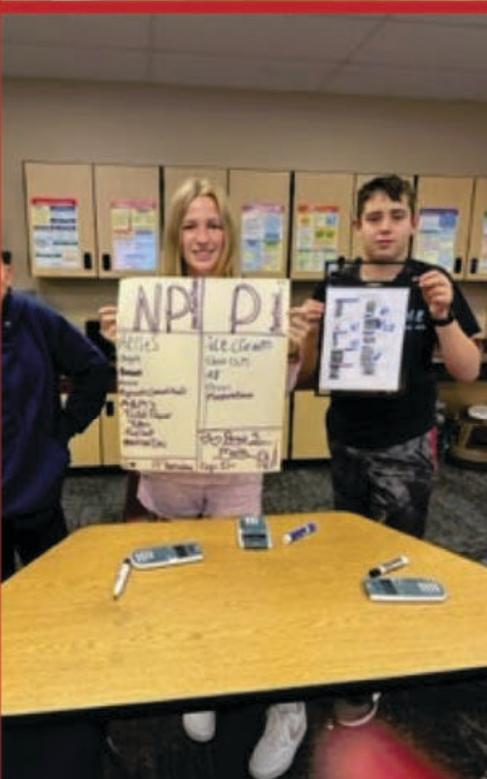
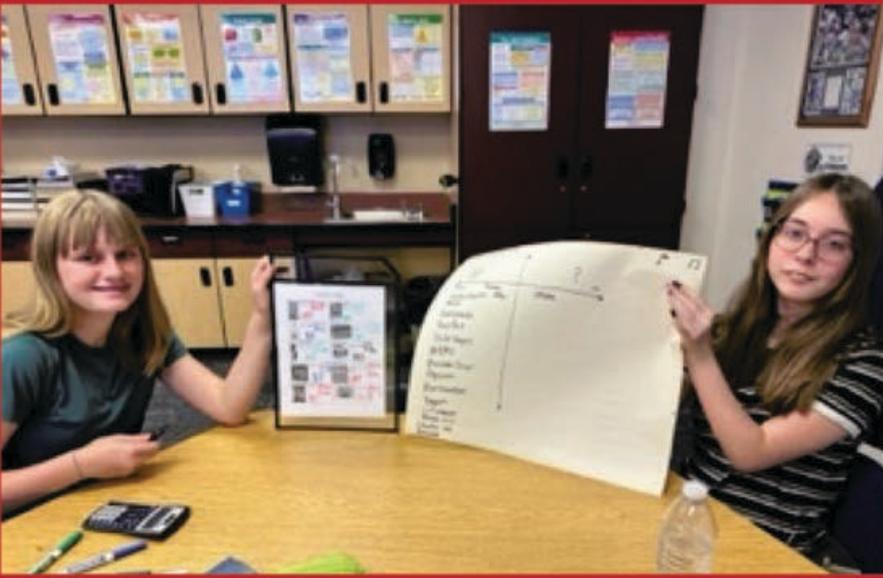
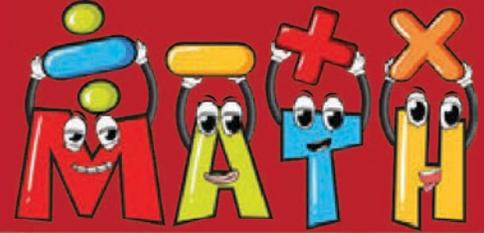
You can use marbles to paint? Kindergarten does!! They made the backgrounds for some fabulous art projects coming soon! Students took turns scooping out the marbles from the paint and swirling them around the tray on the paper.



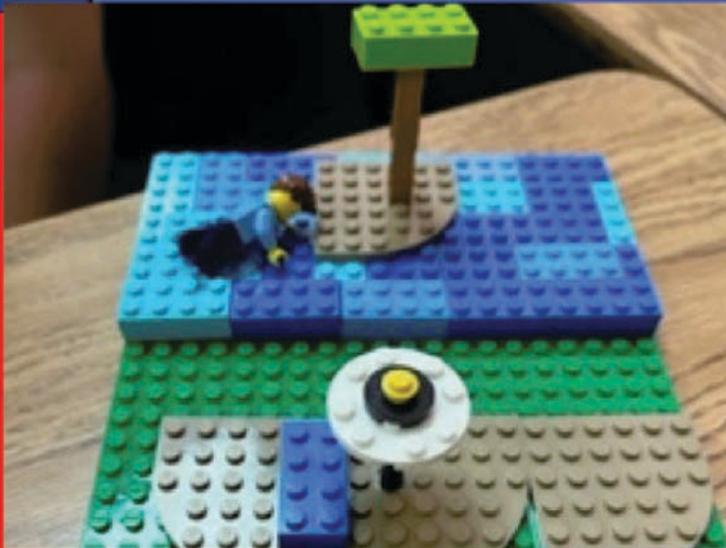


Mrs. McCormick's 2nd Graders Celebrating Constitution Day

Mrs. Slavick 7th Grade



Ms Ozment's third grade class received their Lego boxes this week. Students will use the Legos for math (identifying arrays, area/perimeter, etc), reading (building the setting or scene from a story), and they will be used to foster creativity and imagination. There are many uses and benefits to using Legos in the classroom. The students are already loving their boxes.





Professional Learning Community Fridays

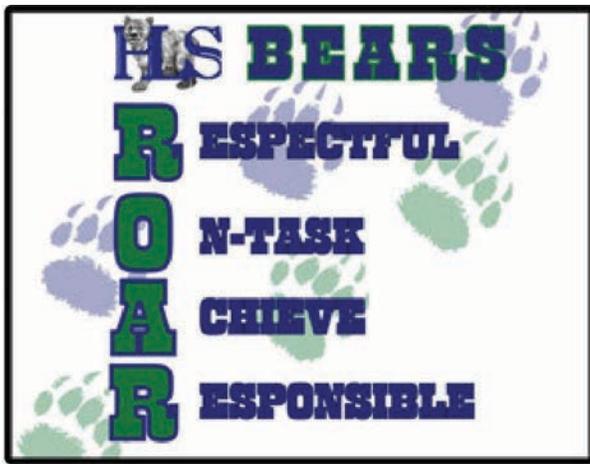
What are Highland Lakes staff spending their time on during PLC Friday Early Release? That time is spent with our PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) discussing how to best support the academic and social needs of our students.

During the past month, staff:

- Reviewed the Multi-Tiered System of support to create academic and behavioral interventions
- Continued discussions on our Behavior Matrix
- Implemented ways to reinforce and reward appropriate behaviors
- Received Professional Development from Dr. Bryan Harris who brought strategies to staff for managing stress and building resilience for both adults and students.



| Bears R.O.A.R. in all locations! | Classroom | Technology |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| R is for Respectful | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Always be kind and tolerant of others * Follow directions * Use classroom materials and furniture properly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Handle school device with care * Follow school expectations for personal technology |
| O is for On-task | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Actively participate in class * Listen attentively * Be prepared with materials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use school technology only as directed by the teacher |
| A is for Achieve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Do your personal best * Be an effective communicator and problem solver * Have a growth mindset | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use device only for academics * Demonstrate academic honesty and digital citizenship |
| R is for Responsible | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Do the right thing when no one is looking * Be on time * Help and share with others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * School technology is properly cared for and charged daily * Mindful of digital footprint |



Can your student tell you what R.O.A.R. stands for?

Can your student tell you the behavior expectations for classrooms and technology?

Students have had the opportunity to earn Bear Bucks for demonstrating appropriate behaviors and expectations as outlined in the matrix. Elementary and middle school students can spend their Bear Bucks at the PTSO Bear Bucks Store.



Middle school students also have the opportunity to use their Bear Bucks for the In-Class Bear Buck Snack and Raffle and special behavior reward events like the Epic Water Balloon Fight which took place on September 14th.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 12TH

Our teachers and staff deserve a home cooked meal during this busy week.

We would love for you to make a donation for our potluck lunch!!

Return this form to school or **sign up online** : <https://signup.com/go/RGaObDQ>

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I will drop off a food item to the school front office by or at 9:30 AM on Thursday October 12th

- Main Dish
- Main Vegetarian Dish
- Side Dish
- Dessert

I will bring supplies for the event and drop them off in the front office ANYTIME BEFORE Thursday, October 12th

- I want to help with setup or cleanup (30 minute commitment)
- Clam Shell (to go containers)
- Plastic forks, knives, spoons
- 12 pack of Soda (Diet Coke, Coke, Dr. Pepper, Sprite)
- Tea (Sweetened or unsweetened.)

FAQ:

How many are we serving? About 130

What serving size should I bring? Aim to serve at least 12.

Can you keep my dish hot/cold? Yes we have electricity for crock pots and warmers and fridge space. Please use disposable liners.

Will I get my dishes back? Yes, disposable is great but mark your items you want back with your last name and you can pick them up in the front office the day following the event.

When do I drop off my items: Morning of the day of the event @front office

More questions?: Email highlandlakesptso@gmail.com



Veteran's Day at HLS!

**Please send in your
Veteran's Day photos by
Thursday, November 1st!**



Do you have a Veteran in your family? HLS will be honoring Veterans with a special display and we wish to include those Veterans who are loved by HLS. Please send in a copy of a photo with the Veteran's name and student's name to your student's homeroom teacher or email an attachment to highlandlakespto@gmail.com by Thursday, November 1st. Photos will be displayed on a bulletin board as part of our Veteran's Day celebration. **No original photos as they will not be returned.**



**Thank you for
sharing your
Veteran with us!**

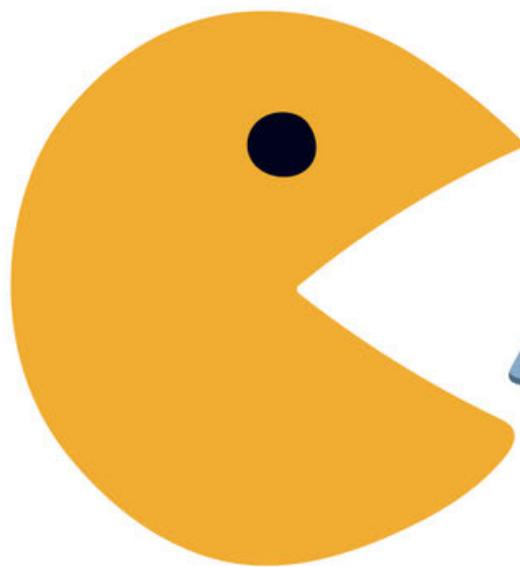


LEVEL

UP



WITH SCHOOL LUNCH
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK
OCTOBER 9TH - 13TH 2023



HLS BOO BASH



COSTUME
CONTESTS,
DANCE OFFS & SO
MUCH MORE!



GET YOUR
game on!

funpass

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR
FUNPASS AT THE REGISTER

Purchases at the kiosk are not
donated to the organization.

enjoy
**FOOD
&
FUN**

AND RAISE SOME DOUGH

15% of all food, beverage and funpass
game credit sales benefit

Highland Lakes School PTSO "BOO Bash" Wear A Costume!

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Place: Peter Piper Pizza at
Arrowhead
7525 W. Bell Road
Peoria 85382

CAN'T MAKE IT OR IN A HURRY?

You can still donate by ordering online or through the app.

1. Order at peterpiperpizza.com or through our app on the fundraiser date
2. Select the restaurant hosting the fundraiser
3. Enter the promo code **FRESHDOUGH** at checkout for donation contribution



scan QR code
to download
our new app!



Present this flyer to the cashier when ordering | ©2022 Peter Piper, LLC



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Gifted Services

GIFTED PARENT SEMINAR #3:

WHY IS THE MILK IN THE BACK OF THE SUPERMARKET?

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Las Brisas Elementary

(6:00 - 7:00 p.m.)

Parents are uniquely qualified to teach their children essential critical thinking skills, mindsets, and habits to promote 21st century success. This session equips parents with concrete tools to they can apply at home regardless of prior experience. Parents will walk away with strategies to help their child unlock his or her potential.

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

CONTACT DVUSD GIFTED SERVICES

623-445-5588 ~ Giftedservices@dvusd.org ~

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



Guest Speaker:

COLIN SEALE

Founder & CEO,
thinkLaw

A *Fresh* Way To Support Your School



In-N-Out® Spirit Night

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

4:15PM to 8:15PM

In-N-Out Burger

8285 West Bell Rd., Peoria

**20% of your purchase will go back to
Highland Lakes School**

Bring a fundraiser flyer
or show a picture of this poster at the event.



In-N-Out Burger does not include the purchases paid for with promotional certificates; nor the purchases of gift cards or merchandise as qualifying towards the fundraiser. Proceeds are based on pre-tax purchase amounts. Flyers may not be passed out at the restaurant during the event. Flyer is only valid at the specified In-N-Out Burger location during the date and time range specified on the flyer and agreed upon by In-N-Out Burger.

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Become a Business Partner

Level 1

Three

Level 2

Levels

Level 3

of Sponsorship

The Highland Lakes PTSO is looking for business partners from HLS families and local businesses to support our annual Bearathon! In addition to your sponsorship being tax-deductible we offer many ways to promote your business in the community:

\$1500

*Your business featured on the back of the Bearathon T-Shirts and on the electronic marquee and more...

\$1000

*Your business featured on our donation site, Pledgestar, and in the event promotion materials and more...

\$500

*Your business featured on all of our social channels and more....

*These are just a few of the ways we will promote your business, visit our website to review all the details and download a donation form:

<http://highlandlakesptso.com/partners>

Act by Oct 20th to allow
for promotional item
production time!



Tax ID# 46-3467094
Make checks payable to HLS PTSO
Mail: HLS PTSO
19000 N 63rd Ave, Glendale, AZ 85308
Email: highlandlakesptso@gmail.com



Highland Lakes School

August 11th
September 1st
October 6th
November 3rd
December 1st
January 12th
February 2nd
March 1st
May 10th

623.572.5662 | mcrowell@kona-ice.com | www.kona-ice.com



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October 31

**CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES
IN THIS YEAR'S**

**HIGHLAND LAKES SCHOOL
YEARBOOK!**

Customize Your 2 Free Pages

Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

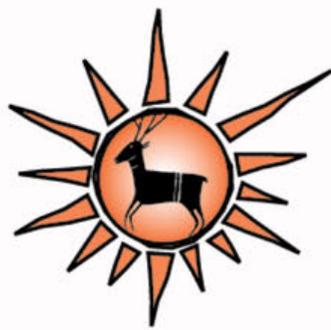
Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

Go to this Link to Order

www.dvusd.org/hl-yearbook

**Elementary Book \$30
Middle School Book \$40**



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VOLUNTEER INFO

For New Volunteers
For Returning Volunteers

<https://www.dvUSD.org/volunteering>



NEWS

WINTER SPORTS

Boys & Girls Volleyball

8th Grade Tryouts: Monday, November 6th
& Tuesday, November 7th

7th Grade Tryouts: Wednesday, November
8th & Thursday, November 9th
after school from 3:45-5:15ish.

Check in with Mr. Nelson in Gym Lobby

Cross Country

No Tryout Necessary. Just come run!

Practice starts Monday, October 10th after
school 3:45-5:00ish.

Check in with Mr. Nelson in Gym Lobby

Wrestling

No Tryout Necessary.

Practice starts Monday, November 6th
after school from 3:45-5:15ish
in the wrestling room attached to the gym.

SPRING SPORTS

Boys & Girls Basketball

8th Grade Tryouts: Monday, February
26th & Tuesday, February 27th

7th Grade Tryouts: Wednesday, February
28th & Thursday, February 29th
after school from 3:45-5:15ish.

Check in with Mr. Nelson in Gym Lobby

Track & Field

No Tryout Necessary.

Practice starts Monday, February 26th
after school 3:45-5:15ish.

REGISTER MY ATHLETE

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

- Go to <https://registermyathlete.com> website to submit all physicals and other required paperwork prior to athletic participation.
- There is a \$60 participation fee which is payable online only at

<https://azdeervalley.intouchreceipting.com>

Gym Event Admission

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Adults | \$4 |
| Family Pass (10 punches) | \$30 |
| DVUSD Employees (with ID) | Free |
| DVUSD Students | Free |

Find Game Schedules at

<https://www.dvUSD.org/domain/817>

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HUNGRY BEAR CAFE NEWS

MENUS

Get your menu info online!

- Go online to myschoolmenus.com
- Go online to the DVUSD website to download a printable pdf at <https://www.dvUSD.org/Page/242>

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS

Apply online at www.EZmealapp.com or get a form from the front office. For more information, contact 623-445-5166. Students who applied and were approved for meal assistance and associated benefits last school year are eligible for the same benefits through 9/11/23, or a new application is processed. If a new application is not approved by 9/11/23 your student(s) will pay the full meal price until re-certified.

PAYING FOR LUNCH

Load up your student(s) account with lunch funds online at ezschoolpay.com or drop a check to the front office.

- **DVUSD is waiving all EZ School App convenience fees from now through September 30th.**
- **You can drop off cash/check in the front office to be credited to your students account. Include your students name and number on the envelope.**

BIRTHDAY BUCKET

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

The bucket will be delivered to your student's class at a designated time and location, making it super convenient for teachers and parents. Get the online form at:

<https://www.dvUSD.org/Page/65635>

Breakfast \$1.50

Lunch \$2.95

Reduced \$0

Cafe Manager Renee Denner



renee.denner@dvUSD.org | 623-376-4314 | @DVUSDNutrition



COMMUNICATION

TEXT ALERTS: If you are not receiving text message alerts from the district office and would like to, just text the letter "Y" to 68453

POWERSCHOOL: 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.

ONLINE PAYMENTS AND TAX CREDITS:

Access this through the online payment portal at: <https://az-deervalley.intouchreceipting.com>

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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.

HLS POLICIES

ATTENDANCE 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. **Please report all absences to the attendance line at 623.376-4390.**

PEST CONTROL

Pest control sparying will occur once a month.

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>

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. PHOTO ID REQUIRED.

TRANSPORTATION

Any issues or questions with the bus need to go directly to transportation at 602-467-5096.

PARKING

- There is no parking or waiting on 63rd Avenue from Union Hills to Utopia. If you park or wait on 63rd Avenue, tickets have been issued.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Parents please be considerate of our families that live close to school and respect our neighbors when picking up and dropping off students.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers on campus (including field trips) need to have training and fill out yearly paperwork. For all the details visit: <https://www.dvUSD.org/volunteering>

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

K-6 Counselor: OPEN

7-8 Counselor: OPEN

Main Phone #: 623-376-4300

Attendance: 623-376-4390

Nurse: 623-376-4310

Fax: 623-376-4380

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

Start Time = 8:45AM

| Grade | Daily Release | PLC Fridays | Half Day |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|----------|
| K/nder | 3:20 | 1:50 | 11:55 |
| 1st - 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.



| JULY 2023 | | | | | | |
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July 4 - Independence Day
Offices Closed

July 31 - First Day for Students

| AUGUST | | | | | | |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 - Early Release - 90 min

| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | |
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Sept. 4 - Labor Day - No School
Sept. 1, 15, 22 - Early Release - 90 min
Sept. 25 - Fall Break Day - No School

| OCTOBER | | | | | | |
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| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

Oct. 6, 20, 27 - Early Release - 90 min
Oct. 9 - Fall Break Day - No School
Oct. 12-13 - K-12 P/T Conferences-Half Day

| NOVEMBER | | | | | | |
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| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
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Nov. 3 & 17 - Early Release - 90 min
Nov. 10 - Veterans Day Observed
Nov. 20-24 - Thanksgiving Recess

| DECEMBER | | | | | | |
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| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

Dec. 1 & 8 - Early Release - 90 min
Dec. 14 - HS Half Day
Dec. 15 - K-12 Half Day
Dec. 18 - Dec. 29 - Winter Break

| JANUARY | | | | | | |
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Jan 1 - New Year's Day No School
Jan. 2 - Staff Development - Full Release
Jan. 12, 19, 26 - Early Release - 90 min
Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King- No School

| FEBRUARY | | | | | | |
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Feb. 2, 16, 23 - Early Release - 90 min
Feb. 8-9 - K-8 only P/T Conf. - Half Day
Feb. 19 - Presidents Day - No School

| MARCH | | | | | | |
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Mar. 1, 8, 22 - Early Release - 90 min
Mar. 11-15 - Spring Break
Mar. 29 - Spring Break Day

| APRIL | | | | | | |
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***No Early Release Days during State testing
April 26 - Early Release - 90 min

| MAY | | | | | | |
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May 3 & 10 - Early Release Days-90 min
May 16 - Last Day for students - Half Day
May 27 - Memorial Day - Offices Closed

| JUNE 2024 | | | | | | |
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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, 2024 MRHS=1:30 pm, BGHS=4:30 pm
May 17, 2024 SDOHS=9:00am, DVHS=12 noon, BCHS=2:30 pm
May 16 is last day of school - 1/2 day for all students

| Grading Periods | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1st Quarter..... | Oct. 6, 2023 (48 days) |
| 2nd Quarter..... | Dec. 15, 2023 (43 days) |
| 3rd Quarter..... | Mar. 8, 2024 (46 days) |
| 4th Quarter..... | May 16, 2024 (43 days) |

| Teacher Contract Days..... | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 185 | Student Contact Days.....180 |
| 40th Day..... | Sept. 26, 2023 |
| 100th Day..... | Jan. 16, 2024 |

| Early Release (90 min) PLC / PD Days | |
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| 1st Semester | 2nd Semester |
| Aug. 4 | Jan. 12 |
| Aug. 11 | Jan. 19 |
| Aug. 18 | Jan. 26 |
| Aug. 25 | Feb. 2 |
| Sept. 1 | Feb. 16 |
| Sept. 15 | Feb. 23 |
| Sept. 22 | Mar. 1 |
| Oct. 6 | Mar. 8 |
| Oct. 20 | Mar. 22 |
| Oct. 27 | Apr. 26 |
| Nov. 3 | May 3 |
| Nov. 17 | May 10 |
| Dec. 1 | |
| Dec. 8 | |
| No Early Release Days during State testing | |

| No School - Federal Holiday or Break Days | |
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| Sept. 4 | Labor Day Recess |
| Sept. 25 | Fall Break |
| Oct. 9 | Fall Break |
| Nov. 10 | Veterans Day |
| Nov. 20 - 24 | Thanksgiving Recess |
| Dec. 18 - 29 | Winter Break |
| Jan. 1 | New Year's Day |
| Jan. 2 | Staff Development |
| Jan. 15 | ML King Jr. Day |
| Feb. 19 | Presidents Day |
| Mar. 11 - 15 | Spring Break |
| Mar. 29 | Spring Break Day |

Last day for students - May 16
Last day for teachers - May 17
1st semester = 91 days
2nd semester = 89 days