

February 2023 MAIN # 623.376.4300 ATTENDANCE # 623.376.4390

Mark Anderson, Principal Danielle Ware, Assistant Principal

From the Principal, Mark Anderson...

February is sort of a transition month in Arizona where it's not quite winter and not quite spring. It's a beautiful month and reminds us why we live here. February is a very productive month at Highland Lakes. Teachers continue to analyze classroom/district assessment data to create standards-based lessons that meet all students' academic needs. Along with academics, to ensure we are developing a well-rounded student, we continue to focus on our students' social and emotional needs.

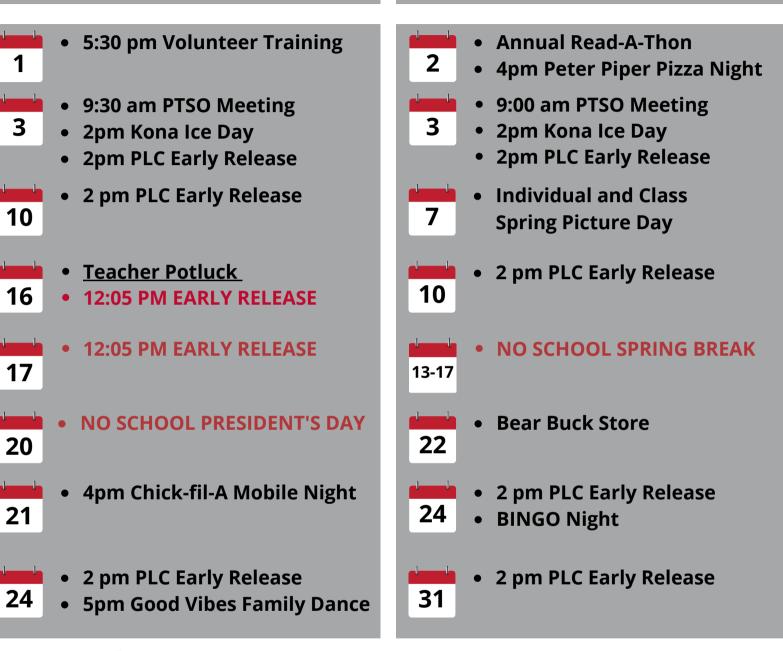
AASA, our state standardized test, will be here before we know it. The testing window is in April. We are currently working to determine the exact testing schedule for each grade level. More details will follow soon. Our teachers and students are working hard to build deep understandings and a focused knowledge base on state standards and test taking skills. With all this work, we still have time to celebrate our successes and build enduring friendships.

At Highland Lakes are so proud to have and incredible staff and community that work tirelessly to support our students. We are honored to receive an A-rating that reflects the rigorous and nurturing environment that grows today's learners into tomorrow's leaders! We have an open door policy, so please call or come see us anytime. Thank you for all that you do as a parent and have a great day....or not.....the choice is yours!



Upcoming School Events

February 2023





<u>Click for the District</u> 2022-2023 Calendar

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PLC Friday Early Release

March 2023

Please check the district calendar (link <--) to verify PLC Friday Early Release days. If Monday is a holiday, Friday *could* be a full day but there are weeks where there is still an early release.

Conference Week Luncheon

Thursday February 16th

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/JPGSYJZ

Name		
Email		
Phone_	 	

I will drop off a food item to the school front office by or at 9:30 AM on Thurs Feb 16th

- □ 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 February 16th.

- \Box I want to help with set up or cleanup (60 minute commitment)
- □ Clamshells/disposable to go containers
- \Box Disposable coffee cups

FAQ:

HOW MANY ARE WE SERVING? ABOUT 80

WHAT SERVING SIZE SHOULD I BRING? AIM TO SERVE AT LEAST 12.

<u>CAN YOU KEEP MY DISH HOT/COLD?</u> YES WE HAVE ELECTRICITY FOR CROCK POTS AND WARMERS AND FRIDGE SPACE.

<u>WILL I GET MY DISHES BACK?</u> 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: 9:30AM THE DAY OF THE EVENT @FRONT OFFICE

MORE QUESTIONS?: EMAIL HIGHLANDLAKESPTSO@GMAIL.COM



CLUB	SPONSOR	OPEN TO	Raam	DRY of the week	Meeting time
*Pep Club	Mrs. Yahner	4th - 6th	214	Tuesday	3:30 pm
Drama Club	Mrs. Wild	4th - 8th	508S	Wednesday	8:00-8:30 am
Student Council	Mrs. Girnius & Mrs. Coleman	7th - 8th	Conference Room	Thursday	During DSS
*Garden Club	Mrs. Crabtree	All	103a	Wednesday	3:35 -4:30pm
Anime Club	Ms. Nick	7th - 8th	217	Thursday	3:30- 4:30 pm
Craft Club	Mrs. Dinis	K-8	506	Thursday	3:30- 4:30 pm
*Kindness Club	Mrs. Martin	3rd - 8th	507	Thursday	3:35 pm
2:14	Mr. Dunn & Mr. Nelson	6th - 8th	307	Friday	8:00- 8:30 am
Recycling Club	Mrs. Schrade	4th - 8th	404	Friday	7:50-8:30 am
NJHS	Mrs. Smith	8th	102-A		

*Please check with sponsor on the date that club will start meeting Flyers and Permission slips available in the front office.

HLS Garden Club

Sustainable Gardening Practices

Open for students from Grades 6-8

Students will work to identify challenges facing school gardens, and then search out solutions to implement on our campusinspired by sustainable growing practices from around the world.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS IN FEBRUARY FROM 3:35-4:30 IN ROOM 103 A (FORMERLY THE TECH LAB)

*Permission slips available on Mrs. Crabtree's website: Must be printed and signed BEFORE first meeting. Highland Lakes' Renaissance held their 1st annual STEAM Fair on Thursday, January 26. Students presented their STEAM projects they have been working on this year. Families and friends also got to participate in activities with various vendors and parent booths. There were fun activities to participate in. Thank you to all of our vendors and parent volunteers who helped make this event a huge success for all.



6th grade students finished their 3D art projects just in time for Valentine's Day. These heart shaped boxes filled with realistic chocolates are inspired by the work of the famous artist Peter











OTH GRADE















Mariachi Ninos del Desierto started here at HLS. These enthusiastic young musicians are hard at work learning songs like "Cielito Lindo" and "De Colores."



Last month, Holly Schrade learned that she became a National Board Certified Teacher achieving an accomplishment that fewer than 3% of the nation's teachers have reached. It is truly a testament to her commitment to the profession and to her students. Congratulations to Mrs. Schrade!!

NATIONAL

BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHER

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ARIZONA



The Recycling Club has collected the following in recyclables so far this year:

- Roughly the weight of a rhino (5600 lbs)
- Saved 50 oak trees from being converted into paper
- Offset greenhouse gases equivalent to that of 10 acres of forest land
- 347 lbs of plastic bags

Thanks for your support!

Pepsico Recycling HIGHLAND LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS MAKING AN IMPACT

- SUMMARY-

Within the time period selected, your school has recycled ...

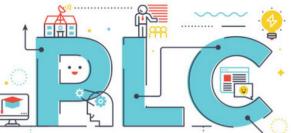
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Weight equivalent to that of a rhinoceros.	Enough energy to power a convenience store for an entire year.	An amount of greenhouse gases (GHG) that otherwise could have been offset by trees within IO acres of U.S. forestland over the course of a full year.	Enough paper to avoid converting 50 oak trees into paper.

5<u>th Grade Field Trip</u>







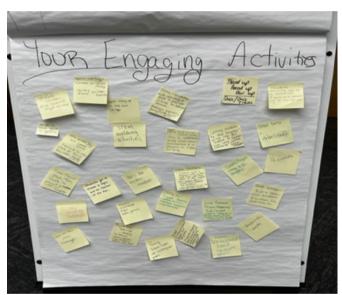


Professional Learning Community Fridays

As we continue our journey into standards based mindset, our January professional development focus was on student engagement. According to The Glossary of Education Reform, student engagement "refers to the degree of attention, curiosity, interest, optimism, and passion that students show when they are learning or being taught, which extends to the level of motivation they have to learn and progress in their education. Discussions were based on what student engagement looks and sounds like, ideas and activities that we can incorporate into our lessons, and how engagement and assessment can go together.



Learning to play Lingo



Brainstorming list of engaging activities





Mrs. Malone's Kinder kids being introduced to Bee Bots! They teach children to "code" at an early age with hands on learning. Bee Bots teach children to sequence, estimate and problem solve.



Congratulations to the 7th grade volleyball teams on their amazing seasons! The girls got 2nd place in the conference championship. The boys had an undefeated season and got 1st place in the conference championship! Great job Coach Ben Nelson and all players!

NEWS

ATHLETICS





Gym Event Admission	
Adults	\$4
Family Pass (10 punches)	\$30
DVUSD Employees (with ID)	Free
DVUSD Students	Free

Find Game Schedules at <u>https://www.dvusd.org/domain/817</u> We are still looking for 2 track and field coaches for this coming season (2/6 thru April). If you are interested please email Robert.Nelson@dvusd.org









Highland Lakes Elementary

MOBILE SPIRIT NIGHT Tuesday, February 21, 4PM - 7PM



In the Chick-fil-A App, type "Highland" into the special request section on your mobile order to have a portion of your sale be directly donated to the school.



Chick-fil: Arrowhead 16657 N 83rd Ave, South of Bell Rd















National Junior Honor Society

NJHS Motto: Everyday Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship

Upcoming Projects: Adopt-a-Duck: 2/22-3/8

Don't forget to visit the HLS concessions stand

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Thank you to all the parents, community members and NJHS members who volunteered at the Renaissance STEAM fair!

GOOD VIBES FAMILY DANCE Friday, February 24 5-7 pm

PRESENTED BY HLS PTSO

\$5 pre sale tickets (cash and check) Taco Truck / Ice Cream Truck

DJ and DANCING



One FREE cup cake

Consessions will be OPEN

KINDERGARTEN: PURPLE1ST GRADE: YELLOW2ND GRADE: BLUE3RD GRADE: BLACK4TH GRADE: WHITE5TH GRADE: PINK6TH GRADE: GREEN.7TH GRADE: ORANGEBTH GRADE: RED(Adults and kids each need their own ticket)(chaperones required)Most represented grade wins a donut party!!!\$10 tickets at the door

READ ACROSS AMERICA DR. SEUSS SPIRIT WEEK: FEB. 27 – MAR. 3



HLS Annual Read-A-Thon "Read Across America" - Thursday, March 2nd

Help support reading at HLS by pledging for this worthy cause! The Read-A-Thon provides classrooms with new leveled books and reading materials!



*In the event of a tie, the student who submits their pledge money first will win the prize!

THANK & YOU

Our Bear Bucks store continues to be something our Middle School Bears look forward to, and it's all made possible because of your generous donations!

We are excited to be starting a raffle for students to trade in Bear Bucks for tickets to win *bigger* items, so we are also looking for gently used or new items that middle schoolers would be interested in: Sports team swag, school supplies (pens markers, mechanical pencils), gift cards, sports equipment, or other items you would like to donate that you think middle schoolers would love.

> If you are able to donate, please visit our <u>Sign-up Genius</u> and drop off the items in the office or send with your child to the office or their homeroom teacher.

Your donations help us provide a positive environment for our wonderful middle schoolers! Thank you SO MUCH!

Lease email <u>corinne.gettys@dvusd.org</u> if you have any questions.



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR BEAR BUCK STORE!



Order your 2022-2023 yearbooks now!

www.dvusd.org/hl-yearbook

Elementary Book \$25.00 Middle School Book \$36.62

Purchase includes 2 free custom pages



You can bid on a reserved parking spot at Highland Lakes School.



SILENT AUCTION FOR SOUTH PARKING LOT SPOT (MIDDLE SCHOOL SIDE)

BIDDING ENDS MONDAY MARCH 27TH AT 6PM



Scan to Bid or go to our website: http://highlandlakesptso.com/



ominations

2023-2024 PTSO Board Nominations will happen at the March General Meeting on March 3rd at 9:00 AM

Nominations & Elections for 2023-2024

I want Highland Lakes School to be one of the best schools in Arizona.
I want my child to have a great school year – to learn and to have fun!
I want all the students at HLS be successful.

If the above statements are true, then "help us help Highland Lakes". Dedicated teachers, staff, and **PARENTS** make Highland Lakes great!

We need volunteers to serve as Board Members, Committee Chairs and general volunteers for 2023-2024. Nominate yourself or someone else. All Committee Chair positions can be shared. Want more details, visit our website to find out what we do:

http://www.highlandlakesptso.com/

Questions or to nominate? Contact us via email at <u>highlandlakesptso@gmail.com</u>, or leave a message at the front office.

Elections are held at the PTSO General Meeting in May 2023.

GET CONNECTED Webpage: 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



HLS Recycling Club & NexTrex Presents: Plastic Film Recycling Challenge Now - April 15, 2023

Join HLS in playing an active roll to reduce plastics in landfills and oceans. Bring your plastic film to the front office between now & April 15, 2023 and place in our collection bins.

First Place Winners in the competition receive a Trex Bench.



What can be recycled?



Grocery bags



Bread

bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags





Newspaper sleeves



All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags

Cereal

Case overwrap

Salt bags

Pallet wrap & stretch film

rap & film

Wood pellet bags

Produce bags



Breakfast\$1.50 Lunch\$2.95 Reduced \$0

MENUS

Get your menu info online!

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

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS

Apply online at <u>www.EZmealapp.com</u> 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 9/14/22., or a new application is processed. If a new application is not approved by 9/14/22 your sutdent(s) will pay the full meal price until re-certified.

PAYING FOR LUNCH

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

- DVUSD is waiving all EZ School App convenience fees from now through September 30th.
- Announcing EZSchoolMate, a new Skill for Alexa, see this link for more info:

https://www.ezschoolpay.com/EZSchoolMate.pdf

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: <u>https://www.dvusd.org/Page/65635</u>



This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menu subject to Change. DVUSD Food & Nutrition Staff is proud to serve meals to your students.

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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: <u>https://az-deervalley.intouchreceipting.com</u>

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 (<u>C</u>ourt <u>U</u>nified

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 you 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 <u>do not park</u> 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: <u>http://dvusd.org/page/56528</u>

Highland Lakes School Mission Statement

Preparing today's learners to become tomorrow's leaders through technology, inquiry, common core standards and global citizenship.

> Principal: <u>Mark Anderson</u> Assistant Principal: <u>Danielle Ware</u> Nurse: <u>Kristina Koan</u> K-6 Counselor: <u>Jacob Epel</u> 7-8 Counselor: <u>Kathryn Coleman</u>

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	
KInder	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.





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July 4 - Independence Day Observed Offices Closed

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Nov. 11 - Veterans Day - No School Nov. 21-25 - Thanksgiving Recess Nov. 4 & 18 - Early Release - **90 min**

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Mar. 3, 10, 24, 31 - Early Release - 90 min Mar. 13-17- Spring Break

4th Quarter.....May 18, 2023 (44)

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Aug. 3 - First Day for Students Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 - Early Release - 90 min

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Dec. 2 & 9 - Early Release - 90 min Dec. 15 - HS Half Day Dec. 16 - K-12 Half Day Dec. 19-30 - Winter Break

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April 7 - Spring Break Day ***No Early Release Days during State testing April 28 - Early Release - 90 min

100th Day.....Jan 18, 2023

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 Teac	her Conferences				
Last Day of School					
Graduation Dates					
No School - Federal Holiday or	Break				
Graduation Dates May 18, 2023 BGHS=1:30 pm, DVHS=7:00 pm May 19, 2023 BCHS=2:00pm, May 18 and 19 are 1/2 day for	MRHS=5:00 pm				
Grading Periods 1st QuarterSept. 30, 2022 (41) 2nd QuarterDec. 16, 2022 (48) 3rd QuarterMar. 10, 2023 (47)	Teacher Contract Days185 Student Contact Days180 40th DaySept. 29, 2022				

2022-2023 Instructional Calendar

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Sep. 5 - Labor Day Recess - No School Sep. 2, 16, 23 - Early Release - 90 min Sep 26 - Fall Break Day - No School

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Jan. 2 - Staff Development Day - full release Jan. 13, 20, 27 - Early Release - 90 min

Jan 16- Martin Luther King - No School

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May 5 & 12 - Early Release Days-**90 min** May 18 - **Half day** for high school May 19 - Last day for students - **Half Day** May 29 - Memorial Day - Offices Closed

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1st Semester	2nd Semester
Aug. 5	Jan. 13
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Sept. 16	Feb. 24
Sept. 23	Mar. 3
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Oct. 6-7 - K-12 P/T Conferences-Half Day Oct. 10 - Fall Break Day - No School Oct. 14, 21, 28 - Early Release - 90 min

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Feb. 3, 10, 24 - Early Release - 90 min Feb. 16-17 - K-8 only P/T Conf. - Half Day Feb. 20 - President's Day - No School

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No School - Federal Holiday or Break Days				
Sept. 5	Labor Day Recess			
Sept. 26	Fall Break			
Oct. 10	Fall Break			
Nov. 11	Veterans Day			
Nov. 21 - 25	Thanksgiving Recess			
Dec. 19 - Jan 2	Winter Break			
Jan. 16	ML King Jr. Day			
Feb. 20	President's Day			
Mar. 13 - 17	Spring Break			
Apr. 7	Spring Break Day			

Teacher's last day - May 22 1st semester = 89 days 2nd semester = 91 days

Revised June 20, 2022 (May 18 is half day for HS)