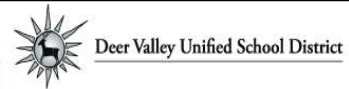




# School News

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



December, 2018  
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 1:00 p.m. on December 21st.

*Enjoy the Holidays!*



Our first annual holiday door decorating contest, see all the doors up close at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDUDxcEb6g0&t=153s>

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
DECEMBER 21ST	9AM REINDEER RUN (ELEMENTARY)
DECEMBER 21ST	12:05 EARLY RELEASE (MAUNA KEA SHAVED ICE)
DECEMBER 24-JAN 4	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK, SEE YA IN 2019
JANUARY 7TH	SCHOOL RESUMES AND 3RD QUARTER BEGINS
JANUARY 10TH	9:15 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
JANUARY 11TH	9:00 AM PTSO GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 16-18TH	AZSEF SCIENCE FAIR
JANUARY 16TH	BEAR BUCK STORE
JANUARY 17TH	100TH DAY OF SCHOOL
JANUARY 18TH	6PM DANCING WITH YOUR DAUGHTER
JANUARY 21ST	NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
JANUARY 25TH	12:05 EARLY RELEASE 
JANUARY 31ST	5:00 - 6:00 RENAISSANCE OPEN HOUSE
JANUARY 31ST	5:30 - 7:30 KINDER PREVIEW NIGHT
FEBUARY 1ST	BOX TOPS DUE
	CHECK THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR A COPY OF THE 2018-2019 DISTRICT CALENDAR

***Mr. P's Way to be! Weekly Character Behavior!***



**December 3  
Stand-up for others!**



**December 17  
Be positive**



**December 10  
Include others**





CLUB	SPONSOR	OPEN TO	ROOM	DAY	TIME
2:14	<a href="#">COACH DUNN</a>	MS ONLY	COMPUTER LAB	FRIDAY	8:00-8:30 AM
ANIME	<a href="#">MS. NICK</a>	MS ONLY	217	TUESDAY	3:30-4:30 PM
ART CLUB	<a href="#">MR. LANESE</a>	6TH - 8TH GRADE	513	WEDNESDAY	3:30 - 4:30 PM
BOARD GAMES	<a href="#">MRS. MARTIN</a>	4TH - 8TH	212	THURSDAY	3:30 - 4:30 PM
COMMUNITY GARDEN	<a href="#">MRS. CRABTREE</a>	K-8TH GRADE	GARDEN OR 308	TUESDAY 9/11-10/4	8:00 AM
KIVA	<a href="#">MRS. SANDOVAL</a>	MS ONLY	311	THURSDAY	3:30-4:30 PM
KINDNESS AMBASSADORS	<a href="#">MRS. SCHRADE</a>	3RD -8TH GRADE	404	1ST AND 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH	8:00 AM
MATH CLUB	<a href="#">MRS. BEHRENS</a>	6TH - 8TH GRADE	205	WEDNESDAY	3:30-4:30 PM
MUSICAL CLUB	<a href="#">MR. NELSON</a>	6TH - 8TH GRADE	307	THURSDAY	3:30-4:30 PM
NJHS	<a href="#">MRS. SMITH</a>	8TH GRADE	LIBRARY	2ND AND 4TH WED OF THE MONTH	8:00-8:30 AM
RECYCLING CLUB	<a href="#">MRS. SCHRADE</a>	4TH-8TH GRADE	404	FRIDAY	7:50-8:30 AM
STUDENT COUNCIL	<a href="#">MRS. TANG &amp; MRS. LANTRY</a>	MS ONLY	209	EVERY OTHER MONDAY	3:45 - 4:30 PM
UKELELE CLUB	<a href="#">MRS. SANDOVAL &amp; MRS. SCHRADE</a>	3RD-8TH GRADE	404	MONDAY	3:40 - 4:30 PM
WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS	<a href="#">MRS. SCHRADE &amp; MR. ROCKEY</a>	ORCHESTRA /BAND STUDENTS	404/403	WEDNESDAY	3:30-4:15 PM
YEARBOOK	<a href="#">MRS. MARSTON</a>	5TH-8TH GRADE	TECH LAB	TUESDAY	3:30 -4:30 PM



## KINDNESS CLUB WELCOMING STUDENTS





# 1ST AND 2ND GRADE HOLIDAY CONCERT







**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS WHO MADE ALL STATE BAND**

**8th Grade All State:**

Alex Price - Bassoon  
Noah Malick - Clarinet  
Noah Malick - Bass Clarinet  
Braden Lyster - First Chair Tenor Sax  
Ben Krontonsky - Bari Sax  
Miles Tweedie - First Chair Trumpet  
Justin Melore - Trumpet  
Jackson Herndon - Euphonium  
Andre Thomley - First Chair Tuba  
Victor Sandrin - Percussion

**8th Grade All State Alternates:**

Naomi Damien - Flute  
Miranda Rodgers - Flute  
Giovanni Barberio - French Horn  
Kevin Hiner - Percussion



**7th Grade All State:**

Emma Miller - Flute  
Mariana Leuschner - Oboe  
Yousif Alkhafaji - Clarinet  
Yousif Alkhafaji - Bass Clarinet  
Lincoln Pulley - Alto Sax  
Lincoln Pulley - Tenor Sax  
Malak Alkhafaji - French Horn  
Camden White - Trombone

**7th Grade All State Alternates:**

Xavier Contreras - Alto Sax  
Annaliesa Shephard - Oboe





This past quarter, middle school art students worked for many long and hard hours creating toys for our second graders. The project started with the second grade students coming up with an idea of a stuffed toy that they would like to have. The students were told that one drawing per class would be selected and turned into a stuffed toy. Second graders came up with the most creative and original ideas they could think of, down to the colors and tiny details.

Little did they know, Mrs. Krystek was teaching the middle school students how to sew and soon all of their drawings would come to life. The process took well over a month to complete, as students needed to learn different types of stitches and sewing techniques and each toy needed to be made into multiple piece patterns and hand stitched together, all the while, keeping the whole thing a SECRET!!



Once the final toys were created, seventh and eighth grade students stuffed the toys and finished the final details, made gift tags and wrapped their toys. Each class was then brought in and were surprised by their middle schooler with their new stuffed toy. Students had a great time comparing their drawings to their toys and seeing how their drawings were turned into actual stuffed toys! It was amazing to see all of the happy and excited smiles and joy that happened with this project!

Alison Krystek

Art Teacher

Highland Lakes School

[Alison.Krystek@dvusd.org](mailto:Alison.Krystek@dvusd.org)





Highland Lakes Jingle Jog

Friday, December 21

9:00 am

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

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

Be there with your bells on!





# Save the Date

Dancing with Your Daughter Night

Friday, January 18th

6pm at HLS

\$10 a couple,

\$5 for each extra person

Tickets on sale in January

Sweet Treats will be served





## Highland Lakes School Renaissance Open House

**Thursday, January 31, 2019  
From 5:00-6:00 PM**

Join us for an Informational session, meet our teachers, tour the classrooms and hear what our students have to say about our Renaissance program.

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>





# Save the Date!

Join us for Kindergarten  
Preview Night!



**Thursday, January 31, 2019**  
**5:30 - 7 p.m. at all DVUSD K-6 and K-8 schools**

Join us on **Thursday, January 31 from 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!***

This is a new and exciting time for you and your child. It will be a time of change and new beginnings – new surroundings, new friends, new skills, and new challenges. We promise to nurture and care for your child in a safe and secure environment. By working together, we will make it a happy and rewarding experience. Deer Valley Unified School District's highly-qualified teachers provide regular and ongoing communication with parents about their child's experiences and progress.

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

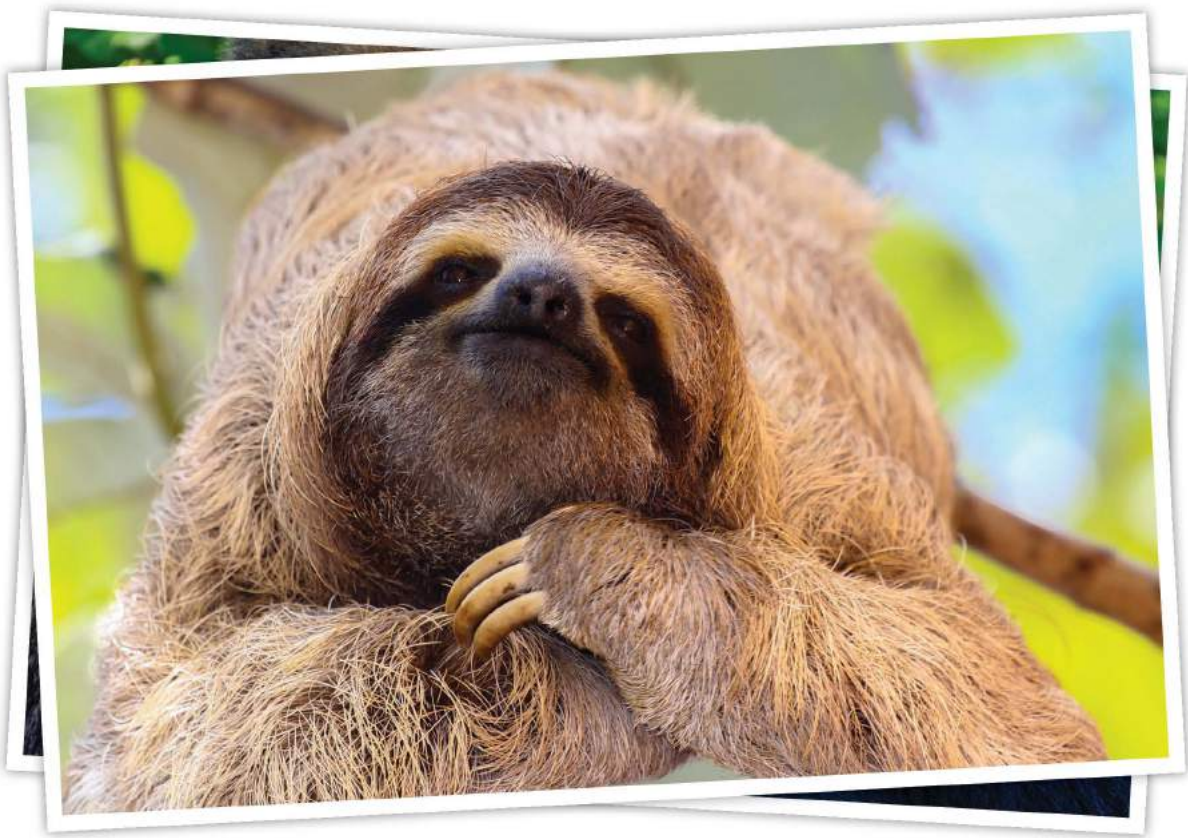
[www.dvusd.org/kindergarten](http://www.dvusd.org/kindergarten)  
[www.facebook.com/dvusd](https://www.facebook.com/dvusd)



**DEER VALLEY**  
*Unified School District*

**SUCCESS STARTS EARLY.**

**Don't Be Slooooooooooooooooooooo  
ooooooooooooooooow.**



**Hurry and Purchase the  
|  
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.

**ORDER ONLINE TODAY:**

[https://www.dvUSD.org/  
domain/7978](https://www.dvUSD.org/domain/7978)

**\$25 ELEMENTARY BOOK  
\$35 MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**TreeRing**





**Thank you HLS for a very successful Bearathon!! We raised \$57,486 and had a great time doing it! Here are pictures from prize day. If you are a Middle School student and missed prize day we will have those for you at your assembly in January!**



# HUNGRY BEAR

## Cafe

### NEWS

#### Breakfast .....

Served 8:30 - 8:45 AM

Students	\$1.50
Reduced	\$0.30
Adults	\$2.00

#### Lunch .....

Students	\$2.80
Reduced	\$0.40
Adults	\$3.75

#### Free and Reduced Meals

Applications for free and reduced priced meals will be available to all enrolled students in DVUSD. The application will be available at the following locations:

- HLS main office or cafeteria during regular school year
- Online at [ezmealapp.com](http://ezmealapp.com)
- Distributed to all students during the first week of school.

If you are new to DVUSD your eligibility from your previous school does not carry over. Families are responsible for any charges accrued on a student's account until an approved application is on file.

For the 2017-2018 school year the deadline for re-applications is **September 19, 2018**. If no re-application is received by September 19th your student(s) will pay the full meal price starting September 20, 2018 until an application is received.

*Please return all paperwork directly to the cafeteria manager.*

#### Student Accounts

You can credit your child's account by check, cash, or at [EZSCHOOLPAY.com](http://EZSCHOOLPAY.com) (\$2 fee). Checks or cash can be dropped in the front office box. Please include the student name and their ID number on the check and envelope.

#### Policy on Unpaid Meal Charges

The Food & Nutrition Department understands that sometimes a student's meal account will run low or go into the negative. To ensure that all students are being treated equally as well as to ensure that we are being fiscally responsible with our limited resources, we want to make our meal charge policy known to all parents.

Grades Pre-K Thru 8

It is the policy of the Deer Valley Unified School District to provide a complete meal to all students. In the event a student's account has insufficient funds to pay for the meal, the account is charged.

**Cafe Manager**  
**Patsy Favela**  
[patsy.favela@dvusd.org](mailto:patsy.favela@dvusd.org)  
**623-376-4314**

Parents/guardians shall be contacted for payment through phone calls and written notification.

À la carte purchases are not permitted when the account is in a negative balance. For more information, please read our K-8 parent letter.

**Pizza every  
Friday and  
1/2 Day**



# VISITOR

**Parents must sign in** at the front office **and show ID** 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 who walk their children to the classroom before school must sign-in in the front office and show ID.
- ★ 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.

**December 4, 2018 9:00 AM**  
**March 5, 2019 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](http://dvusd.org/openenrollment)

To Apply:  
[openenrollment.dvusd.org/application](http://openenrollment.dvusd.org/application)



### PEST CONTROL

Pest control spraying will occur once a month.

### 2018 TAX CREDITS

The maximum tax credit for 2018 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](http://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.

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 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Union Hills to Utopia. If you park or wait on 63<sup>rd</sup> 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: [Ryan Pletnick](#)

Nurse: [Karen Hurst](#)

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

Early Release = 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.*







## DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2018-2019 PreK-12 Instructional Calendar

JULY						
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Jul. 4 - Independence Day Observed  
Offices Closed  
Jul. 24 - School Offices Open  
Jul. 31 - New Teachers Begin

AUGUST						
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Aug. 2 - Continuing Teachers Return  
Aug. 7 - First Day for Students  
Aug. 24 - Staff Dev. - Early Release

SEPTEMBER						
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Sep. 3 - Labor Day - No School  
Sep. 10 - Fall Break Day - No School  
Sep. 21 - Staff Dev. - Early Release

OCTOBER						
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Oct. 5-8 - Fall Break Days - No School  
Oct. 12 - Staff Dev. - Early Release  
Oct. 18-19 - Parent Teacher Conferences  
(Early Release - PK-12)

NOVEMBER						
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Nov. 2 - Staff Dev. - Early Release  
Nov. 12 - Veterans Day Observed  
Nov. 21-23 Thanksgiving Recess

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Dec. 7 - Staff Dev. - Early Release  
Dec. 20-21 - Early Release 9-12 (Final Exams)  
Dec. 21 - Early Release PK-12  
Dec. 24-Jan. 4 - Winter Break

JANUARY						
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Dec. 24-Jan. 4 - Winter Break  
Jan. 21 - Martin Luther King - No School  
Jan. 25 - Staff Dev. - Early Release

FEBRUARY						
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Feb. 6 - Student Release Day PK-12  
Feb. 14-15 - Parent Teacher Conferences  
(Early Release - PK-8 only)  
Feb. 18 - President's Day - No School

MARCH						
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Mar. 1 - Staff Dev. - Early Release  
Mar. 18-22 - Spring Break

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Apr. 5 - Staff Dev. - Early Release  
Apr. 19-22 - Spring Break Days

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May 3 - Staff Dev. - Early Release  
May 14-15 - HS Final Exams: BGHS-MRHS  
May 15-16 - HS Final Exams: BCHS-DVHS-SDOH  
May 20 - BGHS & MRHS ONLY - Early Release (Graduations)  
May 22-23 - HS Early Release  
May 23 - Last Day for Students - Early Release  
May 27 - Memorial Day- Offices Closed  
May 31 - School Offices Close

JUNE						
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### Grading Periods

1st Quarter..... Oct. 12, 2018 - 45 days  
2nd Quarter..... Dec. 21, 2018 - 46 days  
3rd Quarter..... Mar. 15, 2019 - 47 days  
4th Quarter..... May 23, 2019 - 42 days

Teacher Contract Days.....185  
Student Contact Days.....180

40th Day..... Oct. 3, 2018  
100th Day..... Jan. 17, 2019

### Graduation Dates

May 20 - Mon. MRHS (2:30), BGHS (5pm)  
exams May 14, 15  
May 24 - Fri. SDOHS (9:30), DVHS (12p),  
BCHS (2:30) exams May 15, 16