



SchoolNews

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



Deer Valley Unified School District

March, 2020

MAIN # 623-376-4300

ATTENDANCE # 623-376-4390

Mark Anderson, Principal

Ryan Pletnick, Assistant Principal

From the Principal, Mark Anderson...

March 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. March is a very productive month at Highland Lakes even with the week break. 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.

AZM2, our state standardized test, will be here before we know it. The testing window is March 31 - April 24, please see the testing calendar below. 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.

As always, the staff at Highland Lakes School values our community and how we continue to work together to help our children be successful. 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!



Please note that all scheduled events and gatherings are subject to change. Make sure you are keeping informed by checking your email, the DVUSD website or App.

Important websites:

<https://www.dvUSD.org>

<https://www.highlandlakesptso.com>

<https://www.azdhs.gov>

<https://www.cdc.gov>

Use Our Site.

Use Our App.

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Download on the App Store



Along with the test taking tips below, it is very important that during testing **all students come to school every day, arrive on time, and not be signed out for appointments**. If your child leaves during the middle of a test, according to state guidelines, they will not be able to make it up.

Helpful test taking tips:

- Make sure that your children get enough sleep. Remember that old saying about eight to ten hours of sleep a night? Being well rested is perhaps the most important and unfortunately most overlooked aspect of health when trying to stay focused.
- Make sure that your children eat healthy. Often times in our busy schedules we forget to take time out for our most obvious needs. If your children are not eating well, we cannot possibly expect them to perform well in school, or anything else. Try and avoid heavy foods that may make him/her groggy and avoid high sugar food. Make sure they are eating right.
- Encourage your child to stay relaxed on the test.
- Keep a positive attitude about tests.
- Make sure that your child gets up early enough so that he/she will be on time to school.
- Please do not schedule appointments during testing. Students who leave school before completing a particular test are ineligible to continue the test for that session.
- Talking about the test with your child can relieve stress about test taking.

By following these suggestions, your child will have an even better chance of showing their true ability. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask. Thank you for all that you do. Being a parent is the most important job there is.

April

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	March 30	March 31	1	2	3	4
		7 th & 8 th Writing	3 rd -6 th Writing	Writing Make-ups	Writing Make-ups	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	4 th AIMS Science	8 th AIMS Science	7 th -8 th ELA 1 & Math 1 Writing Make-ups	7 th -8 th Math 2 & ELA 2 Last day for Writing	No School No Testing	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	3 rd ELA 1 6 th ELA 1 Science Make-ups	3 rd Math 1 6 th Math 1 Science Make-ups	3 rd ELA 2 4 th -5 th ELA 1 & Math 1 6 th Ren ELA 1 & Math 1 6 th ELA 2 Science Make-ups	3 rd Math 2 4 th -5 th Math 2 & ELA 2 6 th Ren Math 2 & ELA 2 6 th Math 2 Science Make-ups	Last day for Science	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	ELA & Math Make-ups	ELA & Math Make-ups	ELA & Math Make-ups	ELA & Math Make-ups	Last day for ELA & Math	
26	27	28	29	30		

B . E . A . R . S .

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

Mr. P's Way to be!



**MARCH
ACT
RESPONSIBLY**

- 1 → Bring your materials to class!
- 8 → Be organized and ready to learn!
- 15 → Respect guests
- 22 → Help a classmate
- 29 → Polite Words

**APRIL
Respectful**

- 5 → Open doors for others
- 12 → Make eye contact
- 19 → Use thank you
- 26 → Clean-up

CAUGHT BEING KIND



**The Kindness
Ambassador Club
welcoming students
to school!!!**



UPCOMING

SCHOOL EVENTS

MARCH

13

- > 2pm PLC Early release
- > 2pm Ice Cream Man
- > End of 3rd Quarter

16-25

- > **NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK**

23

- > 3:30 pm Talent Show Rehearsal

24

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26

- > 9am Bear Buck Store
- > 5pm KFC/Taco Bell Family Night

27

- > 2pm PLC Early Release
- > 2pm Sip Coffee Truck
- > 2:15 pm Talent Show Dress Rehearsal

30

- > 6pm Talent Show #1

31

- > 6pm Talent Show #2
- > AZM2 Testing Starts

APRIL



AZM2 Testing Window March 31-April 24th
THERE WILL BE NO EARLY RELEASE PLC
FRIDAY'S THE MONTH OF APRIL

3

- > 9:30am PTSO General Meeting
- > 9am Student of the Month
- > 3pm Ice Cream Man Truck
- > Yearbook orders and pages DUE!

10

- > **NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK DAY**

17

- > 5:30 pm BINGO Night

23

- > 9am Bear Buck Store

24

- > 9am Kinder Promotion Pictures
- > 3pm Ice Cream Man Truck

29

- > 6:30 pm Spring Chorus Concert

30

- > 4pm Yogurtology Family Night
- > 6:30 Spring Orchestra Concert

YOU



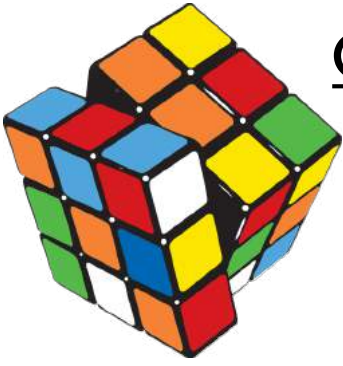
Need to Order the Highland Lakes School Elementary and MS Yearbook Today

YEARBOOK ORDERS AND PERSONAL PAGES MUST BE DONE BY APRIL 3RD
ORDER ONLINE TODAY: <https://www.dvUSD.org/hl-yearbook>

Yearbook Checklist:

1. Follow the link above to purchase your yearbook
2. Login to TreeRing and customize your personal pages
3. Approve your pages by March 20th so they will print in your book!

\$25 ELEMENTARY BOOK
\$35 MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK



Congratulations HLS Rubik's Cube Teams

Division 1

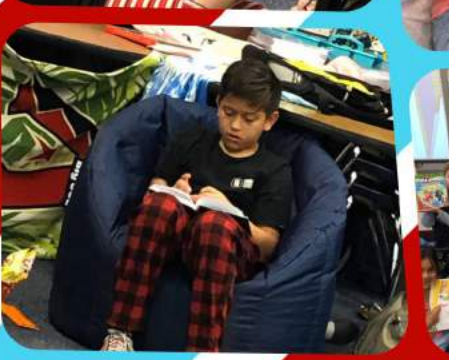
1st place
solving 25
cubes in
2:31:810



Division 2

1st place
solving 25
cubes in
1:37:870

HLS Read-a-Thon



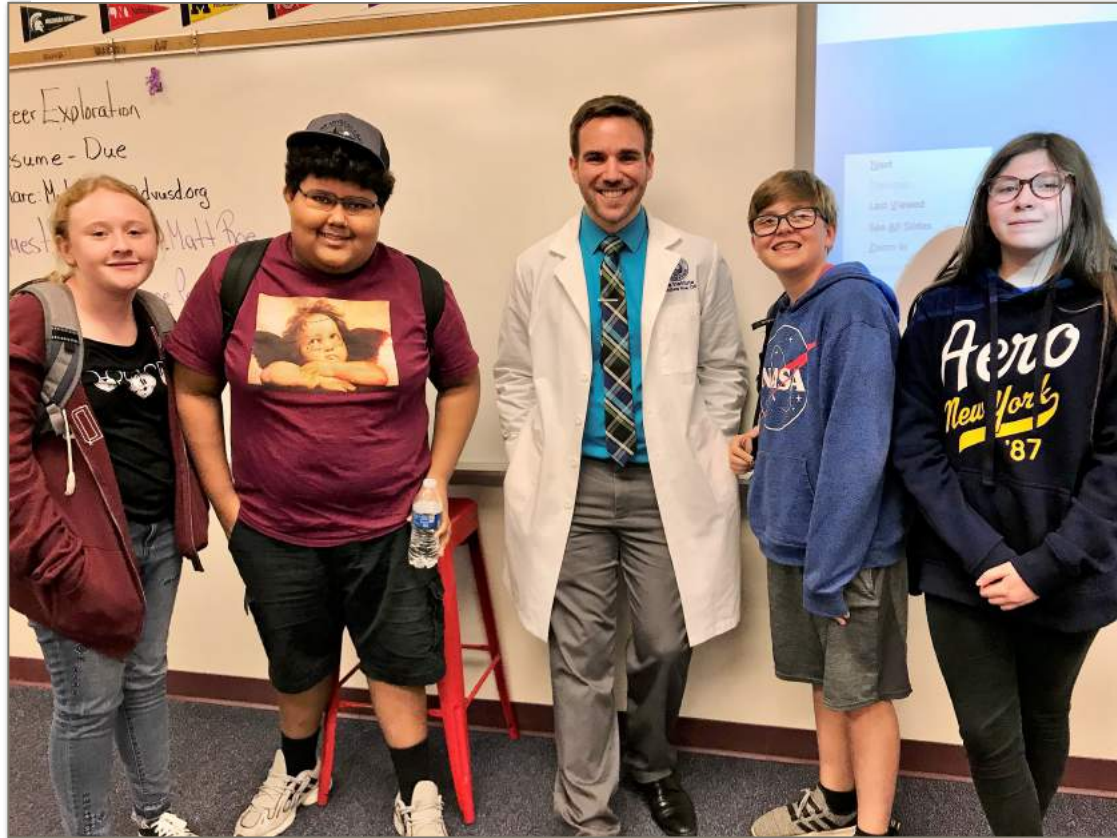


**Congratulations
Battle of the
Books Teams for
completing the
third and final
round!!**

**Bhavana Vinodh and
Sarah Qiu, and Lily Hall
will represent HLS at
the district battle**

CHECK THIS OUT!

Career Exploration had a visit from an Optometrist, Dr. Matt Roe, from Northwestern University.



It's beginning to look a lot like SPRING in the HLS Community Garden!

Deer Valley Unified School District

Performing Arts Presents

2020 HONOR BAND

A musical extravaganza featuring the following schools:

Anthem, Arrowhead, Bellair, Canyon Sprigs, Desert Mountain, Desert Sky, Diamond Canyon, Gavilan Peak, Greenbriar, [Highland Lakes](#), Mirage, Mountain Shadows, New River, Sonoran Foothills, Sunrise, Sunset Ridge

Guest Conductors:

Mr. James O'Halloran, Ms. Beth Hermanson, Mr. Bryan Fike and Mr. [Ryan Rockey](#)

Wednesday, Feb 19, 2020



Congratulations to Mr. Rockey and all of our talented HLS students who participated in District Honor Band.

6th Grade:

Isabella Herndon: Clarinet
Isaac Singh-Bari Sax
Zachary Shepherd-Trombone
NickLaTouf-Euphonium
Kaustub Guntakatta- Percussion

7th and 8th Grade:

Jade Marston - Flute
Yousif Alkhafaji-Bassoon
Nissa Teran-Clarinet
Jonah Cain-Trumpet
Baker Rosas-Trumpet
Michael McDougal-Tuba
Malak Aikhafaji-Horn
Christina Diggs-Horn
Camden White-Trombone
Annaliesa Shepherd-Percussion





Fifth Grade took their annual trip to Prescott Pines! There was lots of fresh snow and adventures in zip-lining, hiking, fire starting, archery, dodgeball, science, game playing, dancing, skits and MORE!! Shout out to the 5th Grade team for another great trip!!







Thank you everyone who came to the March General Meeting, current nominations and open positions for the 2020-2021 board were made as follows:

Chanda Tumbarello - President
Liz Wolcott - Vice President
OPEN - Secretary
OPEN - Treasurer

All **P**arents, **T**eachers, **S**tudents, are invited to our next General Meeting on **Friday April 3rd at 9:30 AM**. We will ***discuss open*** committee chair positions and plans for the next school year. At the May 1st meeting we will vote in the board for next year. If you cannot make these date or time, feel free to email us if you are interested in joining our team [@ \[highlandlakesptso@gmail.com\]\(mailto:@highlandlakesptso@gmail.com\)](mailto:@highlandlakesptso@gmail.com).



Your Bearathon funds at work....

PTSO purchased 90 chrome books and delivered them to classrooms in February!

Thank you to the HLS staff, students, family, friends, and business partners for your support this year in making our campus the best it can be!!

In the Spotlight

Highland Lakes Character Program

BEAR BUCKS

Did you know that we have a campus wide character program called “Bear Bucks”? It is sponsored by the PTSO and is a way that staff can reward students for showing “Bearrific” Character traits such as:

B-Be Caring
E-Engagement
A-Act Responsible
R-Respectful
S-Safety

Students **can earn \$1 or \$2 bucks** for showing good character and a **\$3 buck** for getting on the Principals List! Each month, the PTSO puts on a store where they can spend their money. The PTSO thoughtfully picks items for the store each month based on what is trending for 1st-8th grade students. And the **students REALLY love to go to the store** (ask your kids)!!! For our youngest students in Kindergarten, they get to attend the store at the end of the school year as preparation for moving up to 1st grade!

It takes about 12 volunteers to run the store and the PTSO could really use some help as they had to cancel the February store because they didn't have enough volunteers!

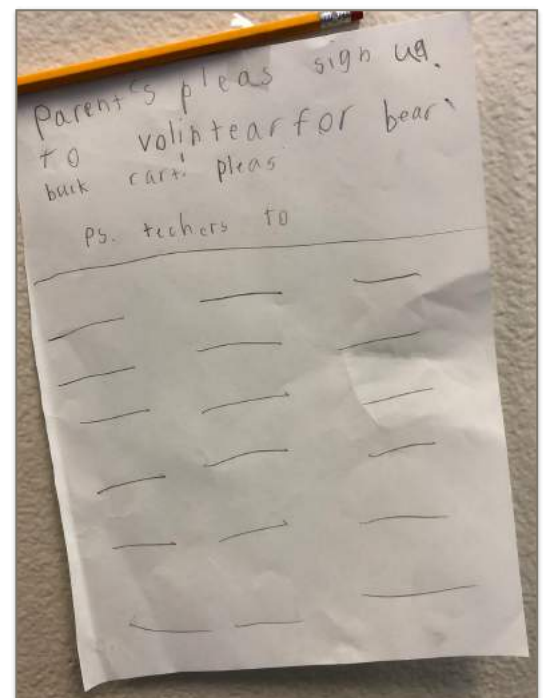
The job is easy, a volunteer runs a table and helps the kids pick items and count their bucks. It takes about 3 hours to get all the students through the store.

If you think watching kids smile, laugh, and get excited is something you want to be a part of, please visit the link below to sign up for a spot.

<https://signup.com/go/hGdoTpq>

or

<https://www.highlandlakesptso.com/parents.html>



2nd Graders in Mrs. Browns class made a special sign up sheet to try and get volunteers!!



HLS Family Night

Thursday March 26th

5pm - 7pm

Join your teachers, friends and family for dinner!

10% goes back to Highland Lakes

Teachers and Staff will be taking your orders!

Location:

6708 W Deer Valley Rd, Glendale, AZ 85310

Pre-Order an 8 Piece meal that includes 2 sides and 4 biscuits for \$20.00
(\$2 of every pre order comes back to HLS)

Cash or Checks-made payable to HLS PTSO

All orders due to teachers by Tuesday March 24th- No exceptions

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Teacher: _____

Type of Chicken: Mixed or Dark (Circle One)

- ☐ Original Recipe
- ☐ Extra Crispy
- ☐ Kentucky Grilled

Pick Two Sides:

- ☐ Green Beans
- ☐ Cole Slaw
- ☐ Mac N Cheese
- ☐ Corn
- ☐ Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- ☐ Potato Wedges

Harkins THEATRES

SUMMER MOVIE FUN

10 MOVIES FOR KIDS

2020 STUDENT ORDER FORM

Earn \$ for your school!

Earn money for your school by purchasing Harkins Summer Movie Fun tickets! Complete this order form and return it with payment to your *School Fundraising Organizer*. The *School Fundraising Organizer* will collect all order forms and payment, and will then issue the season tickets accordingly.



School Fundraising Organizer:	Phone/ Email:	Return to Organizer By:

STEP 1

Student Name:	Teacher & Grade:	Contact Name:	Contact Information:

STEP 2

Due to limited availability, your theatre of choice may not be available. **Please select 2 different theatres.**

Mark a (1) next to your first theatre of choice and mark a (2) next to your second theatre of choice.

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARIZONA MILLS 25
I-10 & Superstition Fwy. | <input type="checkbox"/> ARROWHEAD FOUNTAINS 18
83rd Ave. & Bell Rd. | <input type="checkbox"/> CHANDLER CROSSROADS 12
Gilbert & Loop 202 | <input type="checkbox"/> CHANDLER FASHION 20
Chandler Blvd. & Loop 101 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHRISTOWN 14
19th Ave. & Bothany Home Rd. | <input type="checkbox"/> ESTRELLA FALLS 16
McDowell Rd. & Estrella Pkwy. | <input type="checkbox"/> GATEWAY PAVILIONS 18
I-10 & Loop 101 | <input type="checkbox"/> METROCENTER 12
Inside Metro Mall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NORTERRA 14
Happy Valley Rd. & I-17 | <input type="checkbox"/> NORTH VALLEY 16
34th St. & Bell Rd. | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK WEST 14
Loop 101 & Northern Ave. | <input type="checkbox"/> QUEEN CREEK 14
Rittenhouse Rd. & Ellsworth Rd. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SANTAN VILLAGE 16
Loop 202 & Williams Field Rd. | <input type="checkbox"/> SCOTTSDALE 101 14
Scottsdale Rd. & Loop 101 | <input type="checkbox"/> SHEA 14
Shea Blvd., East of Scottsdale Rd. | <input type="checkbox"/> SUPERSTITION SPRINGS 25
Superstition Fwy. & Power Rd. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TEMPE MARKETPLACE 16
Loop 101 & Loop 202 | | | |
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- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PRESCOTT VALLEY 14
Glassford Hill Rd. & Pav Way | <input type="checkbox"/> SEDONA 6
Hwy 89A & Sunset Dr. |
|---|---|

STEP 3

Due to limited availability, your day of choice may not be available. **Please select 2 different days.**

Mark a (1) next to your first day of choice and mark a (2) next to your second day of choice.

- ☐ MONDAY
 ☐ TUESDAY
 ☐ WEDNESDAY
 ☐ THURSDAY
 ☐ FRIDAY

STEP 4

Mark the number of season tickets you would like to purchase and the payment total.

Number of Season Tickets:	x \$7 = \$	Payment Total:

STEP 5

Submit this completed *Student Order Form* and payment to your *School Fundraising Organizer*. Please make checks payable to your school.

10 FAMILY MOVIES FOR \$7

2020 Summer Movie Fun begins Monday, May 25th and ends Friday, July 31st.

Tickets are issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

All adults must be accompanied by children.

All movies begin at 9:45am on every weekday at each participating location.

Movies are subject to change without notice.

Additional information available at
HARKINS.COM/SMF

\$6 KIDS COMBO

*please return to your students teacher by March 31, 2020

HIGHLAND LAKES PTSO PRESENTS

Raffle Basket
Preview
the week of the
event in the
front office

Ice
Cream
Truck!

\$2
Daubers
for Sale

Pre-order a
whole pizza
or get it by the
slice

Pre-Sale
Tickets 12
for \$10

+\$1 Tickets for...
+Raffle Baskets
+Face Painting
+Cake Walk

APRIL 17th 5:30-8:30

Doors open at 5:30 for food and fun • Bingo starts at 6:30

\$5 buys 8 rounds of cards

So many prizes!!! Gift cards, an American Girl Doll, Ring, Big Surf
passes, Tuft and Needle Mattress, Kendra Scott Jewelry, and more....

**Grand Prize: (2) Blackout rounds for 1 Day Disneyland
Park Hopper Tickets**

More Details online @highlandlakesptso.com/bingo

BINGO

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HIGHLAND LAKES PTSO PRESENTS

Spring
BINGO
Night

APRIL 17 TH 5:30-8:30

Doors open at 5:30 for food and fun • Bingo starts at 6:30

\$5 buys 8 rounds of cards

**Grand Prize: Two blackout rounds for Disneyland 1 Day
Park Hopper Tickets**

More Details online @ highlandlakesptso.com/bingo

SPRING BINGO NIGHT WHOLE PIZZA PRE-ORDER

Pizza Pre-Order Form – Must return this portion with payment

Pre-order WHOLE pizzas for \$12.00 each. Return this form to your child's teacher with payment
BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th. Payment must be included for order to be placed. Make checks payable to HLS PTSO.

Family name: _____ Phone number _____

Quantities:

_____ Cheese Pizza(s) _____ Pepperoni Pizza(s)

_____ = Total Ordered

Parent Signature: _____ Total enclosed: _____

Highland Lakes School PTSO

— INVITES YOU TO —

GET IN THE SPIRIT

WITH YOGURTOLOGY®

Come and support
HIGHLAND LAKES SCHOOL PTSO

**THURSDAY
APRIL 30TH 2020
4-10PM**

VISIT YOGURTOLOGY
IN GLENDALE AT:
**20241 N. 67th Avenue Ste A-7
623-825-1315**

 @YogurtologyArrowhead

Mention 'Highland Lakes
PTSO' at the register
for a portion of the
sales to go to us!





**We have a special treat,
Rita's will be at the Spring
Chorus Concert on
April 29th**





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

YUMMY MARCH FEATURES

- ➔ Fabulous Funfetti, Confetti Pancakes
- ➔ Breakfast Burrito-Turkey Sausage, Potato and Egg

We Love Our Students

We are always trying to improve menu offerings and listen to your suggestions. In addition to our daily menu items, we offer our daily features. Students in 7 & 8 may also select from our CHOW entries:

CHOW (Choice of the Week):

Mar 2: BBQ Rib Sandwich
Mar 9: Crispy Chicken Sandwich
Mar 23: Cheeseburger
Mar 30: All Beef Hot Dog

SPECIAL DAYS IN MARCH

37 Italian Feast
★ Stuffed Shells & Marinara
With Garlic Knot
Steamed Italian Vegetables
Lemon Ice ★

Sardella's
Pizza
March 6th
and 27th

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

BREAKFAST BEFORE THE BELL

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

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



From Nurse Kristina

COLD AND FLU SEASON TIPS



Wash your hands

The most important thing you can do to protect yourself and your friends is to wash your hands!!!



20 Seconds

This is the length of time it takes to kill all the germs. Wash the fronts, backs and in-between your fingers



stay home if your sick

- If you have a temperature over 100 degrees
- If you have thrown up or have diarrhea
- Stay home until your symptoms have resolved for 24 hours



Cover your cough and sneezes

Cover your cough and sneezes, make sure you don't sneeze on your friends. Use the vampire move to make sure you don't spread your germs!



Visit <http://dvusd.org>
for information about
COVID-19 from Dr. Finch



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

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

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.

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

Pre-school children or siblings of current students shall not accompany parents while the parent is serving as a volunteer on the school campus. Please refer the Volunteer Handbook.

Text Message Alerts

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

CHILD FIND

Child Find requirements under state and federal law are that all individuals with disabilities from birth through age 21 be identified, located, and evaluated for early intervention or Special Education services. If you know of someone who may qualify for these services, please encourage them to call their local school at 623-376-4301 or the district at 623-445-5000!

POWER SCHOOL

You can access your student's grades and attendance records at any time through Powerschool. Bring your picture ID to the front office to pick up your password.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Details and FAQ:
dvusd.org/openenrollment

To Apply:
openenrollment.dvusd.org/application



PEST CONTROL

Pest control spraying will occur once a month.

2019 TAX CREDITS

The maximum tax credit for 2019 for filing married joint is \$400 and for filing single or head of household is \$200. To learn about how your tax credit can be used and to submit online go to <http://dvusd.org/taxcredit>

Athletes

If you are planning on participating in any sport this year, you must complete the eligibility requirements as detailed on our website www.dvusd.org/domain/817.

CUTS Program: (Court Unified Truancy Suppression)

To encourage and improve school attendance, Deer Valley Unified School District has implemented a truancy program in partnership with Maricopa County Juvenile Court. Highland Lakes will be tracking attendance very closely. Your child is expected to be at school every day, unless there is an excused reason not to be. A student that is absent more than ten percent (18 days) of the required number of school days per year is considered to have "excessive absences" whether the absence is excused or unexcused. If a student should start a pattern of excessive absences, you will be contacted by letter or phone. The education of your child is extremely important to us. This program is another way of working with the community to ensure a quality education for all students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the front office at 623-376-4300

RESERVED PARKING

The car pool parking spots are reserved for those registered with the TRP program. The other reserved spots were won at school events. Please use courtesy and do not park in those spots.

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.

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Main Phone #: (623)376-4300

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Address: [19000 N. 63rd Ave., Glendale, AZ 85308](#)

Start Time = 8:45

End Time = 3:30

PLC Early Release Friday = 2:00

Half Days: 12:05

Office Hours = 8:00-4:00

Mascot: Bears

Colors: Blue & Green

Contact Site for Information Regarding Student Pick up:

Highland Lakes School - 623-376-4300

District Office - 623-445-5000

In case of emergency involving student evacuation, the following site has been designated as a relocation site.

Evacuation Location: Deer Valley High School

18424 N 51st Ave, Glendale, AZ 85308

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Dear Highland Lakes Parents and Guardians,

July 31, 2019

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

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

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

1st Semester

August 16, 23, & 30
September, 13, 20, 27
October 11, 25
November 1, 8, & 22
December 6, 13

2nd Semester

January 10, 17, & 31
February 7, 14, & 28
March 6, 13, 27
May 8, 15
✓ No early release days in April due to State Testing.

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

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

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

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

Have a great remainder of the summer!

Sincerely,

Mark Anderson

Mark Anderson
Principal

Graduating lifelong learners who will successfully compete, lead, and positively impact the world.



JULY						
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Jul. 4 - Independence Day Observed
Offices Closed

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

SEPTEMBER						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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

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

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

DECEMBER						
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Dec. 6 & 13 - Early Release Days-90 min
Dec. 19 - HS Half Day
Dec. 20 - K-12 Half Day
Dec. 23-Jan. 3 - Winter Break

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

FEBRUARY						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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

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

APRIL						
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Apr. 10 - Spring Break Day
No Early Release Days in April due to State Testing

MAY						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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May 8 & 15 - Early Release Days-90 min
May 21 - Last day for students - Half Day
May 25 - Memorial Day - Offices Closed

JUNE						
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28	29	30				

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

Graduation Dates

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

Grading Periods

1st Quarter..... Oct. 11, 2019 (45)
2nd Quarter..... Dec. 20, 2019 (45)
3rd Quarter.....Mar. 13, 2020 (48)
4th Quarter.....May 21, 2020 (43)

Teacher Contract Days.....186
Student Contact Days.....181

40th Day..... Oct. 4, 2019
100th Day..... Jan. 17, 2020

Early Release (90 min) PLC / PD Days

1st Semester	2nd Semester
Aug. 16	Jan. 10
Aug. 23	Jan. 17
Aug. 30	Jan. 31
Sept. 13	Feb. 7
Sept. 20	Feb. 14
Sept. 27	Feb. 28
Oct. 11	Mar. 6
Oct. 25	Mar. 13
Nov. 1	Mar. 27
Nov. 8	May 8
Nov. 22	May 15
Dec. 6	
Dec. 13	

* No Early Release Days in April due to State Testing

No school - Federal Holiday or Break Days

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

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

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