



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

January, 2020

MAIN # 623-376-4300

ATTENDANCE # 623-376-4390

Mark Anderson, Principal

Ryan Pletnick, Assistant Principal

From the Principal, Mark Anderson...

I would like to thank the parents, students, and teachers of Highland Lakes for a successful first half of the 2019-2020 school year. As the New Year gets underway, I am reminded of why Highland Lakes is such a great place to learn and work towards building a community of learners. It's exciting to see all of the students bring their enthusiasm to meet the challenges and opportunities the 2020 year will bring.

Today, more than ever, we need to remember to nurture the relationships with our children to help them find success in their lives. I hope in 2020 you will continue to support the community of learners that we call Highland Lakes School.

As always, my door is always open, be sure to stop by and chat. Together we will accomplish great things. Take care of your children and yourselves and remember...keep smiling.

KEEP
Smiling

B . E . A . R . S .

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

Mr. P's Way to be!



JANUARY
Be Caring

- 5 ➔ Say Good Morning!
- 12 ➔ Say Good Morning!
- 19 ➔ Learn something new about another
- 26 ➔ Thank a staff member

FEBRUARY
Engaged

- 2 ➔ Participate
- 9 ➔ Be Proactive
- 16 ➔ Congratulate others
- 23 ➔ Be a good listener

CAUGHT BEING KIND



Shout out to 5th Grade who gathered donations and put together 50 bags for families with a child in the NICU. The generous donations also made it possible to leave baskets in the parent and staff lounge areas and get pizza for the staff.



UPCOMING

SCHOOL EVENTS

JANUARY



- > 3:30 Winter Sports Group Pictures
- > 4:30pm Renaissance Open House
- > 5:30pm Kindergarten Preview Night



- > 2pm PLC Early release
- > 2pm Sip Coffee Truck

YEARBOOK ORDERS AND PERSONAL PAGES MUST BE DONE BY MARCH 20TH
ORDER ONLINE TODAY: <https://www.dvUSD.org/hl-yearbook>

FEBRUARY



- > 9am PTSO General Meeting
- > 2pm PLC Early release
- > 2pm Kona Ice



- > 3:30 pm Baseball/Softball Tryouts
- > 3:30 pm Track and Field Starts



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- > **NO SCHOOL** President's Day



- > District Honor Band Performance at Boulder Creek High School
- > Orchestra 2020 ESSA Performance at the We-Ko-Pa Resort



- > **12:05 Early Release**
- > 4pm Teacher Conference Dinner



- > **12:05 Early Release**
- > 12:05 Ice Cream Man



- > 9am Bear Buck Store



- > 2pm PLC Early release
- > 2pm Ice Cream Man

2ND GRADE HOLIDAY FUN



POLAR EXPRESS AND GINGERBREAD WARS WITH MR. ANDERSON

4-6TH GRADE

WINNER
EMILY KIM
6TH GRADE

ALTERNATE
JACOB SAJAN
6TH GRADE



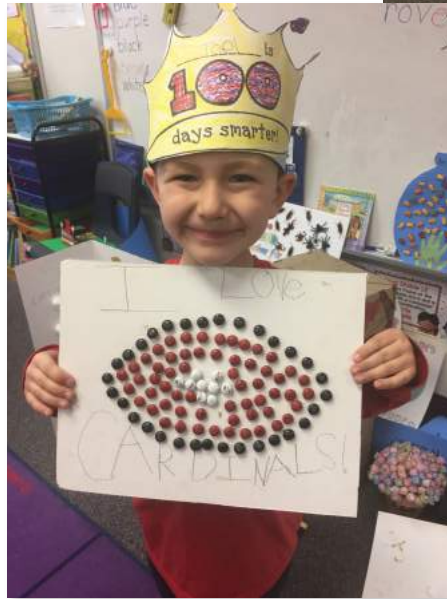
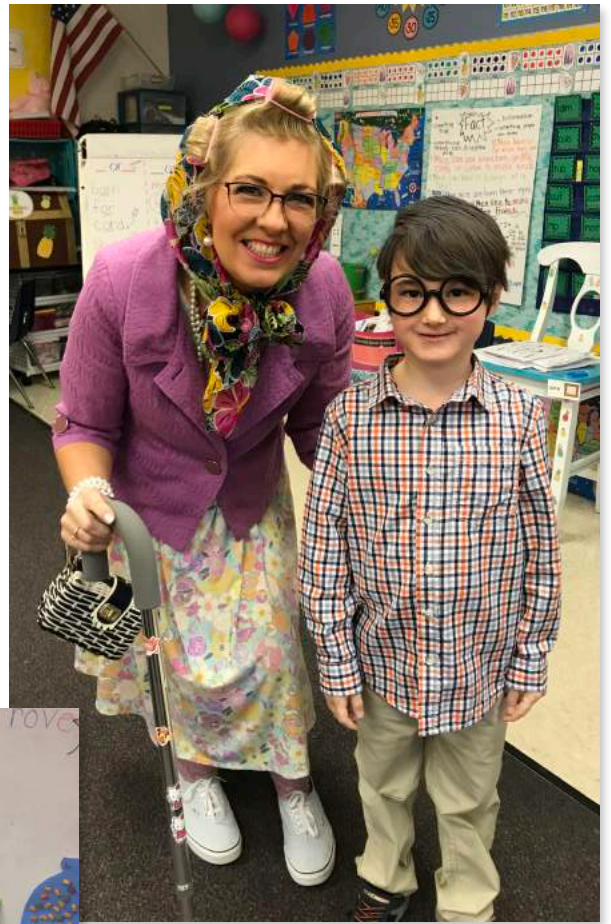
7TH-8TH GRADE

WINNER
CHRISTIA DIGGS
7TH GRADE

ALTERNATE
DASHIELL PEIST
8TH GRADE



**Congratulations Battle of the Books
Teams for completing Round Two!**





NEWS

Baseball and softball tryouts will be Monday and Tuesday 2/10 and 2/11 after school.

Track will start 2/10 after school.

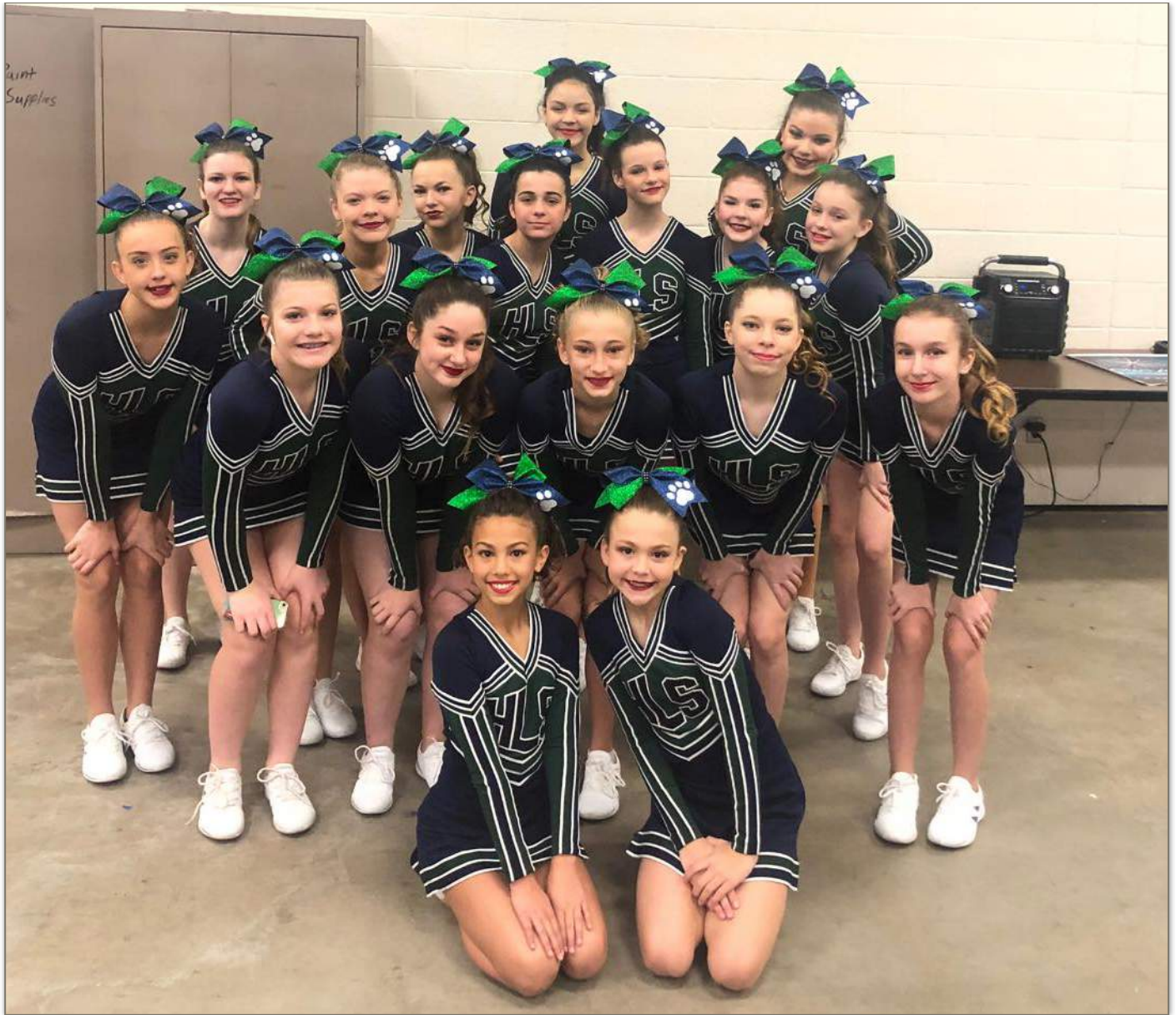
All athletes will sign in by the gym first and must have the paperwork packet completed and turned in before they can participate.

Winter sports pictures are 1/30 after school

BASKETBALL

Our 7th and 8th Grade Boys and Girls Basketball teams and Pom and Cheer had an amazing season! Our 8th Grade boys will be playing in the semifinals and our 7th grade girls in the championship game this week! Thank you parents, coaches, fans, and PTSO for supporting them this season!





Highland Lakes took THIRD PLACE in Large Show at the DVUSD Competition.

Just some of the fun moments from the Dance With Your Girl Event!! Thank you PTSO for such a great night!!





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WERE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE 2020 ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA

Elementary

Lily Hall
Izzy Darnell
McKenzi Van Bodegon
Emily Kim

Middle School

Esther Kim
Maya Leonard
Elijah Graham

The HLS 7th/8th Grade Orchestra has been selected to perform at the 2020 ESSA Conference on February 19th. They will be performing as "STEAM Powered Strings."

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO AUDITIONED OR WERE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEARS DEER VALLEY DISTRICT HONOR BAND BOULDER CREEK REGION
(6TH GRADE IS A NOMINATION 7/8 GRADE IS A AUDITION)

6th Grade

Isaac Singh - Alto Sax,
Isabella Herndon - Clarinet
Zachary Shepherd - Trombone

Alternates:

Bhavana Vinodh - Clarinet
Cameron Caudill - Trumpet

7th Grade

7th Grade All State First Chairs:

Bruce Ruan - Alto Sax,
Cailyn Deibel - Bass Clarinet
Christina Diggs - French Horn

7th Grade All State:

Jonah Cain - Trumpet
Savanna Dotray - Trombone
Ebrahema Jaith-Kabba - Percussion
Vanessa McClean - Horn
Ruth Mioc - Clarinet
Kyle Prentice - Tube
Kean Roulinavage - Clarinet
Jake Turtsanyi - Tenor Sax
Ella Tweedie - Trumpet

7th Grade All State Alternates:

Kate West - Flute

8th Grade

8th Grade All State First Chairs:

Lincoln Pulley - Alto Sax
Lincoln Pulley - Tenor Sax
Malak Alkhafaji - French Horn
Camden White - Trombone

8th Grade All State All State:

Grace Cavada - Flute
Lucas Little - Tenor Sax
Jade Marston - Flute
Emma Miller - Flute
Bennett Olney - Bass Clarinet
Baker Rosas - Trumpet

8th Grade All State First Alternates:

Yousif Alkhafaji - Bassoon
Micheal McDougal - Tuba

Highland Lakes has more All State First Chairs than any other school in the State of Arizona in Both 7th and 8th Grade All State Bands!!!

HIGHLAND LAKES BEARS ALUMNI NEWS

This last Saturday, HS students auditioned for the State Regional Band Orchestra and Choirs! Current results from the two regions that include the DVUSD five high schools have 31 former Highland Lakes Students so far who auditioned into Regionals or are one of the first two alternates! SEVEN of our former students earned 1st Chairs! A student who auditions into Regionals also has qualified to audition for All State at a later date. WAY TO GO BEARS!!

North Central Region:

1st Chair Orchestra Piccolo Katie Ikesakie
1st Chair Orchestra Flute Katie Ikesakie
2nd Chair Orchestra Oboe Sierra Rockey
1st Alternate Oboe Ronald Xu
2nd Chair Orchestra Bassoon Weis OConnor
1st Alternate Bassoon Kate Mills
8th Chair Band Kaitlin Fisher
2nd Chair Orchestra Trumpet Kilan White
5th Chair Band Trumpet Brian Gonzales
11th Chair Band Trumpet Mark Trujillo
4th Chair Band Horn Grace Mills
2nd Chair Band Euphonium Zane

South West Region:

12th Chair Band Flute Madison Young - Cruz
2 Alternate Band Alternate Flute Frankie Perry
1st Chair Oboe Kirsten Potts
5th Chair Band Clarinet Samantha Reimer
1st Chair Band Bass Clarinet Jaiden Singh
2nd Chair Band Bassoon Jackson Ourada
3rd Chair Band Bassoon Shayla McLeod
10th Chair Trumpet Band Domonique Thomley
1st Chair Band Horn Brandy Anderson
1st Alternate Band Euphonium Liam ODell
5th Chair Band Tuba Andre Thomley
5th Chair Percussion Aaron Lambertus
1st Chair Orchestra Piccolo Jacob Bustamante
1st Chair Orchestra Alto Sax Tony Ruan
1st Chair Orchestra Tenor Sax Joseph Katz

2nd Violin Orchestra Aiden Bowers
2nd Violin Orchestra Sarah Zhao
Viola Orchestra Jackson Aoyama
Cello Orchestra Lauren Aoyama
Bass Orchestra Patrick Taylor



Have you seen some of the new recycling options on campus? Thank you to Mrs. Schrade and her recycling club for all you do on our campus!!

The HLS Recycling Club has collected enough recyclables from around our campus to equal:

- The weight of a Gorilla
- Enough energy to power an electric car for a year
- Eliminated the production of greenhouse gases that would have taken an acre of fully mature forest to off-set
- Saving 3 oak trees from being made into paper



The HLS Kindness Ambassadors teamed up with Bear's Den and the volunteers that came to Love our School Day to create the Kindness Rock Garden for the HLS community to enjoy. Check it out in the central courtyard!





Thank you Mr. Nelson
for keeping us smiling!
Your soccer game is
STRONG!





OPEN HOUSE

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

THURS JAN 30, 2020

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE 4:30

BRIGHT CHILD INFORMATION 4:45

PRESENTATION AND MEET & GREET

5PM - 6PM



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](https://www.dvUSD.org/gifted)

Save the Date!

Join us for Kindergarten
Preview Night!



Thursday, January 30, 2020
5:30 - 7 p.m. at all DVUSD K-6 and K-8 schools

Join us on **Thursday, January 30 th, 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
www.facebook.com/dvUSD



DEER VALLEY
Unified School District

SUCCESS STARTS EARLY.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20th

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 dinner!!

Return this form to school or sign up online at:

<https://signup.com/group/886306366021>

Name	
Email	
Phone	

I will drop off a food item to the school front office <u>by or at 4:00 PM</u> on Thursday, February 20th	
<input type="radio"/>	Main Dish
<input type="radio"/>	Main Vegetarian Dish
<input type="radio"/>	Side Dish
<input type="radio"/>	Dessert

I will bring supplies for the event and drop them off in the front office ANYTIME BEFORE Thursday, February 20th.	
<input type="radio"/>	Soda-12 pack of Dr. Pepper, Sprite, Orange, Gatorade (12 oz bottles any flavor)
<input type="radio"/>	I want to help with setup or cleanup (30 min commitment)

FAQ:

How many are we serving? About 80

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.

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: 4:00 PM the day of the event @front office

More questions?: Email highlandlakesptso@gmail.com



Nominations

**2020-2021 PTSO Board Nominations
will happen at the March General Meeting on
March 6th at 9:00 AM**

Nominations & Elections for 2020-2021

- ☒ 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 2020-2021. 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 highlandlakesptso@gmail.com, or leave a message at the front office.

Elections are held at the PTSO General Meeting on May 1st at 9:00 AM.



CASTING CALL!!
DO YOU HAVE TALENT?

HLS is looking for our musicians, magicians, singers, dancers, gymnasts, rappers, comedians, actors and more.

**AUDITIONS: Tuesday, MARCH 10TH
3:45**

We want YOU to showcase your incredible act for the HLS talent show!

YOU



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

Customize Your 2 Free Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

ORDER ONLINE TODAY:

<https://www.dvUSD.org/hl-yearbook>

\$25 ELEMENTARY BOOK

\$35 MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK

Deadline: **Mar 20**

TreeRing



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

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 FEBRUARY FEATURES

- ➔ Sunrise Beef Chorizo & Cheese Stick
- ➔ Dutch Waffle with Cinnamon Peaches

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):

Feb 3: BBQ Rib Sandwich
Feb 10: All Beef Hot Dog
Feb 17: Spicy Chicken Sandwich
Feb 24: 100% Beef Cheeseburger

SPECIAL DAYS IN FEBRUARY

14 Valentine's Day

Oven Fresh Pizza 🍕
Be Mine! Frozen ice
Assorted Fruit
Strawberry Milk

Sardella's
Pizza
February
14th

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

Will your child be turning 11 soon?

Recent changes have been made to the Arizona Immunization Law. Students are now required to have their Tdap and Meningitis vaccines when they actually turn 11 years old, even if they are not in the 6th grade as was previously required.

Students must be in compliance with this law in order to attend school. Vaccinations can be obtained free-of-charge at the Maricopa County West Valley Immunization Clinic (623-474-2290).

Why can't I give your child Tylenol or Ibuprofen?

State law and school district policy strictly regulate how medications are to be given at school. Two conditions must be met before over-the-counter medications may be administered at school:

1. A parent or guardian must provide the medication. The school nurse is not permitted to dispense medication that is not provided by the parent or guardian. If you foresee that your child may need an over-the-counter medication sometime during the school year, please provide it in the original container. It will be kept in the nurse's office and given only to your child as needed.
2. A consent form must be completed and signed by the parent or guardian. Forms are available in the nurse's office.

What about prescription medications?

New this year – if you want a prescription medication to be administered to your child, a Medical Authorization form must be completed by your child's physician. This is in addition to the medication consent form that you complete.

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.

Principal: [Mark Anderson](#)

Assistant Principal: [Ryan Pletnick](#)

Nurse: [Kristina Koan](#)

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

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

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.



HIGHLAND LAKES
School



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Highland Lakes School

19000 N. 63rd Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85308
623.376.4300 Phone
623.376.4380 Fax
highlandlakes.dvusd.org

SUPERINTENDENT
Curtis Finch, PhD

GOVERNING BOARD
Jenny Frank
Ann O'Brien
Ann Elizabeth Ordway
Julie Read
Darcy Tweedy

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						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Jul. 4 - Independence Day Observed
Offices Closed

AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

SEPTEMBER						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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

NOVEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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

MAY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 8 & 15 - Early Release Days-90 min
May 21 - Last day for students - Half Day
May 25 - Memorial Day - Offices Closed

JUNE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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