



# School News

HIGHLAND LAKES SCHOOL



Deer Valley Unified School District

**Aug/Sept 2024**

**MAIN # 623.376.4300**

**ATTENDANCE # 623.376.4390**

**Mark Anderson, Principal**

**Danielle Ware, Assistant Principal**

From the Principal, Mark Anderson...

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I know that this year will be especially good for the students at Highland Lakes. The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time. Kindergarten students and their parents are anxious about the new adventure that they are about to begin, and returning students are wondering about what changes the new school year will bring for them. Teachers are planning exciting lessons for their students and are looking forward to helping your child succeed. We are working very hard to make certain that our students are developing strong academic, social, and emotional skills.

There is a new energy this year that seems to be contagious. Along with the new energy, we have also added the following staff members to the Highland Lakes School family:

**Stacy Thomson - Secretary**

**Sharon Sawyer - First Grade**

**Lorin Herrington - Second Grade**

**Karen Lock - 2nd Grade**

**Amy Boven - 7/8th Grade Counselor**

**Jeremy Cross - Adaptive PE**

**Kim Downey - Itin. Gifted Specialist**

**Corrine Guest - Middle School Math**

**Kim Howey - Reading Specialist**

**Cassie Payton - Cafeteria Manager**

Each individual brings their own energy and expertise to our campus and I truly believe they are all excellent additions to our staff. The new teachers in partnership with our returning staff will continue to offer your children the high quality of academics you have grown to expect from the HL's educational community.



**MAKE IT A GREAT DAY,  
OR NOT.  
THE CHOICE IS YOURS.**

# Upcoming School Events

## September 2024

**Monday** • NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY

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**Friday** • 9am PTSO Meeting  
6 • 2 pm PLC Early Release

**Tues** • Fall Picture Day 📷  
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**Friday** • 2 pm PLC Early Release  
13 • 5-7pm Welcome Back Dance

**Friday** • 2 pm PLC Early Release  
20 • 2 pm Kona Ice

**Wed** • 9am Bear Buck Store  
25

**Friday** • 2 pm PLC Early Release  
27 • 4-8 pm KTR Indoor Playground Fundraiser  
• 6pm Choir @Diamondbacks

## October 2024

**Tues** • 4-8pm Chipotle Fundraiser  
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**Friday** • 9am PTSO Meeting  
4 • 2 pm PLC Early Release  
• 2 pm Kona Ice

**WEEK** • NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK  
7-11

• BOOK FAIR  
14-23

**Thurs** • Early Release 12:05  
17 • Teacher & Staff Potluck

**Friday** • Early Release 12:05  
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**Wed** • 9am Bear Buck Store  
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**Thurs** • 4-8 PM Boo Bash at Peter Piper Pizza  
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[Click for the District  
2024-2025 Calendar](#)

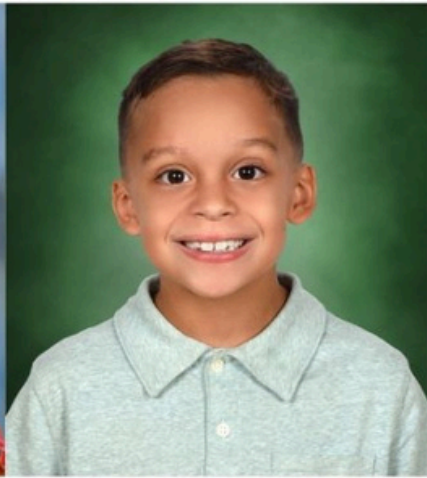
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[Future Freshman Nights](#)

- **Deer Valley Nov 4th**
- **Sandra Day Nov 6th**
- **Barry Goldwater Nov 7**
- **Aspire Nov 13th**
- **Mountain Ridge Nov 14th**
- **Boulder Creek Nov 18th**



# HIGHLAND LAKES SCHOOL

## FALL PICTURE DAY! K-5TH GRADE



**SEPTEMBER 10TH** 

**PRE-ORDER PORTRAITS**



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OR  
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# HIGHLAND LAKES SCHOOL

## FALL PICTURE DAY! 6TH-8TH GRADE



# SEPTEMBER 11TH



PRE-ORDER Highland Lakes 6-8th Fall Pictures 2024

## PRE-ORDER PORTRAITS



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# Congratulations

**Congratulations to Lori Beasley on her retirement, Jessica Koenig on starting maternity leave, and please welcome Stacy Thomson to the front office team!**



**Liz, Jessica, Stacy, and Amy are here to help our Highland Lakes families throughout the school year...and Lori will stop by to sub and visit on occasion. Thank you front office team!**



# KINDERGARTEN SQUAD



Mrs. Wild's Kinders showing off their Clifford Hats!



Green and Yellow Day!



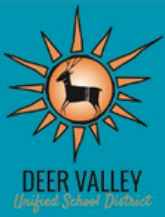


**What would you say is every student's favorite art medium?? If you guessed CLAY, you are correct! 5th grade students are starting off the school year with clay as the first project. Clay earthenware is for hand building sculptural forms. It is heated in the kiln, changing into what is called bisque. Next pieces are glazed and fired again. Look for your 5th graders project to come home in late September or early October.**



ART





# Deer Valley

## GIFTED SERVICES



**Highland Lakes' Renaissance Highly Gifted Academy teachers inspire the hearts and minds of our students. This evening, teachers welcomed families to their Renaissance Parent Night.**

## INSPIRE

(August 2024) DVUSD Gifted Newsletter

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWS!

Dear DVUSD Community,

It is my honor and a pleasure to welcome you to the 2024-25 school year! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and fun summer break. I am extremely proud to serve our DVUSD community as Manager of Gifted and Advanced Academics. Whether you are new to Deer Valley or a returning family, please know that Gifted Services is excited to partner with you to provide #EXTRAORDINARY educational experiences.



*In this issue, you'll read about successes from over the summer and upcoming events.*

**[Click to read the August 2024 DVUSD Gifted Newsletter](#)**



# Professional Learning Community Fridays

During the 24-25 school year, teams of teachers, curriculum/professional development teacher leaders, instructional coaches, and principals will meet most Fridays to answer the four critical questions that drive Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) :

- 1. What do we want students to know and be able to do?**
- 2. How will we know students have learned?**
- 2a. What instructional practices will produce our best results?**
- 3. What do we do if students have not learned?**
- 4. What do we do when students have already shown mastery?**

During this collaborative time, teams look at essential standards and create pathways to effectively ensure students master the standards. Teams create assessments to monitor learning and use the data to guide instruction and determine next steps, such as re-engagement, to help when they have not mastered the learning, or extension when they have mastered the content.



**K-3 teachers focus on DIBELS Progress Monitoring and Reading Specialist updates during PLC Friday**





AVAILABLE AS HOODED, CREW NECK PULLOVER,  
or ZIP UP SWEATSHIRT



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OR CREW NECK PULLOVER SWEATSHIRT

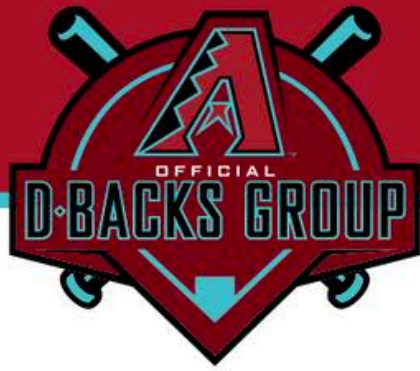
Every **FRIDAY** is spirit day at HLS!  
Ship directly to your home!



SHOW US YOUR HIGHLAND  
LAKES SCHOOL SPIRIT!







HIGHLAND LAKES SCHOOL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 VS SAN DIEGO PADRES AT 6:40PM

Bring your family and friends to support your DVUSD Choir students sing the National Anthem before an exciting game of Diamondback's baseball. A portion from each ticket purchased through this offer will be donated back to your school's music program.

Everyone attending for the anthem is required to purchase a game ticket (including the student performers).

**Seating Options:**

Lower Level, Bleachers/Bullpen Reserve - \$34 ticket

Lower Level, Baseline Reserve - \$42 ticket

Lower Level, Baseline Box - \$54 ticket

Tickets based on availability. All payments are final. No Returns or Refunds. Tickets are digital and will be accessed via the MLB Ballpark App or Account Manager (dbacks.com/myaccount) signed in with linked to the email you use to make the purchase.

The ballpark has a clear bag policy and is cashless for all events.

**ORDER ONLINE**

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/HighlandLakes2024>

QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JOHANNA IMPERIAL  
EMAIL: [JIMPERIAL@DBACKS.COM](mailto:JIMPERIAL@DBACKS.COM)



**DBACKS.COM/GROUPS | 602.462.4600**

CHASE FIELD · 401 EAST JEFFERSON STREET · PHOENIX, ARIZONA

WELCOME HLS BEARS

FREE

# Family Dance

Friday, Sept 13, 5-7 PM

HLS Cafeteria

Ice Cream Man  
Taco Truck  
Concessions

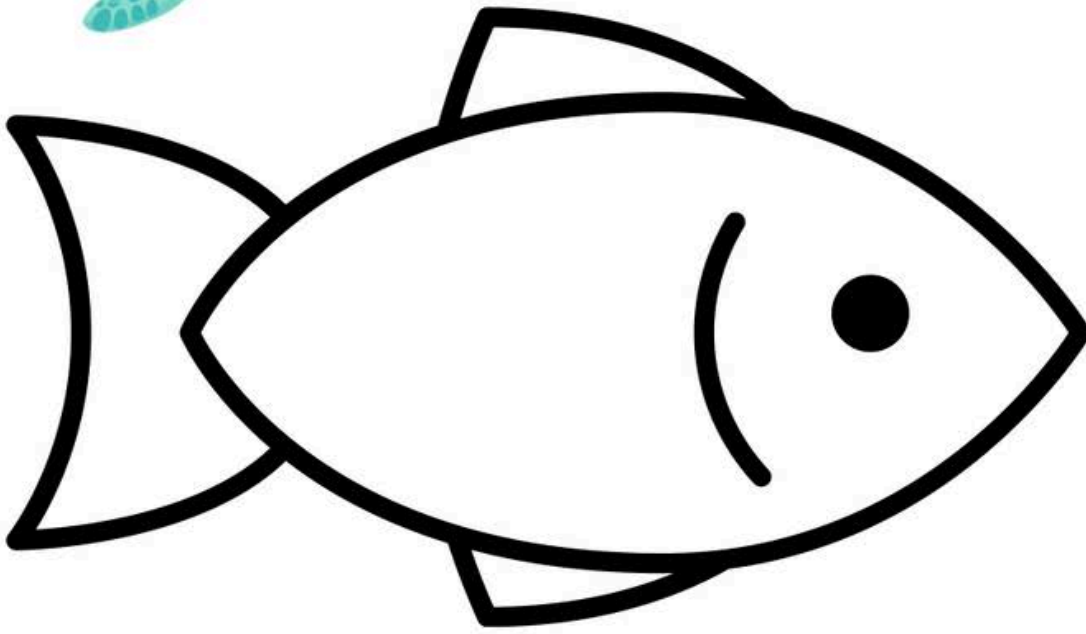
DJ and Dancing  
Selfie Photo Booth

\*Chaperones  
required

UNDER THE SEA



 **PTSO**  
Highland Lakes School



Cut and color your own fish and bring it to the dance to help complete our school of fish!



# FALL GIFTED TESTING

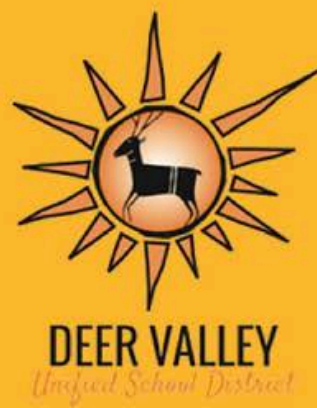
(Fall 2024)

Register: July 8 - August 9

Proctored Test: CogAT ONLINE

Testing: August 19 - 30

Grades: 1, 3 - 12



**REGISTER HERE:**



More Information

623-445-5588  
[dvusd.org/gifted](http://dvusd.org/gifted)



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# HLS BOO BASH



COSTUME CONTESTS, DANCE OFFS & SO MUCH MORE!



## AND RAISE SOME DOUGH

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

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

Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

#### CAN'T MAKE IT OR IN A HURRY?

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

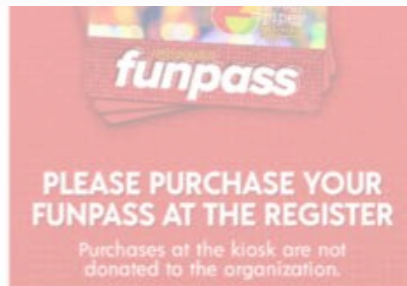
1. Order at [peterpiperpizza.com](http://peterpiperpizza.com) or through our app on the fundraiser date
2. Select the restaurant hosting the fundraiser
3. Enter the promo code **FRESHDOUGH** at checkout for donation contribution



scan QR code to download our new app!



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



checkout for donation contribution



Present this flyer to the cashier when ordering





**Join the Highland  
Lakes Team!**

**Lunch Monitor  
Needed**

**2 hours per day**



**Contact Stacy  
Thomson for more  
information and to  
start the application  
process.**

**623-376-4304**



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**10% OFF**

purchase by  
September 30

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

**HIGHLAND LAKES SCHOOL  
YEARBOOK!**

**Customize Your 2 Free Pages**

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

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

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

**Go to this Link to Order**

**[www.dvusd.org/hl-yearbook](http://www.dvusd.org/hl-yearbook)**

**Elementary Book \$30**

**Middle School Book \$40**



# HOW TO MAKE A PAW-SITIVE DIFFERENCE THIS ELECTION



The mission of the Highland Lakes School is to advocate for our children. As a 501(c)3 organization, we do not endorse any candidates. Instead, we engage and empower our families to learn about and support programs and policies that improve our school community and help make every child's potential a reality!

This election season, join us by taking these 3 easy steps....

## GET REGISTERED

Register to vote or update your registration online before the October 7th deadline at [elections.maricopa.gov](https://elections.maricopa.gov)

## LEARN THE FACTS

Learn about the 2024 DVUSD Bond and Override and its impact on our school by visiting <https://www.dvUSD.org/election>

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

OCTOBER 29- LAST DAY TO MAIL BACK BALLOT  
NOVEMBER 5- ELECTION DAY



## LEARN THE FACTS

[HTTPS://WWW.DVUSD.ORG/ELECTION](https://www.dvUSD.org/election)



## GET REGISTERED

GET REGISTERED TO VOTE OR UPDATE REGISTRATION ONLINE BEFORE OCTOBER 7TH DEADLINE AT [ELECTIONS.MARICOPA.GOV](https://elections.maricopa.gov)



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**DEER VALLEY**  
*Unified School District*



# **VOLUNTEER INFO**

For New Volunteers  
For Returning Volunteers

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

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# P.T.S.O.

## Highland Lakes School

Now that you know everything about volunteering(see the page above if you skipped it), click the links to sign up for some of our BEST volunteer opportunities!

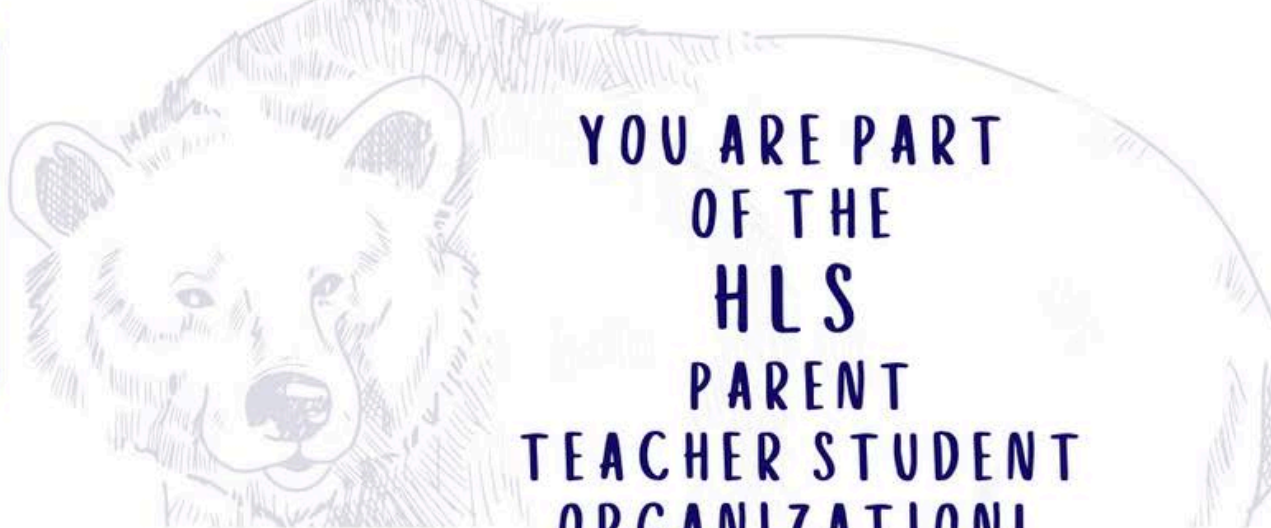
👉 [September 25: Bear Buck Store](#)

👉 [October 14-23: Book Fair 2024](#)

👉 [October 17: Teacher & Staff Potluck](#)







# YOU ARE PART OF THE HLS PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION!

## Who and what is Highland Lakes PTSO?

The Highland Lakes School Parent Teacher Student Organization (HLS PTSO) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering communication and support among parents, students, teachers, administration, and the community. Our mission is to sponsor and organize fundraising and school events that enhance our community spirit and enrich the educational, social, and developmental experiences of our students at Highland Lakes. With approximately 1,100 students, our entirely volunteer-based organization relies on your support to continue making a positive impact.

Join us in creating a vibrant and supportive environment for our children!

## HOW TO HELP YOUR HLS PTSO?



### Support our BEARs by Volunteering with us!

Meetings held on campus the first Friday of each month at 9AM  
(\*Dates subject to change, check social media for the most up to date information.)



### Participate in the 12th Annual Bearathon Fun Run!

One large fundraiser a year completely put on by our volunteer run PTSO, ensuring all donations stay at HLS! More Information to come!



### Join us in Restaurant Fundraising Nights!

Follow us on social media to learn about upcoming events!



### Shop at Frys with Community Rewards!

To get started:

1. Go to this webpage:  
<https://www.frysfood.com/topic/new-community-rewards-program>
2. Sign up or Sign in if you already have a VIP account
3. Search and select Highland Lakes PTSO #89415.

That's it, in 30 seconds you have made a difference at HLS!

FOLLOW US

[highlandlakesptso.com](http://highlandlakesptso.com)



@hlsptso

No Membership Dues  
We are a 501(c)3





# Become a Business Partner

Level 1

Three

Level 2

Levels

Level 3

of Sponsorship

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

**\$1500**

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

**\$1000**

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

**\$500**

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

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

<http://highlandlakesptso.com/partners>

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



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





# NEWS

## FALL SPORTS

### Cross Country

#### Boys & Girls, 5th &-8th Grade

No Tryout Necessary. Just come run!  
Practice starts Tuesday, October 1st after school 3:45-5:00ish.

Check in with Mr. Nelson in Gym Lobby

## WINTER SPORTS

### Volleyball

#### Boys and Girls 7th & 8th Grade

8th Grade Tryouts: Monday, November 4th & Tuesday, November 5th

7th Grade Tryouts: Wednesday, November 6th & Thursday, November 7th after school from 3:45-5:15ish.

Check in with Mr. Nelson in Gym Lobby

### Wrestling

#### Boys & Girls, 7th & 8th Grade

No Tryout Necessary.

Practice starts Monday, October 21st after school from 3:45-5:15ish in the wrestling room attached to the gym

### Spiritline (Cheer)

Tryouts TBD

## SPRING SPORTS

### Basketball

#### Boys and Girls, 7th & 8th Grade

8th Grade Tryouts: Tuesday, February 18th & Wednesday, February 19th

7th Grade Tryouts: Thursday, February 20th & Monday, February 24th after school from 3:45-5:15ish.

Check in with Mr. Nelson in Gym Lobby

## SPRING SPORTS CONTINUED

### Track & Field

No Tryout Necessary.

Practice starts Monday, February 18th after school 3:45-5:15ish.

## REGISTER MY ATHLETE

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

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

<https://azdeervalley.intouchreceipting.com>

### Gym Event Admission

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



Follow Us At  
**@HLSathletics**

Find Game Schedules at  
<https://www.dvusd.org/domain/817>



# HUNGRY BEAR CAFE NEWS

## MENUS

Get your menu info online!

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

## FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS

Apply online at [www.EZmealapp.com](http://www.EZmealapp.com) or get a form from the front office. For more information, contact 623-445-5166. Students who applied and were approved for meal assistance and associated benefits last school year are eligible for the same benefits through 9/12/24, or a new application is processed. If a new application is not approved by 9/12/24 your student(s) will pay the full meal price until re-certified.

## PAYING FOR LUNCH

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

- **You can drop off cash/check in the front office to be credited to your students account. Include your students name and number on the envelope.**

## BIRTHDAY BUCKET

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

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

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

**Breakfast \$1.50**

**Lunch \$2.95**

**Reduced \$0**

Cafe Manager Cassie Payton



[cassie.payton@dvUSD.org](mailto:cassie.payton@dvUSD.org) | 623-376-4314 | @DVUSDNutrition



# September 2024

## K-8 Lunch & Breakfast Menu



DEER VALLEY  
Unified School District

### Monday



### Tuesday

3 BBQ Rib Sandwich  
Baked Beans  
Peach Cup

### Wednesday

4 Personal Pizza  
Pepperoni OR Cheese  
Cucumber Slices  
Fresh Apple Slices

### Thursday

5 Mini Cheese Ravioli w/ red sauce  
Tossed Salad  
Cherry Applesauce

### Friday

6 Chicken Sandwich  
Crispy OR Spicy Ranch Mashed Potatoes  
Fresh Watermelon

### Additional Entree Choices

**Monthly Entrée**  
Grilled Cheese

### Grab & Go:

- Elementary:**  
Turkey Stick, String Cheese, Pretzels, Grahams, Fruit, and Vegetable
- Middle School:**  
Chef Salad with Pretzels & Grahams

### CHOW OPTIONS Grades 7 & 8 only

- 9/3 - Spicy Chicken Sandwich
- 9/9 - Cheeseburger
- 9/16 - Crispy Chicken Sandwich
- 9/23 - Pretzel Dog
- 9/29 - Spicy Chicken Sandwich

### MEAL PRICES

Breakfast:  
\$1.50 paid, \$.00 reduced  
Lunch:  
\$2.95 paid, \$.00 reduced

**NEW** Pork

Vegetarian

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

### Breakfast



An assortment of site-based favorites are offered daily, including cereal, oatmeal choc. chip bars, bagel w/ cream cheese, plus this monthly feature:

- Strawberry Yogurt Parfait with Mini Banana Muffin

Meals also include assorted fruit, juice & milk

### FRESH SIDES

Fresh, crunchy baby carrots and crisp side salads are offered daily in addition to the featured daily vegetable. Our full salad and topping bars are making a return to all of our K8 schools!

### MILK



Local fat-free and 1% white or non-fat chocolate milk available daily

### National States & Capitals Day

20 Macaroni & Cheese  
Tossed Salad  
Fresh Watermelon  
States & Capitals Educational Snack

### 18 Personal Pizza

Pepperoni OR Cheese  
Green Beans  
Strawberry Cup

### 16 Breakfast for Lunch

French Toast Sticks  
Sausage Links  
Tater Tots  
Assorted Fresh Fruit

### 17 Cheesy Beef

Nachos  
Refried Beans  
Applesauce

### 19 Popcorn Chicken

Cheez It Crackers  
Steamed Fresh Baby Carrots  
Chilled Peaches

### 26 Fish Nuggets

Cornbread Muffin  
Garlic & Cheese Mashed Potatoes  
Fresh Orange Wedges

### 27 Pretzel Wrapped

Beef Hot Dog  
Cucumber Slices  
Fresh Fruit Salad

### WEDNESDAY = PIZZA DAY!

DVUSD pizza is rich in whole grains, providing our students with fiber to keep them full and focused. School pizza is among the top four sources of calcium, protein and fiber in diets of those under 18. Our personal cheese pizza contains less than 350 calories, packs 21 grams of protein and is a good source of calcium & potassium. Our pizza is served with fruits, vegetables and low-fat milk for a healthy balanced lunch.



### 30 Breakfast for Lunch

Confetti Pancakes  
Sausage Links  
Veggie Juice  
Fresh Strawberries







## COMMUNICATION

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

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

### ONLINE PAYMENTS AND TAX CREDITS:

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

## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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

## HLS POLICIES

**ATTENDANCE CUTS Program (Court Unified Truancy Suppression):** To encourage and improve school attendance, Deer Valley Unified School District has implemented a truancy program in partnership with Maricopa County Juvenile Court. Highland Lakes will be tracking attendance very closely. **Your child is expected to be at school every day**, unless there is an excused reason not to be. A student that is absent more than ten percent (18 days) of the required number of school days per year is considered to have "excessive absences" whether the absence is excused or unexcused. If a student should start a pattern of excessive absences, you will be contacted by letter or phone. The education of your child is extremely important to us. This program is another way of working with the community to ensure a quality education for all students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the front office at 623-376-4300. **Please report all absences to the attendance line at 623.376-4390.**

### PEST CONTROL

Pest control sparying will occur once a month.

### ATHLETES

If you are planning on participating in any sport this year, you must complete the eligibility requirements as detailed on our website

<https://registermyathlete.com>

### SIGNING OUT

To ensure that our academic time is respected, we are asking that parents do not sign out their children between 3:15 and 3:30. Fifteen minutes a day, added up over a month represents almost a full day of classes missed. PHOTO ID REQUIRED.

### TRANSPORTATION

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

### PARKING

- There is no parking or waiting on 63rd Avenue from Union Hills to Utopia. If you park or wait on 63rd Avenue, tickets have been issued.
- Please remember that our parking lots get very hectic in the morning and afternoon. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended along the curb at any time. Remember, our main focus is to keep all of our students safe.
- The car pool parking spots are reserved for those registered with the TRP program. The other reserved spots were won at school events. Please use courtesy and do not park in those spots.
- It's against the law to park in the handicap spots (even for a second) without a handicap parking permit. Please keep these spots open for families that need them.
- Parents please be considerate of our families that live close to school and respect our neighbors when picking up and dropping off students.

### VOLUNTEERS

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



# Highland Lakes School Mission Statement

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

**Principal: Mark Anderson**

**Assistant Principal: Danielle Ware**

**Nurse: Kristina Koan**

**K-6 Counselor: Jake Epel**

**7-8 Counselor: Amy Boven**

**Main Phone #: 623-376-4300**

**Attendance: 623-376-4390**

**Nurse: 623-376-4310**

**Fax: 623-376-4380**

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

**Start Time = 8:45AM**

Grade	Daily Release	PLC Fridays	Half Day
K/nder	3:20	1:50	11:55
1st - 8th	3:30	2:00	12:05

**Office Hours = 8:00AM-4:00PM**

**Mascot: Bears**

**Colors: Blue & Green**

**Contact Site for Information Regarding Student Pick up:**

Highland Lakes School - 623-376-4300

District Office - 623-445-5000

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

**Evacuation Location:** Deer Valley High School

18424 N 51st Ave, Glendale, AZ 85308

*The Deer Valley Unified School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, or religion in its programs and activities.*



# 2024-2025 PreK-12 Instructional Calendar

(6/26/24)

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			

July 4 - Independence Day Observed  
Offices Closed

AUGUST						
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

August 1 - First Day for Students  
Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30 - Early Release - 90 min

SEPTEMBER						
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					

Sep. 2 - Labor Day - No School  
Sep. 13, 20, 27 - Early Release - 90 min

OCTOBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Oct. 7-11 - Fall Break  
Oct. 17-18 - K-12 P/T Conferences-Half Day  
Oct. 4 & 25 - Early Release - 90 min

NOVEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Nov. 1, 8, 22 - Early Release - 90 min  
Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Observed  
Nov. 25-29 - 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 - 90 min  
Dec. 19 - Half Day - 9-12 only  
Dec. 20 - Half Day - K-12  
Dec. 23-Jan. 3 - Winter Break

JANUARY						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Jan 1-3 - Winter Break  
Jan 6 - Staff Development - Full release  
Jan. 17, 24, 31 - Early Release - 90 min  
Jan 20 - Martin Luther King - No School

FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

Feb. 7, 21, 28 - Early Release - 90 min  
Feb. 13-14 - K-8 only P/T Conf. - Half Day  
Feb. 17 - President's Day - No School

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Mar. 7, 14, 28 - Early Release - 90 min  
March 17-21 - Spring Break

APRIL						
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			

April 18 - Spring Break Day  
\*\*\*No Early Release Days during State testing

MAY						
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

May 2, 9, 16 - Early Release Days-90 min  
May 22 - Last Day for Students  
May 26 - Memorial Day- Offices Closed

JUNE						
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					

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

**Graduation Dates**  
May 15, 2025 BCHS=1:30 pm, DVHS=4:30 pm,  
BGHS=7:00 pm  
May 16, 2025 SDOHS=1:30 pm, MRHS=4:30 pm

Grading Periods	
1st Quarter.....	Oct. 4, 2024 (46 days)
2nd Quarter.....	Dec. 20, 2024 (44 days)
3rd Quarter.....	Mar. 14, 2025 (47 days)
4th Quarter.....	May 22, 2025 (43 days)

Teacher Contract Days.....	185
Student Contact Days.....	180
40th Day.....	Sept. 26, 2024
100th Day.....	Jan. 21, 2025

Early Release (90 min) PLC / PD Days	
1st Semester	2nd Semester
Aug. 9	Jan. 17
Aug. 16	Jan. 24
Aug. 23	Jan. 31
Aug. 30	Feb. 7
Sept. 13	Feb. 21
Sept. 20	Feb. 28
Sept. 27	Mar. 7
Oct. 4	Mar. 14
Oct. 25	Mar. 28
Nov. 1	May 2
Nov. 8	May 9
Nov. 22	May 16
Dec. 6	
Dec. 13	
No Early Release Days during State testing	

No School Holiday or Break Days	
Sept. 2	Labor Day Recess
Oct. 7-11	Fall Break
Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Nov. 25 - 29	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 23 - 31	Winter Break
Jan. 1-3	Winter Break
Jan. 6	Staff Development
Jan. 20	MLK. Day
Feb. 17	Presidents Day
Mar. 17 - 21	Spring Break
Apr. 18	Spring Break Day

Last day for students - May 22  
Last day for teachers - May 23  
1st semester = 90 days  
2nd semester = 90 days