



# School News

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

Deer Valley Unified School District

December, 2017  
MAIN # 623-376-4300  
ATTENDANCE # 623-376-4390

Mark Anderson, Principal  
Wendy Doucet, Assistant Principal

## *From the Principal, Mark Anderson...*

Happy Holidays! It is hard to believe that the school year is half over. So far, it has been an exciting year full of good things happening for our students.

In the coming year, please remember to extend a helping hand to those around you. No matter how small, helping others in need is something that teaches children humility, empathy, and the ability to think past their worlds. Giving to others in need brings out the true meaning of the holiday season.

So that our staff may enjoy their holiday we will be closing the front office at 2:00 p.m. on December 22nd.

## *Enjoy the Holidays!*



*Happy Holidays*

HIGHLAND LAKES SCHOOL

*From the Vice Principal, Wendy Doucet...*

# **Building Bearific Behavior**



Highland Lakes will be working on a different set of skills each week, throughout the school year. Please encourage your students to participate and model the behavior each week.

Skills will be part of the morning announcements!

For the month of November.....

## **Week of:**

Dec. 4th – Use an agenda and/or write down your homework assignments

Dec. 11th – Do a random act of kindness

Dec. 18th – Show your appreciation if you are given a reward or a gift

## **Mrs. Doucet's Word of the Day**

Mon. 12/4 – EXTRAVAGANT – very fancy; more than is usual

Tues. 12/5 – INFLATION – continual increase in the price of goods and services

Wed. 12/6 – MANDATORY – required by law or rule

Thurs. 12/7 – BANISH – ban from a place of residence, as for punishment

Fri. 12/8 – LADLE – large spoon used to serve liquids

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Mon. 12/11 – PRECIPITATION – water that falls to the ground as rain, snow, etc.

Tues. 12/12 – EXCAVATE – to uncover by digging away and removing the earth that covers it

Wed. 12/13 – CONTORTION – a torturous and twisted shape or position

Thurs. 12/14 – DEBRIS – the remains of something that has to be destroyed

Fri. 12/15 – EAVESDROP – listen without the speaker's knowledge

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Mon. 12/18 – COUNTER – speak in resonance

Tues. 12/19 – DEFT – skillful in physical movements

Wed. 12/20 – EMBER – a hot, smoldering fragment of wood left from a fire

Thurs. 12/21 – FALTER – move hesitatingly, as if about to give way

Fri. 12/22 – GRUELING – characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion

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**END OF 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER (12/25 – 1/5 – NO SCHOOL – (WINTER BREAK)**

Jingle Bells



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Highland Lakes Jingle Jog

Friday, December 22

9:00 am

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

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

Be there with your bells on!

# Food Drive for St. Mary's Food Bank

## Dec 4th - December 21st

NJHS is collecting canned non perishable food to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank. Bring non perishable items to the classroom.

# Holiday Grams

## December 12th - December 21st

Student Council has designed and created beautiful Holiday Grams that will be sold for \$.50 during all lunches.



## December 18th - December 22nd

Student Council is planning a spirit week with a holiday theme.

Dec 18th Monday: PJ Day

Dec 19th Tuesday: Snowman Day

Dec 20th Wednesday: Ugly Sweater Day

Dec 21st Thursday: Reindeer Day

Dec 22nd Friday: Santa Hat Day

## From the Art Department

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

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

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

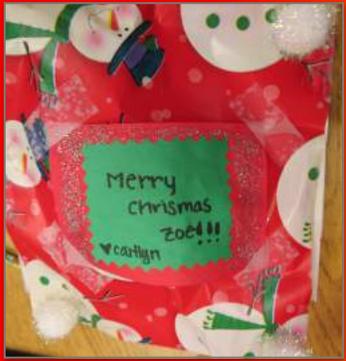
Allison Mastroddi

Art Teacher

Highland Lakes School

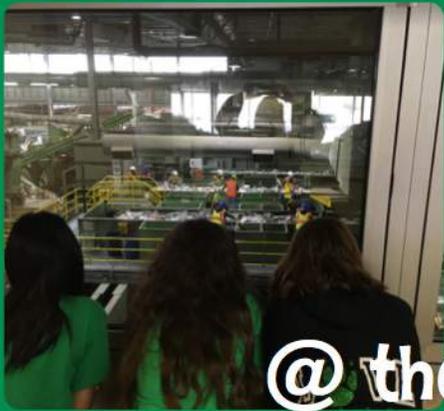
[Allison.Mastroddi@DVUSD.org](mailto:Allison.Mastroddi@DVUSD.org)







# Recycling Club Field Trip

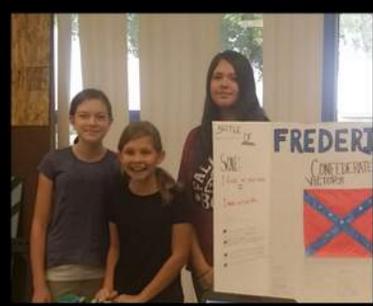


# @ the Glendale Recycling Center



# 1ST AND 2ND GRADE HOLIDAY CONCERT





# Order Your YEARBOOK



Go to:

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

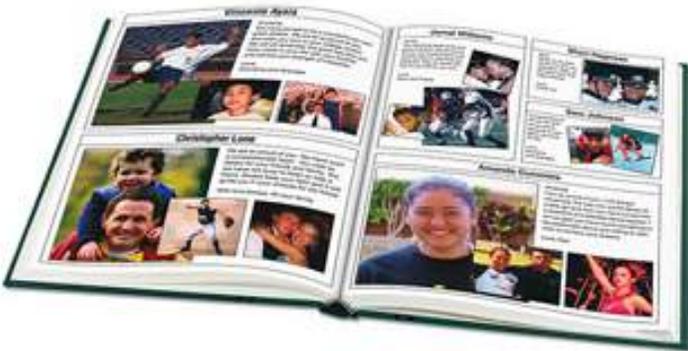
## PRE-SALE PRICE

**\$20 Elementary**

**\$30 Middle School**

*Price increases to \$25 and \$35  
on Jan 12th*

## 8th Grade Yearbook Dedication



*Order your 1/4 page 8th grade  
yearbook dedication for \$25.  
ORDER DEADLINE: March 1, 2018*

PREORDER TO ENSURE YOU GET A  
YEARBOOK AS THERE WILL BE A LIMITED  
NUMBER AVAILABLE IN MAY

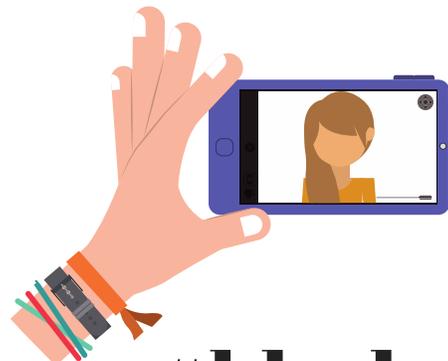


We are looking for a few good selfies to go  
in the yearbook. Send us your selfies at:

***highlandlakesyearbook@gmail.com***

Or post \*online with the hashtag  
#hlsybselfie

\*ask your parents permission



# #hlsybselfie



# HLS ANNUAL VETERANS CELEBRATION

We had an amazing celebration this year, thank you to all who helped to plan and organize the event, and most of all thank you to the Veterans for your service and sacrifice.



A Tribute to Veterans

K-3 Grade Winner



With their Valor, we've seen many victories;  
With their Existence, we survive every day;  
With their Tears, we put up smiles in our face;  
With their Efforts, we have an esteemed life;  
With their Respect, we have friendly nations;  
With their Armey, we defend America;  
With their Navy, we have a proud nation;  
With their Sacrifices, we have freedom of speech;  
Without them, our life will be different or rather  
difficult.

**VETERANS....**

They aren't just people; they're our angels in uniforms;  
They aren't just soldiers; they're our super heroes  
without masks;  
They aren't just defenders; they're our dearly friends  
and families!

*-Shriya Saravanan*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade*



## How Do I Show you

4th-6th Grade Winner



How do I show you I care.

How do I show you I appreciate what you have done for me.

How do I show you I know that you sacrificed so much for me.

How do I show you how much this country loves you.

You do so much for me

You put your life on the line for me

You save this country

You protect me and my family

You don't need me to show you that I care

I want to show you i care

I want to show you how much you mean to this country

I want you to be celebrated

I want you to be praised

I want you and your family to know you do so much for us

Yet you are not praised every day

Yet you don't know how much everyone cares about you

Yet people don't understand that there would be no America without you

Yet you still fight for us

Yet you know we are ungrateful

I don't know how to show I care

That is why I wrote this poem to show you I care

That is why we are having this ceremony

That is why we care so much about you



*-Zoe Dukarm*

*6th grade*

Thank You Veterans

7th/8th Grade Winner



Soldiers move day and night  
Marching, preparing to put up a fight  
They put it all on the line without doubting a thing  
Brave they are by giving freedom wings

To fear they are foes  
To courage they are friends  
Leaving all behind for foreign land  
They march with pride  
With our lives in hand  
As women and men stand side by side  
Trusting each other to protect their lives

Every step the soldiers take  
The families hold their breaths and wait  
To see their veterans home at last  
Or to realize their flag is at mast  
But all know deep in their hearts  
That what was laid down on that battlefield  
Was the price we pay for our freedom



So bless those on the battlefield  
That their foes may understand and yield  
That families will not have to cry or say good bye on that day

Protect those forevermore  
and let those who have passed fighting for our freedom  
Know that the price they paid is appreciated and recognized everyday  
So on this day we say thanks  
to all those who know what is really takes to be free

*-Ashley Robertson*

*8th grade*

**BEARS  
ON THE  
RUN 2017**  
RAISED  
**\$46,191**



That's right, the 2017 Bearathon brought in \$46,191 for our school!!!

We are in awe at the generosity of our HLS Families and we thank you all for your donations!

If you want to be a part of making a huge difference at your children's school, join us! We meet the first Friday of each month for our general meeting or you can email us at [highlandlakesptso@gmail.com](mailto:highlandlakesptso@gmail.com)

**What we need most is volunteers!**

We have lots more to do in 2018:

- Bear Buck Store
- Talent Show
- Daddy Daughter Dance
- Spring Fling
- Book Fair
- Conference Week
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- and more....

Check out what we are all about at [highlandlakesptso.com](http://highlandlakesptso.com)

# Adopt-a-Family

**THANK YOU HLS for your generous donations  
to our two adopted DVUSD Head Start  
Family! We brought 3 trucks full of joy!**



SAVE THE DATE

HLS First Annual  
Daddy Daughter Dance  
Friday, February 9th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

| DATE                           | EVENT   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| DEC 15TH                       | 9:00 AM PTSO GENERAL MEETING  |
| DEC 15TH                       | 9AM CHARACTER COUNTS ASSEMBLY   |
| DEC 22ND                       | 9 AM HLS JINGLE JOG   |
| DEC 22ND                       | END OF SECOND QUARTER   |
| DEC 22ND                       | 12:05 EARLY RELEASE   |
| DECEMBER 25TH<br>- JANUARY 5TH | WINTER RECESS SEE YOU IN 2018   |
| JANUARY 10TH                   | WINTER SPORTS PICTURE DAY   |
| JANUARY 17TH                   | 10:30-12:30 JANUARY BEAR BUCK STORE   |
| JANUARY 19TH                   | 9AM CHARACTER COUNTS ASSEMBLY   |
| JAN 15TH                       | NO SCHOOL   |
| JAN 26TH                       | 12:05 EARLY RELEASE   |
|                                | CHECK THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR AN UPDATED COPY OF THE<br>2017-2018 DISTRICT CALENDAR |

**SEE YOU  
NEXT YEAR!**



| CLUB                 | SPONSOR  | OPEN TO                  | ROOM          | DAY                                | TIME        |
|----------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2:14                 | <a href="#">COACH DUNN</a>                       | MS ONLY                  | COMPUTER LAB  | FRIDAY                             | 8:00-8:30   |
| ANIME                | <a href="#">MS. NICK</a>                         | MS ONLY                  | 217           | WEDNESDAY                          | 3:30-4:30   |
| COMMUNITY GARDEN     | <a href="#">MRS. CRABTREE</a>                    | K-8TH GRADE              | GARDEN OR 308 | THURSDAYS STARTING OCT 6- NOV 17TH | 3:35-4:15   |
| HISTORY CLUB         | <a href="#">MR. MATHEW AND MRS. LEWIS</a>        | MS ONLY                  | 318           | WEDNESDAY                          | 3:40- 4:15  |
| HOMEWORK LAB         | <a href="#">MRS. SNYDER</a>                      | K-8 (FEE BASED)          | 310           | MONDAY THURSDAY                    | 3:30 - 4:30 |
| KIVA                 | <a href="#">MRS. SANDOVAL</a>                    | 8TH GRADE                | 311           | WEDNESDAY                          | 3:30-4:30   |
| KINDNESS AMBASSADORS | <a href="#">MRS. SCHRADE</a>                     | K-8TH GRADE              | 404           | 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAY                | 8:00 AM     |
| MATH CLUB            | <a href="#">MRS. BEHRENS</a>                     | 6TH - 8TH GRADE          | 205           | WEDNESDAY                          | 3:30-4:30   |
| MUSICAL CLUB         | <a href="#">MR. NELSON</a>                       | 6TH - 8TH GRADE          | 208           | WEDNESDAY                          | 3:30-4:30   |
| NJHS                 | <a href="#">MRS. SNYDER</a>                      | 8TH GRADE                | 310           | WEDNESDAY (EVERY OTHER)            | 8:00-8:30   |
| RECYCLING CLUB       | <a href="#">MRS. SCHRADE</a>                     | K-8TH GRADE              | 404           | FRIDAY                             | 7:50-8:30   |
| SPANISH CLUB         | <a href="#">MRS. SUDDARTH</a>                    | MS ONLY                  | 306           | TUESDAY                            | 8:00 AM     |
| STUDENT COUNCIL      | <a href="#">MRS. SNYDER</a>                      | MS ONLY                  | 310           | TUESDAY                            | 3:30-5:00   |
| UKELELE CLUB         | <a href="#">MRS. SANDOVAL &amp; MRS. SCHRADE</a> | 3RD-8TH GRADE            | 404           | MONDAY                             | 3:40 - 4:30 |
| WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS  | <a href="#">MRS. SCHRADE &amp; MR. ROCKEY</a>    | ORCHESTRA /BAND STUDENTS | 404/403       | WEDNESDAY                          | 3:30-4:00   |
| YEARBOOK             | <a href="#">MRS. ROBERTSON</a>                   | 6TH-8TH GRADE            | TBD           | WEDNESDAY                          | 3:30 -4:30  |

# HUNGRY BEAR CAFÉ NEWS

## Meal Charge Information:

You may check your student's balance by signing up for a FREE account at [EZSchoolPay.com](http://EZSchoolPay.com). Contact your kitchen manager to place restrictions on your student's account. Please check our website [www.dvusd.org/](http://www.dvusd.org/) nutrition and Peachjar for more information on paying for school meals.

Questions? Contact us at [nutrition@dvusd.org](mailto:nutrition@dvusd.org) or (623) 445-5163.

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

### BREAKFAST 8:30-8:45

Student: \$1.25  
Reduced: \$.30  
Adult: \$1.50

### LUNCH

Student: \$2.60  
Reduced: \$.40  
Adult: \$3.50 (with  
a cup)



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

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

Pizza  
will be  
served every  
Friday and 1/2 Day

## Student Account

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



# HLS THANKSGIVING 2017

# HLS CARES!



The Highland Lakes National Junior Honor Society is collecting soda tabs that will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. The project will continue throughout the entire school year. Please save your soda tabs at home and/or at your place of business and periodically send them to school with your student. They may be turned in to your child's teacher or to the front office. We are sure we can make a difference in a family's life! Thank you for your support!



## SWIFT CHARITIES

Deer Valley Unified School District has partnered with Swift Charities for Children to help raise money for children's charities and our schools. DVUSD schools have a Swift Charities for Children clothing collection box on campus (located in the far South end of the Middle School parking lot). Swift Charities for Children has offered to take all clothing donations made by our students and turn them into cash for children's charities and our school. So next time you clean out your closets, remember to bring all of your donations down to the collection box at school.



BOXTOPS for Education

Last year we earned over \$1600 for our school simply by cutting out BoxTops! Thank you for your support.

Our contest deadlines for the rest of the year will be:

**Friday, February 9, 2018**

**Friday, May 11, 2018**

For each deadline an ice cream party will be awarded.  
Thank you.



## Clothes Closet at Vista Peak

FREE student run program providing clothing to our community.

The Clothing Closet provides clean, quality clothing at NO FEE to members of our Deer Valley Family. Our extensive collection provides options for men, women, and children.

We also collect clothing year round! All sizes, gently used, clean or new. Men's, Women's Children's (all ages), coats, gloves, scarves. We will deliver and pick up for Free to any of our Deer Valley school locations.

We believe that much-needed clothing can make a difference for our families in need.

Please Contact Josie Bardsley with any questions  
19825 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85027  
623.445.3925 | [josie.bardsley@dvusd.org](mailto:josie.bardsley@dvusd.org)



### 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.

### 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.*

### NO PARKING

There is no parking or waiting on 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Union Hills to Utopia. If you park or wait on 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, tickets will be issued.

Parents please be considerate of our families that live close to school and respect our neighbors when picking up and dropping off students.



### 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.

# 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 <http://www.dvUSD.org/Page/30647> to check the district wide training schedule.

**Cancelled December 4th at 4:00 pm  
April 6th at 9:15 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.

### PEST CONTROL



Monthly pest control spraying in the kitchen will be the 1st Tuesday of every month at 4:30 p.m.

### OPEN ENROLLMENT

Details and FAQ: [dvusd.org/openenrollment](http://dvusd.org/openenrollment)

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

### 2017 TAX CREDITS

The maximum tax credit for 2017 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>

### 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

# AFTER SCHOOL ROCKS

## School Attendance VS After School Activities

If your student is not at school during the school day, he or she may not attend after school activities. After school activities may include sports events, dances, concerts, club attendance, etc.

### ATHLETES

If you are planning on participating in any sport this year, you must complete the eligibility requirements as detailed on our website [www.dvUSD.org/domain/817](http://www.dvUSD.org/domain/817). All forms will need to be turned into the athletic coordinator **prior to any tryouts for any sport at Highland Lakes School.**

Student athletes must also complete the online Brainbook course. Information regarding registration can be found on the district website as well. This is a district policy and every middle school is required to comply. Physical forms are available in the front office. These forms are good for the entire school year, regardless of how many sports you play. The district is also requiring that all athletes provide proof of medical insurance. Rider policies can be purchased through the district.

Due to District budget constraints, a \$3.00 admission fee will now occur at all middle school sporting events. Admission fees will help cover transportation, officials, and equipment.

### HOMEWORK LAB

Highland Lakes School will be instituting an after-school homework lab for students.

The purpose of the homework lab is to provide a supervised environment for students to work on assignments. One or two teachers will be present to assist students with various subjects. Some National Junior Honor Society students may also be assisting. Registration takes place every quarter throughout the school year.

Homework Lab is open to ALL Highland Lakes students. We will meet in Room 310 for K-8 graders on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. The fees are \$30.00 for one day a week for the entire quarter or \$60.00 to participate in both days each week. Checks should be made out to Highland Lakes School. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Snyder.

For Pre-k, preschool, before and after school enrichment classes, school age care, early childhood development and a wide range of academic and athletic programs, visit the Community Education Site at:

<http://www.dvUSD.org/communityed>

## 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: [Wendy Doucet](#)

Nurse: [Karen Hurst](#)

Counselor: [Kathryn Coleman](#)

Main Phone #: (623)376-4300

Attendance: (623)376-4390

Fax: (623)376-4380

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

Start Time = 8:45

End Time = 3:30

Early Release = 12:05

Office Hours = 8:00-4:00

Mascot: Bears

Colors: Blue & Green

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

**Highland Lakes School - 623-376-4300**

**District Office - 623-445-5000**

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

**Evacuation Location:** Deer Valley High School  
18424 N 51st Ave, Glendale, AZ 85308

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# DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017-2018 PreK-12 Instructional Calendar

| 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  
Jul.24- **10-Month Employees**  
Jul. 31- New Teachers

| 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 |    |    |

Aug. 2- Continuing Teachers  
Aug. 4- 9-Month Employees  
**Aug. 7- First Day for Students**  
Aug. 25- Staff Dev. - Early Release

| SEPTEMBER |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 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 |

Sep. 4- Labor Day - No School  
Sep. 15- Staff Dev. - Early Release  
Sep. 21-22- Fall Break - No School

| OCTOBER |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 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  |     |     |     |    |

Oct. 6 - Staff Dev. - Early Release  
Oct. 9- Fall Day - No School  
Oct. \*16-\*20- Parent Teacher Conf. Week  
Oct. 19-20- Early Release (PK-12)

| NOVEMBER |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 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 |    |    |

Nov. 3- Staff Dev.- Early Release  
Nov. 10- Veterans Day Observed  
Nov. 20-24-Thanksgiving Recess

| DECEMBER |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 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       |    |    |    |    |    |    |

Dec. 1- Staff Dev.- Early Release  
Dec. 21-22 -Early Release 9-12 (Final Exams)  
Dec. 22- Early Release PK-12  
Dec. 25-Jan. 5- Winter Break

| JANUARY |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 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 |    |    |    |

Dec. 25-Jan. 5- Winter Break  
Jan. 15- Martin Luther King Day - No School  
Jan. 26- Staff Dev.- Early Release

| FEBRUARY |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| S        | M   | T   | W   | T   | F   | S  |
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| 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  |     |     |    |

Feb. 7- Student Release Day for  
Staff Professional Development  
Feb.\*12-\*16 Parent Teacher Conf. Week  
Feb. 15-16- Early Release (PK-8 ONLY)  
Feb. 19- President's Day- No School

| MARCH |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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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 |

Mar. 2- Staff Dev.- Early Release  
Mar. 26-30- Spring Break

| APRIL |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 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 |    |    |    |    |    |

Apr. 6- Staff Dev.- Early Release  
Apr. 27- Spring Break Day

| MAY |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| S   | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 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 |    |    |

May 4- Staff Dev.- Early Release  
May 23-24- Early Release 9-12 (Final Exams)  
**May 24- Last Day for Students - Early Release**  
May 24- Last Day 9-Month Employees  
May 25- Last Day for Teachers  
May 28- Memorial Day- Offices Closed

| JUNE |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S    | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 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 |

June 1- Last Day 10-Month Employees

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

40th Day.....October 4, 2017  
100th Day.....January 22, 2018

**Grading Periods**

1st Quarter.....October 13, 2017 (46)  
2nd Quarter.....December 22, 2017 (44)  
3rd Quarter.....March 16, 2018 (47)  
4th Quarter.....May 24, 2018 (43)

**Graduation Dates**

May 24 -Thurs. BGHS (2:30), SOHS (5:00)  
May 25 - Fri. DVHS (9:30), BCHS (12:00),  
MRHS (2:30)