



April, 2018

MAIN # 623-376-4300

ATTENDANCE # 623-376-4390

Mark Anderson, Principal

Wendy Doucet, Assistant Principal

From the Principal, Mark Anderson...

Highland Lakes School has been working hard to prepare your children for the AzMERIT assessment being given starting April 3rd. We feel that we have done a great job and know that your children are very prepared to show what they have learned. We thank you for supporting the Highland Lakes community of learners. Please click on the links below for additional assessment information and for the testing dates for your student.

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

Helpful test taking tips:

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

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

April

2018

HLS AzMERIT/AIMS Testing

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 7 th grade writing 3 rd grade writing	4 8 th grade writing 4 th grade writing	5 5 th grade writing 6 th grade writing	6 Half Day- No testing	7
8	9 4 th grade ELA/math 8 th Ren EOC writing	10 4 th grade ELA/math Writing make-ups	11 4 th grade science 8 th grade science	12 5 th grade ELA/math Writing make-ups	13 5 th grade ELA/math Writing make-ups	14
15	16 7 th grade ELA/math 3 rd grade ELA/math	17 7 th grade ELA/math 3 rd grade ELA/math	18 8 th grade ELA/math 6 th grade ELA/math	19 8 th grade ELA/math 6 th grade ELA/math	20 8 th Ren ELA EOC 1 & 2	21
22	23 ELA/math make-ups	24 ELA/math make-ups	25 ELA/math make-ups	26 ELA/math make-ups	27 No School-No testing	28
29	30					

More information at:

[Testing Calendar Spring 2018.pdf](#)

[AzMERIT 2018 Parent Letter.pdf](#)

[AzMERIT 2018 Parent Letter - Spanish Version.pdf](#)

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 April.....

Week of:

Apr. 2nd – Sleep well, eat a healthy breakfast, and come prepared for testing

Apr. 9th – Show respect by saying O.K. when appropriate rather than arguing

Apr. 16th – Listen and ask questions so you may learn more!

Apr. 23rd – Help others out because it is the right thing to do

Apr. 30th – Always say excuse me when you bump into others

Mrs. Doucet's Word of the Day

Mon. 4/2 – **tangent** – going off the main subject

Tues. 4/3 – **billowing** – swelling; fluttering; waving

Wed. 4/4 – **cower** – recoil in fear; shrink away from

Thurs. 4/5 – **enhance** – improve; make better or clearer

Fri. 4/6 – **labyrinth** – a maze

Mon. 4/9 – **nullify** – to counter; make unimportant

Tues. 4/10 – **tangible** – can be touched

Wed. 4/11 – **abrogate** – cancel; deny; repeal

Thurs. 4/12 – **credible** – believable

Fri. 4/13 – **conspicuous** – obvious to the eye or mind

Mon. 4/16 – **plagiarism** – taking credit for someone else's writing or ideas

Tues. 4/17 – **reprehensible** – shameful; very bad

Wed. 4/18 – **tardy** – slow; late; delayed

Thurs. 4/19 – **absolution** – forgiveness; pardon; release

Fri. 4/20 – **enigma** – puzzle; mystery

Mon. 4/23 – **authentic** – genuine; known to be true

Tues. 4/24 – **hasten** – hurry; accelerate; rush

Wed. 4/25 – **laceration** – a cut

Thurs. 4/26 – **plausible** – can be believed; reasonable

Fri. 4/27 – **NO SCHOOL – Spring Break Day**

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HIGHLANDLAKES-4TH IN STATE AT MATHCOUNTS



The Arizona State Science and Engineering Fair was held for Jr. Division (open to 5th - 8th grade). Highland Lakes had 7th and 8th grade Renaissance represented. There were 39 projects representing 62 students. In order to participate, we had to follow ISEF Science Fair rules. The students entered their project into 1 of 12 science categories. Only the winner from each category could enter AZSEF. Listed below, are the winners of Highland Lakes Science fair and their categories.

Landon Gilcrease- Engineering
Jackson Aoyama, Dawnie Erskine, Chloe Sweilem Animal Science
Tessa Crabtree, Abby Parcel - Bio engineering
Brandy Anderson - Environmental Engineering
Aiden Bowers - Mathematical Science
Tyler Martin - Chemistry
Ruth Cox - Plant Science
Samantha McClean and Kate Mills - Medical Engineering.

Not represented are Physics, Astronomy, Cellular or molecular biology or planetary science.

For those who chose to enter the Arizona State Science and Engineering Fair, I held a science fair clinic once a week from January until March 21st.

Students looked at scores and comments left by judges on their rubrics, did further research and experimentation, re-built display boards and practiced their presentations.

The students below won in their categories at the Arizona State Science and Engineering Fair which was held on March 22.

Plant sciences - Ruth Cox
Aiden Bowers - Mathematical Sciences
Brandy Anderson - Environmental Engineering

The success of these students and the fair we run is not possible without the connections we have made with the Faculty of Midwestern University. Their insight and feed back each year has been invaluable. With the help of some of the Midwestern University faculty, and ASU's West campus and science department I hope to find sponsorship for our gifted students pursuing a career in the sciences.

- Mr. Shoop





From Mrs. Schrade: Just another day of HLS students representing DVUSD with leadership positions within their sections at the 2018 AZ ES & MS All-State Orchestra Festival. 😊 I am so proud of them!



Jackson, Lexi, Eugene, and Amanda represented HLS in the 7th/8th grade orchestra.



Philip, Jungin, Esther, and Claire represented HLS in the 5th/6th grade orchestra.





THANK YOU BLING N INK FOR PROVIDING SHIRTS FOR ALL OF OUR TEACHERS HERE AT HLS AND FOR SUPPORTING THE **#REDforED** MOVEMENT AT OUR SCHOOL. YOU CAN GET A SHIRT TOO AND WEAR IT ON WEDNESDAY, JUST FOLLOW THE LINK TO:
[http://www.blingnink.com/store/p1300/HLS %23REDforED tshirt.html](http://www.blingnink.com/store/p1300/HLS_%23REDforED_tshirt.html)



Photography/Digital Art Category

Primary (K-2)

1. Tiffany Pedigo
2. n/a
3. n/a

Intermediate (3-5)

1. Andrew Bodnar
2. Corbin Lyster
3. Karlee McMahon

Middle 6--8 Grade

1. Tyler Martin
2. Susie Martin
3. Amy Li

Visual Arts Category

Primary (K-2)

1. Dani Rose Sindelar
2. Lexi Netzel
3. Noelle Amos

Intermediate (3-5)

1. Louie Tucker
2. Quinn Lee
3. Vanessa McLean

Middle (6-8)

1. Gabby Gloria
2. Angel Flores
3. Addisen Snell

3D Art

Primary (K-2)

1. Lorlei Graham
2. Yesenia Lugo
3. Alexis Hayes

Intermediate (3-5)

1. Karlee McMahon
2. Danielle Johnson
3. Isabelle Jameson-Fulton

Middle (6-8)

1. Amanda Johnson
2. Elijah Graham
3. Rigo Sandoval

CONGRATULATIONS
Art Fair 2018

Winners!!!

Principals Choice

Photography

1. Corbin Lyster
2. Addisen Snell
3. Quinn Lee

Visual Arts

1. Louie Tucker
2. Kaylee Schmidt
3. Phoebe Cain

3D Art

1. Elijah Graham
2. Isabelle Jamison Fulton
3. Alexis Hayes

Assistant Principal Choice

Photography

1. Corbin Lyster
2. Erik Potts
3. Andrew Bodnar

Visual Arts

1. Savannah Allan
2. Louie Tucker
3. Layla Netzel

3D Art

1. Amanda Johnson
2. Yesenia Lugo
3. Rigo Sandoval

Staff Favorite:

Photography

1. Addisen Snell
2. Baker Rosas
3. Andrew Bodnar

Visual Art

1. Addisen Snell
2. Quinn Lee
3. Tie between Noelle Miles and Mikella Scrabeck

3D Art

1. Amanda Johnson
2. Elijah Graham
3. Karlee McMahon

The Kindness Ambassadors walking around areas of our campus picking up litter. They were demonstrating Kindness to our Environment! Sierra got to wear the Captain Kindness cape since she is our oldest member. :) If you see these students around campus, please tell them how appreciated their efforts are.



The Ukulele Club learning to hula dance to a song they have been working on with a representative from the AZ Aloha Festival. We have been learning Hawaiian vocabulary and culture - and enjoying every minute of it!





Thank you everyone that made this years musical awesome!



Thank you HLS and Mrs. Bender for another successful Read A Thon

MEET YERTLE, THE NEWEST ADDITION TO OUR HLS FAMILY! LAST YEAR A GROUP OF OUR 7TH GRADE REN KIDS FOR PASSION FRIDAY DECIDED TO CREATE A FUN NEW EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ENHANCE OUR CAMPUS WITH A TORTOISE HABITAT. THESE STUDENTS RESEARCHED, MET WITH ADMINISTRATION, CROWD FUNDED, ASKED FOR DONATIONS AND FINALLY CONSTRUCTED THEIR HABITAT. IN 2 WEEKS THE PROJECT WILL FINALLY BE COMPLETE. SO EXCITED FOR THIS NEW ADDITION! MRS. SUDDARTH AND MRS. BENDER ARE ALSO ADOPTING THESE CUTE LITTLE ENDANGERED CALIFORNIA DESERT TORTOISES TO BRING THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INSIDE THE CLASSROOM. MORE PICTURES TO COME ONCE THESE BIG AND LITTLE GUYS ARE ALL SETTLED IN! YOU MIGHT EVEN GET TO MEET HIM AT SPRING FLING!



WANT TO HELP FEED AND CARE FOR THIS GUY? STOP IN THE FRONT OFFICE OR GO ONLINE TO MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO OUR TORTOISE HABITAT.





Volunteers....

Very Important people!

Outstanding!

Love to be helpful!

Understand children!

Needed for many things!

Teachers value them!

Enjoy helping children!

Enthusiastic adults!

Ready to help!

Special people!

Thank you HLS

Volunteers!

Volunteer Appreciation Week April 15th-21st



2018 Talent Show

Hosts

Kamryn Glennie
Julia Haines
Katelyn Capper
Raelene Roberts
Norah Abrams

Congratulations!

Acts & Performers

Adelaide Price
Aisling Molitor
Alexis Ranno
Allison Wolcott
Ashlyn Heller
Brienna Barbeno
Briseis Johnson
Bruce Ruan
Bhavna Vinadh
Calasta F
Chloe Cook
Dylan Stewart
Ebrahema Jaiteh Kalda
Emma Whitaker
Frankie Perry
Giada Alesandro
Gale Parcell

Hagen Walsh
Isaac Singh
Isabela Margolies
Izzy Herndon
June Rutter
Kaeli Block
Kaustub Guntakatta
Layla & Lexi Netzel
Lily Hall
Mia Hodor
Mckenzi VanBodegon
Mikella Scrabeck
Noelle Miles
Rigo Sandoval
Sarah Q
Sophie Fifield
Taryn Getting
Zachary Helton



Save the Date
8th Grade Promotion will be May 23, 2018
5:00 PM at HLS

Student Dress

Girls- Dresses, skirts and blouses, or pants outfits. Skirt length must be respectable; no mini-skirts or floor length skirts. No backless, strapless, or spaghetti strap dresses or blouses. Please avoid high heels for safety reasons.

Boys- Dress slacks or dress jeans, dress shirts. Suits/sport jackets and ties are optional.

**Details on practice, parking,
and seating are coming soon!!**

POP INTO KINDERGARTEN



Pop Into Kindergarten

To meet our teachers and learn
About our HLS Kindergarten program.

Wednesday, April 11th, 2018
From 5:30-7 PM

Students who are 5 years old by
August 31st, 2018 can register
For the 2018-19 school year.

Visit our webpage for more information:
<https://www.dvusd.org/kindergarten>



Highland Lakes School Renaissance Open House

**Wednesday, April 11th, 2018
From 5:00-6:00 PM**

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

The DVUSD Renaissance Highly Gifted & Music Academy at Highland Lakes focuses on highly gifted learners with a passion for developing diverse musical talents. Visit our webpage for more information: <https://www.dvUSD.org/gifted>



Field Day: K-3 Friday April 6th • Field Day: 4-6 Friday May 4th

Remember to dress appropriately with comfortable athletic shoes and clothes. Hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and water bottles are suggested for students and teachers! Please have the students put their name on their water bottle.



KONA ICE

HEY, KONA ICE IS COMING...

	\$3	Field Day: K-3 Friday April 6th Field Day: 4-6 Friday May 4th	\$5	
	\$4			<p>\$3 refills when you bring your cup back</p>



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Great For Special Events, Parties, & Fundraisers!

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Highland Lakes Ptso. Come in to the Chipotle at **20004 N 67th Ave Suite 500** in Glendale on **Monday, April 16th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Highland Lakes Ptso.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.



Thank you everyone who came to last months meeting, nominations for the 2018-2019 board were made as follows:

Elisa Herndon– Co-President, Talent Show
Stephanie Marston– Co-President, Bearathon Chair
Jessica Sorensen– Co-VP, Holiday Shop, Art Fair
Jacqueline Netzel– Co-VP, Family Events Chair or Book Fair
Erin Getting– Treasurer
Angie McMahon – Secretary, Teacher Appreciation Chair
Kate Lyster – Harkins, Renaissance Liaison
Susan Bodnar– Copy Cats, Harkins Sales, Co-Box Tops
Theresa Alvarado– Advocacy Chair
Brea Lee – Co-Box Tops
Caroline Yeryomenko and
Nicolette Weidner– Grant Writing

There are still plenty of opportunities to come along side us,
open positions are:
Bear Buck Store Chair
Concessions Chair
Spring Fling Chair
Volunteer Coordinator Chair

Board positions of Co-Treasurer and Co-Secretary are also
open

**Elections are held at the PTSO General Meeting on April 10th at
4:00 PM in the library.**

**Childcare will be provided up to 25 kids
For more information and to sign up go to
<http://signup.com/go/WGVhyJz>**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
	IT'S MATHEMATICS EDUCATION MONTH
APRIL 2-27TH	AZ MERIT TESTING WINDOW
APRIL 4TH	NATIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL DAY
APRIL 6TH	 K-3 FIELD DAY
APRIL 6TH	10:45 AM BATTLE OF THE BOOKS ROUND 3
APRIL 6TH	12:05 EARLY RELEASE DAY
APRIL 6TH	5PM 2017 SPRING FLING
APRIL 8TH-14TH	NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 10TH	NATIONAL LIBRARIAN DAY
APRIL 10TH	4 PM PTSD GENERAL MEETING ELECTIONS FOR 18-19
APRIL 11TH	 MR. ANDERSON'S BIRTHDAY 
APRIL 11TH	5PM - 6PM RENAISSANCE OPEN HOUSE
APRIL 11TH	5:30 - 7PM POP INTO KINDERGARTEN NIGHT
APRIL 11TH	3:45 PM K-4 TALENT SHOW REHEARSAL
APRIL 12TH	3:45 PM 5-8 TALENT SHOW REHEARSAL
APRIL 15TH	LAST DAY FOR 2017 TAX CREDIT DONATIONS
APRIL 15TH-21ST	♥ NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK ♥
APRIL 16TH	4-8 PM CHIPOTLE FAMILY NIGHT
APRIL 18TH	10:30 AM BEAR BUCK STORE
APRIL 20TH	6PM TALENT SHOW
APRIL 20TH	LAST DAY TO PURCHASE A YEARBOOK
APRIL 23-27TH	ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL WEEK
APRIL 25TH	9AM DISTRICT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
APRIL 25TH	ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL DAY
APRIL 26TH	KINDERGARTEN PROMOTION PICTURES
APRIL 27TH	SPRING HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL

DATE	EVENT
MAY 4TH	KONA ICE 4TH - 6TH FIELD DAY
MAY 4TH	12:05 EARLY RELEASE DAY
MAY 7TH - 11TH	NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 2ND	6PM INTER-DISTRICT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
MAY 2ND	6:30 PM SPRING CHOIR CONCERT
MAY 2ND	4PM -10PM YOGURTOLOGY FAMILY NIGHT
MAY 3RD	6:30 PM SPRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT
MAY 11TH	FINAL BOX TOPS DEADLINE
MAY 2ND	2:00 PM 6TH GRADE DANCE
MAY 16TH	6:30 PM SPRING BAND CONCERT
MAY 16TH	LAST BEAR BUCK STORE OF THE YEAR
MAY 18TH	8TH GRADE PROMOTION DANCE
MAY 22ND	9:30 AM NJHS INDUCTION CEREMONY
MAY 23RD	5PM 8TH GRADE PROMOTION
MAY 24TH	12:05 EARLY RELEASE DAY-LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
	CHECK THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR A COPY OF THE 2017-2018 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Order Your YEARBOOK



Go to:

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

Last day to Buy is April 20th

**\$25 Elementary
\$35 Middle School**

We will have a limited number to purchase when the book is published. Don't risk not

From Nurse Karen

Scoliosis is defined as a lateral curvature of the spine. In 80% of cases, the scoliosis is idiopathic, meaning that it is not known what has caused the curvature. This type of scoliosis **may not cause pain and can go undetected**. However, if detected early, it can usually be treated so it will not cause any permanent problems or disabilities



6th Grade Scoliosis Screening

The purpose of school screening is primarily to identify the child at risk of scoliosis, not to actually diagnose a spinal deformity. Please keep in mind that a more thorough spinal exam should be performed by your child's doctor during their annual physical.

Here is how I screen for scoliosis: Students will remain fully clothed. The student will be asked to bend forward at the waist with knees straightened and their arms hanging toward the floor (as if they are ready to dive into a pool). I will look up their back and check for any deviation. Any questionable results from this initial screening will be rechecked, and then parents will be notified if a follow-up evaluation is indicated.

If you have a child in the 6th grade and you do **not** want your child to be screened, please provide a note (with your signature) to the school nurse. If I do not receive a note from you declining scoliosis screening by April 30, I will assume that I have your permission to screen your child in the manner described above. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me, Karen Hurst, RN, BSN, at 623-376-4310.

5th Grade Students Need Shots for the 6th Grade:

The Arizona Department of Health Services requires that students 11 years of age and older and entering the 6th Grade have two immunizations that weren't required previously. The two required immunizations are the Tdap and MV.

Students entering 6th grade next year must provide documentation of these immunizations prior to August 7, 2018, in order to attend Highland Lakes School.



The district office is in need of substitute nurses. If you hold an RN license, please consider substitute school nursing. You can set your own schedule and help whenever you desire.

HUNGRY BEAR CAFÉ NEWS

Negative Balances

The Food & Nutrition Department understands that sometimes a student's meal account will run low or go into the negative.

To ensure that our department is being fiscally responsible with our limited resource, we need to have you supply funds to cover any negative on your child's lunch account, plus any additional prepayment funds. Check your balance online at EZSCHOOLPAY.com

Any negative balance on your child's account at the end of school year will carry over to the following school year.

Cafeteria Manager:

Patsy Favela

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
- Distributed to all students during the first week of school. Please return all paperwork directly to the cafeteria manager.

Student Account

You can credit your child's account by check, cash, or at 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.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Italian Herb Garbanzo Beans	3 Bean & Cheese Chalupa Street Corn NEW Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Cookie	4 Chicken Tenders Dill Pickle Fries NEW Sunshine Carrots	5 Spaghetti and Meat Sauce with Garlic Toast Fresh Spinach Salad	6 EARLY RELEASE Hand Tossed Pizza Lunch Punch Dried Cranberries
9 BBQ Rib Mashed Sweet Potatoes	10 Beef Soft Taco Refried Beans	11 Chicken Parmesan with Garlic Breadstick Steamed Mixed Vegetables	12 Orange Chicken with "Fried" Rice Steamed Broccoli Spears	13 Hand Tossed Pizza Chilled Garden Peas Frozen Fruit Friday
16 Spicy Chicken Sandwich Potato Starz	17 Shredded Beef Burrito Bowl with Fiesta Brown Rice Seasoned Ranch Beans	18 Chicken Bites with Peach Filled Biscuit Zucchini Coins with Ranch Dip	19 Mini Ravioli Red Sauce with Garlic Bread Knot Crisp Romaine Salad	20 Hand Tossed Pizza Sunshine Carrots
23 100% Beef Hot Dog Carroteenies	24 Chicken Soft Taco Fiesta Beans	25 Breakfast for Lunch French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Lunch Punch	26 Pork Chop with Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes	27 NO SCHOOL 
30 Cheesy Confetti Pinwheel With Marinara Cup Chilled Peas	Eat Smart to Play Hard Keep on Moving! You need at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Whether that's skateboarding, tossing a ball, or playing tag, every little bit counts! Use MyPlate to help fuel up with foods from each food group! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruits: Fuel up with fruits at meals and snacks. Make sure any juice is 100% fruit. • Vegetables: Color your plate with great tasting veggies! Try a new veggie every week. • Grains: Make at least half of your grains whole grains. Try brown rice and whole grain breads. • Protein: Vary your protein foods. Include beans, nuts and lean protein. • Dairy: Get your calcium-rich foods. Try low-fat cheese, yogurt and milk as snacks and at meals. 			



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

We are heading into the last quarter for box tops. Keep clipping!

Our next deadline to turn in boxtops is:

Friday, May 11, 2018

For each deadline an ice cream party will be awarded.



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. 15th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85027

623.445.3925 | josie.bardsley@dvusd.org



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.

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.

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

To Apply:
openenrollment.dvusd.org/application

2018 TAX CREDITS

The maximum tax credit for 2018 for filing married joint is \$400 and for filing single or head of household is \$200. To learn about how your tax credit can be used and to submit online go to <http://dvusd.org/taxcredit>

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. 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						
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Jul. 4- Independence Day Observed
Offices Closed
Jul. 24- **10-Month Employees**
Jul. 31- New Teachers

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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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						
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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), BCBS (12:00),
MRHS (2:30)

Adopted 2.9.16