

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

Mark Anderson, Principal Wendy Doucet, Assistant Principal

From the Principal, Mark Anderson...

October is here, the temperature is starting to change, and we are through our first quarter of school. I hope everyone had an opportunity to meet with their child's teachers during parent teacher conferences this week. Building a positive relationship with your child's teacher is very important to further ensure we are providing the best possible academic environment. Approaching education as a unified team is proven to be a very important factor in our student's success.

We also have some great news to report! Last week The Arizona Board of Education released our school labels. **Highland Lakes School received an "A" rating!** Below is how the letter grades were calculated:

- **30 percent** of the grade will depend on how well kids perform on AzMERIT, the state's standardized test. Elementary- and high-school students will earn their schools at least partial "points" if they score in any of the test's three highest performance levels: partially proficient, proficient and highly proficient.
- **50 percent** of the grade will be tied to how students improve on AzMERIT. Half of this slice will be calculated by how a student improves compared to their peers. The other half will be calculated by how the student improves on AzMERIT against an expected-growth target.
- **10 percent** of the grade will be determined by how well a school's English-language learners perform and improve on a specialized test, AZELLA.
- The final 10 percent of elementary school grades and one of the most obvious difference between the old system — will be based on a pool of "acceleration and readiness" measures. This will be partly determined by chronic absenteeism rates and how many third-grade students a school moves out of the lowest performance level, minimally proficient, on the reading portion of AzMERIT.

Only 16% of Arizona schools received the letter grade of an "A". I want to personally congratulate all of our students, teachers and parents as this is a very big deal. We are lucky to have such an amazing educational community and we are all lucky to be a part of it.

Thank you for your continued support, Highland Lakes School would not be what it is without you. Enjoy the end of October and we are looking forward to an amazing second quarter...

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 August.....

Week of:

Oct. 3rd – Learn the names of all the helping adults on campus

Oct. 10th – Display fantastic hallway behavior

Oct. 17th – Pay attention in class! Teachers work hard to prepare lessons for your learning

Oct. 24th – Congratulate others when they do well, and when they don't

Oct. 31st – Be responsible by bringing all materials to class daily



Mon. 10/3 NO SCHOOL (Fall Break)

Tues. 10/4 HAUGHTY – behaving in a superior, arrogant way

Wed. 10/5 ADVERSARY - Someone who offers opposition

Thurs. 10/6 APPREHENSIVE – in fear or dread of possible evil or harm

Fri. 10/7 APTITUDE – inherent ability

Mon. 10/10 – BANISH – ban from a place of residence, as for punishment

Tues. 10/11 - BARRICADE - block off with barriers

Wed. 10/12 - CIRCUMFERENCE - the size of something as given by the distance around it

Thurs. 10/13 – COMMOTION – confused movement

Fri. 10/14 - CONCOCTION – any foodstuff made by combining different ingredients

Mon. 10/17 CONTRITE – very sorry about something

Tues. 10/18 – PRECOCIOUS – manifesting unusually early development and maturity

Wed. 10/19 - ASSERTIVE - bold, confident, self-assured

Thurs. 10/20 – FUTILE – incapable of producing any useful results

Fri. 10/21 - INGRATIATE - bring oneself into favor or good graces of another

Mon. 10/24 – ABATE – to reduce in amount, degree, or intensity

Tues. 10/25 – OVERT – done or shown openly; not secret or hidden

Wed. 10/26 – INTRINSIC – belonging naturally; essential

Thurs. 10/27 – FORMIDABLE – inspiring respect through being impressively powerful

Fri. 10/28 – PROPENSITY – an inclination to behave in a particular way



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LAST WEEK THE RECYCLING CLUB HAD A LITTLE FUN WITH EMPTY PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES, SOCKS AND SOAPY WATER.



HIGHLAND LAKES ELEMENTARY PE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE PARTY!

Thursday, October 26th 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Each grade level will be performing their own country western dance

K- 1st: Scattered Square 6:00

2nd: Hampster Dance 6:15

3rd: Party in the USA 6:30

4th: Square Dancing 6:45

5th: Honky Tonk Stomp Line Dance 7:00

6th: Slap Leather Line Dance 7:15

Bring the family to join in the fun! Pizza & snacks will be sold to feed your dancing family.

Parents are encouraged to join their children and dress in their favorite western outfit!





We are so proud of our NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) students who have been collecting funds for the Hurricane Harvey Relief. Along with \$580.67, the group wrote a letter of support. Thank you students and Mrs. Snyder for organizing, collecting, and caring in such a meaningful way!!



Blend in the Good.™

Jamba Juice will be on campus every Tuesday after school from 3:15 - 4:00
Smoothies are \$3.00 and \$5.00 and 20% goes back to HLS



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SUPERINTENDENT Dr. James R. Veitenheimer

GOVERNING BOARD

Ron Bayer Kimberly K. Fisher, MAFM Michael Gregoire Ann O'Brien Ann Elizabeth Ordway October 20, 2017

Dear Parent /Guardian,

We will soon be starting the high school registration process with your 8th grade child and want to keep you informed on the activities associated with this transition. We value your input and support as we help prepare your child for their next four years. Please keep these dates and activities in mind.

November, 2017

During the second week of November, your child will participate in a computer based *Career Interest Inventory* during their social studies class. This information will not only help identify potential career paths, but will also help students choose high school courses. In addition, they will begin their Education and Career Action Plan (ECAP) for High School. I will be sending additional information home with your child about their specific plan.

I will be presenting in your child's social studies class during the last week of November. The focus of the presentation will be centered on the general high school environment as well as the various programs, courses, and curriculum available for next year. I will also explain the high school registration process and distribute some important materials for your review. Among these items are; an <u>Academic Planning Guide</u>, which can also be found at; https://www.dvusd.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=1660&dataid=95772&FileName=Academic Planning Guide 2017-18.pdf and a <u>sample Registration Card</u>.

Note: Please check with your child by November 29th, as they will have all of the necessary paperwork.

December 7, 2017

DVUSD high school counselors will be on campus to help students register for their classes on-line through Power Schools. Students will be using their <u>sample Registration card</u> to guide them through this process. You will be able to log in to view their schedules and make necessary changes until January 8th.

<u>ATTENTION:</u> If your child is planning on attending a different DVUSD high school, an Open –Enrollment form submitted on-line before December 15 will have priority consideration. For more information and to apply log onto; http://www.dvusd.org/openenrollment. You will be notified via e-mail in January if the placement has been approved.

<u>"Future Freshman Night"</u> will be held at all DVUSD high schools on various dates and times, please refer to the enclosed invitation. We strongly encourage students to attend this event with their parent/guardian(s).

This is an exciting time for you and your middle school child and we will do our best to help you through this process. To further assist you in this, our district has developed a Future Freshman webpage which can found at: http://www.dvusd.org/Domain/5463
If you have any questions please contact me: (623) 376-4317 or Kathryn.coleman@dvusd.org

Sincerely,

Kathryn J. Coleman, MSEd.



Deer Valley Unified School District High School Program Highlights

DVUSD VISION OF LEARNING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

All Deer Valley Unified High Schools have full accreditation from North Central Association through its parent organization AdvancEd. Each school provides a program of excellence that instills students with confidence in their strengths and abilities in preparation for graduating with the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for success in a global world.

For more information visit our "Future Freshmen" page on dvusd.org under the "Parents and Students" tab. To learn more about high school focus areas and course options, download the Academic Planning Guide.



Our mission is to educate all students. Staff, family, and community will empower all students to achieve personal, social, and academic essential skills.

Points of Interest

- International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) and IB Middle Years Program
- Senior Institute
- A+ School of Excellence
- Three early college programs; potential to earn up to 36 credits: Early College/PVCC; ACE+/GCC & PVCC; Hoop of Learning/PVCC
- CTE Signature Programs: Architectural Drafting, Culinary Arts, Law Enforcement

Future Freshman Night

Thursday, November 16, 2017
6:00- 7:30
Presentation in the Auditorium
Followed by a Campus Open House
and Presentations for IB, MYP,
Honors, and Early College

2820 W. Rose Garden Lane Phoenix, AZ 85027



It is our mission to provide extraordinary educational opportunities to every learner.

Points of Interest

Future Freshman Night

- Certificate of Academic Distinction, Certificate of Global Studies
- 15 AP classes and 20 dual credit classes
- Mandarin Chinese
- Engineering Design and Development
- Award winning marching band; four choirs
- CTE Signature Program: Engineering Design and Development

Thursday, November 30, 2017

Presentation "High School 101"

Main Gym 6:30 - 8:00

40404 N. Gavilan Peak Pkwy Anthem, AZ 85086







Our mission is to develop healthy, responsible students who think critically and are intellectually responsive to an ever changing world.

Points of Interest

- Nurse assisting program
- Air Force Junior ROTC
- Outdoor classroom with a body farm and a vegetable garden; greenhouse coming soon
- Dual enrollment classes with the option to pursue an AA degree
- CTE Signature Programs: Nursing, Sports Medicine, Hospitality

Future Freshman Night

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Last Names A-L

6:00-7:00 Presentation in Auditorium

Last Names M-Z

7:00- 8:00 Presentation in Auditorium

18424 N. 51st Ave Glendale, AZ 85308



Our mission is to provide real world connections within highly engaging classrooms that prepare graduates to meet the rigors and demands of 21st century global citizens.

Points of Interest

- A+ School of Excellence
- Project Lead the Way: Four years of Biomedical Science and Engineering
- Award Winning Band, Theatre, and Fine Arts programs
- 20 Advanced Placement courses & 15 Honors classes
- CTE Signature Programs: Bioscience, Engineering, Future Teachers' Academy

Future Freshman Night

Monday, December 4, 2017

Presentation and Meet the Coaches 6:00 in the Main Gym

22800 N. 67th Ave Glendale, AZ 85310



It is our mission to provide extraordinary educational opportunities to every learner.

Points of Interest

- Award winning performance and fine arts
- The Academy of American Studies
- Air Force Junior ROTC
- Technology rich classrooms- One to One and BYOD
- CTE Signature Programs: Interior Architectural Design, Sports Medicine

Future Freshman Night

November 15, 2017

Last Names A-L

5:30 – 6:15 Orientation in Auditorium

6:30 – 7:15 Campus Tours Last Names M-Z

5:30 - 6:15 Campus Tours

6:30 – 7:15 Orientation in Auditorium

25250 N. 35th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85083



November Family Night

15% goes back to our school



WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 1ST
10:30 AM - 9:00 PM

PITA KITCHEN
20221 N 67TH AVE
SUITE E-7
GLENDALE, 85308

IN THE SAFEWAY SHOPPING CENTER

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

Reserve your copy of the 2017-2018 Highland Lakes yearbook today!

\$20.00 for Elementary, \$30.00 for Middle School!

Starting January 12th the price of each will increase by \$5, so don't wait.

Option 1: Order online until April 20th at:



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

Option 2: Return this order form with cash or check

Please print clearly.

Child's First and Last N	lame:	
Grade: Ho	meroom Teacher:	Date:
Number of elementary	yearbooks:	X\$20(\$25 after Jan 12)
Number of middle scho	ool yearbooks:	X\$30 _(\$35 after Jan 12) = Total Payment
Payment ☐ Cash	□ Check #:	
Parent's Name:		Phone Number:
E-mail Address:		

Please return payment and this envelope to your homeroom teacher or the front office.

Pre-order your 2018 Harkins Loyalty Cup and Big Popcorn! Makes a great gift!



\$6.00

Enjoy \$1.50 soft drink refills through the end of 2018. Includes first fill FREE!



\$10

Big Party Popcorn Voucher
Be a hero and bring home Harkins
award-winning popcorn!
(Harkins isn't selling the shirt in 2018)

Option One:

Order and pay online by December 8th (Delivery before Winter break)

https://www.highlandlakesptso.com/harkins.html

Option Two:

Return this form with payment to school by by October 28, 2016 (Delivery Mid November)

Loyalty Cup Voucher	X \$ 6.00 = \$	
Big Popcorn Voucher	X \$10.00 = \$	
	Total = \$	-
Name:	Phone	
Teacher:	Email	

make checks payable to: Highland Lakes PTSO



We invite you to join the students, faculty and staff of the Highland Lakes School on Friday December 1st in honoring your past or present service to our nation.

Date: December 01, 2017

Time: 9:45-10:45 am-check in time and brunch--ceremony will start at 11:00 am

Place: Highland Lakes School 19000 N. 63rd Ave. Glendale AZ 85308

If you have any questions please contact Vikki Prunotto 623-376-4375

Detach and Return to Highland Lakes School As Soon As Possible

Name: ______ Service Branch: ______

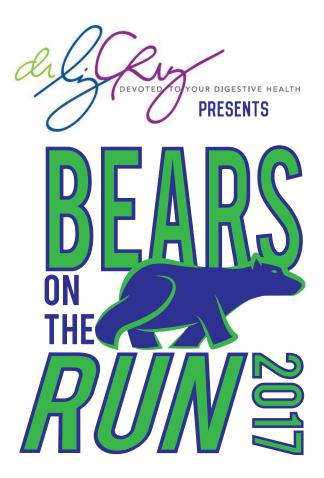
Veteran: YES Active Service: Yes

Name: _____ Service Branch: ______

Veteran: YES Active Service: Yes







The Bearathon is coming, **NOVEMBER 15TH** to be exact! For those of you new to Highland Lakes, the Bearathon is the only major fundraiser sponsored by the PTSO. Every student on campus participates in the run during school hours. **November 3rd** kicks off our pledge drive, where students ask family and friends for pledges either per lap or flat donation. It is a healthy, fun way to raise funds *without* having to sell cookie dough or magazines. **The best part of it is, 100% of net funds stay right here at Highland Lakes.** In 2014 we raised \$21,000, 2015 we raised \$26,000, 2016 was \$35,000 and this **year our goal is \$40,000!!!**

We have lots planned for this year! Some great prizes, the color run for Middle School, flash prize opportunities like pie throwing at Mr. Anderson and MORE! Be on the lookout for information to come home on November 3rd!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Ост 25тн	10:30 - 12:30 OCTOBER BEAR BUCK STORE
Ост 26 тН	5:30 -7:30 COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE PARTY
NOV 3RD	12:05 EARLY RELEASE
NOV 1ST	FAMILY DAY AT PITA KITCHEN
NOV 3RD	9AM BATTLE OF THE BOOKS (IN THE LIBRARY)
NOV 3RD	9 AM K-6 BEARATHON KICK OFF ASSEMBLY
NOV 3RD	BEARATHON PLEDGING BEGINS
NOV 3RD	9:30 AM PTSO GENERAL MEETING
NOV 3RD	12:05 KONA ICE
NOV 7TH	3:30 PM JAMBA JUICE
NOVEMBER 10TH	NO SCHOOL VETERANS DAY
NOV 14 TH	3:30 PM JAMBA JUICE
NOV 15TH	BEARATHON FUN RUN DAY
NOV 15 TH	9AM CHARACTER COUNTS ASSEMBLY
NOV 2OTH-24TH	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING RECESS
NOV 27-DEC 1	HOLIDAY SHOP
DEC 1ST	11AM - 12PM HLS VETERANS CELEBRATION
	CHECK THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR AN UPDATED COPY OF THE 2017-2018 DISTRICT CALENDAR



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

FROM THE NURSE:



A heart-felt "Thank You" to the many volunteers who helped with mass vision and hearing screening on October 2nd. Thanks to each of you, we were able to stay on a very ambitious schedule.

Eve Buck
Kristina White
Susan Bodnar
Carol Miles
Veronique Singh
Kellee Gonzales
Wendy Murtagh
Susannah Sandrin
Jessica Sorensen

Just the sheer number of those who helped is overwhelming. Thank you for all your hard work and everything you do for Highland Lakes!

"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

HUNGRY BEAR CAFÉ NEWS



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

Your Future Is Key So Stay Drug Free! Celebrate Red Ribbon Week
October 23-31.

Take a stand against drugs. Join kids, parents, teachers and citizens across America by taking the drug free pledge at www.redribbon.org/pledge. Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't. Help kids growup safe, healthy and drug free. #RedRibbonWeek

Cafeteria Manager:
Patsy Favela
patsy.favela@dvusd.org
623-376-4314





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 <u>ezmealapp.com</u>
- 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

23	24	25	26	27			
Deluxe Cheeseburger Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Red Ribbon Grahams		Chicken Parmesan with Garlic Breadstick Garden Peas	Orange Chicken with "Fried" Rice Mixed Vegetables	Hand Tossed Pizza Fresh Broccoli Spears			
92	92	SP2	92	%			
30	31	00	Your Future Is Key So St	ay Drug Free!			
Spicy Chicken Sandwich Buttered Corn	Shredded Beef Burrito Bowl with Fiesta Brown Rice Seasoned Ranch Beans	Celebrate Red Ribbon Week October 23-31. Take a stand against drugs. Join kids, parents, teachers and citizens acros America by taking the drug free pledge at www.redribbon.org/pledge. Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't. Help kids grow up safe, healthy and drug free. #RedRibbonWeek					



For nutrition, snack lists, this months menu, and other cafe news and policies go to <u>dvusd.org</u> and click on the chef hat icon.

HLS CARES!



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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

\$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. 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

<u>park</u> in those

spots.

When signing out your student, please be sure and bring photo ID into the office with you.

SCHOOL BUS

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.

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

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 you 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

<u>Parents must sign in</u> at the front office <u>and show ID</u> 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.

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

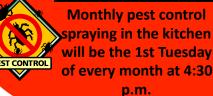
CHILD FIND

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



OPEN ENROLLMENT

Details and FAQ: dvusd.org/openenrollment

To Apply: 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



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

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Jul. 4- Independence Day Observed

Offices Closed

Jul.24- 10-Month Employees

Jul. 31- New Teachers

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Aug. 2- <u>Continuing</u> Teachers Aug. 4- <u>9-Month Employees</u>

Aug. 7- First Day for Students

Aug. 25- Staff Dev. - Early Release

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Sep. 4- Labor Day - No School Sep. 15- Staff Dev. - Early Release

Sep. 21-22- Fall Break - No School

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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)

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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

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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

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June 1- Last Day 10-Month Employees

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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

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

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

Grading	

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)

Adopted 2.9.16