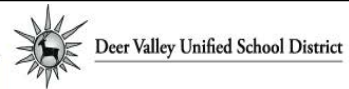




SchoolNews

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



November, 2020
MAIN # 623-376-4300
ATTENDANCE # 623-376-4390

Mark Anderson, Principal
Danielle Ware, Assistant Principal

From the Principal, Mark Anderson...

The first quarter has ended, the weather is turning cool and the kids are very excited to know that the holiday season will soon be here. We continue to see tremendous successes happening each day around Highland Lakes, whether it is in academic performance, or students demonstrating strong character development. This is a time to give thanks and appreciate all that we have and all that we can give back.

We cannot think of a better way to celebrate November, the “month of gratitude” then by extending a warm thank you to our PTSO. They work tirelessly supporting our community and have continued to do so this year through creative thinking! They are currently running our annual “Bearathon” with amazing success!

We would also like to recognize how students, parents, and staff have truly come together to support each other during a very challenging time. This teamwork keeps our school running, we couldn’t do it without the effort everyone is putting in!

Take time to reflect on the many things for which you are thankful and enjoy time with family. They are truly the most precious things in our complicated lives.

Thank you and have a great holiday month!



UPCOMING

SCHOOL EVENTS

NOVEMBER



> Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night



> BEARATHON K-6TH



> 2pm PLC Early Release



> **NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING RECESS**



> Penguin Patch Online Holiday Shop
> <http://highlandlakesptso.com/holiday>

DECEMBER



> Penguin Patch Online Holiday Shop
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> BEARATHON Money Due



> 4pm Yogurtology Fundraiser



> 9:30am PTSO General Meeting
> 2pm PLC Early Release



> 2pm PLC Early Release



> 12:05 pm Half Day Release
> End of Second Quarter



> **NO SCHOOL WINTERBREAK**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! SCHOOL
STARTS JANUARY 4TH 2021**





ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Congratulations to Jonah Cain! He was selected to serve on the [Arizona Department of Education Student Advisory Council](#)! The Arizona Department of Education says, “The Student Advisory Council was created under the leadership of Superintendent Hoffman to center students’ voices and improve K-12 education in the state of Arizona. Students will meet with Superintendent Hoffman and other education leaders quarterly to discuss issues such as academics, technology, school safety and provide feedback on their experience as students during the COVID-19 crisis.” HLS is happy to have Jonah represent us at a state level. This is a very big honor, good luck Jonah.





**IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY**

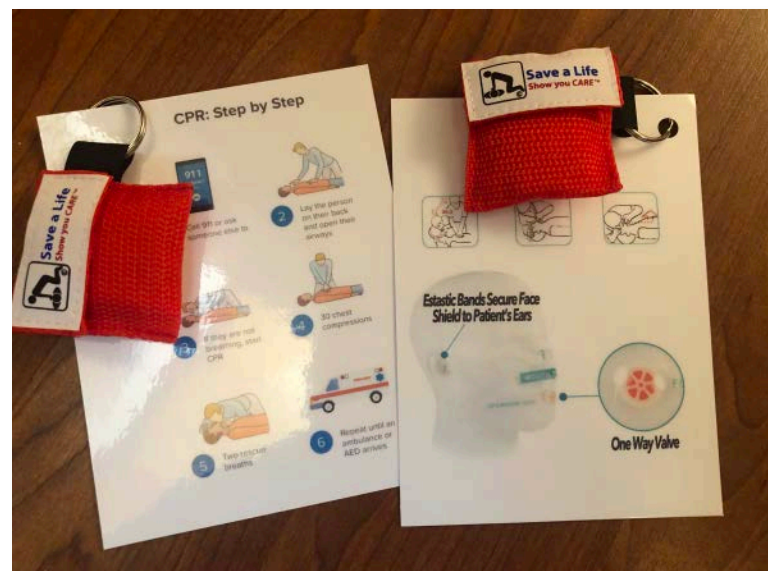
Shout out to HLS Alumni Clarie Xu and Jade Marston who recently completed their Girl Scout Silver Award by providing each classroom at Highland Lakes with an Emergency Bucket (that's 64 buckets).

Emergency buckets are not new to HLS but many classrooms were missing a bucket and for those that did have one, the contents were all expired!!

Jade and Claire spent a month collecting the old buckets, cleaning and prepping them, researching sustainable products, purchasing new items, assembling inventory sheets and instructions, and finally delivering them. Thanks to the generosity of the HLS PTSO, they were also able to put a CPR info card and shield in each classroom.

They hope that the buckets never have to be used, but are happy to have left the mark of the Girl Scout motto at HLS "Be Prepared".

They would like to thank everyone who assisted with this project: the Highland Lakes PTSO, Mrs. Dykes, Mrs. Beasley, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Ware and Troop 1856.





**OUR BRIGHT CHILD KINDER KIDS
WORKING ON SOME FUN FESTIVE
PROJECTS!!**





SPRIT WEEK FUN



Book Club

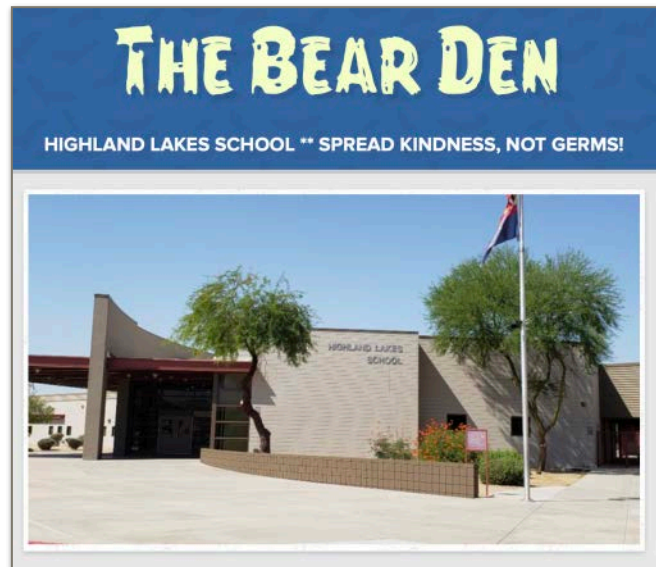


**MRS. BURTIS'S 1ST GRADERS ENJOYING THEIR
MONTHLY BOOK FROM THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK
READING CLUB PROGRAM!**

CREATIVE PUBLICATIONS

Keep up to date with what's happening at HLS by following our Creative Publication students. They produce and publish an online weekly newsletter and the daily school announcements.

Fun Fact: Does the announcer for Highland Lakes Today sound familiar? He should, he's a famous voice actor [Brian Lee](#) who you might recognize from movie trailers like Angry Birds, Hotel Transylvania, Big Hero 6 and more.



[HTTPS://WWW.SMORES.COM/ZSETU](https://www.smores.com/zsetu)



[HTTPS://WWW.DVUSD.ORG/DOMAIN/10242](https://www.dvusd.org/domain/10242)

Capture All Of Your Memories in the Highland Lakes School K-8 Yearbook



What do you want to be when you grow up?
An Astronaut Cat

Customize Your 2 Free Pages

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

This year we will have a combined K-8 yearbook in a hardcover, a special book for a special year!

ORDER ONLINE TODAY:

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

Regular Price: **\$36.12**

*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: **Mar 26**

TreeRing



NEWS

Latest Sports Schedule (things can change)

****Seasons will be shorter with no playoffs or championships****

Basketball & Wrestling: January 4th-February 5th

Spiritline: January 4th-April (spiritline contest will take place some time in April)

Volleyball: February 8th-March 12th

Track & Field: March 12th-April 9th

Baseball & Softball: March 22nd-May 7th

Cross Country: April 12th-May 14th

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

Starting in the 2020-2021 school year we will use the [https://](https://registermyathlete.com)

registermyathlete.com website to submit all physicals and other required paperwork prior to athletic participation.





CLUB	SPONSOR	OPEN TO	ROOM	DAY	TIME
UKELELE CLUB	MRS. SCHRADE	4TH-8TH GRADE	ZOOM	MONDAY	3:40-4:30
KINDNESS AMBASSADORS	MRS. SCHRADE	3RD -8TH GRADE	ZOOM	TUESDAY	8-8:30 AM
ANIME CLUB	MS. NICK	7TH AND 8TH	217	WEDNESDAY	3:30-4:30
214	MR. DUNN & MR. NELSON	6TH-8TH	102-A	FRIDAY	8-8:30 AM

Are you a club sponsor? Let us know your club info to be listed in the newsletter and HLS website:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfumIJKdiGXjGqKt0eO1KzKDU3AEZ1g0r_cDFS8Ks0fuPGXOg/viewform



PLEDGING STARTS NOVEMBER 6TH - DECEMBER 1ST

The Bearathon fun has officially started for 2020! This year, our goal is to raise **\$50,000!** Our K-6th students will run on Wednesday, November 18th and our Middle School students will run in the spring. All students will run for approximately 30 minutes on a 1/16 of a mile track. The Highland Lakes PTSO and P.E. department host this event which means that all of the net proceeds stay at HLS. Funds will be used to continue to add technology to the classrooms, we have been working on a 1:1 ratio of equipment for our students for the last 8 years. In addition to supporting classrooms and character programs, we also have a goal to install water bottle refill stations on campus. **You will find a list of past accomplishments, FAQ's, and prizes each student can win on our website.**

We would like to **spotlight** all of our amazing community partners that have sponsored the 2020 Bearathon! With their generous donations, we have been able to pay for almost all of the expenses it takes to put on this event. The Bearathon runs on volunteer power and school spirit only so having these expenses taken care of is a HUGE deal. For more information on the Bearathon or to get in contact with any of our sponsors, visit <https://highlandlakesptso.com/bearathon>

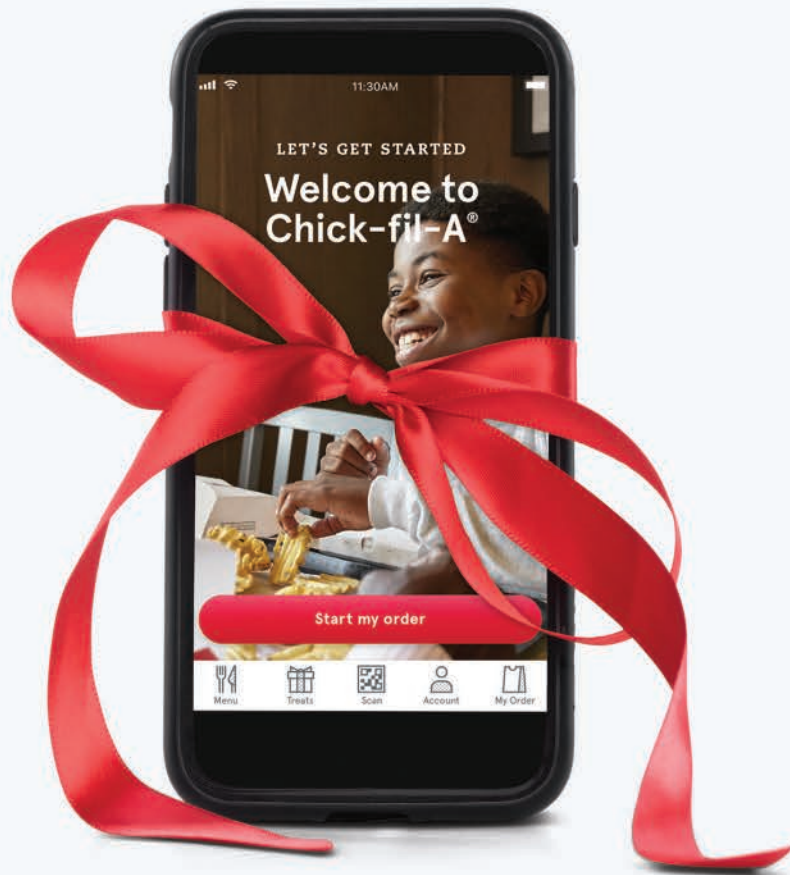


EXTREME
DRYWALL CONCEPTS

Specializing In Commercial Wall Systems & Painting

Mobile Order Spirit Night

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 • 4:00pm – 7:00pm



Remember to order through the Chick-fil-A® App and put
"Highland Lakes Elementary" in the special requests
section so a portion of your mobile order can be donated
to the school.



Arrowhead
16657 N 83rd Ave
www.Facebook.com/CFAarrowhead



In the past we've had our Penguin Patch Holiday Shop in person, but due to the crazy times that are 2020 we will be hosing our shop **ONLINE this year!!**

We are SO excited to give our students the opportunity to safely shop online, while still experiencing the joy of giving.

With over 100+ items to choose from, flat rate shipping to your house, AND as always a portion of the proceeds go back to our school we hope you choose to shop with us this year!

The Shop starts **November 27th thru December 4th.**

Go to:

<http://highlandlakesptso.com/holiday>

Highland Lakes School PTSO

— INVITES YOU TO —

GET IN THE SPIRIT

WITH YOGURTOLOGY®

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HIGHLAND LAKES SCHOOL PTSO

**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 2ND 2020
4PM-9PM**

VISIT YOGURTOLOGY
IN GLENDALE AT:
**20241 N. 67th Avenue Ste A-7
623-825-1315**

 @YogurtologyArrowhead

Mention '**Highland Lakes
School**' at the register
for a portion of the
sales to go to us!



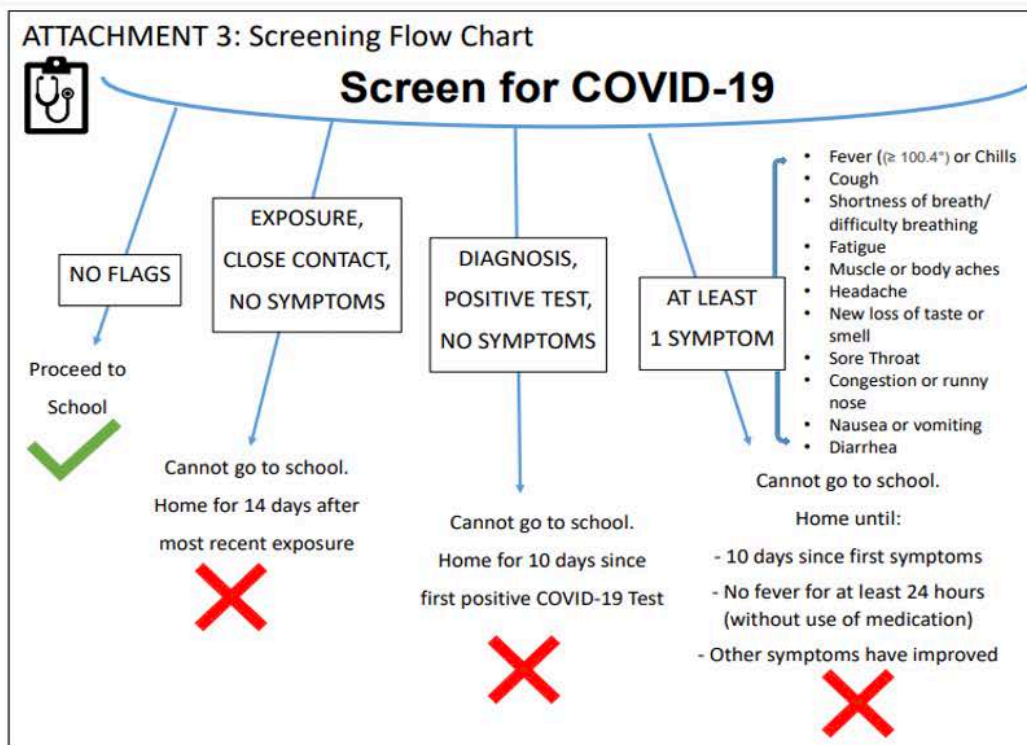
From Nurse Kristina

October 8, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The health and safety of students and staff is the number one priority of Highland Lakes. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the health office protocols and procedures have been adjusted this year according to the guidance of the Center for Disease Control, Maricopa Department of Public Health, and the Arizona Department of Health Services. We are now operating under a **Low Threshold for Illness** which means that if your child displays ONE symptom on the COVID screening flow chart, that child **MUST** stay home for 10 days. They cannot return to school until the 10 day isolation period has ended **OR** they present with a negative COVID test **AND** they have been symptom/fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

Below you will see the flow chart for COVID-like illness that DVUSD is implementing. The column on the right lists the COVID symptoms that would require a quarantine of 10 days from the onset of symptoms. If your child has ONE of the symptoms from the list on the right, they are required to stay home for 10 days. If symptoms improve, the child has been fever free for 24 hours with no medication, **AND** your child receives a negative COVID test, they may return to school earlier. We understand there will be exceptions for students with known seasonal allergies and documented asthma.



We understand and apologize this may cause additional stress but want to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Respectfully,

Mr. Mark Anderson

Mr. Anderson, Principal

Mrs. Danielle Ware

Mrs. Ware, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Kristina Koan

Kristina Koan, Nurse

IMPORTANT COVID LINKS

If your child shows any signs of illness or symptoms of COVID-19, he/she should not go to school.

According to the Maricopa County Department of Public Health, COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Gastrointestinal Symptoms (Stomach Ache, Diarrhea, Nausea or Vomiting)

Please keep the following websites bookmarked for future reference:

www.dvUSD.org/covidreporting

www.dvUSD.org/covidplan

www.dvUSD.org/symptoms



HUNGRY BEAR

Cafe







NEWS

Fall 2020 PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Deer Valley Unified School District Food & Nutrition participates in the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program. We are committed to offering nutritious meals. Through December 31, 2020*, USDA is covering the cost of all meals. This means breakfast and lunch are served **at no charge to all students**. Our cafeterias serving K-8 offer a daily hot entrée and a cold grab-n-go box. All school lunches offer five meal components daily (fruit, vegetable, grain, protein, and milk).

MENUS HAVE GONE DIGITAL

All menus are now at your fingertips! Download the MY SCHOOL MENUS App and experience the interactive approach to menus. To view from your desktop, visit www.dvUSD.org/nutrition and click on MENUS.

-  View photos of menu items
-  Look up nutritional information
-  View allergens and filter out foods
-  View menu items for dietary preference information
-  Still like a printed menu? Menus are super easy to print from any desktop computer.
-  Stay up-to-date and find links to important Food & Nutrition information on the sidebar.

TO DOWNLOAD:

Scan here or search "My School Menus" in the App Store or Google Play



MORE INFORMATION

For more information on our school lunch & breakfast program, please refer to the Food & Nutrition website by going to www.dvUSD.org/nutrition.



Meals on PLC Days

Breakfast and lunch will be served on all PLC days (90 minute early release Fridays) in the same format as regular school days.



We will offer nutritionally balanced hot meals consisting of entrée, fruit, vegetable and milk.



Some lunch times may be a little earlier to accommodate the shortened day.

Highland
Lakes
School
2020-2021



LIMITED ITEM DROP-OFF

We are all in this together!



ESSENTIAL ITEMS ONLY

In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 the office will only be accepting essential items (e.g. medication, and glasses). Lunches*, waterbottles, homework, phones, etc. will not be accepted.



FOR MORE INFO
CALL: 623-376-4300

*School lunch is free to students through December. If you have special circumstances please reach out to us.

Text Message Alerts

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

CHILD FIND

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

POWER SCHOOL

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

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Details and FAQ:

<http://dvusd.org/openenrollment>

To Apply: <http://openenrollment.dvusd.org/application>



PEST CONTROL

Pest control spraying will occur once a month.

2020 TAX CREDITS

The maximum tax credit for 2020 for filing married joint is \$400 and for filing single or head of household is \$200. To learn about how your tax credit can be used and to submit online go to <http://dvusd.org/taxcredit>

Athletes

If you are planning on participating in any sport this year, you must complete the eligibility requirements as detailed on our website <https://registermyathlete.com>

CUTS Program: (Court Unified Truancy Suppression)

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

RESERVED PARKING

The car pool parking spots are reserved for those registered with the TRP program. The other reserved spots were won at school events. Please use courtesy and do not park in those spots.

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

SIGNING OUT

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

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

NO PARKING

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



PARKING LOTS

Please remember that our parking lots get very hectic in the morning and afternoon. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended along the curb at any time. Remember, our main focus is to keep all of our students safe.

Transportation will no longer allow us to write emergency bus passes for students that do not normally ride a bus. If you have an emergency situation that requires your student to go home with another student that rides a bus, you must call transportation directly at 602-467-5096.



It's against the law to park in the handicap spots (even for a second) without a handicap parking permit. Please keep these spots open for families that need them.

Highland Lakes School Mission Statement

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

Principal: [Mark Anderson](#)

Assistant Principal: [Danielle Ware](#)

Nurse: [Kristina Koan](#)

Counselor: [Kathryn Coleman](#)

Main Phone #: (623)376-4300

Attendance: (623)376-4390

Fax: (623)376-4380

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

Start Time = 8:45AM

End Time = 3:30PM

PLC Early Release Friday = 2:00PM

Half Days: 12:05PM

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

Mascot: Bears

Colors: Blue & Green

Contact Site for Information Regarding Student Pick up:

Highland Lakes School - 623-376-4300

District Office - 623-445-5000

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

Evacuation Location: Deer Valley High School

18424 N 51st Ave, Glendale, AZ 85308

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





2020-2021 Instructional Calendar

JULY						
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Jul. 2 - Independence Day
Offices Closed

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Aug. 3 - First Day for Students
Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 - Early Release - 90 min

SEPTEMBER						
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Sep. 7 - Labor Day - No School
Sep. 4, 18, 25 - Early Release - 90 min
Sep. 28 - Fall Break Day-No School

OCTOBER						
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Oct. 9 & 30 - Early Release - 90 min
Oct. 12 & 13 - Fall Break Days - No school
Oct. 22-23 - K-12 P/T Conferences-Half Day

NOVEMBER						
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Nov. 6 & 20 - Early Release - 90 min
Nov. 11 - Veterans Day - No School
Nov. 23-27 - Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER						
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Dec. 4 & 11 - Early Release - 90 min
Dec. 17 - HS Half Day
Dec. 18 - K-12 Half Day
Dec. 21-Jan. 1 - Winter Break

JANUARY						
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Dec. 21-Jan. 1 - Winter Break
Jan. 8, 15, 29 - Early Release - 90 min
Jan. 18 - Martin Luther King - No School

FEBRUARY						
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Feb. 5 & 12 - Early Release - 90 min
Feb. 15 - President's Day - No School
Feb. 25-26-K-8 only P/T Conf. - Half Day

MARCH						
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Mar. 5, 12, 26 - Early Release - 90 min
Mar. 15-19 - Spring Break Days

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April 2 - Spring Break Day - No School
***No Early Release Days during State testing (testing ends on Apr. 23)
Apr. 30 - Early Release - 90 min

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May 7 & 14 - Early Release Days-90 min
May 20 - Last day for students - Half Day
May 21 - Last Day for Teachers
May 31 - Memorial Day - Offices Closed

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

Graduation Dates

May 20 (Thursday) DV=2:30 p.m., BC=5:00 p.m. (DV and BC will have early release on May 20)
May 21 (Friday) MR=9:30 a.m., BG=12 noon, SD=2:30 p.m.

Grading Periods

1st Quarter..... Oct. 9, 2020 (48)
2nd Quarter..... Dec. 18, 2020 (42)
3rd Quarter..... Mar. 12, 2021 (48)
4th Quarter..... May 20, 2021 (43)

Teacher Contract Days.....186

Student Contact Days.....181
40th Day..... Sep. 29, 2020
100th Day..... Jan. 15, 2021

Early Release (90 min) PLC / PD Days	
1st Semester	2nd Semester
Aug. 7	Jan. 8
Aug. 14	Jan. 15
Aug. 21	Jan. 29
Aug. 28	Feb. 5
Sept. 4	Feb. 12
Sept. 18	Mar. 5
Sept. 25	Mar. 12
Oct. 9	Mar. 26
Oct. 30	Apr. 30
Nov. 6	May 7
Nov. 20	May 14
Dec. 4	
Dec. 11	

* No Early Release Days during State testing - through April 23rd

No school - Federal Holiday or Break Days	
Sept. 7	Labor Day
Sept. 28	Fall Break
Oct. 12-13	Fall Break
Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Nov. 23 - 27	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 21 - Jan 1	Winter Break
Jan. 18	ML King Jr. Day
Feb. 15	President's Day
Mar. 15 - 19	Spring Break
Apr. 2	Spring Break Day

Student last day - May 20
Teachers last day - May 21

1st semester = 90 days
2nd semester = 91 days