



DESERTFOOTHILLSNEWS

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Ms. Susie Smith
Principal

Mr. Steve Whynott
Assistant Principal
May 2019

A Message from Ms. Smith

As we come to the close of another school year, it is with great pride and pleasure that I congratulate our 8th graders on their promotion to high school and our 7th graders on their successful year. It has been an amazing year guiding your child through the most influential years of adolescence with the DF staff. We are proud of our students' academic and social growth, and we wish each family a safe and healthy summer.

Promotion

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Team Phoenix & Team Wolves ~ 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

in the gymnasium

Team Eclipse ~ 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

in the gymnasium

- Promotion tickets will be distributed on Monday, May 13, 2019, in homeroom classes. Each 8th grader will be given four tickets for the ceremony. If your family would like more than four tickets, your child can request additional tickets in homeroom. If your child does not need four tickets, please have your child return the extra tickets to the homeroom teacher.
- Parking is limited at the ceremony. Please allow time to find a parking place in the surrounding neighborhood and be sure to obey all parking signs. Cars parked illegally have been ticketed and towed in the past. There are two ceremonies, so we ask that all students and parents exit the gym immediately following the ceremony.
- **Dress Code:** Please wear nice school attire. Girls may not wear strapless dresses, halter dresses, or revealing clothing such as short shirts or low-cut tops. It is recommended that boys wear dark pants and button up shirts. **Please do not purchase gowns or rent tuxedos for this event.**

Principal Susie Smith

2019-2020 School Year

School Starts ~ Monday, August 5, 2019

Walk-through Orientation for 7th & 8th graders
Wednesday & Thursday, July 31st & August 1 from 4:00
– 7:00 p.m.

If you will not be attending Desert Foothills for the
2019-2020 school year, please contact
the office at 602-896-5500 and let us know.

Thank you!
Principal Susie Smith

School Hours

8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. M., T., Th., F.

8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Office Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. M., T., Th., F.

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Wednesday

Open Gym

7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Important Numbers

Attendance Line – 602-896-5521 (24 hours)

Office – 602-896-5500

Health Office – 602-896-5510

April/May 2019 Calendar

5/15	Promotion Dance	6:00 p.m.
5/17	8 th Grade Field Trip to Castles and Coaster	9:30 a.m.
5/20	Promotion Rehearsal Talent Show	
5/21	Team Venom Field Trip Teams Wolves and Phoenix Promotion	9:15 a.m.
	Team Eclipse Promotion	10:45 a.m.
	Quarter 4 Report Card Go Home	
	Last Day of School	



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SRO Corner

It's Wake Up time.....

Looking for some summer fun? The Wake Up Club summer program has openings for 10 students. The club will be meeting at Cholla Middle School, located at 3120 W. Cholla Avenue. Meetings will be held Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Students will experience Law Related Education, field trips, guest speakers, recreation and participate in community service projects. The program will be available for seven weeks and will run from June 3 through July 18. There is no cost to students. Cholla Middle School will be offering a free breakfast and lunch for all Wake Up club participants to enjoy. The program will be under the direction of Officer Roettjer, the SRO at Cholla, along with other SROs from the area. There will be no transportation to Cholla so, if you plan on attending please make sure that you can get there.

This is a great way for your students to see and experience what the Wake Up Club is all about. The Wake Up Club will be offered at Desert Foothills next year! Anyone interested please have your child pick up an information/registration packet from me as soon as possible.

I would like to thank the Administration, students and their families for allowing me to work with some pretty amazing young people this past year. I know that we have learned and grown a lot. It has been an amazing year. I wish the very best for our 8th graders as the move on to new experiences in high school and can't wait to see how our 7th graders move into leadership roles at Desert Foothills.

Have a Great Summer!!!

News from the School Social Worker

Preparing Your Student for Transition

As your student is getting ready to transition to a new grade or a new school, it can be normal for feelings of anxiety or worry to surface. Whether your student is moving up to high school, promoting to the next grade, or even changing schools, every child's reaction is different. Talking with your student to help prepare them for the upcoming changes can be helpful and important. The following are some tips that you can use when talking to your child.

- Listen to and address your student's fears: Every student will have different feelings about transitions. Take the time to listen to your student's feelings. Remember a time that you were in a similar situation, and share with your student how you felt and how you handled it. Let your student know that what they are feeling is normal and that they are not alone.

- Focus on the positives: Explore all the good things that can come out of this transition. Perhaps they will meet new friends, learn new skills or have the opportunity to try a new activity.
- Attend school events: Attend any orientation programs offered by the school. These are a great opportunity to get to know teachers and meet other students. If they are going to a new school, you can ask if it is possible to take a tour.

Summer Resources

Community Information & Referral (general resources for rent, utilities, etc.)

- Call 211 or 1-877-211-8661
- Website: www.cir.org

Food Assistance Hotline

- (800) 445-1914
- Website: <http://www.azfoodbanks.org>

Family Housing Hub (housing assistance)

- (602) 595-8700
- 3307 East Van Buren, Phoenix, AZ 85008
- Call before visiting; hours of operation are subject to change

Maricopa County Crisis Line (mental health)

- (602) 222-9444
- Call for help with an urgent mental health situation or for referrals to counseling & other mental health resources

I hope you and your students have a safe and relaxing summer break, and I look forward to seeing you in August!

Desiree Montelongo, School Social Worker

Tips from the Health Room

Did you know, according to the American Academy of Dermatology, "Skin Cancer is the most common cancer in the U.S. One in Five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime." It is recommend that everyone use a sunscreen that is a SPF of 30 (or higher), Broad-Spectrum protection (UVA/UVB), water resistant and reapplied at least every 2 hours.

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month. Be sure to protect yourself from the Sun's harmful rays!

You can visit: <https://www.aad.org/public/spot-skin-cancer/programs/skin-cancer-awareness-month> for more helpful information!

Have a safe, healthy and fun summer break!

Melissa Clatone, School Nurse